

Rooster Tales



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The Board would like to thank and honor the service of Anne Marie Davee has given to the Arizona Walk to Emmaus for the last fifteen months as Community Lay Director. She has experienced unexpected complications and stresses in her life, and had to make the difficult decision to step away from her position. It is therefore with sadness at the necessity for this transition mixed with excitement about the future of the Walk to Emmaus in Arizona that I share with you that the Board has appointed me to step into the position of CLD for the remainder of the term, which goes until next summer. It is with no small amount of surprise and trepidation that I enter into this role; those of you who know me will know also that this is not a place I ever saw myself occupying. But even though I may have said no multiple times, God had – and has -- other plans for me. So now I pledge to you that, relying on His guidance and support, I will do my best to help steer the Arizona Walk to Emmaus into a path of resurrections big and small. I have been a part of this community for a very long time – I was a pilgrim on walk #15 in 1988 –and I believe that this experience is one of the best tools that the Church has for training and sustaining disciples of Jesus Christ for His work in our world. Please keep me, the Board, and the Walk itself in your prayers.

Don't forget that we need your help, not only with your prayers but also with your gifts and your service. Send donations to And if you haven't already, fill out the form that shows how and where you are willing to serve. Go to this link: <https://forms.gle/8cwnYwNK3Tfcahy9>
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Flyers Available for the Walk To Emmaus

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!



A Note from our Community Spiritual Director

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Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ² And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴ while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." ⁵ What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:1-7 NRS)

Arizona Walk to Emmaus has some unique features. One of our traditions has been to have "cooks" (many of the Women's teams call them cookies). They have tended to all the logistics of the walk weekend, from actually preparing meals to scrubbing toilets and mopping floors. Their most important responsibility, though, has been to serve as prayer partners for the talk team members and they lead the community in supporting a weekend on that sea of prayer. In the book of Acts, we read of the disciples calling on the community to select those from among them to take on the role of waiting on tables. Let's face it, no one is ready to hear the good news of Jesus Christ if it is drowned out by a growling, empty stomach. Those persons selected were chosen for their faith, not for their skills at waiting tables. They became partners in ministry, enabling the disciples (apostles) to do what they were called to do.

I believe Stephen, and Philip, and Prochorus, and the others, engaged in conversations when meals weren't being served or consumed. They guided each other and I am confident that when one, such as Stephen, was recognized as having a powerful message to share, that person transitioned from waiting tables to speaking with new believers.

In the baptismal rituals of the mainline denominations, the congregation promises to raise a child being baptized in a Christian community, to model what it is to be a Christian. Jesus taught that those who would be first in the Kingdom must be servants of all. In the Walk to Emmaus, we are all servants; each with a role and tasks to accomplish. We cannot be successful in our purpose if we are not all working together.

Your AZ Walk to Emmaus Board is working diligently to put together walks for 2024. We need venues. We need team members. We need each other. I trust that God will provide pilgrims. We, your board, are asking you to complete a questionnaire to let us know that you are interested in serving. If you need help filling it out online, contact any of the board members and we would be happy to help you do that. Just as the disciples asked for persons from the community to help so they could be about the business they were called to do, you can answer the call from your community and let us know that you hear God calling you to act. Kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Carl Peterson
AZ Walk to Emmaus
Community Spiritual Director



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Upcoming Gatherings

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

**Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church
7201 W Beardsly Road Glendale
Friday, September 22nd
6:30 Fellowship (light snacks), 7:00 Communion**

**Trinity Height Methodist Church
In the Music Room
3600 N Fourth Street Flagstaff
Saturday, September 23rd
3:30 pm (light snacks)**

**Chino Valley United Methodist Church
735 E RD 1 SO, CHINO VALLEY
SATURDAY- September 30th, 2023
3:00 PM**

**Central United Methodist Church
1875 S Central Avenue, Phoenix
SATURDAY- October 7
From noon to 3 pm**

There will be live music, and a service Potluck afterwards. We hope you will join us! Stay tuned... for further updates about other Gatherings around the state.

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