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"Then their eyes were opened" - Luke 24:31



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Welcome February 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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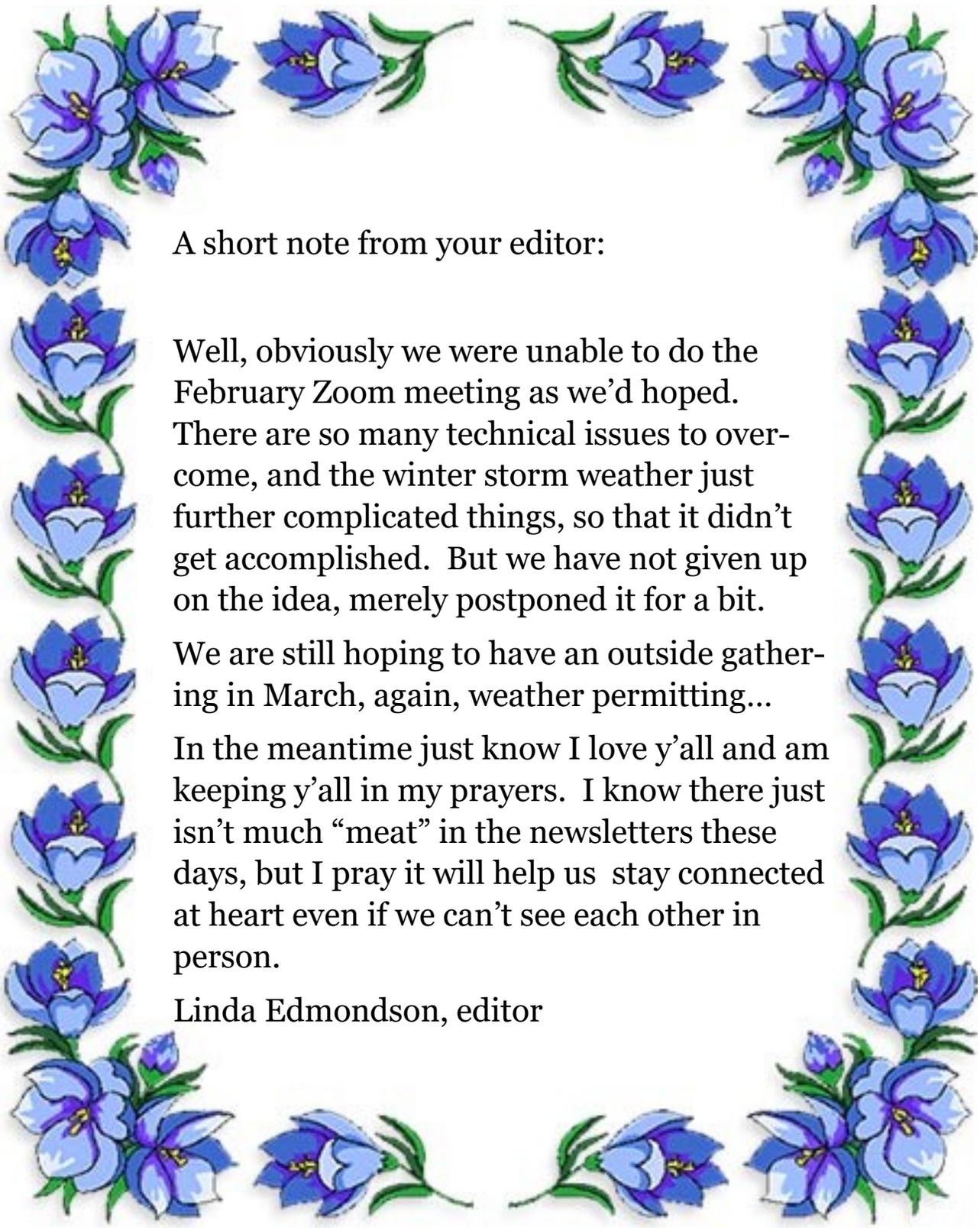
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UPCOMING DATES

ELECTIONS SUSPENDED

- Gatherings are on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions.
- ZOOM gathering under consideration.
- 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.

