

PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS



NEWSLETTER

"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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UPCOMING EVENTS

November Gathering!!



Nov. 21, 2009

Douglas Blvd. UMC

208 S. Douglas Blvd.

Midwest City, OK

Dinner served: 5:30pm

Worship begins: 7:00pm

Babysitting provided

Kairos Outside Time!

Weekend #20

November 6-8, 2009

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

308 NW 164th St-Edmond

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What is Emmaus?

The purpose of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian Action in their churches, homes and places of work.



OCTOBER GATHERING

Our next Community Gathering will be Saturday, October 17, 2009, at First UMC, downtown OKC. We will begin with Praise & Worship at 7:00 p.m. followed by fellowship and snacks. Please come and bring a snack or cold drink to share with the community. AND bring a friend! Gatherings are open to all who want to come. Childcare will be provided for toddlers through 4th grade. Please contact Judie Ellis no later than Noon Wednesday, 10/14, for reservations. You may reach her at 748-6771 or jellis1103@cox.net.



Welcome the Men & Women from
Walks #115 & #116



Walk #115

Ed Wilderman
John Barrett
Joe Lewis
Jim Cross
Larry Wilson
Leroy Gunkel
Wilson Garrett
Richard Norman
Doug Proulx
Shawn Mills
Patrick McPherson
Rev Alex Holman
Joe Spears
Jim Hammack
TJ Jackson
Walter Baylis
Jim Meinkoth
Paul Koenig
Timothy Wright
James Carroll
Johnny Jones
Michael Izquiredo

Walk #116

Darlene Rising
Connie Westhof
Rochell Timmons
Patricia Ann Stephens
Diane Hunter
Denise Tarter
Carol Wilson
Diane Rhodes
Evelene Edwards
Sue Garrett
Lacricia Norman
Trisha Proulx
Maud Smith
Mary Hudson
Judy Barrett
Cat Murray
Valerie Autry
Nancy Collins
Kayla Spears
Melissa Thompson
Maryann Miller
Carolyn Brannon
Samantha Chirebvu
Stephanie Stephens
Sarah Wilkey
Peggy Thompson
Patty Koenig
Kim Nguyen
Gina Coogle
Jill Carroll
Joan Bruns

Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning while he Spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

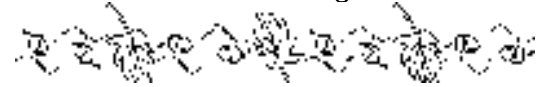


A NOTE OF



Pioneer Country Emmaus would like to thank St. Mark's United Methodist Church for hosting our September walks!

We appreciate your hospitality and may our good Lord bless you abundantly!



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Board Election Time!

It is time again when we as a community have an opportunity to vote to choose our board of directors for Pioneer Country Emmaus. The Pioneer Country Emmaus board of Directors is a working board.

What does that mean? Basically, it means that each board member is responsible for holding the walks and making sure that all of the walks are held according to the Upper Room guidelines.

Each year the board signs a covenant with the Upper Room agreeing to follow their walk standards and procedures concerning the activities of the community.

Each board member is responsible to the Upper Room for the community and the board of directors adhering to this Upper Room covenant. The board meets each month (except months with walks) to discuss and vote on items affecting the community. Board members make the monthly meetings a high priority by actively participating on votes brought before the board affecting the community.

Please take time to read the enclosed ballot, and submit your votes TODAY! Pray, pray and pray some more for those saying "Yes" I want to serve in this capacity.

CHANGES, CHANGES, AND MORE CHANGE

Things never seem to stay the same. As the old saying goes, "The only constant is change". Of course they also say that if we are not changing, we are dying. It seems everything in life changes. Our homes change, our families change, our jobs change, our church changes. And we have changes in Emmaus. It seems like more here lately than ever before.

