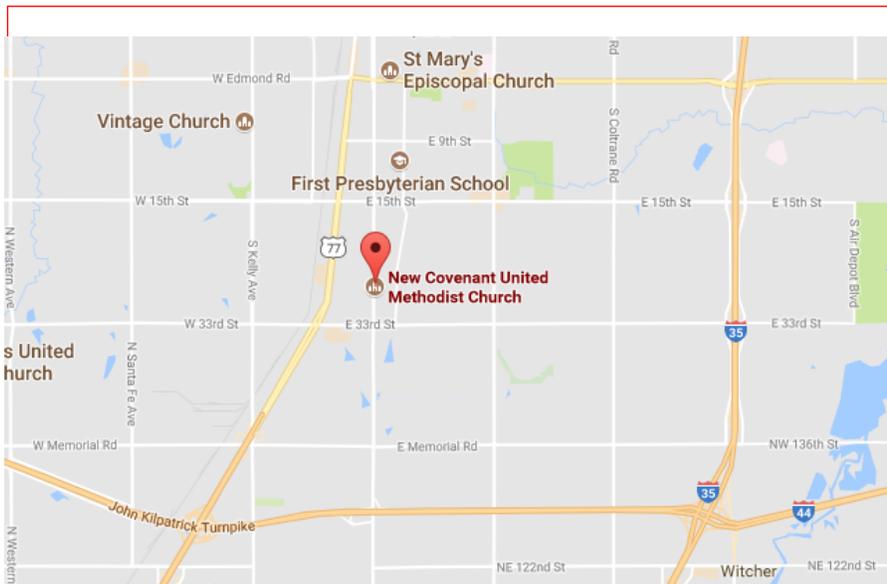




# ROOSTER TALES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

July 2017



*“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)*

**JULY GATHERING IS July 15, 2017**

**New Covenant UMC**

**2700 South Blvd, Edmond, OK 73013**

**Come for the fun and fellowship!**

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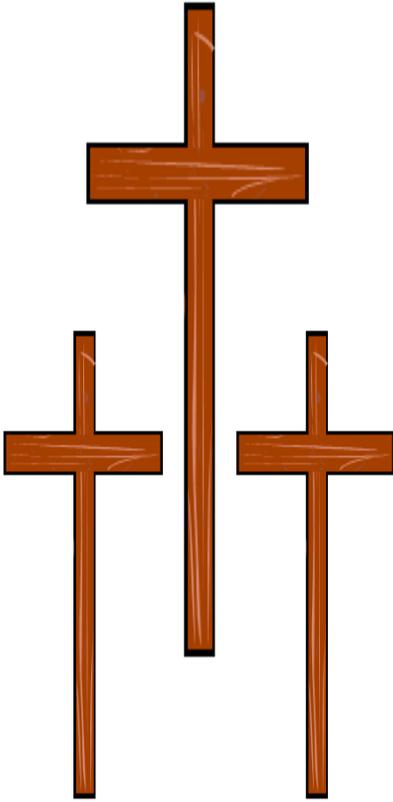
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# WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

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Can you believe the summer is already half over! Time seems to go faster every year, and all of a sudden we will be back into the busy Fall months - school, football, our “normal” schedule. Where does the time go? And are you making wise use of it?

I’ve been thinking a lot lately about what I want to do when I retire - play more golf, make more quilts, take more Bible studies, etc. But what is really the most important thing? Remember in one of the talks that “Passion” is where you spend your time and money. What is your passion? What should it be?

My passion is quilting. I love to make Applique quilts - and that is a dying art. Most quilters are “piecers” - they cut out and sew different fabrics together to make beautiful designs. My sewing machine and I have a love/hate relationship. Sometimes I love it, sometimes it hates me! But I can always use my hands to make beautiful applique, so that is my talent, and my passion.

But we all need to learn to listen to that voice of God when He is telling us to do something that we maybe don’t want to do! I took a big step seven years ago when God told me to start playing in our Church Orchestra. I hadn’t played in over 40 years, so it was scary! Now, I am a much better player, and I get so much joy from playing for God! Taking that bold step has given me much joy. Now my music is also a Passion of mine!

Our new Senior Minister listened to God when he moved from Georgia to Oklahoma. It was a bold step for him and his family. He said last week that the move has been so much better than expected, and that is our blessing as a Church!

