



ROOSTER TALES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

February 2018

February Gathering

February 17, 2018

PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECTED DATE!

St. Matthew United Methodist Church

300 N. Air Depot

Midwest City, Oklahoma

The church is located directly EAST of the old Heritage Park Mall in Midwest City.

“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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Thoughts from your Community Lay Director

AND WE'RE OFF! Are we in a race? No, but all journeys have a starting point and it began at your Board's first meeting. I watched the faces. I saw everything from "hopefulness" to "is he crazy"? And the answer is, "not this week". I am, however, very excited about working with this Board and this entire community owes them a "**Debbie Roland Hug**", so tell them "**Thank You**" when you see them! I have begun my calls and meetings with new churches and ministers and I am nothing but optimistic at the initial result. One church has indicated they want Emmaus to be part of their Discipleship Plan and the minister has not yet attended a Walk himself! **I do believe God is in Control!**

We are working with Northwest Emmaus Community. They are sending Pilgrims to our Spring Walks at Oak Park Retreat Center and two of the ASD's on the Men's Walk are from that Community. **Pilgrims are our life blood!!** They are why we are here and why we do what we do! Please don't wait to get your Pilgrim ready for these Walks! One of my goals for this year is to restart Sponsorship training so Pilgrims coming off Walks are ready to be the hands and feet of Christ. And a little refresher for us "Old Faithful" won't hurt either. I'm looking for a Community member(s) to take this responsibility and make it happen! **Call me!!**

It's also time for you to sign up and fill the Prayer Vigil List for the Walks. I have been assured that the issues we have had with the online software on past Walks has been corrected and you are now able to go on the website and select Prayer Vigils as you always have. No more pens, pencils and note pads!

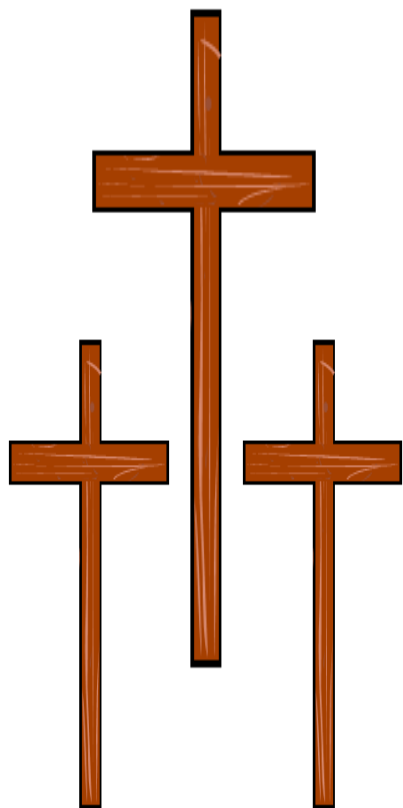
One last comment and I'll close this month's letter. Some have asked, "What about Chrysalis"? "Is it dead"? NO!! Chrysalis is as much a part of this Community as Emmaus and I will not let it die! As I visit with other leaders, it is my desire to send our Caterpillars to another Community temporarily and my prayer is to have at least one Flight this year. It doesn't cost anything to dream and I know God will fulfill some of them!

Thank You, Pioneer Country for the honor to lead you! **De Colores!**

In Christ's Service

Jim Swaim

2018 WALKS SCHEDULED



The teams have been formed, and training has going on for several weeks now. Pilgrim applications are starting to come in and there are limited spaces on the Spring Walks. Bring completed applications to the Gathering, or send them to Peety Lucas, our Registrar.

SPRING WALKS

MEN'S WALK - March 1-4, 2018

WOMEN'S WALK - March 15-18, 2018

BOTH WALKS WILL BE HELD AT OAK PARK RE-TREAT CENTER IN PERKINS, OK

REMEMBER!! There is no Gathering the month we have the walks, so plan on attending the Candelight Services. That service is so important to let the Pilgrims know you care!

DeColores



Meet Your Board!

JIM SWAIM – COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Hello All!!! I'm Jim Swaim, your new Community Lay Director. I follow in the shoes of David Smith, Mario Herrera and many others who have been honored and blessed to lead this Community. As I stated in my bio last year, it boggles my mind how I got here. There have been some wonderful people that have seen things in me, shepherded me, coached me and believed in me. Seeing things that I couldn't see in myself and I am grateful for that vision. It's changed the way I look at others and it's changed the way I look at Pilgrims. I believe Pioneer Country Emmaus has unlimited growth potential and because so many believe in me, I commit all that I am!!

Want to know more? I am a born and raised Oklahoman from Oklahoma City, and for the last 40 years, resided in Piedmont, OK with my wife, Judy. A 1971 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, now semi-retired, I still work for the County of Oklahoma County Pharmacy 2 days a week just to maintain my license and some skills and knowledge in a very fluid and changing health care world I am a US Army veteran of Vietnam and Desert Storm with 27 years total service, retiring a Lt. Col in 1998. For the past 10 years, I have served as Lay Leader at Piedmont FUMC under 2 different ministers, and also serve on the Board of Church Location and Building at the District Level, and the Annual Conference Council (ACC) at the Methodist Conference Level. I used to say I look forward to retirement -- not so much now, as God seems to be filling in the spaces and time.

I am here for you, I am here for the Pilgrims and I am here to serve with the Pioneer Country Community. Let's make it all it can be!!

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Do you have a 4th Day Story?

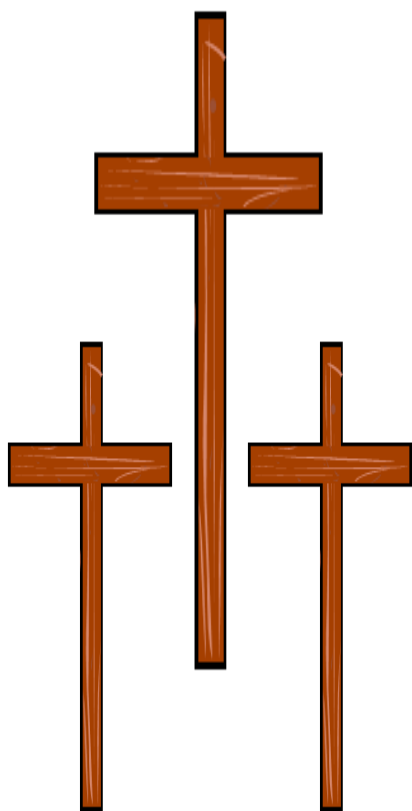
How about a good study or devotional that's worked for you?

Why not share them with the PCE community?

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CALENDAR

February 20, 2018

February Gathering

St. Matthew UMC

Midwest City, OK

Potluck dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Praise and worship follows at 7:00 PM. Childcare is by RVSP. Please contact Debbie Rowland at 681-2135 or 802-8113 to make the necessary preparations.

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

February 20, 2018

Spring Walk Team training

St. Matthew UMC

8:30 a.m.

Feb. Gathering - 5:30 p.m.

February 20, 2018

Worship - 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthew UMC

300 N. Air Depot

Midwest City, Ok

March 1-4, 2018

Spring Walks

March 15-18, 2018

Oak Park Retreat Center

Perkins, Oklahoma

April 21, 2018

Apr. Gathering - 5:30 p.m.

Worship - 7:00 p.m.

New Hope UMC

Oklahoma City, OK

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