

Rooster Tales



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Easter Blessings!

I pray you are celebrating resurrection and rebirth with the colors, fragrance, and renewal of Spring in Arizona! We just concluded two amazing walks, and are preparing four more! Walks #261 and #262 will be the first in Northern Arizona in 5 years! Sign pilgrims up now! Keep Scott Mathe and Julie Vlieg and their teams in your prayers. Also, keep Red Hinkley and Ann Bernal in your prayers as they begin to build teams #263 and #264 for October; especially prayers for a location to be perfect and make itself known!

Four teams are being formed. If you want to serve on any of them, it is most helpful, even critical, for you to update your information in the database. Important information to help us sort and pull discernment lists (like gender, birthdate, specific experience such as talks given, etc.) did not survive the process of being transferred to the new Upper Room database. Only you can be sure your information is correct. Go to the database tab on the website and follow the instructions to Log in or to sign up if you haven't been there before. Here is a video (admittedly amateurish, sorry!) to walk you through the process:

<https://www.loom.com/share/233e9e96489a4fa4a6738080ee2618ae?sid=288f6399-3e93-454c-8055-554347ad07de>

De Colores!

Barbara Fike

Community Lay Director



WESTSIDE EMMAUS GATHERING

Friday, April 26th at Dove of the Desert UMC

7201 W Beardsley Rd Glendale, AZ 85308

FELLOWSHIP AT 6:30

SERVICE AT 7:00

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. BRING A FRIEND!

GROUPING

On the third day of your Walk you participated in an informal session on Grouping. You were given a double-sided card to keep you on track in your spiritual Walk with Christ and to serve as an informal agenda for your weekly Grouping session. These sessions can be held at a local coffee shop, restaurant or a member's home, wherever is most comfortable for your group. Ideally your small group will be made up of several members from previous Walks and new community members just off their first Walk.

The card is two-sided and intended to fold up to the size of a business card that you can carry in your wallet or purse. One side lists elements of your spiritual life, your study and your action. The other side has the Prayer to the Holy Spirit and a general list of suggested points of accountability to discuss each week, although it is not necessary to hit each point every week.

The card is a general guide for your weekly grouping but is not intended as a strict regimen. Some of the points are:

- Closest to Christ - At what point during the week did you feel closest to Christ?
- Call to Discipleship - Did you experience a call to discipleship and what did you do?
- Discipleship Denied - Was there a time when you feel you should have done something to share the love of Christ..... but didn't. And make a commitment to do better next time.

Take time to ask each member of the group for special prayer concerns. I like to carry a notepad to write these down to include in my daily prayers. And each weekly grouping should end with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

In this way we help our Grouping sisters and brothers to hold each other accountable in our renewed Walk with Christ. And as we grow in our faith we can serve as guides to others we encounter in our daily walk.

Joe Meehan
Northern Arizona Representative



Dear Friends,
Christ is Risen! The joy of Easter is in the air as we celebrated the resurrection and are now in the Great 50 days. The Bible tells us that the women first saw Jesus, then Jesus appeared to the disciples and to more than 500 men and women. Our Walk to Emmaus recalls Cleopas and his companion meeting Jesus on the road. We can only imagine the words that Jesus spoke and the story that Cleopas shared with this stranger who at first did not seem to know what events had taken place. At the dinner table, Jesus revealed his identity in the bread that was broken and then disappeared from their sight.

The Walk to Emmaus weekend is an opportunity for us to experience the thrill of encountering Christ in new ways. The events of the weekend become tangible experiences and we are excited to share what we have experienced. There are no secrets in the Walk to Emmaus ministry, but there are surprises. There are no secrets in Christianity, but some things are harder to explain if the other has not had a similar experience. Unfortunately, like Jesus after he breaks the bread with Cleopas and his companion, sometimes the glow from the weekend fades from us as we return to our routines.

Or did something change for you? Do you continue to study more than before your walk weekend? Do you remain committed to gathering with your reunion groups? Do you seek new opportunities to serve God and your church? This is what life in Christ is all about. As we celebrate the Great 50 Days of Easter, I encourage you to seek Christ in new ministries in your church, in invitations to strangers and friends alike to join you at church, in your study, and in every encounter you have with others. Christ is alive and in the world, but some will only know when they are able to see Christ in you. May you be blessed this Easter and in all that you do for Christ. De Colores!

Carl Peterson
Community Spiritual Director



Registration Announcements

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!

Walks 259 and 260 are now complete. The new community member information has been added to Ministry Manager. Those of you who attended Walks 259 and 260 are invited to go to <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org/>. Please create a log in and verify your information. Some of you share an email address. Ministry Manager requires entry of members by email address and each of you must have an individual email address or a default email address is created.

Sponsors: If you attended a Walk or similar weekend elsewhere and you have not created a profile in Ministry Manager, please do so. If you need assistance, please contact azemmauscomm@gmail.com.

July is rapidly approaching. Team members and Pilgrims are needed for Men’s Walk 261 and Women’s Walk 262 to be held at Trinity Heights UMC in Flagstaff - a great place to get away in the heat of the summer!

Team members are needed. If you wish to serve, please send an email to any board member and we will make sure the information gets to Scott Mathe or Julie Vlieg.

Your Registrars are going to be doing some traveling during the month of June, which will make registration a crazy crunch time if everyone waits until the last minute to register. Sponsors, please get your Pilgrim applications in as soon as possible. We had a wait list in February and hope to have one for Flagstaff. Teams, please know that we will do our very best to get the lists pulled together the week before the walk.

Applications may be emailed to registrar.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com or mailed to:

AZ Walk to Emmaus
 PO Box 86309
 Phoenix, AZ 85080-6309

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Marsha McClintock and John Campbell
 Co-Registrars, AZ Walk to Emmaus

Upcoming Walks for 2024	
Go to azemmaus.org for new applications and deadlines.	
Next Walks:	
Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff	Location to be determined
Men’s Walk 261 7/18/24	Men’s Walk 263 10/10/24
Lay Director - Scott Mathe	Lay Director - Red Hinkley
Women’s Walk 262 7/25/24	Women’s Walk 264 10/17/24
Lay Director - Julie Vlieg	Lay Director - Ann Bernal

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