

Rooster Tales

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GATHERING/TRAINING SCHEDULE

Flagstaff Area (all at Trinity Heights UMC):

June 19 - 4th Day, Training 3:30, Potluck 6:00 p.m., Gathering 7:00 p.m., childcare provided

September 18 - Potluck 6:00 p.m., Gathering 7:00 p.m., childcare provided

November 13 - Training 3:30 p.m., Potluck 6:00 p.m., Gathering 7:00 p.m., childcare provided

Marcia Brown's email for more information is marciabrown1@aol.com

Phoenix Area: (All Gatherings at Central UMC)

June 26 - Training, 1-3 p.m. at Phoenix First UMC

August 13 - Gathering at 7:15 p.m.

Sept. 10 - All Music Gathering at 7:25 p.m.

Nov. 12 - Gathering at 7:15 p.m.

Dec. 10 - Gathering at 7:15 p.m.

Jan. 14 - Gathering at 7:15 p.m.

George and Cathy Smoot's email for more information is gwsmoot@inficad.com

East Valley Area:

Every Sunday - Gathering at 3:00 p.m. at Desert Chapel UMC on Palo Verde in Apache Junction.

Rich & Nancy Foster's email for more information is ndwfoster@aol.com

Tucson Area:

July 17 - Potluck at 5:00 p.m., Gathering at 6:00 p.m. at Catalina UMC, 2700 E. Speedway Blvd.

Sept. 18 - Gathering at 5:00 p.m. , potluck dinner to follow at St. James UMC, 3255 N. Campbell Ave.

This will be a combined Gathering with the Lutheran Via de Christo 3-Day Community.

Frank Northrup's email for more information is frankndonna@comcast.net

Tri City Area (all at Chino Valley UMC):

July 3 - STATEWIDE Picnic Gathering at Memory Park in Chino Valley, 2:00 p.m. picnic & fellowship, 3:30 p.m. Gathering & music

September 11 - Gathering at 4:00 p.m., snacks to follow

November 13 - Gathering at 4:00 p.m., snacks to follow

Lynn Garner's email for more information is jack2lynn@cableone.net

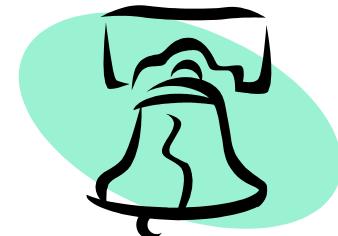
WALK SCHEDULE

Walk 148, Oct. 7-10, Mesa First UMC, Mesa, Lay Director Al Moore

Walk 149, Oct. 21-24, Mesa First UMC, Mesa, Lay Director Choppie Lewis

Walk 150, Feb. 10-13, Central UMC, Phoenix, Lay Director Ted Bachelder

Walk 151, Feb. 24-27, Central UMC, Phoenix, Lay Director Ann Butrum

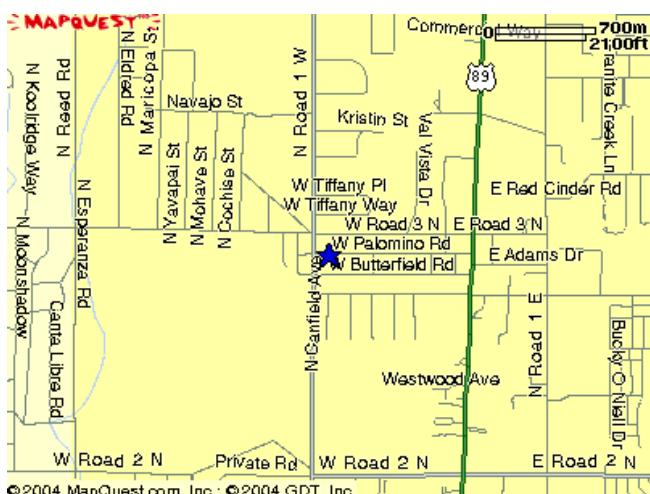


MOVING?

Please, please let us know when you move! Email the Director of Communications, Mike Fleming, at agestocks@cox.net; by calling the Emmaus Office at 623-937-9391 and leaving a message on the answering machine; or mailing us notification at Arizona Walk to Emmaus, 6826 North 55th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85301

Happy Independence Day!

See You at the Statewide Gathering!



