

Rooster Tales



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Please consider the AZ Walk to Emmaus in your end of year giving!

See page 2 for more information on how to support this great ministry!

Open Board Positions

We still need to fill some Board Positions:

Gathering Chair - Main responsibility is organizing regular gatherings, among other things.

Three Day Chair - Responsible for stocking the Emmaus trailer and making sure it is ready for Walks, among other things.

For more information, please reach out to a Board Member or email azemmauscomm@gmail.com.

Upcoming Gatherings

EMMAUS GATHERING AT THE CHINO VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 735 E RD 1 S, CHINO VALLEY AZ

SATURDAY- JANUARY 14, 2023 at 3:00 PM. All with an interest in the Walk to Emmaus are welcome.

There will be Singing, Witness, Communion, and more. Please, come and share in the great fellowship.

Contact Donna Norris (928-379-1882) for more information.

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A Note from our Treasurer

Our church is using the book *The Angels of Christmas* by Susan Robb for our Advent study. This morning my attention was drawn to a stack of books including *We Hear the Christmas Angels* from Guideposts. Sometimes God uses those close to us to serve as angels. I had a dear friend who always encouraged others. I had a customer when I worked at Mervyn's that would always brighten my day and encourage me when she came in. Have you been helped by an angel? I believe we have some Angels in the Emmaus community that can help us financially through this rough patch.

Bills in January include insurance for the ministry and our truck which will total around \$3200.00. We are slowly getting back to having weekends, but we have several expenses. We still have storage, vehicle licensing, music license fees, and registration expenses that continue to occur, in addition to website fees and mass emailing costs. If you can, please prayerfully consider a gift to AZ Walk To Emmaus for 2022. Your gift is tax deductible as we are a 501c3 organization. Most banks allow you to make payment to Emmaus through your account like you would a bill, but check with your bank about fees. Your personal check can also be mailed to: AZ Walk to Emmaus, P.O. Box 86309, Phoenix, AZ 85080. We can also accept Zelle payments. You can transfer directly from your account to our Emmaus Account at Chase Bank. Account Name: Walk to Emmaus Corporation. (When the prompt requests a phone number or email please use treasurer.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com.

If you have questions please call or email me. Thank you to all who have continued to support Walk to Emmaus.

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THIS IS A CALL OUT TO ALL EMMAUS AND CHRYSALIS MUSICIANS and TECHies

DIFFICULTY: Not enough available musicians

PLAN: Workshop to determine possible solutions

DATE: January 14, 2022

PLACE: Chino Valley UMC, 735 E RD 1 S, CHINO VALLEY, AZ 86323

TIME: Musicians/Tech -- Arrive at noon for lunch if you are willing and able. Please RSVP to Donna if you will be there for lunch (see below). Musicians/Tech -- Arrive at 1:00 for a brainstorming session. All interested in the Walk to Emmaus -- Arrive at 3:00 for a gathering

The Chino Valley United Methodist Church will be hosting an Emmaus Gathering on January 14, 2023 at 3:00 pm. In addition, we will host a workshop/brainstorming session at 1:00. We are inviting all who have served as musicians and/or techies on Emmaus, Chrysalis, Kairos Inside, and Kairos Outside weekends. We are searching for ideas to increase the number of musicians and encourage new musicians for these weekends. There is a possible solution to this difficulty and we would like to encourage as many past and present musicians and techies to participate in order to help to flesh out, tweak, and develop this idea OR come up with a better idea.

PLEASE, consider joining us on this adventure. Contact Donna Norris at: donna.norris2710@gmail.com, or 928-379-1882 for more information.

How Far Will You Go?

Walk 258 is over and once again, "It was the best walk, ever!" If you remember your pilgrim walk, you had no clue what was supposed to happen or not. Even if things weren't perfect, you never knew and, gee, the Holy Spirit still worked! (By the way, I think walk 258 rocked! The team overcame loads of facility obstacles with grace!) Even the rain on Saturday let up for us to make moves from place to place even if it kept people away from candlelight.

Most people I talk to will share how much the Emmaus weekend changed their life and impacted their spiritual and leadership roles in the church. Did it change yours? If you are reading this, I'm assuming that it probably did or you wouldn't bother reading this newsletter. Each church I was blessed to serve had people in leadership who had walked this same journey in Emmaus and I often hear of Emmaus sisters and brothers in leadership in other churches. More than a few have been called out of Emmaus to full-time ministry. God has been using Emmaus mightily for the kingdom! Now the big question.....How far are you willing to go for Emmaus to succeed?

I just returned from a motorcycle ride to Mena, Arkansas with a couple friends who invited me to tag along. It was a 2,500 mile journey for four days of worship and being in God's presence. Sound familiar? No, it wasn't Emmaus, but the Holy Spirit was present and working in the lives of men and women there, including mine. There were people there from across the US and a few from other countries.

Valerie and I (along with many of you) have travelled the state for an Emmaus weekend when we are sponsoring, returning home on Thursday night, back again Saturday, and often, back once more for Sunday closure (We wanted to be home for work and church – Emmaus isn't our church, after all). Some of you can't physically do that any longer. Some can no longer afford to serve or sponsor. We, on the board, fully recognize the commitment it takes to serve and sponsor, but we believe lives transformed and renewed is worth the energy and resources and God's kingdom is greater as a result.

Across the state we have several thousand active Emmaus family members, how far are you willing to go to help Emmaus reach and transform others? How important is it that people are healed and blessed by the Holy Spirit, renewed, and strengthened in faith and return ready to serve God in meaningful ways? There are many more thousands waiting to experience the Holy Spirit and God's great grace!

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 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 24:32-35 NRSV

I believe Emmaus changes lives for the better and is significant in building the kingdom of God. I believe Emmaus is worth the journey, worth the effort, worth the sacrifice. Do you? If you do, will you join me in the following:

Pray for God's blessing over the Walk to Emmaus

Pray for the leadership of your board here in Arizona

Pray and ask God to reveal how he wants you to serve AND SPONSOR

If God is calling you to serve, don't wait, let your board know (God can discern leaders in many ways) We need leadership for future walks

Give praise to God that Emmaus has been a blessing to you.

Be active in grouping

Listen for God's response to you

Will you go this far and join me in these prayers? Listen for God's call. How far will you go for him, the one who first loved you.

Peace and grace,
Pastor John

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