



# **ROOSTER TALES**

The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

**May 2023** 

# May Gathering

Saturday, May 20

St. Matthew's UMC

300 N Air Depot

Midwest City, OK

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PotLuck Dinner at 5:30

Worship at 6:30

"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)

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# **About The Upper Room**

# New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world.

-Liturgy for Morning Prayer, Upper Room Worshipbook

The Upper Room® is a global ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual life of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully. From its beginnings in 1935 as a daily devotional guide, The Upper Room has grown to include publications, programs, prayer support, and other resources to help believers of all ages and denominations move to a deeper level of faith and service.

### The Upper Room exists to:

- offer resources that encourage daily spiritual practice
- call Christians to a life of living prayer
- create meaningful, transformational experiences and studies for individuals, small groups, and congregations
- help people grow deeper in love with God and neighbor
- support churches in becoming centers of prayer and spiritual formation
- inspire spiritual leaders to lead with a listening heart
- invite the "spiritually curious" to living waters

### **Our Vision:**

To foster an international community of people and congregations who are seeking God, building a vision of new life in Christ, nurturing one another by sharing experiences of God's love and guidance, and encouraging one another in Christian action to transform the world.

### **Our Core Scriptural Values:**

- The Great Commandment Matthew 22:37
- The Great Commitment Matthew 16:24
- The Great Requirement Micah 6:8
- The Great Commission Matthew 28:19-20
- The Great Redemption John 3:16

### In our ministry and life together, we follow these values:

- Listening to God
- Focusing on People
- Celebrating with Thankfulness
- Valuing Diversity and Inclusion
- Working with Integrity
- Being a Trusted Partner
- Exercising Fiduciary Responsibility

### Editorial

Well, the dust has settled (at least around here), and the churches that wished to disaffiliate have done so. It's time for everyone to move on and get past this division. I realize that not all members of our community were affected, but there has been shock, sadness, grief, and a host of other emotions that have gone through the Methodist members that past several months. Has that affected our Community?? I hope not, but it's possible that some people feel uncomfortable about their churches decision, and are staying away for that reason.

We are all Christians and are called to love one another—regardless of our church affiliation. Isn't that what Jesus would do? That's one of the great commandments—to Love One Another!! If you know someone that is troubled, reach out to them. I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you.

So, we as a Community have to move on, and grow!!! COVID affected us like everyone else in the world, and our attendance at Gatherings has definitely suffered because of it. But, we had a Walk, and we now have new Members with the potential of gaining even more with each Walk! Who can you Sponsor? It's not too early to start talking to prospects.

The Board will be replacing the semi trailer that we currently use to move and store our Emmaus Walk items. Many things are no longer needed (think foam mattresses!) and other items that have been broken, damaged or just worn out! We are considering a 20 ft. trailer that can be moved by a truck with a trailer hitch vs. having to find someone to drive a Semi! A smaller trailer will also be easier to store.

If you have any recommendations about the trailer, please contact Marvin Scheele.

Please thank Susan Ledgerwood and Delana Secondi for joining the Board!! Delana will be in charge of scheduling the Gatherings and getting Musicians, so if she asks, say YES!

Susan will be acting as the Secretary for the Board. She's already done a great job with taking and posting the minutes of the last Board meeting.

BUT..........We still have vacancies on the Board. PLEASE pray and consider helping!!

Linda Rinehard

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# CALENDAR

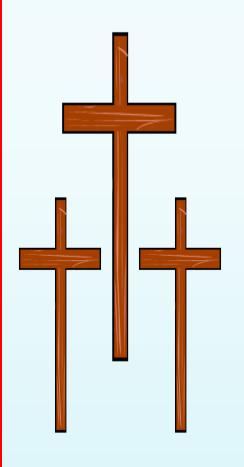
Do you have a 4th Day Story?

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

Why not share them with the PCE community?

**Email to:** 

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Gatherings are open to all, so please invite a friend!

**Board Meeting** 

4:30 p.m.

**Pot Luck Dinner** 

5:30 p.m.

**Gathering** 

6:30 p.m.

**June Gathering** 

**TBD** 

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