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Learn and grow

Team Orientation and Training, June 22

Have you have ever wondered what the responsibilities of the various behind the scenes managers are? You are in luck! Here is an opportunity to discover what these people do, if you have about 3 hours to devote to learning. Casual dress, good fun, and you can have lunch with friends afterward. The orientation portion of the day will be finished by noon.

Pioneer Country Emmaus will hold team orientation and training for Emmaus Walks #152 and #153 on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at St. Matthew UMC, 300 N Air Depot Blvd, Midwest City. The community is invited and encouraged to attend the orientation portion of the day. We will start with praise and worship at 9:00 followed by an Overview of the Weekend by Rich Rudebock. There will be breakout sessions covering such things as the kitchen, dining room, snack, agape and other subjects.

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UPCOMING DATES

- June 2019 Gathering, Wesley UMC, 101 S. Baker, El Reno, Saturday June 15, 2019 .
- Team Training and Orientation, June 22, 2019. St. Matthew UMC, 300 N Air Depot Blvd, Midwest City.
- July Gathering, Good Shepherd, 10928 SW 15th, Yukon, July 20th.
- August Gathering, with Ice Cream Social. Lost Creek UMC, 8002 S. Washington, Stillwater, OK 74074. August 17th.
- Men's Walk # 151, September 5-8, 2019. Wesley UMC, 101 S Barker Ave, El Reno, OK 73036
- Women's Walk #152, September 19-22, 2019. Wesley UMC, 101 S Barker Ave, El Reno, OK 73036

WE NEED PILGRIMS PLEASE



June 2019



Hello Pioneer Country Emmaus Community,

***** The walks will be here soon *****

All walks for 2019 will take place.

Who are you sponsoring on the next set of walks? Who has been on your mind a lot lately? Who has expressed interest in previous walks, but the timing just wasn't right?

Pioneer Country Emmaus is rebuilding and in order to do that successfully, we need to have full walks. We need the help of our wonderful community to fill these upcoming walks with folks that will come back and work behind the scenes. Pray, pray, pray about your role as a sponsor and pray, pray, pray, about the pilgrims who should be on these walks.

DeColores, Linda Edmondson, Editor

*"Faith is taking the first **step** even when you don't see the whole staircase."
~anon*



CHANGE IN MONTHLY GATHERINGS

In February, we published a survey, requesting input from the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community, regarding monthly gatherings. We are experiencing a decline in attendance. We had requests from several members to change the gatherings, and that was the incentive for posting a survey. **Results of survey, which closed April 13, 2019, change social time 5:30-6:30. Worship begins at 6:30.**

"The SECRET of CHANGE is to FOCUS ALL of your ENERGY, NOT on Fighting the OLD, but on BUILDING the NEW."

- SOCRATES

What do you know about sponsorship?

Sponsorship may be the most important job in Emmaus.

Good sponsorship is vital to the integrity of Emmaus. Many communities take sponsorship for granted; they assume that everyone knows the how and why of sponsorship.

It is more than just “signing up people”. The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus Movement, and the church affected by the movement.

First, good sponsorship is your first act of agape before a Walk ever begins; the experience of the Walk for a pilgrim really starts with how we handle sponsorship.

Second, good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim. Sponsors use discernment in recruiting pilgrims, embody the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim, and provide personal acts of agape during the three days for the pilgrims. These acts of agape include the sponsor’s personal preparations for the weekend, presence at Send off, Candlelight and Closing, follow-up after the weekend, and prayer during the entire process.

Third, good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus movement that is fulfilling its true purpose – the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry. The strength of any Emmaus community is a direct result of its recruiting practices. If the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, then the community will be a strong, vital force in the renewal movement. If, on the other hand, the Walk to Emmaus is looked upon as a hospital where every human ill can be cured, it will have a weakening effect on the entire community.



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Sponsorship is defined by Wikipedia as:

The act of supporting an event, activity, person, or organization, either financially or through the provision of products or services.

