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Welcome 2021

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

ELECTIONS SUSPENDED

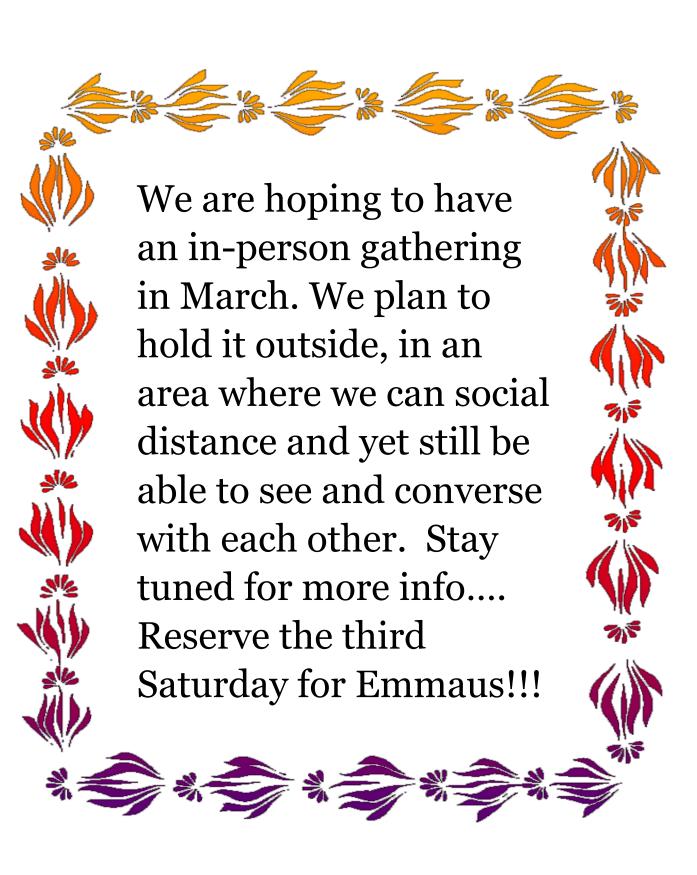
- Gatherings are on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions.
- Tentative date for ZOOM gathering February 20th.
- Tentative date for Outdoor Gathering March 20th.
- Men's Walk tentatively set for July
 2021. Location pending.
- Women's Walk tentatively set for July
 2021. Location pending.



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- *Are you tired of not being able to see your Emmaus friends?
- *Wouldn't it be nice to at least be able to look at their faces even if you can't give them a big old Emmaus style hug?
- *Can you Zoom?
- *Your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board is working on a plan for Zoom Gathering in February.
- *Save the date on your calendar, February 20, details to be announced in the near future.
- *Instructions / how-to on page 7.

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Got books???



Hey team members! Do you still have a notebook from your last Team Training session? If so, we need those to be returned as soon as possible. Reach out to a board member and make a plan to return notebooks please.

We are contemplating an in-person gathering in March, in an outdoor setting. So if you can't get with a board member before then, please bring them to the gathering.

Fourth Day

The king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).

We return home from Weekends glowing in the light of love found there. All too soon, the world is not cooperating. We want the Emmaus atmosphere to be present always. But it's not going to happen.

How do we keep the "high"? Peter, James, and John wanted to keep the powerful Transfiguration event alive. Peter suggested they build 3 booths: for Jesus, for Elijah, and for Moses. They would stay on the mountaintop forever. We know that Jesus' transfiguration was the revealing event that proved the Law and the Prophets were complete in him. God sealed this vision by saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" (Mark 9:7).

Christ is re-presented to us on Weekends. We are told that whatever we do in love, even if it is the least task, we have done it to and for him. Think about the loving tasks you do each day. You may feel that your position in life is not as important as someone else's. But that's not true. All things done in love count for good.

What about Weekends? Do you sign up for the Prayer Vigil? Or prepare meals for the pilgrims and team members? Do you write agape letters to all pilgrims first? Make writing pilgrim agape letters a priority. (Remember what a loving impact they made on you.) Persevere in doing, what some may consider, the least jobs. Setting up for a Weekend and taking down after the closing are just as important as lay director servanthood. Without your work and willingness to serve, the lay director would have nowhere to lead the pilgrims. Work where you can, in love, and it will glorify God and edify the Body of Christ.

Emmaus has 3 priorities: to deepen the spiritual growth of pilgrims, to deepen the spiritual growth of those in our congregations, and to let the light of Christ shine brightly in our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces. On a Weekend, the first priority has hopefully taken place in us. Now, it is up to us to help deepen the spiritual growth of our brothers and sisters in our homes and churches. As we do that, we reach out to our communities to work where we can to bring the light of Christ to our environments. No matter what least job you do, if done in love, you have done it for and to our Lord.

Question for Reflection: Are you envious because you feel your tasks are less important than the tasks of others?

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Because your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board members are considering a ZOOM gathering, here are some instructions for getting zoom on your laptop or mobile device...

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH ZOOM

1. For Desktop

Step 1: To get started with Zoom, head to their website, and click on the "SIGN UP" button that's at the top-right corner of the screen.

Step 2: You have two options when it comes to creating a Zoom account.

You can either:

- Create a new account using your email address.
- Sign in using SSO (Single Sign-On) or your Google or Facebook account.

If you're using Zoom for work purposes, it's best to sign up using your work email address.

Step 3: Zoom will now send you an email with a confirmation link.

Click on that link to go to Zoom's Sign Up Assistant and sign in using your credentials.

Step 4: Download the desktop app/ Zoom client from the Zoom website for easy access.

2. For Mobile options—phone or ipad etc

- Step 1: Download the Zoom iOS or Android app from the App Store/Play Store.
- **Step 2:** Sign up or sign in to Zoom by following the on-screen instructions that are similar to the desktop process.



Your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board has continued to conduct business, in a safe Socially Distant way. We have been meeting in various electronic ways, via emails, texts, phone calls, and zoom meetings. We are still a working board, and we are striving to meet the needs of our community, in spite of the difficulties presented by the Covid lockdown/ slowdown situation.

Sure hope to see all you lovely roosters and cluck hens real soon!!!



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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