



PIONEER COUNTRY
EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS
"Then their eyes were opened" - Luke 24:31



ROOSTER TALES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

January 2022

NOTICE

There will be no Gathering or Board Meeting in January due to the ongoing surge in COVID cases in Oklahoma.

The Board, in consultation with the PCE COVID Task force, has cancelled both the Men's and Women's Walks scheduled for March 2022.

State of the Pioneer Country Community

January 2022

This Message serves as a combined State of Community Message as well as a Plea for Help.

As we closed out 2021 and entered 2022, the community finds itself in a state of need. Yes, the primary cause is the COVID pandemic that has caused us to:

Cancel Gatherings for most of the past 2 years.

Cancel Emmaus Walks with the last Walks occurring in September 2019.

Cancel Chrysalis Flights with the last Flights occurring in January 2020.

Conduct business with an understaffed Board of Directors requiring some board members to take on multiple jobs and board members having to serve longer than a standard 3 year term.

Conduct Board meetings without having quorum meaning no specific actions could be taken.

Note: It is very hard to guide a community of any type when the community cannot meet face to face.

We have had a very successful initiative to eliminate the use of the foam mattresses as the community raised sufficient funds to purchase 75 cots. THANK EVERYONE OF YOU that contributed to make this happen.

We also need to thank the following board members who have completed their 3 year term.

Susan Good - Past Community Lay Director

Peety Luka - 4th day, Gatherings, Music

Linda Edmonson - Newsletter

Wendy Daughety - Kitchen / Snacks

Shauna Becker - Asst. Community Spiritual Director

I also want to note that several of these members served more than the standard 3-year term. JOB WELL DONE!!

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Before I announce the current board members, I need to make sure you understand that at the last board meeting, we did not have quorum, meaning the election of officers (Community Lay Director, Assistant Community Lay Director, Secretary, Treasure) could not take place. As a result, the officers are serving as “Acting” officers until such time as the Board of Directors meets to confirm their election as an officer.

The 2022 PCE BOARD current board of directors includes the following:

Jeffrey Bull - Community Lay Director Marvin Scheele - Past Community Lay Director

Jeanne Millican - Treasure Linda Rinehard - Secretary / Newsletter

Darrell Cates - Spiritual Director Karen Mitchell - Registrar

Phil Christie - Facilities / Security Linda Johnston - Security

Monte Daughety - Kitchen / Snacks Dena Lewis - General Agape

Mary Nethercutt - Personal Agape

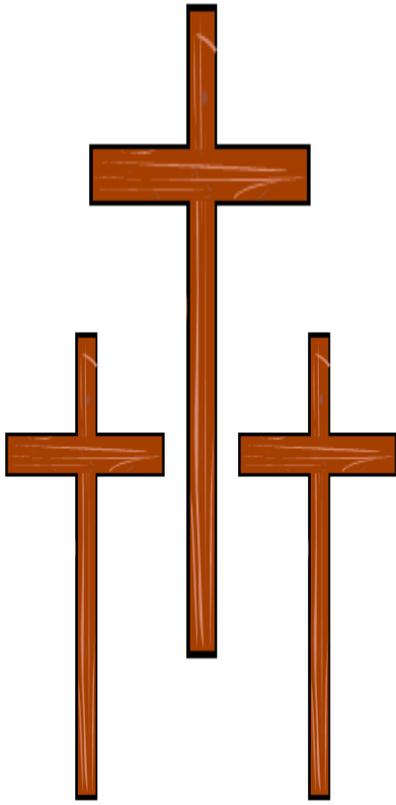
WE NEED at LEAST 1 more Board Member to meet the requirements of the PCE By-Laws.

The primary commitment of the 2022 PCE Board of Directors is to do everything possible to conduct safe Gatherings Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights as soon as the science driving the pandemic allows us to meet. In the meantime, **PLEASE CONSIDER** serving on the PCE Board of Directors. We need at least one person and ideally would like to have 3 to 4 more Board Members.

You may contact me at okiebull13@gmail.com or 405-312-3063.

Jeff Bull

Community Lay Director



Please continue in Prayer that this pandemic will end soon and we will be able to have our Walks.

In Memory

Our Friend Dan Trammel passed from this life to his reward on December 18, 2021. Dan had attended PCE Walk #119 and was an active member of PCE and Church of the Servant UMC. He will be missed.



I Go to Sing

I might be exhausted and the family might be cranky,
but I will be going to church on Sunday.

Don't know who is preaching, doesn't matter –
the sermon may be helpful or not, holds my attention or doesn't –
it's the singing.

I go to sing.

I get up,
get clean,
get dressed,
get going,
get there,
get seated,
get comfortable,
get focused
and when the music starts,
get saved.

It's the singing.

I go to sing.

It's the willingness to stand if you are able,
the common agreement on page number,
the voluntary sharing of songbooks with people on your row,
even ones you rode there with –but most of all,
it's the collective in-breath before the first sound is made,
the collective drawing upon the grace of God,
the collective, if inadvertent, admission
that we are all human,
all fragile,
all in need of the sustaining air, freely dispensed,
all in need of each other to get the key right and not sound discordant --
it's the hidden life-celebration
in the act of making a joyful noise,
all together.

We don't even have to sound that good.

Singing together still brings home
the we-ness of worship,
the not-alone-ness of life in God,
the best of all we have to offer each other.

When we are singing, I think that I might actually be able to forgive you

for being so terribly human,
and you might be able to forgive me
for being so terribly not there yet,
and we might be able to find peace now,
not postpone it for some heavenly hereafter
but live and breathe it today, drawing in the grace of God,
voicing out our need and hope and gratitude and longing.

When we are singing, I can feel the better world coming,
and if I get to be a part of it, you do too . . .

so sing with me,

and we'll make our way down that blessed road together,
collectively better
than we ever thought
possible.

Personal Confession:

I copied the previous page from a friend and put it in this Newsletter because it means something to me. At the start of the Pandemic we watched our Church services online. At first it was only a sermon, then a couple of musicians were added that played some songs we knew. As the weeks grew into months, my interest in doing everything online waned—and the Church services evolved. No longer was there a Choir and Orchestra, or the congregation singing hymns. Music was now a “Performance” in my opinion, and it lacked something to touch my heart.

I returned to an Emmaus Gathering several months ago and the Musicians had us sing Hymns—regular, soul touching hymns that I knew by heart. I cried, and sang, and my heart was filled with the love of Christ once again. I was home—back where I knew I belonged, singing to my Lord.

I love going to church and hearing an organ played, and a choir sing. I love singing in the choir, and playing in the orchestra if I have a chance. Obviously my favorite Psalm is #100—“Make Joyful Noise unto the Lord.”

What makes your heart sing? Is it the Sermon, the fellowship of other Christians? What makes Emmaus so special? What is your Fourth Day Story?

If you are interested in telling your story—or sharing something that you think may touch others, please let me know so we can put it in this Newsletter. What better way to get to know each other? People need People, and People need God.

De Colores,

Linda Rinehard

PCE Walk to Emmaus #126

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