Some changes are very slight, such as the names of the talks. You may have noticed that it is now Priority instead of Priorities, Grow through Study, rather than Growth through Study. We have had to change our Grace Songs for before and after meals, because of copyright laws concerning the tune of Edelweiss. Most changes come at the direction of the Upper Room. When the Board of Directors for Pioneer Country signs the Letter of Agreement with the Upper Room, we are committed to abide by the Emmaus Model as set forth by the Upper Room. Therefore, some of the changes that are made are not very popular, but they must be made nonetheless.

One thing that has changed within Pioneer Country Emmaus is our name tag. For a while they changed with every Walk. We started out with a large silhouette of a rooster on our name tags and then moved to a smaller silhouette. Those silhouettes are done with a heat transfer process and they had to be sent out of town to do that. To keep our costs as low as possible, we went to an engraved rooster. Then the woman, Sheri, who does that engraving, came down with the MRSA virus and was in the hospital and a coma for a long time. While she was off work, they hired a temporary person to do the engraving. She used a different rooster and then for one Walk she even reversed the direction the rooster was facing. Then she went back to the right way. About that time, Sheri came back to work and we settled on the rooster that we use today as the standard.

At Send-Off we no longer sing "DeColores" as it is a song that is very unfamiliar to the pilgrims and can be very confusing to them, even a little scary. Therefore we now sing "When the Saints Go Marching In". We have limited the number of letters given to Pilgrims on Sunday afternoon. This is to show that God's grace is the same for all. Of course any additional letters are given to the pilgrims by their sponsors on the way home or at a later time.

A few Walks ago, we started having the Prayer Room not preview the talks during team training. That is to preserve the sanctity of the conference room. The talks are not to be shared outside the conference room. That is why no recordings are ever made of the talks or anything else that goes on in the conference room during team training or the Walk itself. The prayer room is not even required to be present at team training. Volunteers on the support team are precious and valuable to the Walk and we wish not to burn them out.

On a bigger scale, things are changing at the Upper Room. They have published a new Pilgrim's Worship Guide, the purple booklet, and we used that for the first time on Walks 115 and 116. With the new Worship Guide comes a revised Prayer to the Holy Spirit. It is still on page 48, but they have changed two words. Those words are in **BOLD** in the following. "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in **US** the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and **WE** shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth." So if you hear the new pilgrims say it that way, they are correct. New pilgrims, please be patient with us "old times" as we learn the new version.

Also, on the last set of Walks, we began to do Dying Moments in a different way. No longer do we use one loaf of bread for Dying Moments and Communion. We now use one loaf for the Dying moments and place the pieces in a basket at the foot of the Cross. Then we use a new loaf of bread to celebrate Holy Communion instead of using the pieces from Dying moments. This change was made for hygiene and other reasons.

The last set of Walks marked another milestone. The pilgrims on those Walks will be the last to receive a pewter cross on their lanyard. Being made of pewter, the molds have to be periodically recast and that is expensive. Besides, Emmaus did not have exclusive rights to the pewter cross. So the Upper Room has decided to switch to a wooden cross. It is similar in size to the Kairos cross, but lighter in color. It still has the same symbol on it and still has "Christ is counting on me" on the reverse side. These engravings are done with a laser. We have seen the new cross and it is very nice.

All these new changes are intended to strengthen and improve the Walk to Emmaus. Please be patient as we become accustomed to all of these changes. Change and grow with us. DeColores. Marvin Scheele



The initial Chrysalis flights for Pioneer Country will be held next June. The Pioneer Country Chrysalis Steering Committee has selected the first two weekends in June, 2010 as the dates for the first flights. The girl's flight will be held June 3-6th and the boy's flight will be held June 10th-13th. Both flights will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist in Bethany. If you are interested in serving on flights be sure to mark November 7th on your calendars. Pat Miller, from the Upper Room, will be at Church of the Good Shepherd in Yukon to conduct team training that day. Additional details will be forthcoming. The Steering Committee wants to thank everyone who has helped with the Chrysalis effort.

Thanks! Kerry Cox

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