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EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS
"Then their eyes were opened" - Luke 24:31



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Please note that the PO Box number for Pioneer Country Emmaus and Chrysalis has changed.

It may take awhile to change all of our forms such as applications. Please send any correspondence to:

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UPCOMING DATES

- Board Meetings are being held via Zoom due to COVID19 restrictions.
- April Gathering, Postponed due to COVID19
- May Gathering, Postponed due to COVID19
- Men's Walk 153, Postponed due to COVID19
- Women's Walk 154, postponed due to COVID19
- No gathering in June due to COVID19 restrictions.
- July Gathering, July 18, Pending.
- August Gathering, August 15, Pending.



Gathering Postponements

After careful consideration, the Pioneer Country Emmaus and Chrysalis Board of Directors has decided to not hold a June Gathering. We are watching events and will determine if we can hold a July Gathering as that time approaches.

We miss seeing you !!! Please continue to pray for the health and safety of everyone in the community.

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Susan Good, CLD

From The Upper Room Emmaus Ministries Office ---- Guidance for the “reopening” of Emmaus Ministries Communities:

As dates of planned events approach, Emmaus Ministries communities have been reaching-out to the International Office for guidance. Amidst conversations around the reopening of economies, the lack of visibility in this COVID-19 pandemic environment is causing the Upper Room as a whole to continue to exercise, and to invite its constituencies to prudence.

At this stage, while the severity of the pandemic has been – arguably - drastically reduced as a result of radical social distancing measures, there remains a multitude of questions surrounding the nature, the transmission, the impact on the human-being, and an efficient response to the virus.

More than ever the future is filled of unknowns, and fear is a reality for many potential team members and participants. The impressive COVID-19 related death toll and the huge media focus – with, at times, spectacular footages – will remain engraved in many minds for some time. Here again, trauma and its consequences will be real for many potential team members and participants.

Therefore, as they deliberate, local Emmaus Ministries Communities are encouraged to be sensitive to these realities. Communities are furthermore encouraged to have participants’ and team members’ physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing as their primary concern, and to ensure that (1) for the various aspects of the Emmaus Ministries event, team members are truly in a position to create an environment in which participants might experience the grace of God in new and life changing ways, and (2) participants are able to avail themselves to that transformative grace.

Where the decision to hold events is taken, Local Emmaus Ministries Communities are encouraged:

A- To follow Federal recommendations for gatherings

“Interim Guidance for Administrators and Leaders of Community - and Faith-Based Organizations to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)”

<https://www.cdc.gov/.../guidance-community-faith...>

B- To follow State recommendations for gatherings – a TN example is provided below

“Guidance for Gathering together in houses of worship” (in TN). This is an excellent document

<https://www.tn.gov/.../House%20of%20Worship%20Guidance...>

C- To follow Local recommendations for gatherings – A Nashville example is provided below

“Metro (Nashville) issues recommendations for religious gatherings”

<https://www.newschannel5.com/.../metro-issues...>

As God’s people, we exercise both faith and wisdom. We are confident that those things we hope for will become reality, and we always seek to remain in God’s will.

In our case, we know without the shadow of a doubt that events will be held in the future. And, as we seek to honor God, team members and participants, together we are invited to prayerfully seek divine guidance on the most appropriate season, the location, and conditions in which those events will be held.

Much grace and peace going forward. De Colores!

Rev. Stephane Brooks, Spiritual Director of Emmaus Ministries, The Upper Room



Board Openings

The Pioneer Country Emmaus Board of Directors has openings for two positions:

Facilities Representative.

Chrysalis Representative.

These positions are open from now, to the end of 2020.

At the end of that time, the person would either run for a three-year term, or roll off the board. The Facilities Board Rep person works with a partner to organize the physical needs of each walk. (Room assignment, securing facilities, organize truck offloading and unloading, etc.)

The Chrysalis Board Rep works with Green Country to organize Chrysalis flights. If you are interested and want to learn more, please send an email to Pioneer Country Community Lay Director, Susan Good
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From our Community Spiritual Director, Darrell Cates

In Seminary, my church history professor spoke of a coming liturgical revival. When I attended Green Country Emmaus walk #7 in Tulsa, I experienced what he described to us in class. Emmaus helped me experience the grace of God through participation in the community of believers and what John Wesley referred to as “the means of grace.” The personal practices, the loving accountability of a small group, and the agape of a community revived my discipleship and many others in churches I’ve served. United Methodist ministry has allowed me to serve all over Oklahoma and to serve in all the Emmaus communities in the state.

It is a privilege to serve and offer God’s amazing grace to God’s children through the Walk to Emmaus. It would be an honor to visit with any pastor who might be interested in knowing more, or become involved in Emmaus, Chrysalis, Kairos, or other expressions of this great movement of God.



Plea for submissions:

And now a note from your Pioneer Country Emmaus Newsletter Representative..... As the editor of our newsletter, Roostertales, it is pretty much up to me to fill these pages each month. Some months that is an easy task, and then there are months that are not quite as easy. It would make life a lot easier for me if I had a few others submitting a story here and there.

You can hand write your note and give it to me. I will gladly type it up and get it into the newsletter for you.

We all have a story to tell. Will you please tell yours? It doesn't have to be a long one. You don't need to be an expert writer—I will promise to proofread your submission. And let us be honest here, I'm no professional, and haven't had any complaints yet.... We Emmaus folks are kind and loving folks, not critical of others, right?



You can type your story on your own computer and send it to me. I can use it no matter if it's in a Word document, Docx format, or a PDF file. You can even just simply type it straight into an email if that's easier. Just get it done!

Thanks for listening, Linda Edmondson, Newsletter Editor

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