A decorative border of blue and purple flowers with green leaves, framing the text. The flowers are arranged in a rectangular pattern, with larger clusters at the corners and smaller sprigs along the sides.

A short note from your editor:

Well, obviously we were unable to do the February Zoom meeting as we'd hoped. There are so many technical issues to overcome, and the winter storm weather just further complicated things, so that it didn't get accomplished. But we have not given up on the idea, merely postponed it for a bit.

We are still hoping to have an outside gathering in March, again, weather permitting...

In the meantime just know I love y'all and am keeping y'all in my prayers. I know there just isn't much "meat" in the newsletters these days, but I pray it will help us stay connected at heart even if we can't see each other in person.

Linda Edmondson, editor

From The Upper Room:

*** this is only a part of the rather long 2 page pdf document that was sent to us, but I thought it prudent to include in this newsletter (your editor)***

Guidance for Emmaus Ministries Communities in a Post-COVID World

As the vaccine for COVID-19 has begun to be available, Emmaus Ministries communities continue to reach out to the International Office for guidance.

As a basis for conversation, we want to inform you that The Upper Room as a whole continues to exercise, and to invite its constituents to exercise, prudence and caution. In 2020 Discipleship Ministries and The Upper Room took bold measures to ensure the health and wellbeing of not only its employees, but also all our partners in ministry by having all staff begin a work-from-home plan and to close our building to visitors and staff. This has since become a permanent work-from-home scenario and reduction in use of our building. There is also a halt on all travel until mid-2021 to assist as well.

At this time, with global infection numbers approaching 100 million and death numbers in the United States alone over 400,000, we want to again advise great caution and discernment in plans to begin offering full 4th Day experiences as we have in the past. As the vaccine becomes more widely available the ability to return to a new normal will be more accessible.

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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?

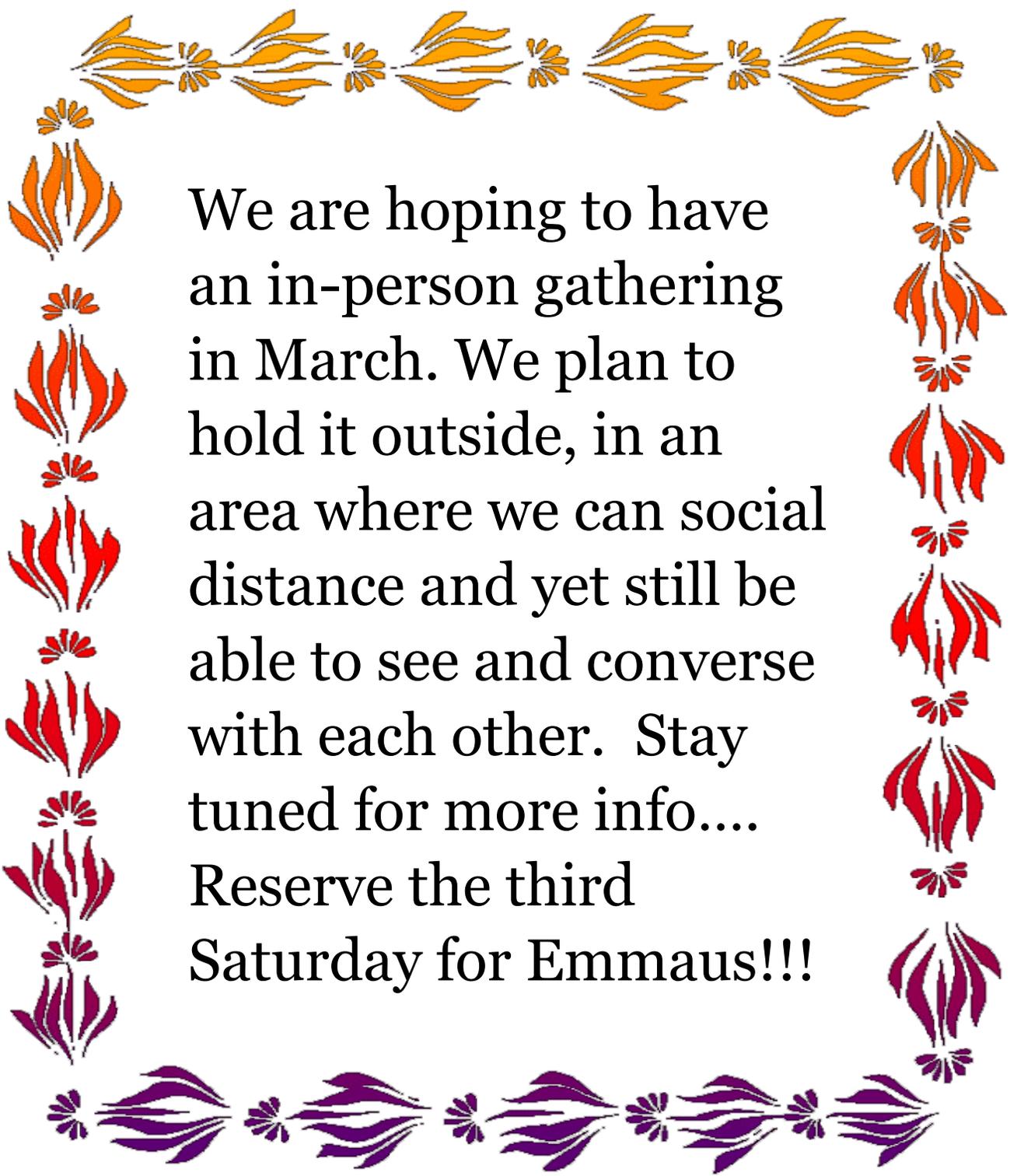
*Can you Zoom?

