



ROOSTER TALES



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The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

“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)

OCTOBER WALKS & BOARD ELECTION ISSUE

OCTOBER WALKS

Men's 10/6 - 10/9
Women's 10/20 - 10/23

NEW COVENANT UMC
2700 S. BOULEVARD, EDMOND, OK

PCE Board Ballot Inside

On page 3 of this newsletter you will find the ballot for electing seven new members of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Board of Directors. Please take the time to make your selections and send it in. Ballots will also be available at candlelight and in the agape room on the letter writing table during both walks. Save postage, vote while you serve.

If you mail them,
**Ballots Must
Be Postmarked On
Or Before**

October 31, 2011

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POSITION	MEN'S WALK #123	WOMEN'S WALK #124
Lay Director(s)	Mario Herrera	Pam Allen
Assistant Lay Directors	Don Ellis Don Reynolds Eddie Vickers	Judie Ellis Peety Luka Pam Dimski
Spiritual Director	Valerie Steel	Charla Gwartney Max Rudd
Assistant Spiritual Directors	Aaron Grantz Robert Rose Stephen Hale Les Hastings	David Johnson Larry Gaston Erica Thomas
Board Representative	Mike Sullivan	Diann Rudd
Musicians	Tim Bourne	Nancy Blair Cindy Wilkey Jeanne Hall Janet Jarvis
Assistant Table Leaders	Bill Vice Rickie Conrady David Allen Max Wilson Kyle Farnham Leonard Essary	Diann Schwerdtfeger Diane Scheele Connie Reed Susan Good Kelly Essary Amy Holland
Table Leaders	Cyvil Burks Benny Avidas Bob Nance Jim Hinds Dale Stanley Jeff Keyser	Patty Wanger Debbie Rowland Heather West Cindy Ng Jeannette Spears Mary White
Prayer Room	Jeanette Nance Glenda Bitner	Patsy Rains Karen Roper Wanda Watkins Scottie Scott
Kitchen Managers	Sharon Flowers Scott Schuermann	Richard Rains Bryan West
Dining Room Managers	Ron Luka	David Allen Katrina Jarvis
Snack Manager	Jackie Munsell Pam Allen	Don and Val Reeves
Agape Managers	Cathy Sullivan Judie Ellis	Nina Boyle Lynda Estes Linda Edmondson
Team Assistants	Rich Rudebock Gordon Loveless Don Reeves	Jennifer Allman Diane Combest Maddie Parker Stephanie Cheek Julie Bunch Heather Spiva Deb Mason

HERE ARE
THE TEAMS
FOR
PIONEER
COUNTRY
EMMAUS
WALK
NUMBERS
123
AND
124
PLEASE
KEEP THESE
SERVANTS
AND ALL
THE
PILGRIMS
IN YOUR
PRAYERS.

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES WALKS 123 & 124

NEW COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2700 S. BOULEVARD, EDMOND, OK

VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS

Kitchen, dining room and snack agape volunteers check in at the kitchen any time before the meal is served. For meals, if possible come an hour early for preparation and/or stay an hour after for clean up.

Sign in, and Report to one of the managers wearing the red Walk to Emmaus aprons.

HELP SERVE BREAKFAST
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
@ 8 AM AND
SUNDAY
@ 7:30 AM

HELP SERVE LUNCH
FRIDAY @ 12:30 PM
SATURDAY @ 12 PM
AND
SUNDAY @ 11:45 AM

HELP SERVE DINNER
FRIDAY @ 5:30 PM &
SATURDAY @ 5:45 PM

JOIN THE KITCHEN BAND FOR
SATURDAY NIGHT'S
AFTER-DINNER
ENTERTAINMENT

WALK SET UP
WEDNESDAY BEFORE EACH
WALK @ 7:30 PM *

PUT CHURCH BACK IN
ORDER SUNDAY
MORNING OF EACH WALK
@ 6 AM *

* Time subject to change watch for email from facilities Board Member.

WEEKEND EVENTS

SEND-OFF

- Thurs. 6:30 - 10/6/11 & 10/20/11 -

SPONSOR'S HOUR

- Following Send-off -

COMMUNITY GATHERS

- Sat. 7 pm - 10/8/11 & 10/22/11 -

CANDLELIGHT

- Sat. 8 pm - 10/8/11 & 10/22/11 -

CLOSING

- Sun. 4 pm - 10/9/11 & 10/23/11 -

FOURTH DAY

- THURS. 7 pm - 10/13/11 & 10/27/11 -

THE CHILI SUPPER IS BACK!!!

Remember when the November Gathering used to always be at Douglas Blvd. UMC and it was a Chili Supper? Well, mark your calendars for November 20 because the Chili Supper returns!

