

# ROOSTER TALES



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)

#### And now a word from.... Your Assistant Community Lay Director

I had no reason to say "No." Earlier I did, at least to me. Each time my fiancée, Denise, encouraged me to attend a Walk to Emmaus there was something. After all, college and work carried my priorities.

Then life started to change. I finished college, married Denise and followed her to Oklahoma. I found myself a recent graduate looking for work. I also, in a prevenient manner, lost all my previous priorities. When asked this time, to attend a Walk to Emmaus, I had no reason to say "No" and said "Yes." From Men's Walk 41 there exists a journey of saying "Yes" in Emmaus. This journey now allows me to serve as your Assistant Community Lay Director.

Saying "Yes" to serving in Emmaus offers me a way to experience God's Grace. I easily find Grace working behind the scenes, being anonymous with service. I encounter Grace in the conference room, being intentional through witness in word and action. And I see the work of Grace from the prayers of the community for that single person.

Saying "Yes" to God's call in Emmaus becomes a way for God to "fill the hearts of the faithful." Trust God, to say "Yes" in praying for Emmaus, serving behind the scenes, serving on a team or sponsorship.

De Colores,

Mario Herrera, Assistant Community Lay Director Pioneer Country Emmaus

#### And now a word from.... Your Kitchen Managers

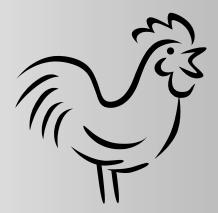
Kitchen Managers Ken Edmondson and Cindy Wilkey both attend Lost Creek UMC in Stillwater. Ken attended Pioneer Country Emmaus Walk #61, table of Luke, at Asbury UMC in Oklahoma City. His Walk has brought him closer to servanthood, and has given him a better understanding of silent service. The Emmaus experience has also allowed (or is it "forced?") him to become more talkative. He feels he has opened up more to meeting new people through the Emmaus experience.

Cindy attended Pioneer Country Walk #88 at First UMC in Oklahoma City. Her Walk gave new meaning to Christ's sacrifices and, therefore, made her more sensitive to responding to Christ's call for service in her own life. One of the strongest and longest-lasting effects of Cindy's Emmaus experience is the accountability that her reunion group provides. She feels that consistent fellowship and genuine accountability have helped her grow in her own personal relationship with Christ. The Emmaus experience gave her a deeper appreciation of Jesus' love and serves as an on-going reminder of how deeply and unconditionally God loves us, His children.

For both Ken and Cindy, serving on the Emmaus Board has given a new avenue of service and offers continuous opportunities be a disciple. One of the best things about the Emmaus experience is that it affords a wide variety of situations, people, and places in which to serve. God always accepts a willing heart, and Emmaus service puts that willingness into action.

De Colores!

Ken Edmondson and Cindy Wilkey Pioneer Country Emmaus



A message from your Community Lay Director...

Dear Pioneer Country Emmaus,

I am very pleased to announce that we WILL be having the Men's Walk scheduled for next week! At this time, we have 14 confirmed registrations, which is still a very small number for a walk. We ARE still accepting applications for this walk, so if you were waiting to see if there would be a Men's Walk, the answer is "Yes!" and we would love to see the number continue to rise to a full walk.

This also means get busy making agape, sign the prayer vigil if you haven't already, and plan to be at set-up, send-off, candlelight and closing. By the way, the women's walk has 33 women registered, so if you have a woman's application, get it in ASAP. Above all else, keep the prayers coming!

De Colores!
Diann Rudd
Pioneer Country Community Lay Director

"What's In The Nest?"

For the month of March, here are some facts about Saint Patrick...

After his family had been attacked by pirates, Patrick, at 16 years of age, was sold into slavery for 6 years in Ireland until he was able to escape. He wrote that he had heard a voice from God telling him to return to England. Patrick obeyed the voice by walking hundreds of miles to the nearest Irish port.

In his life, Patrick also had a dream in which an angel told him to return to Ireland to be a missionary. He again was obedient, followed in the footsteps of his father and his grandfather, and eventually became a bishop and a missionary, and returned to Ireland where he led many to salvation.

Perhaps the most well known legend is that Patrick explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

As disciples, God does not call us to be successful, but to be faithful.

"Keep your eyes focused on what is right, and look straight ahead to what is good."

Proverbs 4:25

#### **Prayer Room Schedule**

#### Men's Walk #125 - March 22-25, 2012 Women's Walk #126 - April 12-15, 2012

#### Friday

<u>Talk</u>	<u>Time</u>	Men's Walk	Women's Walk
Priority	8:40 AM	Ron Luka	Kathy Munsell
Prevenient Grace	10:45 AM	David Johnson	Wendee Perceval
Priesthood of All Believers	1:15 PM	Tom Ellis	Catrina Bourne
Justifying Grace	2:35 PM	Larry Gaston	Larry Holder
Life in Piety	6:05 PM	Stephen Snider	Suzy Wooldridge