*Your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board is **working on a plan** for Zoom Gathering some day...

***Still hoping** to do a gathering of some sort, even we zoom it.

*Instructions / how-to zoom are on page 7.

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We are hoping to have an in-person gathering in March. We plan to hold it outside, in an area where we can social distance and yet still be able to see and converse with each other. Stay tuned for more info.... Reserve the third Saturday for Emmaus!!!

Got books???

Team Notebooks that is??? We need those Team Training Notebooks to be returned as soon as you can, please. We do hope to have another walk one of these days...

Hey team members! Do you still have a TEAM book 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.

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: 1. Create a new account using your email address. Or 2. Sign in using SSO (Single Sign-On) or your Google or Facebook account.

If you’re using Zoom for work purpose, 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.

Greetings Emmaus community!

I'm Peety Luka, your Pioneer Country Emmaus Gatherings and 4th Day board representative. My original walk was #83 held at United Methodist

Church Good Shepherd in Yukon, Ok!

The Walk to Emmaus changed my life and my relationship with my maker has grown so much deeper.

After my original walk, I could not wait to return and serve others and show His love like I was shown. The very next walk, #84, I remember walking into the kitchen of the church, signing my name and serving meals! It was awesome! I have volunteered in the kitchen, dining room, prayer room, agape, TA and several times in the conference room. I was then blessed to be asked to be Lay Director of Walk #134!

To see how God is working in so many areas of Emmaus and in so many men and women is indescribable.

The monthly gatherings are such a great way to come together and worship our King. I recently read in Chasing Vines by Beth Moore, David sang to God in one of his psalms, (Psalm 32:7)

"You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance." In the next line of the psalm, God sings back: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." As Beth then says: "Can you imagine? Think of all the times you've sung to God in worship. Has it ever occurred to you that, when you take a breath, He just might be singing back?" Wow...I don't know about you, but that just gives me holy bumps! I would imagine when we gather together to sing our worship songs it must sound like a heavenly choir to Him!

Oh, by the way, did I mention we usually share a meal together at our gatherings too?!

We have not been able to hold a gathering or walks for awhile, however, we as a board are looking forward to the month we can hold in person gatherings again and plan our next set of walks.

I pray that each of you, pull out your letters that you received on Sunday of your walk. Read them, again and again, close your eyes and remember how special your weekend was. Pray for those that were at your table, that wrote you letters and served you in any capacity.

I will end with this: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

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Peety Luka



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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