



# ROOSTER TALES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

January 2017

## NEW YEAR - NEW FIRST GATHERING!

We are having the first Gathering of the year at UMC Church of the Good Shepherd in Yukon on January 21st. This is an exciting time as we gear up for 3 major events coming up in March! Boys and Girls Chrysalis, Men's Walk and the Ladies Walk are all scheduled. Come start off your New Year in the best way - with good fellowship, worship, and of course, food!

UMC of the Good Shepherd

10928 SW 15th

Yukon, OK

**(Take Kilpatrick Turnpike until it ends at SW 15th street. Turn right, the church is on the left.)**



*"Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread."*

*Luke 24:35(NRSV)*

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# Upcoming Walks

March is scheduled to be a busy month for Pioneer Country Emmaus! We need everyone's support to make the Walks successful!

Chrysalis Flights

March 2-5

Men's Walk

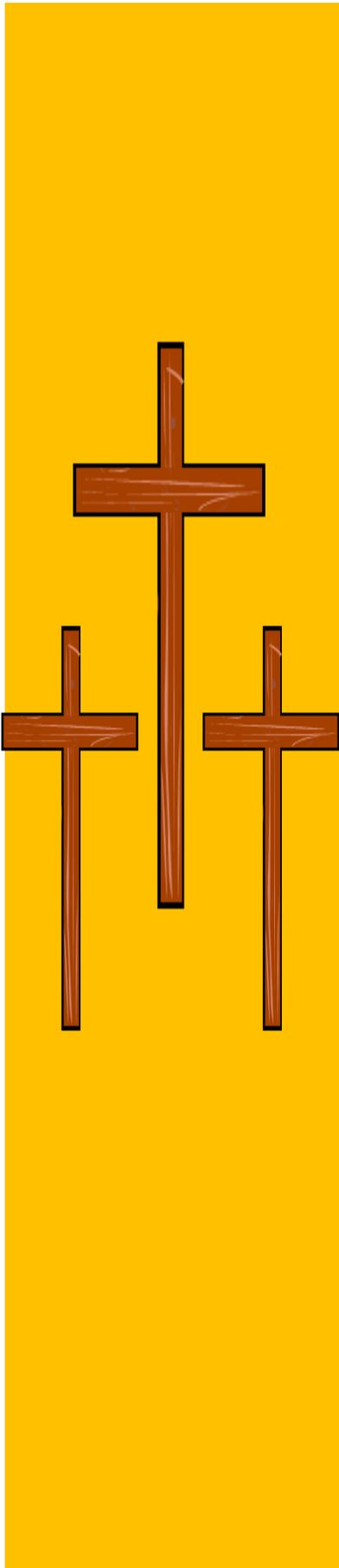
March 9-12

Women's Walk

March 23-26

The Teams have been chosen, and the training has already begun! Please be in prayerful thought about the Pilgrims and who you would like to Sponsor!

Applications can be downloaded from our website - [www.pioneercountryemmaus.com](http://www.pioneercountryemmaus.com).



## [What is Chrysalis?](#)

Chrysalis "Flights" (for 10th through 12th graders) and "Journeys" (for young adults, ages 19-24) are three-day events. This three-day spiritual renewal time provides an opportunity for you to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new faith commitments. The point is to inspire, challenge and equip you for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school, and community.

Chrysalis lifts up a way for you to enjoy Christ's friendship and love and to be Christ's friend and partner in the world. The three days focus on God's grace, your experience with Christ as friend, what it means to be the body of Christ, and giving love to a needy world.

**Sponsor a Youth! You will be Blessed!**

# Oak Park Retreat Center

## Perkins, Oklahoma

Lost Creek UMC has done a wonderful job with renovating this Retreat Center.

Imagine this - real beds to sleep in, showers in every room, beautiful outside area with trees, chirping birds and quiet! This is the setting for the Upcoming Walks!