Merriam-Webster says a sponsor is someone who assumes responsibility for some other person.





Wesley United Methodist Church, 101 S. Baker, El Reno, Oklahoma

Our Pioneer Country Emmaus Gathering for June, 2019, will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, in El Reno, Oklahoma.

From Stillwater, via I-35 S and I-40 W, Fastest route, the usual traffic, about an hour and 37 minutes. Follow I-35 S and I-40 W to I-40BL W/US-81 N in El Reno. Take the US-81 N exit from I-40 W . Take Rte 66 to S Barker Ave .

From Enid, via US-81 S, Fastest route, the usual traffic, about an hour and 14 minutes. Head south on S Grand Ave toward W Maine St. Turn right onto W Owen K Garriott Rd. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto US-81 S/S Van Buren St. Continue to follow US-81 S. Use the right lane to take the US-81 S ramp to El Reno. Continue onto US-81 S. Turn left onto W Woodson St. Turn right at the 3rd cross street onto S Barker Ave. Destination will be on the left.

From Moore, via I-40 W, Fastest route, the usual traffic, about 40 minutes. Follow I-35 N/US-77 N and I-40 W to I-40BL W/US-81 N in El Reno. Take the US-81 N exit from I-40 W . Take Rte 66 to S Barker Ave

From Piedmont, via W Britton Rd, Fastest route, the usual traffic, about 30 minutes. Head north on NW 1st St toward Monroe Ave NW. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Monroe Ave NW. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Piedmont Rd N. Turn right onto W Britton Rd. Turn left onto US-81 S. Turn left onto W Woodson St. Turn right at the 3rd cross street onto S Barker Ave. Destination will be 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)

Being His Hands And Feet...

1 Corinthians **12:27 ESV**

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Mark **10:45 ESV**

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

EMMAUS

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

AGAPE LOVE GIFTS

Remember your Walk to Emmaus? Remember the fun and excitement of getting agape gifts?

You can easily bless someone with that same feeling. Look around you. There are ideas everywhere for little inexpensive gifts that you can create from pretty much anything you see.

Even twigs and leaves can be used to craft something.

If you just can't think of something on your own, ask google. Here's an idea I got while surfing the internet a while ago.

If there are pretty fall colored leaves, you could use natural ones, but these plastic leaves are easily found at craft supply stores. ~ LKE (ed)



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, PLEASE.

We really want to get the database corrected. There is a Google Form on the PCE website to correct any address, phone number, and email changes. We will also have forms available at Gatherings for people to complete.

And, speaking of updating information, it has come to my attention the roostertales@gmail account has been inactive for several years.

New Email address:

PCEmmausNewsletter@gmail.com or send to Newsletter Board representative.

Do you have a 4th Day story?

DO YOU HAVE A 4TH DAY STORY?

We all have been impacted by our Walk to Emmaus experience. Each person has a story to tell. Will you please consider sharing yours with us here in the Newsletter?

Please email your responses to PCEmmausNewsletter@gmail.com



About the 4th Day...

As participants conclude their Walk to Emmaus weekends, they are introduced to the concept of the Fourth Day -- a symbol of the days of Christian pilgrimage that follow the three-day Emmaus experience. The Walk to Emmaus is a unique opportunity to reflect on one's faith journey and make a deeper commitment to Christ. In fact, the whole reason for The Walk to Emmaus is to make you a more faithful disciple and active member in your church. Thus, the Fourth Day is central to the Emmaus experience, as it extends each individual's experience beyond the weekend and into life in the world.

In living their Fourth Days, participants are encouraged to continue to grow in relationship with Christ and live as faithful disciples in all of life. An important and necessary foundation for faithful Christian living is a vital connection to the Christian community for support, guidance, and challenge. This is most available through local church communities, reunion groups, and the Emmaus/Chrysalis Celebrations. Another way to be connected to the support of the Christian community is through studying the writings of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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