NOVEMBER 20, 2011 - CHILI SUPPER (5:30 p) / GATHERING (7p)
Douglas Blvd UMC - 208 S. Douglas Blvd. - Midwest City, OK

If you haven't been asked to provide something specific, please bring dessert, crackers, Fritos and/or drinks.

REGARDING GRACE

As we embark on walk 123 and 124, I've been thinking a lot about grace and agape love and how this amazing movement we are blessed to serve in changes lives by demonstrating and re-presenting these virtues to the pilgrims. I've re-printed the Emmaus version of 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 provided by Judie Ellis inside. It, too, is an important reminder for each of us.

I remember after going on my original walk in 1993 at Cross Point Camp at Lake Texoma in Southern Oklahoma a story I heard about ice cream. Now, I was not involved in the incident directly so I could not testify to the accuracy of the details. However, I can say that whether completely factual, semi-fable or made up fiction the story serves as an example of agape love, a wonderful illustration as we prepare and serve these walks.

It seemed there was a pilgrim on the women's walk who was fairly far along in her pregnancy. One night very late she had a craving for some specialty flavor of ice cream. By that, I mean it wasn't run of the mill vanilla or chocolate. You couldn't run pick it up at the corner 7-eleven. Or Wal-Mart for that matter. Of course, it wouldn't really matter *THAT* much because neither of those places are near by to Cross Point Camp anyway. There's a Braum's in Madill maybe 30 miles away, Wal-Mart too ... but they roll up the sidewalks at dark. This occurred very late at night.

Now, to be clear, the pilgrim did not request the ice cream. It was more of a thought out loud ... an expression along the lines of "Oh ... I could really go for some mint-chocolate-chip-cookie-dough ice cream about now." She knew where she was. She was not expecting someone to drive 200 miles to find her ice cream concoction.

Now stop and think a moment. If you were on that walk team ... how would you respond?

- A) Tell her you'd join her after the weekend was over.
- B) Track down her sponsor and ask why they didn't do a better job explaining Emmaus and the weekend to her.
- C) Pretend you didn't hear her and encourage her to go to bed.
- D) Seek out a T.A. and ask them if there was any way we could fulfill the request.

Well, as I'm sure you can guess (because the story would stink if they picked A, B, or C), the team that weekend selected D. They had to send someone a long distance, but they fulfilled this Pilgrim's request. I remember the story being they headed to Dallas, but who knows, maybe it was Gainesville, maybe it was Sherman-Dennison ... couldn't tell you for sure. But ... given the same circumstances today ... how would we respond? Would we even go down the street to Braum's and knock the pilgrim's socks off?

**PRAYER
ROOM
SCHEDULE
WALK
NUMBERS
123 & 124**

PRAYER ROOM SCHEDULE

WALKS 123 & 124

MEN: 10/6 - 10/9 WOMEN: 10/20 - 10/23

FRIDAY

TALK	TIME	MEN'S WALK	WOMEN'S WALK
Priority	8:40 a.m.	Don Ellis	Peety Luka
Prevenient Grace	10:45 a.m.	Aaron Grantz	David Johnson
Priesthood of All Believers	1:15 p.m.	Bill Vice	Diann Schwerdtfeger
Justifying Grace	2:35 p.m.	Robert Rose	Larry Gaston
Life in Piety	6:05 p.m.	Max Wilson	Diane Scheele

SATURDAY

Grow thru Study	8:15 a.m.	David Allen	Connie Reed
Means of Grace	9:45 a.m.	Valerie Steele	Charla Gwartney
Christian Action	2:30 p.m.	Kyle Farnham	Susan Good
Obstacles to Grace	4:00 p.m.	Stephen Hale	Erica Thomas
Discipleship	6:30 p.m.	Eddie Vickers	Pam Dimski

SUNDAY

Changing our World	8:05 a.m.	Leonard Essary	Kelley Essary
Sanctifying Grace	9:10 a.m.	Les Hastings	Max Rudd
Body of Christ	10:30 a.m.	Rickie Contrady	Amy Holland
Perseverance	12:30 p.m.	Mario Herrera	Pam Allen
Fourth Day	1:30 p.m.	Don Reynolds	Judie Ellis

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THESE SPEAKERS,
AND, IF YOU'D
LIKE, COME TO
THE PRAYER
ROOM AND PRAY
ON SITE.**

**AND PLEASE BE IN
PRAYER FOR THE
PILGRIMS AND
TEAMS OF THESE
TWO WALKS.**

(Continued From Page 5)...

