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# ROOSTER TALES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

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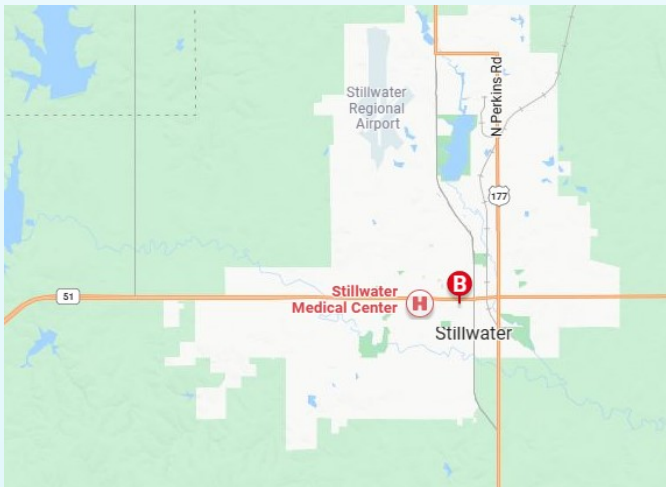
## April Gathering

**Saturday, April 15**

**1st United Methodist Church**

**400 W 7th Street**

**Stillwater, OK**



**PotLuck Dinner at 5:30**

**Worship at 6:30**

**by Assoc Pastor Cindy Reidel**

*“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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# Letter from our Lay Director

## Emmaus and Disaffiliation

As many are aware, several churches within the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference are, or have been thru, the process of discernment leading to a decision regarding one's continuing affiliation with the United Methodist Church. This article is not meant to enter into any discussion as to the reasons for/against the disaffiliation process or the ultimate decision to or not to disaffiliate. This article is meant to define what disaffiliation means to Emmaus.

At the highest level, disaffiliation should have little impact on the conduct of our monthly gatherings or the conduct of the Walk to Emmaus Weekends. To understand what I mean, one has to remember a founding principle of the Walk to Emmaus, as established by the Upper Room. The Walk to Emmaus is an ecumenical activity and is to be offered as, and conducted as, an ecumenical activity. Listed below are some definitions of ecumenical.

Representing a number of different Christian Churches

Of relating to or representing the whole of a body of churches

Promoting or trending towards Worldwide Christian Unity or Cooperation.

As such, Pioneer Country Emmaus has opened the doors to Christians from several denominations throughout central Oklahoma. We have had many Walk Participants and Walk Leaders from non-Methodist churches. Likewise, we have had several non-Methodist as board members and serve in PCE leadership positions.


It is the PCE Boards intention to continue to promote and operate as an ecumenical organization. Yes, the PCE Board recognizes that Christian churches throughout our state and the country are in decline, and therefore it creates a concern moving forward. My personnel hope and prayer is that PCE Emmaus, as well as all Oklahoma Emmaus Communities will enter into a process to **“rekindle” in us the fire of the Holy Spirit.**

Please add to your daily prayer time, the Emmaus “Prayer to the Holy Spirit”. And please, participate in the rekindling of Pioneer Country Emmaus. The Board needs your participation.

Humbly His,

Jeffrey Bull

Pioneer Country Emmaus Community Lay Director



## ***“What’s In The Nest?”***

*Have you ever considered God’s imagination? Like, wasn’t it smart of God to...*

*... give us old age to help us look forward to heaven? (So don’t waste another day!)*

*... make our backsides with more padding so sitting will be more comfortable? (For all the time spent in the conference room!)*

*... make our eyes blink to moisten them as well as understand how quickly life goes by? (So look at others through God’s eyes!)*

*... make us so that smiling takes more effort than frowning to remind us to work at being kind? (So show some Agape love!)*

*And finally... make our stomachs with folds that expand as they fill up so we don’t explode from eating? (While on the walk to Emmaus!)*



## *Editorial*

This is my favorite time of year. The wheat fields are a beautiful shade of green, the purple martins have returned to our house and their happy chirping can be heard in the mornings and evenings, and of course, it's Easter!

As long as I can remember songs of joyous Alleluia have filled the churches I attended. When I started playing in our church orchestra many years ago, I experienced it on a new level. It is so thrilling to be playing the Halleluiah Chorus with the whole congregation singing along! And when the organist turns up the volume so much that the seats vibrate — Wow, what a feeling!!

I hope you have been able to experience Holy Week in a way that is meaningful for you. Remember, after the Resurrection comes the Walk to Emmaus with Jesus. This is a great time to remember your own Walk, and what it meant to you.

What's going to happen if our Emmaus Community goes away? That's a possibility if we don't get people to step up and volunteer for Board positions. When I first completed my Walk, I couldn't wait to work the next one. And then someone asked me if I would be interested in a Board position! I was thrilled to serve, and still am glad to do my part. But, it's hard to stay enthusiastic when there are no fresh ideas! **YOUR COMMUNITY** needs you to serve! Board positions are not full-time jobs, but they do require some of your time. I waste time doing trivial or insignificant things, so it wasn't hard to find the time to serve.

Remember your Walk, and prayerfully consider serving, even if you have done it before.

Blessings, and Happy Easter

Linda Rinehard

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# CALENDAR

## April Gathering

April 15, 2023

### First UMC Stillwater

400 W. 7th St.

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?**

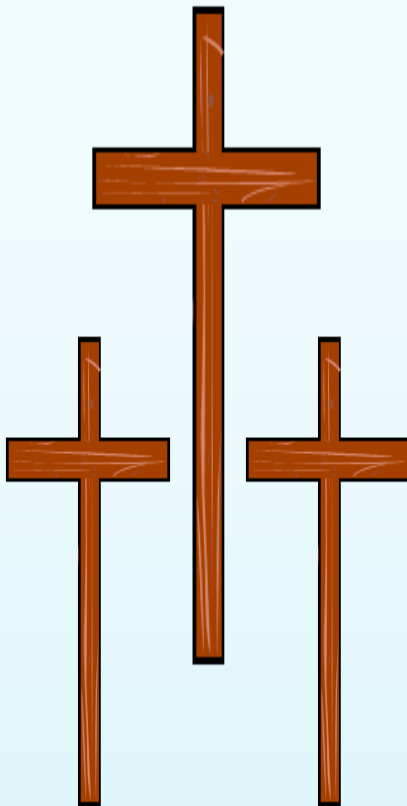
How about a good study or devotional that's worked for you?

**Why not share them with the PCE community?**

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#### 1st UMC Stillwater

Board Meeting

4:30 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner

5:30 p.m.

Gathering

6:30 p.m.

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