# Meet Your Board!

JIM SWAIM – ASSISTANT COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Hello All!! I'm Jim Swaim, your Assistant Community Lay Director, beginning my second year on the Pioneer Country Emmaus Board. Some may wonder how I got to this position and frankly, it boggles my mind too. My original walk was #117 in February 2010. After soaking in all Emmaus teaches and does for a Pilgrim, I hardly supported the community at all. Sure, I attended some Candlelight services, some gatherings and anonymously washed some dishes behind the scenes at a few walks, but mostly preferred to take a back seat approach. What I didn't realize, was I was under the watchful eye of a fantastic lady named Judie Ellis. An email and a call came one day asking, yet begging me to submit my name for this Board position. And after denying her 3 times (sound familiar), I began to wonder what it was she saw in me that would make her ask me to assume this leadership role. It wasn't for my knowledge of Emmaus, it wasn't because I was a regular servant and attendee at the gatherings and walks. But the more I thought, the more I realized she was able to see something in me that I wouldn't or couldn't see in myself. So, that's the story of how I got here and frankly, I've had a great time working with the present and past members of this Board. They seem to accept and tolerate my lack of knowledge and earnestly want me to learn, lead, and succeed. Therefore, I commit all that I am!

Want to know more? I am a born and raised Oklahoman from Oklahoma City, and for the last 38 years, resided in Piedmont, OK with my wife, Judy. A 1971 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, now semi-retired, I still work for the County of Oklahoma County Pharmacy 2 days a week just to maintain my license and some skills and knowledge in a very fluid and changing health care world. I am a US Army veteran of Vietnam and Desert Storm with 27 years total service, retiring a Lt. Col in 1998. For the past 9 years, I have served as Lay Leader at Piedmont FUMC under 2 different ministers, and also serve on the Board of Church Location and Building at the District Level, and the Annual Conference Council (ACC) at the Methodist Conference Level. Retirement is not as cracked up as you would think.

I am here for you, I am here for the Pilgrims and I am here to serve with the Pioneer Country Community. Let's make it all it can be!!



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Do you have a 4th Day Story?

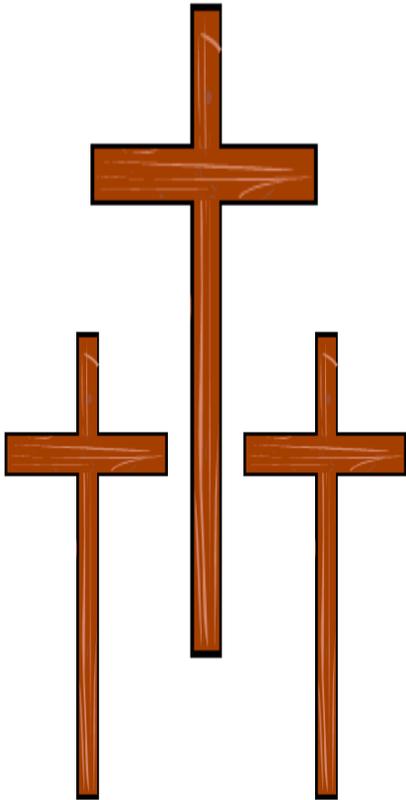
How about a good study or devotional that's worked for you?

Why not share them with the PCE community?

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# CALENDAR

## January Gathering

UMC of the Good Shepherd

10928 SW 15th

Yukon, OK

*Potluck dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Praise and worship follows at 7:00 PM. Childcare is by RVSP. Please contact Debbie Rowland at 681-2135 or 802-8113 to make the necessary preparations.*

January 21, 2017

January Gathering - 5:30 PM

Church of the Good Shepherd

Yukon, OK

February 4, 2017

Team Training for Men's Walk #143 and Women's Walk #144

New Covenant UMC

February 18, 2017

Team Training for Men's Walk #143 and Women's Walk #144

New Covenant UMC

February 25, 2017

Team Training

Oak Park Retreat Center

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