

Rooster Tales



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Gathering/Hoot/Training Schedule

Flagstaff Area: Trinity Heights UMC
June 17- 3600 N Fourth St, Flagstaff
5pm Potluck, 6pm Worship

Joe & Barb Meehan's contact is 928-607-0738

Phoenix Area:

East Side Gathering at Gilbert Presbyterian
June 10 - 235 Guadalupe Rd, Gilbert
6:30pm dessert potluck, 7pm worship

Beth Woodland's contact is 480-282-0036

West Side Gathering at Spirit of Hope UMC

June 23 - 14403 N 75th Ave, Peoria
6:30 dessert potluck & fellowship, 7:00 PM worship
& communion. Child care is provided.

Nancy Oyler's contact is 480-558-6717

Walk Weekends

Walk #245, Oct 12-15, Paradise Valley UMC
John Paterson, Lay Director

Walk #246, Oct 19-22, Paradise Valley UMC
Cindy Mathe, Lay Director

Walk #247, Jan 25-28, 2018, Paradise Valley UMC
John Ross, Lay Director

Walk #248, Feb 1-4, 2018, Paradise Valley UMC
Barbara Burford, Lay Director

Walk #249, Apr 5-8, 2018, Christ Pres, Tucson

Walk #250, Apr 12-15, 2018, Christ Pres, Tucson

Have you thought about who you're inviting?

See below for upcoming walk registration deadlines. If a walk does not have the required number of 20 pilgrims signed up by the below dates, it will be cancelled.

Men's Walk #245 & Women's Walk #246 - **Aug 15**

Men's Walk #247 & Women's Walk #248 - **Nov 15**

Men's Walk #249 & Women's Walk #250 - **Feb 15**



CALLING ALL SERVANTS!



There are positions on the Board that are opening up and need to be filled. Are you interested in any of these? Please email Alan Fisher, alan.l.fisher@cox.net, with a brief note of why you would be a good fit.

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NEW DATABASE!

The database is ready! We would really appreciate you logging in to the database and verifying your information. This will help ensure we have your correct phone number and email address to contact you about service opportunities, gatherings and other events.

For full instructions on how to log in, and where to find and verify your information, please visit our website at azemmaus.org/databaseinfo.

If you have any questions or problems logging in, please email Communications chair, Holly Case, at azemmauscomm@gmail.com.

Do you ever have an article, devotion or information you'd like to put in the Rooster Tales?

You can always send the information to azemmauscomm@gmail.com and we will work to include it!

The deadline to get information in is the 19th of the month for the next month's edition.

We'd love to have more community participation and information in our monthly newsletters, so send us your articles!

SHARE

Upcoming Weekends Around the World

Let's float these weekends on a sea of prayer. You can find all their prayer vigils on 3dayol.org.

June 8-11

Women's Weekends

Brasil, Maringa—Young Women Cursillo #176
Australia Canberra Monaro Walk #84
Australia Central Queensland Walk #58

Co-Ed Weekends

Hungary—Hungarian Reformed Church
Chrysalis Flight

June 15-18

Men's Weekends

GA-Foothills NE GA Boy's Chrysalis Flight

Women's Weekends

IL-Northwest, IA-Eastern Quad Cities
Chrysalis—Girl's Chrysalis Flight #125

June 22-25

Men's Weekends

Australia Canberra Monaro Walk #83
Australia Central Queensland Walk #57

Women's Weekends

GA-Foothills NE GA Girl's Chrysalis Flight
IL-Credo Recovery Women's Rockford Rescue
Mission Credo #14

June 29-July 2

Women's Weekends

Australia Central Queensland Walk #58

**Message from Community Lay Director,
Dusty LaNoue
SUMMER IS UPON US**

By the time you are reading this, it will be June. The guessing is over, you know if your Pastor is staying or if you will be ushering in a new Pastor and family.

If you had young people in your household that were graduating this year from High School or College, those happy events are passed.

If you have plans to vacation out of state, perhaps you are preparing to leave or are on the road to your vacation destination.

Kids are out of school and backyard pools are perfect for having a fun afternoon. For those fortunate enough to be at home with the children for summer, it is a welcome respite from early morning hassles and rushing out the door.

Whatever your May and early June consists of, Summer is a glorious season of fun and family. I pray yours is truly blessed and especially reviving, in spite of the Arizona heat.

My kids were born here, so for them they know no other kind of summer. I have been here for 49 years, and I have learned to embrace and enjoy the summers.

I look forward to a little slower pace, because it is just too hot to move fast!

I will, of course, remind you that we have scheduled walks in October, and the cutoff date for applications is August 15th.

My most devoted prayer is that we will not have to cancel those walks. I pray you are using this slower pace to prepare a Pilgrim to attend the October walks.

May God Bless your efforts mightily,

Dusty LaNoue



**Message from Community Spiritual Director,
John Fairchild**

Just a few years ago, Valerie and I were in Fairbanks, AK to see our daughter, Jeannette and husband Ben. Yes, in March it is still very much winter! We went to Chena Hot Springs for an overnighter. It's a neat experience to sit in a hot spring with frost on your eyebrows and hair (okay, maybe "neat" isn't the right word here). About 11:30 that night we loaded up in a snow-cat with an enclosed trailer and bumped, climbed, and wound our way up the side of a mountain where there was a large yurt set up on top to warm up in while we watched for the Aurora Borealis—the Northern Lights.

Stepping out of the enclosed trailer we were greeted by a bone-chilling -25 and an amazing crystal clear sky bisected by huge swirling green ribbons of a very active Aurora. Somehow, we managed to pick a perfect viewing night. For four hours, we'd stand in the snow watching, making occasional dashes into the yurt to warm fingers and toes, grab a warm cup of tea or cocoa, then dash back outside so we wouldn't miss anything.

The atmosphere of 25 or 30 people from around the world was fascinating to us. Everyone was relatively quiet. The air was quiet. The sky was jubilant. Twice during the four hours, the Aurora transformed into full color. A heavenly theatre curtain, undulating gently in the sky and revealing God's grandeur and glory. It was as if God was saying, "Look what I am doing for you!" In barely a whisper, I confessed to Valerie, "I hear music!" Not missing a beat, she said, "So do I." No, the tour guides were NOT playing music. I can't tell you how, but I "heard" music despite my physical hearing loss! (Well, maybe I can...I believe this was a gift of the Holy Spirit!) For a few hours, we were given the gift of witnessing God's glory.

Psalm 8 came to mind; "How Majestic is your name in all the earth!" ... "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" I was humbled, yet, renewed by this amazing exhibition of chemistry, physics, and God's hand. (By the way, why is there color? To bring joy and peace?)

This was a holy experience that I have shared with my church and others every time I can. I was moved and changed by this experience and, somehow, I want to share it with others. I ask you, can you remember having some of the same emotions, experience of the Holy Spirit, during your Walk to Emmaus? Who do you know that you would like to share this experience with? Begin now, pray for them by name to be prepared to hear your invitation to go on the weekend.

Only after praying for them, go. Go and invite them and tell them about the weekend and why it was important for you, how it changed you and then share that you would like for them to experience God's grace in their own way and to recharge, energize, renew their faith.

Look, I know it's work to sponsor someone. To do it right takes time, and a little courage, to contact their family and friends for agape. It takes time and effort to make just the right banner. It takes a little of your hard-earned resources to provide dinner before and after. Every time I sponsor, I think about the work...then I think about their witness on Sunday night, excitement on the way home, and I wonder, "What will God do with my friend after this? How will they change the world?"

Isn't it worth the effort? Who will you sponsor? Begin praying—NOW!

- Pastor John Fairchild

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