

Rooster Tales

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GATHERING/TRAINING SCHEDULE

Flagstaff Area (all at Trinity Heights UMC, childcare provided):

January 22 - Potluck 6:00 p.m., Gathering 7:00 p.m.

March 12 - Training 3:15, Potluck 6:00 p.m., Gathering 7:00 p.m.

Cindi Martinez's email for more information is [cjmartinez@juno.com](mailto:cjemartinez@juno.com)

Phoenix Area:

Dec. 10 - Gathering **CANCELLED**

Jan. 14 - Gathering at 7:15 p.m., at Central UMC

George and Cathy Smoot's email for more information is gmsmoot@inficad.com

NW Valley Area:

1st Sunday of each Month. Gathering at 6:30 p.m. at first UMC of Sun City, 9849 N. 105th Ave.

Iain Glihero's phone # for more information is 602-770-4858.

East Valley Area:

1st Sunday of each Month- Gathering at 3:00 p.m. at Desert Chapel UMC on Palo Verde in Apache Junction.

Rich & Nancy Foster's email for more information is ndmfoster@aol.com

Tucson Area:

Frank Northrup's email for more information is frankndonna@comcast.net

Tri City Area:

LOOKING FOR NEW COORDINATOR!

Lynn Garner's email for more information is jack2lynn@cableone.net

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WALK SCHEDULE

Walk 150, Feb. 10-13, Central UMC, Phoenix, Lay Director Ted Bachelder

Walk 151, Feb. 24-27, Central UMC, Phoenix, Lay Director Ann Butrum

Walk 152, April 7-10, 2005, Catalina UMC, Tucson, Lay Director George Hegeman

Walk 153, April 21-24, 2005, Catalina UMC, Tucson, Lay Director Elaine Roberts

Walk 154, April 28-May 1, 2005, Tucson First UMC, Tucson, Lay Director Deanne Kelly

Walk 155, June 2-5, 2005, Trinity Heights, Flagstaff, Lay Director Rob Roehler

Walk 156, June 16-19, 2005, Trinity Heights, Flagstaff, Lay Director Judy Crabb



Need New Coordinator for Tri City Gatherings!

If you are interested in coordinating the Gatherings for the Tri City area, please contact Lynn Garner at jack2lynn@cableone.net or call at 928-636-2732. This area needs a coordinator to set up and coordinate the Gatherings for 2005 and beyond. Pray about this fun opportunity, and see if this is a way for you to serve our precious Lord.

MOVING?

Please, please let us know when you move! Email the Director of Communications, Mike Fleming, at agestocks@cox.net; by calling the Emmaus Office at 623-937-9391 and leaving a message on the answering machine; or mailing us notification at Arizona Walk to Emmaus, 6826 North 55th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85301



**Walk 150 - Feb. 10-13, Central UMC,
Phoenix**

LEADERS TEAM

Ted Bachelder	Lay Director
Dan Morley	Head Spiritual Director
Art Brooks	Assistant Lay Director
Paul Cleaveland	Assistant Lay Director
Michael Crabb	Assistant Lay Director
Alan Newberry	Assistant Lay Director
Iain Glithero	Assistant Spiritual Director
Mark Lansbury	Assistant Spiritual Director
Dan Turner	Assistant Spiritual Director
Dean Neasham	Music Leader
Alan Fisher	Head Cook

TALK TEAM

Wally Athey	Steven Berg
Bob Cook	Gary Cross
John Deogracias	Ray Eynon
Mark LaTour	Bob Lillie
Victor Paap	Steve Searle
Alan Wilson	

COOK TEAM

Jack Armstrong	Greg Carmichael	Richard Christie
Philip Cilliers	Stephen Dumas	Mike Flam
Ron Ivey	Danny Lind	Joe Lindstrom
Gene Lumba	Mark Manson	Peter Martinello
John Mayer	Tom Priest	Rick Rives
Steve Schieszer	Doug Scott	Gene Tracy
Rick Wallace	William Wheelis	

PILGRIMS

Invitations have been sent and the Pilgrim list will appear in the January issue.



AGAPE TABLE

Milt and Gloria Gaasland attend Gatherings from Flagstaff to Tucson to bring the Agape Table. They spend much time and effort to provide the community the opportunity to purchase Emmaus items. The products they sell are priced at or a little above the cost. The table is there as a service to the community. When you attend a Gathering and the Agape Table is set up, take a look-I think you'll like what you see!

Bill LaNoue

**Walk 151 - Feb. 24-27, Central UMC,
Phoenix**

LEADERS TEAM

Ann Butrum	Lay Director
Louie Lyon	Head Spiritual Director
Meryl Ahart	Assistant Lay Director
Rose Hilgedick	Assistant Lay Director
Nancy Truscott	Assistant Lay Director
Elizabeth Weir	Assistant Lay Director
Ken Kimberlin	Assistant Spiritual Director
Deb Schauer	Assistant Spiritual Director
Alicia Tomkus	Assistant Spiritual Director
Tina Clark	Music Leader
Nancy Foster	Head Cook
Linda Price	Assistant Head Cook
Fran Kapaun	Prayer Angel

TALK TEAM

Julie Jensen	Pat Jensvold
Alicia Kimberlin	Vicki Lerdahl
Joyce Lyon	Julie Wagner

COOK TEAM

Oreta Burger	Colleen Centner	Ginger Dillavou
Gloria Gaasland	Kelly Hogan	Emily Lumba
Brenda Lundmark	Gena Martinello	Vonnie Miller
Beth Price	Tammy Ross	Willie Jo Smith
Lyndsey Sullivan	Wendy Swanson	

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LION HOUSE WASSAIL

This recipe is Great! To have with or after Christmas dinner. It's a wonderful Christmas tradition. Makes 36 - 1/2 cup servings.

