

Rooster Tales



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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! We are embarking on a new chapter for the Arizona Walk to Emmaus, and I invite you on board! The February and July 2024 walks are on the website, and an updated application is there, too. If you're a Methodist, like me, you know that we commit to the church our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Please consider doing the same for Emmaus.

Your prayers – pray for the Board, pray for the Lay Directors, pray for the teams as they form, pray for pilgrims that God will call to come.

Your presence – attend gatherings and group sessions

Your gifts – Send donations to The Arizona Walk to Emmaus, P.O. Box 86309, Phoenix, AZ 85080-6309 or via Zelle (questions on Zelle, email Mary Ann Crist at treasurer.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com).

Your service – If you haven't already, update your information on the database (there's a tab on the website) and/or fill out the survey at <https://forms.gle/5zFCeyKM6VBC5HaN9> so that we have information needed to discern for teams.

Your witness – Share Emmaus with others. Distribute the flyers from Upper Room. Print applications and make them available. Sponsor a pilgrim (or two!) Send applications either through the mail to the above PO Box, or electronically via email to registrar.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com.

Emmaus grew out of the Cursillo movement, which was a short course (cursillo) in Christianity. It was designed to train, empower, and encourage leaders in the church. Our churches have never been in more need of leaders. When you help Emmaus, you help the Church, the Body of Christ. Remember, no one can do it all, but we all can do something. Christ is counting on you!

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Barbara Fike-Community Lay Director



Your Emmaus Board is excited to announce upcoming Walks for 2024

Lakeview UMC, Sun City

Men's Walk 259 2/15/24

Lay Director Ed Taylor

Women's Walk 260 2/29/24

Lay Director Joyce Trevolt

Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff

Men's Walk 261 7/18/24

Lay Director Ed TBD

Women's Walk 262 7/25/24

Lay Director Julie Vileg

Go to azemmaus.org for new applications and deadlines.

A Note from our Community Spiritual Director

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Dear Friends,

So much happens on our Walk weekends. Many of us have particular highlights that we recall and then we also have to admit there are some blank spots in the weekend that we don't recall until someone else mentions it. I confess, I have served on several Walk team since my pilgrim walk and I honestly don't recall any of the images that my table created for our posters, but I recall talking about each one and that they made sense at the time.

Do you recall the very first talk of the Emmaus weekend? We talked about priorities in our lives. Did you notice that it is the only talk that does not mention God? I have heard many tables discuss this talk and I have seen a lot of posters about it, but each time I think about it or hear it again I am reminded that I have to focus on my priorities daily, or soon they are no longer priorities. The world, our jobs, our families, our friends; each presents priorities to fill the void when we do not have our priorities set, and they will set our priorities for us if we permit them.

Can you imagine not setting your mortgage payment as a priority? Likewise, can you foresee not setting rest as a priority - pretty soon your body will make it a priority! Billy Graham, among several others, once made the statement, "show me your checkbook and I can tell you your priorities." Today we'd have to look at a bank statement because fewer and fewer people are using checks; then consider Google-Pay or Apple-Pay or PayPal or Venmo or... I don't know, there are many more options out there. Whatever mechanism, though, the adage is still true, we spend our time and money on those things that are important to us.

The world is slowly recovering from COVID-19. We'd like to think it is over, but the reality is that there are people going to the hospitals again, having pneumonia again, and again there are some who are dying from this disease. It is here to stay. It may not be as virulent as when it first struck in 2020, but it is still a virus and still making people sick. The world was not prepared for this epidemic and many businesses closed their doors permanently because they did not have the financial resources to survive through the mandated shutdowns. Your Arizona Emmaus Board was no more prepared than many other organizations, and yet through excellent leadership, drastic reduction of expenses, and God's grace, the dollars have managed to last. The Arizona Walk to Emmaus is now planning two Walk weekends (a Men's Walk and a Women's Walk) in February 2024. Generous gifts are going to cover some of the largest bills. We know others will likely be made by people like you who make sharing God's message of love through this ministry a priority in their lives.

Today I think we're doing a better job of prioritizing time relaxing, being with friends and family, and doing things we enjoy. Employers have repeatedly expressed frustration about getting employees who are "committed to their jobs" (i.e. willing to give up family time and time off to work for free). But I have to ask, because church attendance trends indicate fewer people are attending church, is God still your priority? Are you spending time with God and in God's service? Are you supporting God's ministries through the church with your time, your gifts, your knowledge, your skills, your whole heart? Are going to be like one of those bridesmaids Jesus told about who was not prepared when the groom arrived? Christ is alive in the world today and you can help ensure God's message is shared. Consider how you can help the Arizona Walk to Emmaus and send your financial gift, sign up to show your interest in serving, and pray for the Walk to Emmaus. Then know that you are loved and God has blessed you to be able to help in such a time as this.

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Carl Peterson

AZ Walk to Emmaus

Community Spiritual Director

Here is the link to the Upper Room site where the flyers can be purchased. They come 50 in a bundle. Individuals can order them and they only pay for the shipping.

Maximum per order is 4 bundles <https://store.upperroom.org/product/emmaus-brochures>

Travel with Rev. Carl Peterson to the Holy Lands, departing February 27, 2024 with an optional extended trip to Petra. Travel info at: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl24a#.ZCb92nbMJEY>. Sign up with Education Opportunities at [eo.travelwithus.com/#eotours](https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/#eotours). More information to come!



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

Upcoming Gatherings

**Anyone who has attended the Walk to Emmaus and,
all with an interest in the Walk to Emmaus are Welcome**

Central United Methodist Church

1875 S Central Avenue, Phoenix

SATURDAY- October 7

From noon to 3 pm

**Potluck, Bring your food either hot or cold
(kitchen facilities unavailable)**

Dove of the Desert United Methodis Church

7201 W. Beardsley , Glendale

Friday-December 1

6:30 Fellowship, 7:00 Service

Please Join us and get excited for the upcoming walks at Lakeview UMC

From the Treasurer

For 2022, our income was \$14,125.46 and our expenses were \$19,370.74, for a net loss of \$5245.28 which came out of savings. For 2023 from January 1 to August 31 our income is \$2371.45 and our expenses are \$7539.59, for a net loss of \$5168.14, which came from savings. As of September 13, 2023 we have \$4888. total in checking and savings.

We have minimum expected expenses from September to December of \$1300.00, which is reasonable. However, January we have expected expenses of \$7780. This would be for insurance, storage, initial checks for the Flagstaff walks, head cook checks for the Sun City Walks. In addition, the refrigerated truck needs new tires, especially before going to Flagstaff and 3 Day needs additional replacement supplies for an estimated total \$1200. Team fees for February will largely be received by January. However Pilgrim fees are largely paid on Thursday of the Walk.

The PO Box is: Arizona Walk to Emmaus, PO Box 86309, Phoenix, AZ 85080-6309.

If you have questions about how to donate through Zelle, email me treasurer.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com.

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