

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)

Progressive Servanthood

Several recent Pilgrims have asked how they can help with a Walk. Remember us talking about progressive servanthood? Well, this is where it starts - working behind the scenes on Emmaus Walks. This is the catalyst to returning to the Conference Room on a future Walk.

The next Men’s Walk is April 4-7, and the Women’s Walk follows two weeks later on April 18-21. Both Walks will be held at Ridgecrest UMC, 3629 NW 25th Street, in Oklahoma City.

You are welcome to come help set up on the Wednesday evening before the Walk and to help tear down on the Sunday of the Walk. These times vary and an e-mail will be sent out before-hand with the times.

Help is always needed in the Kitchen, Dining Room, and the Agape Room before and after meals, especially on Friday and Saturday mornings. The meal times are as follows:

Friday:	Breakfast: 8:00 AM	Lunch: 12:30 PM	Dinner: 5:30 PM
Saturday:	Breakfast: 8:00 AM	Lunch: 12:00 PM	Dinner: 5:40 PM
Sunday:	Breakfast: 7:30 AM	Lunch: 11:45 AM	

If you have plenty of time to spare, come to the Kitchen any morning, check in with the Kitchen Manager, who will be wearing a red apron, and ask where help is needed. If your time is more restricted, show up an hour before any meal to help finalize meal preparation, serve plates, and clean up afterwards. Immediately after clean-up, the Dining Room will need to be set up for the next meal.

You might also want to look at the Prayer Room schedule, which is posted in the Kitchen and try to visit before, during, or after one of the Speakers.

This will give you a well-rounded view of where the needs are for every Walk, and you can decide where you best like to serve. We look forward to seeing you behind the scenes!

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AND NOW A WORD FROM... Your Assistant Community Lay Director



It's hard to believe that it's been over 10 years since I went on my Walk to Emmaus! But it has. In February, 2002, I was on Walk #76 and sat at the Table of Mary. I had waited for my stubborn husband for three years so we could go on the Walks at the same time, so I was really excited to finally get to go. It seems a little cliché to say "The Walk changed our lives!" but that's exactly what it did. It brought us from being Sunday Christians to walking with Christ in all that we do.

I was honored to be asked to be Lay Director for Walk #128 this past October. What a blessing! Once the reality set in, however, I began to think about the "Perseverance" talk. When in my past had I continued to do something in the face of difficulty or opposition - when had I been persistent in my faith? I had not! How could I possibly give this talk???

Many of you don't know my story, and I'd like to share it with you now. I loved the Lord and I went to Church most Sundays, but I didn't participate in any of the activities. I was happily married and had two precious sons. I thought I had a relationship with Christ. But what I thought was a relationship turned out to be only a mere acquaintance.

You see, our 20 year old son, James, had been battling alcohol and drug addiction for several years, and in May of 1985, Don and I practiced "Tough Love" and told James he had to leave our home. Two weeks later, James died in a motorcycle accident. I can't begin to tell you how much guilt Don and I felt. All my hopes and dreams died with James. I was devastated. I thought my world had stopped turning. We quit going to church, and we turned our backs on God. That was the beginning of our 13 year long journey in the wilderness. During that time, I battled and beat Breast Cancer, and my mom battled Alzheimer's Disease. I lost my mom, my dad and my mom-in-law all in a two year period of time, and all without the support I needed to help me through. I couldn't find God in all of this. There were times I wondered if I would survive.....if I wanted to survive! Then on October 13, 1998, my world started turning again. As I watched our great grandson come into this world, I felt God filling my heart with His Holy Spirit and His unconditional love. Through His Amazing Grace, I knew at that moment I had NOT faced those difficulties alone. Persevere???? I certainly had not persevered in the face of difficulty! I had not been persistent in my faith. It was God who persevered. He waited patiently for me for 13 years to come back to Him! In that God moment, I knew without a doubt that I would never turn away from Him again, and my faith and my perseverance will see me through whatever comes my way. Had it not been for those years in the wilderness, I might not be writing this article right now. Through His perseverance I've learned that Faith does, indeed, lead to works.

I guess you can tell Emmaus is my passion! I simply can't imagine not giving back after Emmaus has given me so much. It is such an honor to serve our Risen Christ, both in Emmaus and at my Church, UM Church of the Servant. And I will continue to do so for as long as I am able.

Blessings to All,
Judie Ellis

Walks are coming up in April!

Have you heard? We have Walks in April. That means we need Pilgrims!

Are you praying fervently about whom you would like to sponsor? Walks cannot happen without Pilgrims. Share the gift of the Emmaus experience with a family member or friend. At our January Gathering, Don Ellis began educating our community on the role and importance of good sponsorship, which is the most important job in Emmaus. He will continue this at our February Gathering on February 16th. Is there someone God is prompting you to sponsor? Come to our February Gathering and hear Don Ellis continue helping us to understand how to be a wise sponsor.

