



PIONEER COUNTRY
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The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

August 2022

IT'S BACK!!!

August 20th will be a Bar-B-Que dinner and ICE CREAM SOCIAL at Lost Creek UMC- located south of Stillwater and north of Perkins at 8002 S. Washington.



(SW corner of 80th and Washington).

Dinner begins at 5:30 PM, followed by Praise and Worship (for those of us who didn't eat too much homemade ice cream) at 6:30 PM. The Community is asked to bring picnic-style food, desserts, and/or drinks (no-alcoholic, of course) to share.



"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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Community Lay Director Letter

Greetings from the PCE Board of Directors,

I would like to start with a sincere Thank You for everyone's patience with the need to cancel the July Gathering. The Board thought it was a prudent thing to do with the very short notice we received about the CDC raising the COVID level of concern to high because of the high-level of new cases being reported for Oklahoma County. The board wanted time to look into the CDC recommendations and then meet as The Board to discuss how to proceed. We did so via zoom the following Saturday and have decided to proceed with Gatherings starting in August and moving forward with the following recommendation.

The board fully respects the right of each individual to define how they wish to respond to the CDC recommendations when located within a county of high risk to COVID. At the same time, the Board requests that everyone also consider the risk one might pose to others when considering how they will respond. The board is NOT going to mandate how to respond. We only request everyone consider the CDC's recommendations as listed below for high risk locations.

- 1) Wear a mask when indoors.
- 2) Be current with all vaccination recommendations.
- 3) Get tested if you have symptoms.
- 4) Additional precautions may be necessary for individuals at high risk for serious illness.

Please note that the board also sought outside counsel from Doctors Conrady and Dimski, both of whom concurred with our decision to hold gatherings and the communique as stated above.

Secondly, the board has agreed to move forward with a Men's and Women's Walk in February and New Covenant has agreed to host them. The Men's Walk will be Feb 2-5 and the Women's Walk will be Feb 16-19. Remember, walks are not successful without Sponsors, Support Team members and Conference Team Members. Please begin a time of prayer for the walks and your participation as called upon.

Lastly, the board still needs 2 additional board members. Please prayerfully consider your participation as a Board Member.

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Jeffrey Bull PCE Community Lay Director

Reunion Groups

Our list of reunion groups is long outdated, and we need to get it current.

Marvin Scheele sent out 52 emails from the Reunion Group email list, and only 5 were returned as Confirmed.

If you are in a active Reunion or Accountability Group, please let Marvin know. If you want to sign up to be in a Reunion group, let Marvin know that as well.

Reunion groups are an important part of keeping the Emmaus Weekend experience alive. Won't you help?



Editorial

For this Emmaus Community to thrive and grow, two things have to happen—we have to continually get new Pilgrims involved. This means we need people to find individuals who would benefit from this weekend and Sponsor them! Talk to others in your church that seem to have an interest in growing in their Spiritual life. They may be just waiting to be asked to go on a Walk!

We also need new people with fresh ideas to serve on the Board. The last two elections there have been open positions with no one willing to step up and fill them. Consequently, many members have been appointed by the Community Lay Director and have graciously accepted the positions.

Serving on the Board is not a difficult job! We meet on the same day as the Gathering (usually at 4 or 4:30) and perform the basic functions of keeping the Emmaus Community running properly. There are still Board positions to be filled—so please prayerfully consider running. It's a great way to serve your community and learn more about Emmaus.

Linda Rinehard

PIONEER COUNTRY TO OFFER DAY 4 RESTORE

Emmaus Ministries exists to inspire, challenge, and equip local faith communities for Christian actions in their homes, churches, communities, and places of work. This purpose does not come to full realization for its participants during the Emmaus Ministries event itself but in the many days that follow.

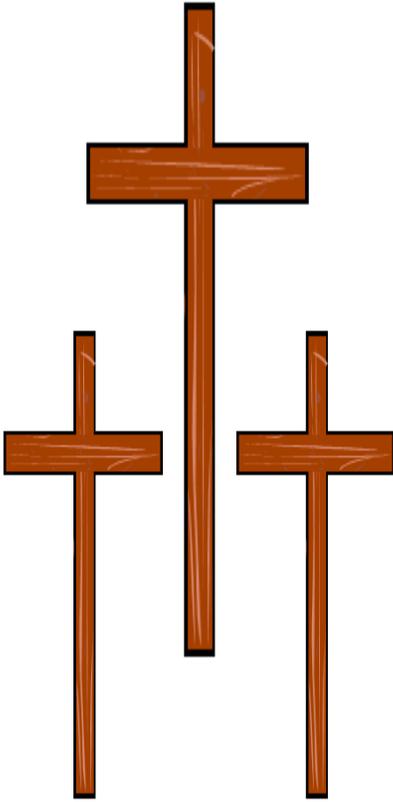
Emmaus Ministries expands participants' spiritual lives, deepens their faith and discipleship, and rekindles—or perhaps ignites for the first time—their gifts as Christian leaders for their churches and communities. These aims are accomplished not only during the Emmaus Ministries event itself but also through participation in follow-up spiritual support groups and community fellowship opportunities, sponsorship, prayer, support of other Emmaus Ministries events, and service on support committees and on teams.