#### Saturday

<u>Talk</u>	<u>Time</u>	Men's Walk	Women's Walk
Grow through Study	8:15 AM	Randy Reed	Donna Elswick
Means of Grace	9:45 AM	Mark Whitley	Diana Pruitt
Christian Action	2:30 PM	Jeff Bull	Jill Blevins
Obstacles to Grace	4:00 PM	Sharen Hale	Brett Thomasson
Discipleship	6:30 PM	TBA	Linda Edmondson

### Sunday

Talk	<b>Time</b>	Men's Walk	Women's Walk
Changing our World	8:05 AM	Rodney Wanger	Mary Nethercutt
Sanctifying Grace	9:10 AM	Susan Whitley	Felecia Hensley
Body of Christ	10:30 AM	Warren Collins	Joan Brodmerke
Perseverance	12:30 PM	Dick Nowlin	Jennifer Stier
Fourth Day	1:30 PM	Jim Hinckley	Maurie Cole

Don't forget to go to www.pioneercountryemmaus.com and sign up for the prayer vigils for the walks!

#### Important information regarding the upcoming walks...

<u>Setup</u> will be on Wednesday night at 7:00 PM. The Facilities folks would love to have plenty of people there to help unload the trailer and get everything into the church!

Send off is Thursday night at 6:30 with Sponsor's Hour immediately following.

The community gathers at 7:00 PM Saturday evening for <u>Candlelight</u>, and the pilgrims will come in at 10:00 PM. Please make every attempt to attend, as this is a very powerful experience for the pilgrims!

Closing will be at 4:00 PM on Sunday. Come listen to the pilgrims talk about their walk experience and what they plan to do with it!

Fourth Day will be at 7:00 PM on the Thursday following each walk.

Meal schedule: Just show up, sign in, and find someone with a red apron!

	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	Sunday
Breakfast	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	7:30 AM
Lunch	12:30 PM	12:00 PM	11:45 AM
Dinner	5:30 PM	5:45 PM	

Snacks and Agape: Simply show up any anytime between meals to help out!

#### Calling All Musicians:

Our Emmaus list of musicians is in need of updating. If you wish to be included on the list of musicians for Gatherings, Walks, and candlelight, please send your name, phone number, and email address to Kay Sullins, Board Representative for Music.

Even if you think your information is currently on the list, please contact Kay so we know that you wish to continue to offer your musical talents to our Emmaus functions.

<u>sullins.kay@att.net</u> or cell phone 412-2238.

#### **Correction!**

Imagine my surprise when I looked more closely at the February newsletter and discovered that I had made a mistake on the address for Mustang UMC! The address was incorrectly listed as 700 E. State Highway 152, which happens to be the Mustang Church of the Nazarene. The correct address for Mustang UMC is 211 W. State Highway 152. Glad I got my one mistake for the year out of the way early!

David Smith, Editor

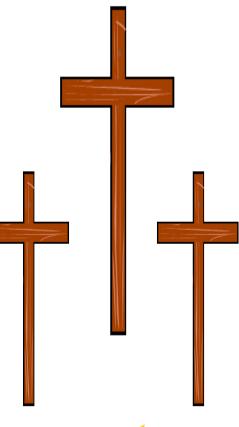
### Do you have a 4th Day Story?

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

Why not share them with the PCE community?

Just email it to:

roostertales@ gmail.com



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### Men's Walk #125

March 22-25, 2012

Mustang United Methodist Church 211 W. State Hwy 152, Mustang, OK

Women's Walk #126

April 12-15, 2012

Mustang United Methodist Church 211 W. State Hwy 152, Mustang, OK

March 29, 2012	Men's 4th Day
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Mustang United Methodist Church 211 W. State Hwy 152 - Mustang OK

April 19, 2012 Women's 4th Day

Mustang United Methodist Church 211 W. State Hwy 152 - Mustang OK

**April 21, 2012** April Gathering - 7:00 PM

Chapel Hill UMC

2717 W. Hefner Road - OKC, OK

**May 19, 2012** May Gathering - 7:00 PM

Quayle UMC

5001 N. Everest - OKC, OK

**June 16, 2012** June Gathering - 7:00 PM

St. Andrews UMC

2727 S. May Ave. - OKC, OK

**June 27 - 30, 2012** Combined Boys & Girls Chrysalis Flight

McFarlin Memorial UMC

419 S. University Blvd. - Norman, OK

**July 21, 2012** July Gathering - 7:00 PM

St. Mark's UMC

8140 NW 36th - Bethany, OK

August 18, 2012 August Gathering - 5:30 PM

Lost Creek UMC

8002 S. Washington - Stillwater, OK

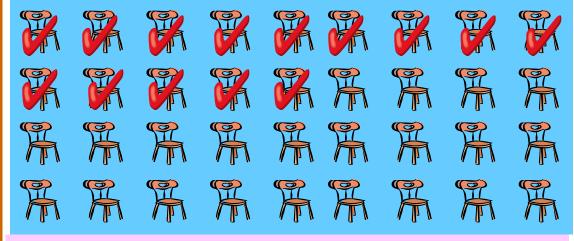
## **AVOID THE RUSH**

SPONSOR SOMEONE NOW

MEN'S WALK DATES - March 22 - 25, 2012

WOMEN'S WALK DATES - April 12 - 15, 2012

**MEN'S WALK #125** 



**WOMEN'S WALK #126** Full walk!!!



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