

# Rooster Tales



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Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM



## Gathering & Training Schedule

**Flagstaff Area:** Williams Community Church  
**May 12** - 127 W Sherman Ave., Williams, AZ  
**1pm dessert/finger foods potluck, 2pm Worship**  
*Joe & Barb Meehan's contact is 928-607-0738*

### Phoenix Area:

**West Side Gathering** at Spirit of Hope UMC  
**May 25** - 14403 N 75th Ave, Peoria  
**6:30pm dessert potluck & fellowship, 7pm  
worship & communion.** Child care provided.  
*Nancy Oyler's contact is 480-558-6717*

**East Side Gathering** at Church of the Master  
**May 12** - 6659 E University, Mesa, AZ  
**6:30pm potluck desserts, 7pm worship**  
*Beth Woodland's contact is 480-396-9507*

**Tucson Area:** Christ Church UMC  
**May 12** - 655 N Craycroft Rd., Tucson, AZ  
**5pm Potluck, 6:30pm Worship and communion**  
*Jeff Robbins' contact is 520-599-3411*

**Training opportunity coming on May 12!**

## Walk Weekends

**Walk #251, Jan 24-27, 2019** PVUMC, Phoenix  
Michael McCabe, Lay Director  
**Walk #252, Feb 7-10, 2019** PVUMC, Phoenix  
TBD, Lay Director

## Board Position Openings - Please Vote!

Please see article on page 3 of the Rooster Tales that talks about the positions that are open and who has been nominated. We need your vote by May 31!

## Upcoming 4th Day Dinner

Join us at the 4th Day Dinner and welcome our newest pilgrims from Walks 249 & 250 on May 12 at Christ Church UMC in Tucson at 655 N Craycroft Rd. Potluck will begin at 5:00pm with worship to follow. New pilgrims do not need to bring a dish this time. There will be a training at 3:00pm in the Chapel which is located on 4th St. The agape table will also be available and they take cash, checks or credit cards (with a small fee). New pilgrims do not need to bring a dish this time, just enjoy the meal!



## Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder

Happy May everyone! Can you believe it, we are already in the month of May, beginning our 5th month of year 2018! Amazing, the year is flying by. However, the first 4 months have been exciting fruitful months for Emmaus. We have held 4 Walks; each one has been the best one EVER. The witnesses of the pilgrims have been so full of the Spirit and Grace. The teams have fulfilled their calling. Praise God and Blessings to you all!

The Board has discerned the names for next January / February Walks. We have a "yes" for the Men's Walk, and a call out for the Women's. We are now discerning for ALD's for January's Men's Walk. The Board will also begin discerning for the Flagstaff Men's Walk LD. Anne Marie Davee will pick up what was begun last year as LD for the Women's Walk. Hopefully, all next year's LD's will be commissioned by late June.

Then we all wait.... So what do we do while we wait? Start praying for God to show you the person or couple that He would like you to sponsor for one of these walks. For those who are going to sponsor for Phoenix, January & February 2019, the "going forward" date will be in December 2018. For those who are going to sponsor for Flagstaff in July, your "going forward" date will be in May 2019. Considering how quickly time is passing for us all, NOW is not too soon to begin!

It has been a LONG wait for Flagstaff. I am hopeful we will see amazing Pilgrim numbers! I have heard from many how not having the Walks last year was a huge deal for them. I certainly don't blame them. It was a huge and hurtful deal to me. I am so looking forward to traveling to Flagstaff next year to celebrate the Joy.

The month of May is voting month, you can do this online, or when you attend a Gathering. There are 4 positions to vote on. These new Board members will be commissioned in June, to take over their roles the first of July.

It has been heartwarming to watch you, the community, having stepped up and sponsored 20 pilgrims per walk and doing so in a timely manner by the "go forward" date. Our AZ Walk to Emmaus is such a powerful movement and is growing stronger every Walk. Having said that, don't let up! There are more pilgrims out there, just waiting for that special person to show up and invite them to go on the weekend, and to spend 72 hours with their Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

For those of you who will spend the next month preparing for Graduations or traveling to destinations out of state (we have 1 graduation from ASU, and 3 graduating from High School with 2 out of state) safe travels and congratulations. Summer is about to begin, Bill and I pray you have a wonderful fun-filled summer!

God bless you all,

Dusty LaNoue  
Community Lay Director



**We need your vote:** It's time to vote for new Emmaus Board members, their term will begin on July 1 and they will be commissioned at the June Board meeting. A link to the survey will be sent in an email, or you can vote at your next Emmaus gathering. Look for an email with the link coming your way soon and please vote by May 31!

The nominees are as follows:

- Pre-Emmaus Chair: Lorraine & Harry Shaw
- 4<sup>th</sup> Day Chair: Janet Paterson or Gilbert Cooper
- Gathering Chair: Tracy & Scott Thompson or Sheryl McKinney
- Chrysalis Chair: Charlie Edwards
- Registrar: Colleen Center

### **Time to Renew Your Subscription!**

If you choose to have the monthly Rooster Tales delivered to your home rather than getting it online, it is time to renew your subscription for the **price of \$7.00 per year.**

After each walk, pilgrim names are entered online to receive the emailed version of the newsletter. If a pilgrim has no email address, then they receive the hard copy of the newsletter free of charge for the first year after their walk. After that, they may sign up to continue the hard copy mailing of the newsletter.

If you would like to continue, or start to receive your Rooster Tales via snail mail, please send your check made out to **AZ Walk to Emmaus to PO Box 86309, Phoenix, AZ 85050.** Please act quickly so you will continue to know what's happening in your Emmaus Community!

### **Emmaus April, 2018**

In Philippians 2:5-11, Paul quotes an ancient hymn as he describes the character of Jesus and his selfless act on the cross. On Easter, some churches 'flower' a cross as an act of celebration for Easter morning. At Spirit of Hope, we have a 5' cross covered in wire and before sunrise we begin placing flowers onto the cross and by the time the sun is up, the cross has transformed from an ugly wood and wire structure into a beautiful floral arrangement. The flowered cross then becomes a centerpiece for our worship the remainder of Easter morning. The phrase, "De Colores" certainly came to mind on Easter morning.

It struck me that, like that ugly wood cross, we are transformed from our sinful nature into something beautiful because of the work of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. It seems Paul grasped that notion as he wrote to the church in Philippi, and who better? From religiously obsessed murderer to church planting-evangelist, he had transformed into the person God created him to be.

"What is your closest to Christ this week?" We ask the question of each other each week. Have we added a flower, or taken one away? We admire the beauty, structure, and aroma of flowers (as do insects and birds); truly remarkable parts of God's creation. Isn't that the way we are supposed to be as Christians? Shouldn't our behavior exude the joy and freedom of a life redeemed? Shouldn't we be at least as 'attractive' as a flower. If we are living the life of rebirth, people ought to be thinking, "I want to be like that – I want what he/she has!" The aroma we give off should be the sweet incense of God's grace.

Sometimes, we think we're "closest to Christ" when the reality is we're a "number 4" to someone else. As a brother or sister in your group (you ARE grouping – aren't you??!!), part of your job is gently, in grace, to encourage your brother or sister to live a life of grace in Christ. Be a sounding board, ask questions, pose a challenge or two. Make the grouping worthwhile and receive the same in return.

Accountability is key to our growth and maturity as disciples. John Wesley asked the question a little differently; "What is the state of your soul?" In this season of Eastertide, "What is the state of your soul?"

~Pastor John



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