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PIONEER COUNTRY
EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS
"Then their eyes were opened" - Luke 24:31



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June is bustin' out all over! All over the meadow and the hill. Buds are bustin' outa bushes, and the rompin' river pushes every little wheel that wheels beside the mill!

Please note that the PO Box number for Pioneer Country Emmaus and Chrysalis has changed.

It may take awhile to change all of our forms such as applications. Please send any correspondence to:

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UPCOMING DATES

- Board Meetings are being held electronically due to COVID19 restrictions.
- June Walks Postponed due to COVID19
- No gathering in July due to COVID19 restrictions.
- August Gathering, August 15, 2020 Pending.
- October Walks are postponed due to COVID19 restrictions.
- December Chrysalis Flights are pending.

Roses and Pearls, the flower and gem that represents the month of June.



The birth flower for the month of June is the rose. The rose is the ultimate expression of love, desire, and passion.

They are grown from Africa to the Americas and from the Far East to Eastern Europe. A Sumerian Cuneiform tablet from around 2860 B.C. mentioned roses. What may be the earliest evidence of roses was found in rose fossils from 35 million years ago.

When the English War of the Roses was being fought in the 15th century, botanists were actively growing and hybridizing different rose species. After his victory in that battle, King Henry VII asked that botanists create a Tudor Rose. That rose subsequently became England's national flower. It also happens to be the national flower of the United States.

The history of the pearl dates back to 520 B.C. when it was found among the belongings of a Persian princess. Named the official birthstone of June in 1912, pearls are known to symbolize fertility, loyalty and friendship. Egyptian legend says that Cleopatra would dissolve pearls into a glass of wine before drinking it.

Pearls have long been associated with purity, humility and innocence. So it may be said that the June birthstone meaning is "sweet simplicity." As such, pearls were traditionally given as a wedding gift.

This enchanting June birthstone originates from oceans, lakes and rivers around the world. It is a timeless wardrobe staple, beloved by women of all ages. The origin of pearls fascinated our forebears. Ancients from the Middle East believed that pearls were teardrops fallen from heaven.

Pearls are organic gems that grow inside the tissue of a living saltwater or freshwater mollusk (either an oyster or a mussel). Natural pearls form when the mollusk secretes a substance called nacre around an irritant such as a piece of sand or a parasite that has invaded its shell. Cultured pearls are a product of human intervention. Technicians implant a piece of mantle tissue alone (common for freshwater cultured pearls) or with a mother-of-pearl shell bead (all saltwater) into a host mollusk. The mollusk covers the irritant with nacre, just like a natural pearl. Cultured pearls are raised in pearl farms – saltwater or freshwater operations where the mollusks are cleaned, protected from predators and eventually harvested.



Gatherings, Walks, Flights, Postponements

After careful consideration, the Pioneer Country Emmaus and Chrysalis Board of Directors has decided to not hold a **July Gathering**. We are watching events and will determine if we can hold **August Gathering** as that time approaches.

Regretfully, we had to postpone the **October Walks**, due to concerns over Covid19, and in consideration for the health and well-being of team members who would have needed to hold planning meetings during this uncertain time.

We are still hoping to hold a joint **Chrysalis Flight** with Green Country Emmaus, and that is tentatively scheduled for December.

We miss seeing you !!! Please continue to pray for the health and safety of everyone in the community.

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It is My Choice

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 4:6–7

This scripture has become my daily, sometimes hourly mantra in the last few months. I look back and think of times where I have been in sheer panic, in total despair, locked in anger and frustration, or confused and unsure about how to move forward. There were times I wanted to block out the world and not even deal with reality. I have been hurt by losing people I cared about. Yesterday, I shed tears for the loss of the October walks. I will be the first Lay Director who has not had a walk during my term. That is not the legacy I wanted to leave. Although my house is filled with family, and I am never lonely, I do miss my friends, my extended family, my church family, and my Emmaus community. Zoom is not a replacement for a hug. It helps, but it just does not quite do the trick.

But I have a choice, to live in that space of negativity, or choose to give it all to God and live in His word. I allow a few minutes of feeling, of tears, of frustration. Then I repeat the scripture, brush myself off, and move on.

One thing that has really helped me is to consider my many Blessings. Tim and I are both able to keep our jobs and work from home. My daughter and her family live with us, so there is always bustle and energy. My son-in-law, who is immune compromised, can work nights and decrease his chance of exposure significantly. I have been home to watch my granddaughter say her first words, discover the world, learn to crawl, and soon to take her first steps. We eat all our meals together. My sisters and I Zoom with my father every Sunday and are probably in closer contact than we have been in years. I can attend church virtually. Life is slower and more peaceful in my own safe, secure world. There are so very many Blessings. I say a prayer of Thanksgiving and cover myself in the peace of God.

I choose to look for the good. After this is over, I hope my life will be different. I hope I remember these Blessings and live a little differently.

It's my choice. Susan Good, Community Lay Director



Board Openings

The Pioneer Country Emmaus Board of Directors has openings for two positions:

Facilities Representative.

Chrysalis Representative.

These positions are open from now, to the end of 2020.

At the end of that time, the person would either run for a three-year term, or roll off the board. The Facilities Board Rep person works with a partner to organize the physical needs of each walk. (Room assignment, securing facilities, organize truck offloading and onloading, etc.)

The Chrysalis Board Rep works with Green Country to organize Chrysalis flights. If you are interested and want to learn more, please send an email to Pioneer Country Community Lay Director, Susan Good
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Plea for submissions:

And now a note from your Pioneer Country Emmaus Newsletter Representative..... As the editor of our newsletter, Roostertales, it is pretty much up to me to fill these pages each month. Some months that is an easy task, and then there are months that are not quite as easy. It would make life a lot easier for me if I had a few others submitting a story here and there.

You can hand write your note and give it to me. I will gladly type it up and get it into the newsletter for you.

We all have a story to tell. Will you please tell yours? It doesn't have to be a long one. You don't need to be an expert writer—I will promise to proofread your submission. And let us be honest here, I'm no professional, and haven't had any complaints yet.... We Emmaus folks are kind and loving folks, not critical of others, right?



You can type your story on your own computer and send it to me. I can use it no matter if it's in a Word document, Docx format, or a PDF file. You can even just simply type it straight into an email if that's easier. Just get it done!

Thanks for listening, Linda Edmondson, Newsletter Editor

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