Kay Sullins,
PCE Board Secretary

Do you have musical talent?

We are looking to update our list of musicians who would be willing to help with music at either Walks and/or Gatherings. With the addition of our Pilgrims from Walks #127 and #128, there may be some of you who are musically inclined who would like to help out in this area.

Please email the Music Representative, Kim Engel, at fun_size_i_am@yahoo.com with your name, phone number, email address, and if you play an instrument, sing, or maybe both. Even if you think your information is current, please contact her so she knows you are still interested.

Don't forget to sign up for the Prayer Vigils

Do you remember how special it was to look at the Prayer Vigil and see all of the Emmaus members throughout the state, across the nation, and around the world who were praying for you during your Walk? Please take time to sign up to pray for the Pilgrim's, the Conference Room Team, and the Support Team for the upcoming Walks.

There are two ways that you can sign up. Pam Allen will have the Prayer Vigil boards on display during Gatherings, or you can go online to the community website, www.pioneercountryemmaus.com, click on Prayer Vigils at the top of the page, and then scroll down to the Pioneer Country Walk to Emmaus and sign up for an open time slot on Men's Walk # 129 and Women's Walk # 130.

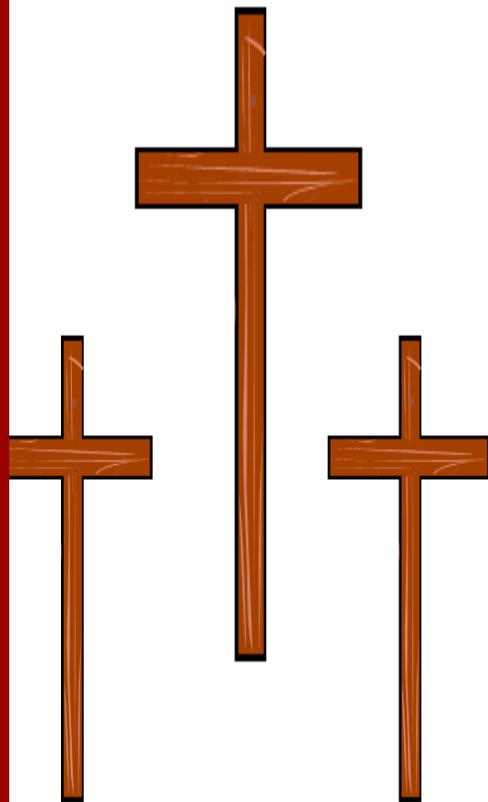
Do you have a 4th Day Story?

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 :

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CALENDAR



February 16, 2013

February Gathering

St. Matthew UMC
300 N. Air Depot, Midwest City, OK

Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 PM. The community is asked to bring snacks or drinks to share following worship. Childcare is available, PLEASE RSVP with Debbie Rowland at 681-2135 or 802-8113 to make the necessary preparations for your child.

Gatherings are open to all so please invite a friend!

February 16, 2013

Team Training for Walks 129 & 130
Sunnylane UMC
Training begins at 8:00 AM

February Gathering
St. Matthew UMC
300 N. Air Depot - Midwest City

March 2, 2013

Team Training for Walks 129 & 130
Douglas Boulevard UMC
Training begins at 8:00 AM

March 16, 2013

March Gathering
Chapel Hill UMC
2717 W. Hefner Road - OKC

March 23, 2013

Team Training for Walks 129 & 130
Ridgecrest UMC
Training begins at 8:00 AM

April 4-7, 2013

Men's Walk #129
Ridgecrest UMC
3629 NW 25th Street - OKC

April 11, 2013

Men's Fourth Day
Ridgecrest UMC
3629 NW 25th Street - OKC

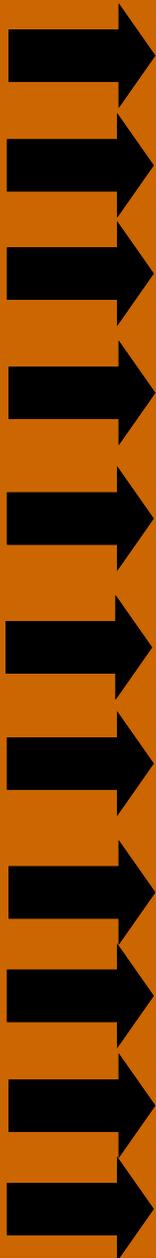
April 18-21, 2013

Women's Walk #130
Ridgecrest UMC
3629 NW 25th Street - OKC

April 25, 2013

Women's 4th Day
Ridgecrest UMC
3629 NW 25th Street - OKC

LET'S FILL THESE CHAIRS!



AVOID THE RUSH

SPONSOR SOMEONE

NOW

MEN'S WALK DATES - April 4 - 7, 2013

WOMEN'S WALK DATES - April 18 - 21, 2013

MEN'S WALK #129



WOMEN'S WALK #130



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