Don't miss the opportunity to come Gather with the whole Arizona Walk to Emmaus Community. We'll be in Chino Valley on July 3rd at Memory Park under the Ramada. Bring folding chair(s), and your favorite potluck picnic dish. We'll sing, have witnesses, and have a wonderful time with Jesus at our side. See the following maps for direction. If you need assistance with the directions, call Jack &

Lynn Garner at (928) 636-2732. You'll be in our prayers for travel mercies, and that you can come make this a true DeColores event. You might even see some roosters around Chino!

Letter from the President

We want to wish each of you a blessed summer! Lynn Garner, who is the editor of the Rooster Tales, will be having a busy summer, so we will have one issue for June/July/August.

We have had over 180 people go on their pilgrim Walks, so keep your schedule of Gatherings, and please attend if at all possible.

Summer is a time when many people move to a new home. If you are moving, please notify us so we can keep the records accurate. You can email Mike Fleming at agestocks@cox.net or Bill La Noue at wlanoue@cableaz.com with the change or mail it to our Glendale address.

May our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you safe.

Bill La Noue

Are You Looking for a Place to Serve?

Bob Swanson has taken on the responsibility of organizing the security for the Women's Walks in the Phoenix area. If you can assist by serving as a security person for one of the Walks in October or February, please contact Bob at (623) 869-6595 or email him at was0424@hotmail.com. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

Knee Mail Keeps the Community Connected

The Emmaus "Knee Mail" prayer chain is an unofficial project to keep members of the community and other upheld by prayer. Started several years ago as project of love by Mary Wilson. The only way new participants are added to the prayer chain is by personal request.

Those submitting prayer concerns are reminded to not share things too personal (to respect others' privacy) and to have the permission of those whose names they are holding up for prayer.

To submit a prayer request or ask to be added to the distribution list, just send an email to: EmmausKneeMail@cox.net.

The Upper Room also maintains a prayer chain for the national Emmaus community. Check it out on the Upper Room Emmaus site at <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus>.

A Witness

Marjie Hrabe of St. Marks UMC, Tucson was chosen by her church to go to South Africa and Mozambique as an Ambassador for the Upper Room to observe and report back on how the church is growing there. Marjie writes:

While visiting our first church in Mozambique, we were introduced by name and what denomination we were. Some were Anglican, some Catholic, some Church of Christ and Methodist. One man immediately jumped to his feet to ask a question: "Can you please teach us to be as spiritually advanced as you are so that we can also sit with someone of a different denomination?" Can you imagine the power the Walk to Emmaus could have on this Christian community? My heart rejoices at the mere thought. How much I would love to see the Walk to Emmaus become a reality for our Christian brothers and sisters. There is one group of people who have gone on the Walk, but had to go to South Africa to do it, an eleven hour trip (I am told they sang "DeColores" the whole eleven hours back home). The problem being that the manuals all need to be translated into their native tongue of Portuguese. Unfortunately this takes money. Money they don't have. This is the third poorest country in the world with an unemployment rate of 75%, and with a yearly annual income of \$45. Your love offering can go a long way in helping a church that is growing in numbers, but needs to stretch a little in practice. Prayers are always welcome. Pray for their health, their church, their country, a spiritual leader for their walk (when the Walk comes to fruition), and for the success of future Walks in Mozambique.

Marjie and Mark Hrabe

To donate to this cause, write your checks to: UPPER ROOM MINISTRIES. In the memo write: Walk to Emmaus International and attach a small note specifying that your check is to support the Emmaus Community in Mozambique.

Please send your checks to:

The Upper Room
1908 Grand Ave.
P.O. Box 340004
Nashville, TN 37203-0004

One-Liners (Continued)

Have you ever been driving down the road at 50 or 60 mph, passed a church and tried to read the sign out front? Here are a few more. Some may sound funny, corny, or serious, but they always carry a good message for one liners:

"Soul food served here."

"Tithe if you love Jesus! Anyone can honk!"

"Beat the Christmas rush, come to church this Sunday!"

"Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church."

"Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case."

"Wal-Mart isn't the only saving place!"

"Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible."

"It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees."

"What part of 'THOU SHALT NOT' don't you understand?"

"A clear conscience makes a soft pillow."

"Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive."

"Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings."

"Forbidden fruit creates many jams."

"Christians, keep the faith - but not from others!"

"Satan subtracts and divides. God adds and multiplies."

"If you don't want to reap the fruits of sin, stay out of the devil's orchard."

"To belittle is to be little."

"Don't let the littleness in others bring out the littleness in you."

"God answers kneemail."





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