Persons whose spiritual lives are renewed and strengthened through Emmaus Ministries are called and empowered to be the hands and feet of Christ—to share within their communities the grace they received. They become energetic and renewing catalysts in their homes, places of work or education, and local communities of faith. While walking together with other Christians, they actively participate in God's mission to the world.

Day Four Restore has been created to refresh the spirit and renew the commitment of those who have attended any Fourth Day movement events. It is intended to be held annually for the growth of the Fourth Day community and to empower leaders to look for growth in ministry beyond the Fourth Day community. It is your chance to renew your spirit and regain some of the excitement you felt after your Walk.

Pioneer Country Emmaus would like to offer the Day Four Restore program to our community if there is enough interest. It is open to everyone who has been on a Walk, a Chrysalis Flight, Cursillo, Tres Dias, or any other fourth day program, including Kairos and Kairos Outside. We would offer Day Four Restore in a virtual format using Zoom, which would allow us to have more participants. It is held on a Saturday, starts at 9:00 AM and runs until about 4:00 PM with a lunch break. Cost is \$25. If you are interested in participating in Day Four Restore or have any questions about it, please contact Marvin Scheele at mscheele3@cox.net.

SPRING WALKS



Men's Walk February 2-5 2023

Women's Walk February 16-19, 2022

New Covenant UMC, Edmond, OK

What do we all need to make us happy? Is it money, power, prestige?? Or do you really know what you need?

Most people just want to feel needed, or feel like their lives matter. How can you do that? Do you feel fulfilled in your job, or burnt out? Is your family something that brings you joy, or are you so busy you don't have time to enjoy them??

Why do I ask this? Take a moment to think back on your Walk. What was special about it? Was it the fact that you had nothing to do that weekend but focus on God? Or was it because you didn't have to do anything but be present—no meals to prepare, no beds to make—no electronic interruptions???

You can help someone have that special experience on a Walk by being a Sponsor. Or you can show your Agape love by serving in some capacity. Do you have a reunion group? Get together one Saturday afternoon and make some Agape. Or come and serve one of the meals (and perhaps stay to participate in the Kitchen Band Extravaganza!) Do you have a special talent you would like to share? We always need Saturday night entertainers.

How can YOU serve?

Letter from a “Lost” PCE Community Member

Hey, it's Randy Reed, and I just wanted to give you a brief update on life here in Arkansas. Connie and I sincerely miss Oklahoma, our church, our friends, even our jobs! We absolutely miss our Pioneer Country Emmaus family and are grateful for the emails and newsletters that help us keep track of what is happening “back home”. We are doing well here, in spite of still being homesick after more than three years away. I am teaching at a high school in the area and Connie is spending a great deal of her time helping care for her parents as well as volunteering for community service through our church. We have become active members of St. Paul UMC here in Searcy and feel blessed that God has led us into this congregation.

Greetings and blessings to all of you, and we hope to make it back for a Pioneer Country Emmaus gathering soon.

With love,

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(Randy and Connie can be reached via email at rsquare57@gmail.com)



CALENDAR

August 20, 2022

Lost Creek UMC

Stillwater, OK

Potluck dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Praise and worship follows at 6:30 PM

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

Do you have a 4th Day Story?

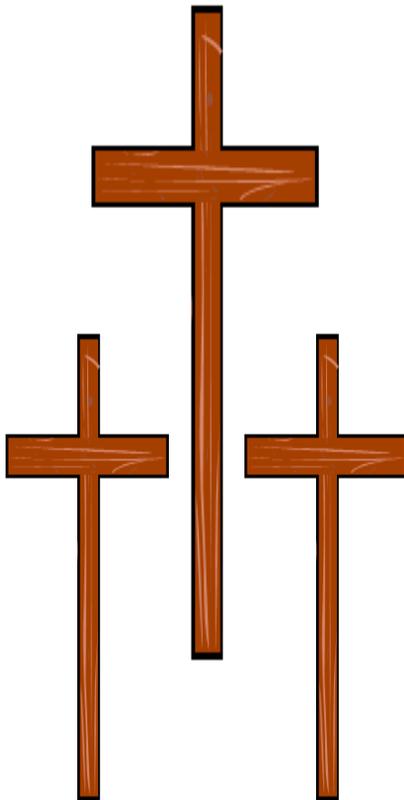
How about a good study or devotional that's worked for you?

Why not share them with the PCE community?

Email to:

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August 20, 2022

Bar-B-Que and ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Lost Creek UMC

September 17, 2022

McFarland UMC

Norman, OK

October 15, 2022

TBD

November 19, 2022

Highland Park

Stillwater, OK

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