What is God asking you to do? Remember he doesn’t call the equipped, he equips the called! He equipped me with muscle memory on how to played a stringed instrument - He will equip you as well. Perhaps you will discover a hidden talent you didn’t know you had, and it will bring joy to you and others! So before the summer ends, and the busy Fall season starts, take time, slow down, sit quietly, and listen for God’s voice. He’s talking to you, but you need to listen to hear it. ~ Linda Rinehard

# Meet Your Board!

Hi Pioneer Country Emmaus community, I am Karren Brown, your board secretary. Although born in Panama, I call Midwest City OK my home town and even purchased my first home 2 blocks from where I grew up, where I was the oldest of 4, with 2 younger sisters and 1 baby brother. Did I mention we only had 1 bathroom for the 6 of us? I am very blessed to have grown up in a Christian family that put God first and I always KNEW God loved me, NO MATTER WHAT! I would imagine the power of praying grandmothers had a lot to do with that. Even to this day, if anyone in our large extend family has a need, they call my grandmother Vick, she is a praying powerhouse! I want to be just like her when I grow up! I have 5 very beautiful, talented nieces and 1 scary smart nephew. The time I get to spend with them I count as my most favorite memories. When we are together we love to play games, some of our top choices are WhoKnew?, Wits&Wagers, Uno and a new favorite One night werewolf.

I was on PCE Walk #104 at Asbury UMC, and like many I was not convinced I wanted to be there. I thought I knew what was going to happen, and I didn't really want to talk to God or anyone about what I was or was not doing at that time in my life. Well, through the Holy Spirit and all the prayers lifted by Emmaus and family, my eyes were opened in a new way to what being "the hands and feet of Christ" is really all about. I had the faith and knowledge for myself, but hadn't shared any of that love of God with anyone other than my church family. The most precious agape I received was from seeing my brother and sister in law at candlelight, they were living 5 hours away in Temple TX, I tear up just remembering looking out and seeing them smiling.

It took me a few years before I was able to serve behind the scenes for walks, and I encourage everyone who has not yet been out to serve to go to the next walks for a day or even a few hours, I promise you will have a great time meeting community members. I have made such wonderful friends through Emmaus. People who are younger, older, working, retired, you name it-there is someone from all walks of life, all loving God and wanting to serve others.

I have a unique experience in that, I have always had a parent, mother or father, serve with me in the conference room whenever I have served on a conference room team. Even for the Chrysalis Flights, I gave a joint talk on "the Single Life" and my step-father was on the Boy's team, so he was right there to support the talk. I have hardly ever been more tired then when I was a snack manager for a walk, I hadn't yet learned just how much you need extra help, (it's just the snacks-right?) oh my goodness! I had to text my small group just to pray for my aching feet after Friday. Prayer works! And I made it through that weekend. Serving on the conference room team has taught me just how God works in our lives when we are following his direction and the real power of forgiveness. Serving on the board has been a real blessing to me, teaching me how to work better with others for a common goal of sharing the love of God at the heart of our board. The best gift God has given to me from serving on the board, is getting to share life's ups and down's with some of the nicest people I have known in my life.

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Do you have a 4th Day Story?

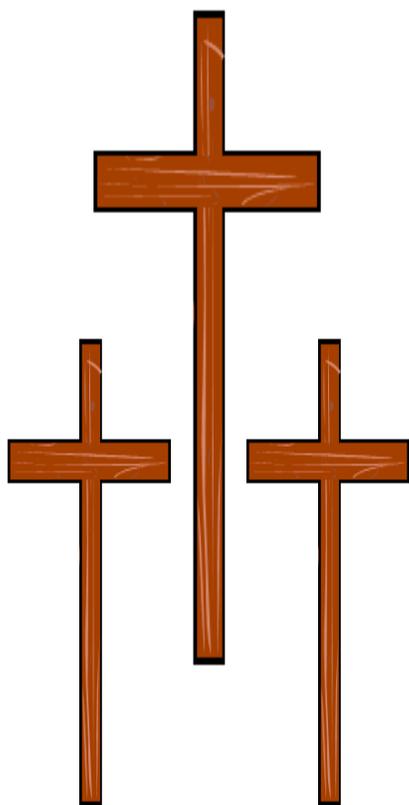
How about a good study or devotional that's worked for you?

Why not share them with the PCE community?

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# CALENDAR

July 15, 2017

July Gathering

New Covenant UMC

2700 S. Boulevard, Edmond, OK

*Potluck dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Praise and worship follows at 7:00 PM. Childcare is by RVSP. Please contact Debbie Rowland at 681-2135 or 802-8113 to make the necessary preparations.*

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

July 15, 2017

July Board Meeting - 4:30 PM

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July Gathering - 5:30 PM

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August 19, 2017

August Board Meeting - TBD

Lost Creek UMC

Stillwater, OK

August 19, 2017

August Gathering - 5:30 p.m.

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