2 1/4 cups white sugar	2 cups lemon juice
4 cups water	8 cups apple juice
2 cinnamon sticks	8 whole allspice berries
1 slice fresh ginger root	1 Tbsp. whole cloves
4 cups orange juice	

In a large saucepan, combine sugar and water. Boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat, and add cinnamon sticks, allspice berries, cloves, and ginger. Cover and let stand in warm place for 1 hour. Strain liquid into a large pot. Just before serving, add juices quickly and bring to boil. Remove from heat and serve.



Group Reunion: Using the Card, PART II

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The message of the Walk to Emmaus is that God loves each of us with an unconditional love and that our discipleship consists in sharing that gift of love with others. In reviewing the service sheet, we share how we followed through on our planned commitments to Christian action. In the "Call to Discipleship" we examine our awareness and responsiveness to God's call to love in the midst of everyday life. When did we help someone become open to God's love? When did we reach out to a friend in need, or go out of our way for someone we did not even know?

By naming even those ways in which our discipleship comes naturally, we celebrate the ways in which God's grace is active already in who we are. Discipleship is seldom a rare and heroic deed. It is, at its best, a lifestyle of grace that expresses itself in everything we do.

DISCIPLESHIP DENIED

This question has two sides. First, the question invites us to review ways in which our best efforts as disciples were denied, obstructed, or rendered fruitless during the past week. For example, the crucifixion of Jesus clearly reflected the world's denial of Jesus' and the disciples' ministry. Apparent failure tested their faith. But what did God accomplish through, or in spite of, their failure? What did they learn about following Jesus and about the walk of faith?

Jesus' journey with his disciples makes it clear that the experience of failure is inherent in the call to discipleship. We find our faith tested when persons reject our efforts at reconciliation, investments of love and energy, and disregard our attempts to witness.

Only those who never try to follow Jesus avoid failure. And yet, the potential in these experiences is to grow in grace through adversity. God uses failure when we give it over in faith. Christ teaches us the meaning of the call to faithfulness, not success. We learn to surrender the fruit of our actions of

God.

Another side of the question of discipleship denied is the naming of the ways in which we failed to be responsive to God's call to love and service during the past week. Like Peter, we stood by warming ourselves at the fire while truth was being crucified. Like the rich young ruler, we were unable to respond to love's call with the necessary commitment. The aim is not to be beat up on ourselves but to become aware of our "no" to God and resistances to grace that are still active in all of our lives. We acknowledge the ways in which Christ's perfect love does not yet reign in our lives. We identify opportunities for further growth in the love and likeness of Jesus Christ.

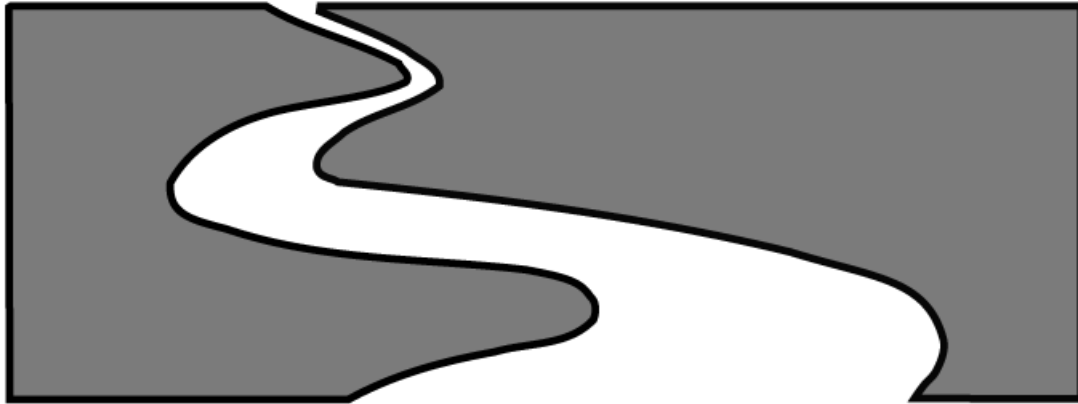
YOUR PLAN

Living as a Christian disciple requires planning. Disciples are not spiritual wanderers but pilgrims on an intentional journey with Christ. Our spiritual growth is not accidental but is the result of purposeful participation in the means of grace. For this reason, members of the group develop plans. The general framework for their plan is piety, study, and action - three all - encompassing dimensions of Christian discipleship.

By making plans, we can discern movement of the path of discipleship. By sharing plans for the upcoming week, we make ourselves accountable. By remembering others' plans, members strengthen one another's resolve to follow through on commitments.

REUNION GROUP ACTIVITIES

Reunion groups provide a natural launching pad for mission in the community. Reunion groups are also a support base for acts of agape for Emmaus weekends. Shared engagement in service to others deepens friendships and opens up avenues for Christian action. As valuable as a group activities and a sense of common mission can be, Emmaus groups must remember that these efforts are "extracurricular". Always make time for the primary work of the group - reviewing the service sheet and reflecting on Christ's presence and call.



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