I sometimes think that we get so focused on the broad view of the weekend and making sure the entire experience for the entire conference room is fulfilling that we forget it's really about each and every individual pilgrim. You can bet your bootstraps that the pregnant pilgrim was overwhelmed by this particular act of agape.

I've challenged myself to look for ways to knock the socks off the pilgrims by saying yes to what may seem like difficult to fulfill requests. I hope you'll join me because if we all focus on the basic task of making this experience GREAT for each individual pilgrim, we will have a waiting list a mile long for future walks.

1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1-7

AN EMMMAUS VERSION

If I unload the truck, place the mattresses, cover the windows or assign the rooms to make our Pilgrims as comfortable as possible, but do not show love, I'm just another delivery person.

If I slave away in the kitchen and dining room, preparing good meals and snacks and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime for our Pilgrims, but do not show love, I'm just another cook.

If I decorate those tables perfectly with gifts of Agape, balloons, and party favors, but do not show love, I'm just another decorator.

If I toil making beds, cleaning bathrooms, emptying trash, and doing all those other chores to make our Pilgrims more comfortable, but do not show love, I'm just another housekeeper.

If I work all day and give all that I have, but do not show love, it profits me nothing.

If I'm in the Conference Room, in any position, and don't let everyone in that room see Jesus in me, I'm there for me, not Him.

If I attend Send-Off, Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing, and sing all the special songs but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to pray for our Pilgrims.

Love sets aside the decorating to pray for our Teams.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't criticize another's way of doing things, but accepts their way as another way to accomplish the same task.

Love doesn't tell volunteers they aren't needed and feels like they're in the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

PowerPoint equipment may break and timetables might not be met, but giving the gift of love to our Pilgrims, our Team, and our Community will endure.

Love never fails.



A GREAT BIG **THANK YOU** TO
JUDIE ELLIS FOR PROVIDING THIS
AWESOME REMINDER TO GET OUR
HEARTS IN THE RIGHT SERVANT FRAME
OF REFERENCE AS WE APPROACH THE
UPCOMING WALKS AND OUR FIRST
CHRYSALIS FLIGHTS.

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The Pioneer Country Emmaus Community extends a warm welcome to these new Community Members From Chrysalis. They attended the Big Country Flight in Leuders, TX in July

Cole Martin - Beau Toombs - Stephanie Turtle

Mother Teresa's *Anyway* Poem

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered;

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

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BALLOT FOR 2012 BOARD MEMBERS - PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS

VOTE FOR SEVEN

Each ballot must be signed by the voter and the voter's name legibly printed beneath the signature. There are two columns for voting. If two people are using this ballot for voting, then both must sign the ballot at the bottom. Each person votes for seven (7) candidates. If an error is made, cross out the wrong mark and initial beside it. If eight or more votes are made by a voter, only the first seven will be counted. A vote will be indicated by marking an "X" in the box by the candidate's name. Names may be written in on the ballot. See pages 10—13 of this newsletter for candidate bios.

PLEASE RETURN BALLOTS POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2011

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

Voter 1	Voter 2	CANDIDATE (Listed in Alphabetical order by LAST name)	ORIGINAL WALK COMMUNITY	WALK #	CHURCH
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pam Allen	Pioneer Country	44A	Lost Creek UMC, Stillwater
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marrío Herrera	Pioneer Country	41	Wicklíné UMC, Midwest City
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chet Leonhardt	Pioneer Country	51	FUMC, Yukon
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delbert Simmons	Pioneer Country	119	Church of the Servant UMC, Oklahoma City
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Louise Skinner	Pioneer Country	42B	UM Church of the Servant, Oklahoma City
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kay Sullins	Pioneer Country	66	First Christian Church, Edmond
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy Wilkey	Pioneer Country	88	Lost Creek UMC, Stillwater
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Write in nominees: Please number in order to be counted.

PLEASE!!! Return your ballot postmarked no later than October 31, 2011, to make your vote count!

Address:

**Pioneer Country Emmaus
Board Elections
PO Box 272394
Oklahoma City, OK 73137-2394**

Please sign your name and print on line below; include your walk number and Emmaus Community Name.

(Signature Voter #1) Walk # _____

(Please print name and community)

(Signature Voter #2) Walk # _____

(Please print name and community)

Pam Allen **Pioneer** **44A Lost Creek UMC, Stillwater**
Country

Reunion Group:

Glory Girls

Church and Community Involvement and Leadership:

I am blessed to be a part of our Church’s Prayer Response Team, Choir, Communion and Offering teams. I have served as a member of the Trustees, Pastor-Parish, Nomination and Fellowship Committees. I have been part of mission teams traveling to Belize and Mexico.

