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# ROOSTER TALES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

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*“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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Who's missing? It might be you. In 2020, COVID-19 decimated many organizations, Pioneer Country Emmaus included. We were not able to hold Gatherings let alone any Walks. Since COVID has subsided somewhat, we have tried to rebuild our Emmaus community. It has really been a struggle. We are averaging less than thirty people at our Gatherings where we used to have a hundred or more. We had to cancel our last Men's Walk due to lack of pilgrims. We have not been able to fill all the positions on the board of directors.

Many churches have decided to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. This has caused some confusion as the Upper Room oversees the Walk to Emmaus. The Walk to Emmaus is itself ecumenical, meaning all denominations are welcome to participate. If you have questions about that, please contact someone on the board.

So how can you help the community? First, please come to the Gatherings and enjoy good food, good fellowship, music, and worship. Gatherings are a great way to make new friends and to catch up with old friends. Gatherings are open to everyone. You can invite and bring people that have not been on the Walk. And there is always great food at the potluck dinners. Our dedicated pastors always have a great message for us.

The next Walks have been scheduled. Women's Walk 155 will be June 6-9, 2024. Kelley Essary will be the Lay Director. Men's Walk 156 will be June 27-30, 2024. Alan Childers is the Lay Director. Both Walks will be at the Oak Park Retreat Center in Perkins. The lay directors are busy calling people to serve on their teams. If you are called, please say "yes" if your schedule allows you to serve. It is a blessing to serve in the conference room. Also consider and pray about sponsoring pilgrims on both Walks. Someone may just be waiting to be asked. You are always needed to work behind the scenes, whether that is helping in the kitchen, serving meals, working with Agape, etc.

There are currently several open positions on the board of directors. Several people are doing double duty in covering more than one position. The board of directors is a great place to serve and does not require a great deal of time. Please consider filling one of the open positions.

Last, but not least, pray for our Emmaus community. Pray that God will bless it.

With your help, we can revitalize Pioneer Country Emmaus.

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## Ministry Manager

What is Ministry Manager (MM)? It is a database developed by and maintained by the Upper Room. It allows us to have a means of keeping track of our members. It has many features, some that we have never had before. The best feature is that it can record your service to the community. And based on that it will help us with team selection when it is time to decide who should be on teams for the Walks. In order for that to work properly, your profile needs to be filled out. Many of you have already completed your profile but most of you have not.

Everyone has been added to MM and just needs to have their profile updated. To update your profile, go to <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org> and login. If you have not logged in before, you will need to Sign Up. In order to sign up you will need to enter your name, your email address, and a password. Membership is based on your email address. So, if you do not have an email address or share one with someone else, a unique email address was assigned to your profile when you were added to the database. If you need that address, contact me at [mscheele3@cox.net](mailto:mscheele3@cox.net) and I'll provide that email address and you can change it once you are logged in. Having a complete profile is especially important if you want to serve on Walk teams.

As you serve, either on a Walk team, or behind the scenes, it is recorded in MM. To see your record, in your profile, click on the "activity" tab. Our records are not perfect. If you find something in error, notify me at [mscheele3@cox.net](mailto:mscheele3@cox.net) or any board member and we will correct it.

In your profile you can also record who your sponsor was. You can enter your home church. You can send messages to other members. You can enter your emergency contacts.

In MM we will be able to schedule events such as Walks on the calendar. MM also provides us with a Prayer Vigil for each Walk. You will be able to sign up for those prayer vigils.

Ministry Manager is a great tool for our community. At the bottom of each page, there is a FAQ. You can click on FAQ and see all the tutorials that MM provides. These should answer most of your questions. If you need more information, please contact me at [mscheele3@cox.net](mailto:mscheele3@cox.net).

There are some features in MM that are not fully developed. It may take some time to complete those features as the development team is in Ukraine and we know what is going on there. Pray for peace.

## **Walks 2024**

**Women's Walk #155 will be first, June 6-9,  
2024**

**Men's Walk #156 will be June 27-30, 2024**

**Teams are being developed, and training will  
come soon. Get those Pilgrim applications  
sent in soon!**

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