



ROOSTER TALES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

January 2018



January is half gone already!!

And our first Gathering is scheduled for January 20, 2018 at First United Methodist Church in downtown Oklahoma City. Please plan on coming to support your Emmaus Community. As usual, Fellowship and Food will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by Worship at 7:00 p.m. If you need childcare, please let one of the Board Representatives know as soon as possible!

Hope to see you there!!

Welcome to First United Methodist Church OKC

Located at 131 NW 4th Street
(on the corner of 4th & Robinson with access off of 5th Street, across from the OKC National Memorial.

“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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A Letter from your Community Lay Director

Hello Pioneer Country Emmaus Community! It is a great honor to be chosen the Community Lay Director and to walk in the shoes of those who have served before me. I believe that those who are serving on this Board are truly dedicated to advancing the growth of this Community and to nurturing Pilgrims.

We have experienced many good times in this Community. Gatherings of ice cream socials, chili cookoff, and fish fry's are well attended. Walks bring out wonderful volunteers that serve behind the scenes and ease the burdens of the team members. But, I do not pretend to tell you that everything is perfect in the Emmaus Community. Our current database is dwindling, our Walks are lacking Pilgrims and Chrysalis Flights have almost ceased to exist. We have combined Board positions due to lack of applicants willing to serve for 3 years. In talking with Community Lay Directors from other Emmaus communities and leadership at the Upper Room, these shortcomings are not unique to Pioneer Country, but Pioneer Country is my only concern. Beginning in January, my first task is to increase our community database and the only way to do that is to reach out to churches and ministers who have in the past or have never supported this community with Pilgrims. Churches are facing many of the same problems we are and I truly believe that Emmaus can assist them and in turn, benefit this Community. Emmaus builds church leaders!

The solutions to our problems are not easy, but they are solvable. It is time consuming and it won't happen overnight. They will involve change and they will take the commitment from the entire Community and not just the elected Board. It has been driven into me that "God is in control", but remember too that God calls "us" to be his hands and feet.

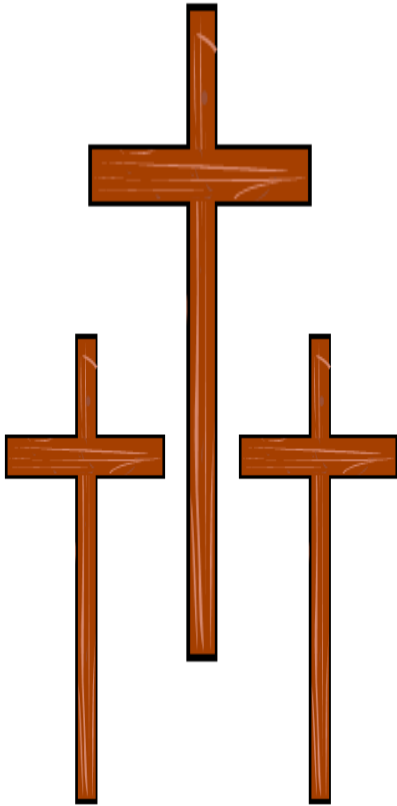
Come serve with me and this dedicated Board of servants!

In Christ's Service

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Jim Swaim

2018 WALKS SCHEDULED



The teams have been formed, and training has begun! We need Pilgrims to fill the walks now. Bless someone this New Year by sponsoring them. You will be Blessed also!

SPRING WALKS

MEN'S WALK - March 1-4, 2018

WOMEN'S WALK - March 15-18, 2018

BOTH WALKS WILL BE HELD AT OAK PARK RE-TREAT CENTER IN PERKINS, OK

Meet Your Board!

Prayerfully consider becoming a Board Member for 2018 and beyond! You Emmaus Community needs you and God needs your help!



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Do you have a 4th Day Story?

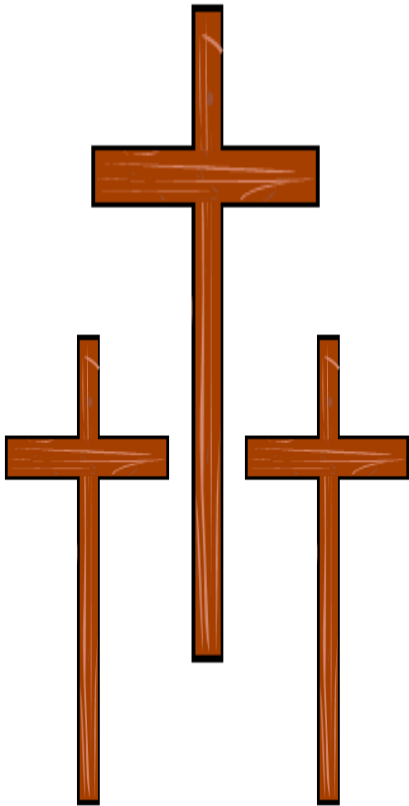
How about a good study or devotional that's worked for you?

Why not share them with the PCE community?

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CALENDAR

January 20, 2018

January Gathering

First UMC

Oklahoma City, 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.

Gatherings are open to all, so please invite a friend!

January 20, 2018

Spring Walk Team training

St. Mark's UMC, Bethany

8:30 a.m.

January 20, 2018

Jan. Gathering - 5:30 p.m.

First UMC

Downtown Oklahoma City

PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS

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