Pioneer Country Emmaus:

I have been happy to serve our Emmaus Community in as many ways as I could since my original walk in 1995. I loved working behind the scenes in the Prayer Room, also as a T.A., Dining Room Manager, Kitchen, Agape, Snack helper, T.L., A.T.L., and now Lay Director of Women’s Walk # 124. God is so Good all the time!

Why do I want to serve on the PCE Board of Directors?

I consider it a blessing and a privilege to have served as the General Agape/Prayer Room board representative for the past year. Since I was appointed for just one year, I would now like to actively run for the board. The Walk to Emmaus has changed the way that I serve the Lord and His people. It has enriched my life and strengthened my faith journey. I feel that I am now able to step out of my comfort zone and be the servant friend he calls me to be. I want to serve on the board to help our community grow and remain strong to bring others to Christ.

Marrio Herrera **Pioneer** **41 Wickline UMC, Midwest City**
Country

Reunion Group:

Men of the Youth

Church and Community Involvement and Leadership:

Sunday School Teacher, Adult and Youth. Led Conformation Class. Certified Lay Leader, Member-At-Large Oklahoma United Methodist Conference, Discipleship Ministry Team. PCE Walk Lay Director Walk 107 & 123.

Why do I want to serve on the PCE Board of Directors?

To help those who serve inside and outside PCE.

Chet Leonhardt Pioneer 51 First United Methodist, Yukon Country

Reunion Group:

Gathering of Disciples

Church and Community Involvement and Leadership:

Men’s Bible Study Fellowship, Kairos, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch, Past President of Oklahoma State Home Builders Association, Life National Director - National Homebuilders Association, Oklahoma Affordable Housing Foundation 501c3 non-profit.

Why do I want to serve on the PCE Board of Directors?

Getting back to become more involved in Emmaus again.



Delbert Simmons Pioneer 119 UM Church of the Servant, Country Oklahoma City

Reunion Group:

Resurrection Roosters

Church and Community Involvement and Leadership:

Mission Council, Rebuilding Together, Christians in Action, Stop Hunger Now, Mustard Seed, Skyline

Why do I want to serve on the PCE Board of Directors?

Continue my journey in Christian Leadership



Louise Skinner **Pioneer** **42B** **UM Church of the Servant, Oklahoma City**
Country

Reunion Group:

Angels' Aware

Church and Community Involvement and Leadership:

Completed the Care Chaplain Training Program in May 2011, AMA, Member of the Transitions Sunday School Class and am currently treasurer, have participated in several Bible studies.

Why do I want to serve on the PCE Board of Directors?

I have been a member of Emmaus for about 18 years and have served in many capacities on various walks, most recently serving as Dining Room Manager on Walk # 119. I feel with all the experience I have had, I can serve on the Board successfully.



Kay Sullins **Pioneer** **66** **First Christian Church, Edmond**
Country

Reunion Group:

Sensational Saturday Servants

Church and Community Involvement and Leadership:

I am an elder at First Christian Church, currently serving as Moderator. I have served as moderator of the child care center ministry, the Outreach Ministry, and the Worship Committee. In addition, I have served in the educational ministry and been a deacon. I have taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, served as a church camp counselor, taught the PreK choir, sung in a women's ensemble, and sung in the choir. I have been on one intergenerational mission trip and volunteer each year at the community Thanksgiving dinner.

Why do I want to serve on the PCE Board of Directors?

On my own walk, for the first time, I experienced true agape love and began to better understand the meaning of grace. The Walk changed my life, and I want to help pass this gift on to others. Serving on the PCE Board will be just one more tool for me to expand my own spiritual life and to become an active disciple of Christ through servant hood. Even though I am active in both leadership and servant hood in my own local church, I desire to expand this into the Emmaus Community.

CANDIDATE (Listed in Alphabetical order by LAST name)	ORIGINAL WALK COMMUNITY	WALK#	CHURCH
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Cindy Wilkey	Pioneer Country	88	Lost Creek UMC, Stillwater
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Reunion Group:

God's Chicks

Church and Community Involvement and Leadership:

I have served on my church's Trustees Committee and currently serve on the SPRC. I served as Sunday School Superintendent for 3 years and am active in our church's choir. I am one of three pianists, playing at two services monthly in my church. I have been blessed to serve on two walks as a musician and preparing for my third in October. I have served as a Table Leader and TA on previous walks.

Why do I want to serve on the PCE Board of Directors?

I am interested in serving on the Board because I am passionate about the Emmaus experience and its impact on the Christian life. I would like to be a part of the group that plans for future walks and searches for ways to make the Emmaus experience more meaningful to future pilgrims.

