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Walk to
Emmaus
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Gathering/Hoot/Training Schedule

Flagstaff Area: Trinity Heights UMC

TBA - Potluck at 5:00 PM, gathering at 6:00 PM.

John Weber's email is zweber@juno.com

Phoenix Area: Central UMC

Jan 8 - 2nd Friday of each month Central UMC,
1875 North Central Ave. Phoenix, corner of Central &
Palm Lane, 6:30 PM Dessert/7:15 PM Worship.

West Side Gathering at Spirit of Hope UMC

Jan 22 - Located at 14403 N 75th Ave, Peoria (north
of Thunderbird) 6:30 dessert potluck & fellowship,
7:00 PM worship & communion.

Valerie Fairchild 623-824-1357.

Tucson Area:

Jan 16 - 5:00 PM Potluck followed by worship/
communion at Sierra Vista UMC, 3225 St. Andrews Dr
Child care can be provided, if made aware of need
ahead of time.

Stephanie Hartung's email is shartungdds@gmail.com

Yuma Area: Potluck at 6 PM/gathering 7 PM

TBA

AnnaMarie Sollars' email is amsazmama@aol.com

*Pray for God's guidance
regarding who you should invite
to attend the Tucson Walks to
Emmaus. February 18-21 for men
and February 25-28 for Women.*

Walk #239, Feb 18-21, 2016 St. Paul's UMC,
Tucson, Dick Spining, Lay Director

Walk #240, Feb 25-28, 2016 St. Paul's UMC,
Tucson, Sara Evans, Lay Director

Walk #241, Jun 2-5, 2016 Trinity Heights UMC,
Flagstaff, Rich Payne, Lay Director

Walk #242, June 9-12, 2-16, Trinity Heights UMC,
Flagstaff, Ellen Glasshagel, Lay Director

Time to Renew Your Subscription!



If you choose to have the monthly Rooster Tales delivered to your home, rather than getting it online, it is time to renew your subscription for the **price of \$7 per year.**

After each walk, all pilgrim names are entered online to receive that version of the newsletter. If a pilgrim has no email address, then they receive the hard copy of the newsletter free of charge for the first year after their walk.

After that, they may sign up to continue the hard copy mailing of the newsletter.

If you would like to continue or start to receive your Rooster Tales via snail mail, please send your check made out to **AZ Walk to Emmaus** and mail in care of **Janet Paterson, 2545 S Peonie Circle, Mesa, AZ 85209.**

If you act quickly, there will be no lapse in coverage and you will continue to know what's happening in your Emmaus Community!

~Janet Paterson,
Editor



**Walk #239 February 18-21, 2016
St. Paul's UMC, Tucson**

LEADERS TEAM

Dick Spining	Lay Director
Dennis Foster	Assistant Lay Director
Bob Hooper	Assistant Lay Director
Mark Hrabe	Assistant Lay Director
Jim Moffett	Assistant Lay Director
Bob Gilfert	Head Spiritual Director
Bob Cutlipp	Assistant Spiritual Director
Mark Lansberry	Assistant Spiritual Director
Mark Smith	Head Cook
Dave Camp	Music Director

TALK TEAM

Don Booth	Steve Haralson	Ed Hunter
Gary Jay	Hal Lofgren	Tom Moody
Brian Nikkari	Jim Prescott-Smith	Bill Ralston
Kim Riddlesworth	Hank Slotnick	Dick van Loben Sels

COOK TEAM

Jim Abshire	Jim Beaman	John Bolster
Mike Brown	Jim Buttke	Peter Daniels
Billy Eader	Frank Garcia	Everett Greenwood
Terry Hendricks	Isaac Johnson	Wade Martin
Dick Peterson	Lionel Richardson	Jeff Robbins
Rod Rothrock	Andrew Smith	Norm Story
Brian Trusty	Eddie Vasquez	Lex Wilcox

3-DAY TEAM

Joe Delepost	Scott Hartung	Asterian Mosely
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All Emmaus walks float on a sea of prayer. Please keep both teams in your prayers. Sign up on the 72-hour Prayer vigil online. Thanks so much!

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED**

In the next few months, there will be an opportunity for you to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to be more involved with the Arizona Walk to Emmaus. Several positions will be up for election in May.

One need is Rooster Tales editor. Do you enjoy working on the computer? Informing the community of things and dates they need to be aware of?

Please see or contact **Dusty LaNoue, Ted Bachelder** or **Robbi Fowler** listed on the back page if you might feel God's calling to be more involved by serving the Arizona Walk to Emmaus Community. Other positions will also be listed in future issues of the Rooster Tales.

They include Treasurer, Agape Chairperson, Lay Director-Elect. More information will be available in months ahead.



**Walk #240 February 25-28, 2016
St. Paul's UMC, Tucson**

LEADERS TEAM

Sara Evans	Lay Director
Cheryl Holliday	Assistant Lay Director
Marjie Hrabe	Assistant Lay Director
Ainsley Legner	Assistant Lay Director
Doris Magargee	Assistant Lay Director
Mary Lou Adame	Head Spiritual Director
Sherry Brady	Assistant Spiritual Director
Peter Vaught	Assistant Spiritual Director
Jim Wiltbank	Assistant Spiritual Director
Nina Conrad	Music Director
Carla Ruhl	Head Cook
Cheryl Smith	Assistant Head Cook
Elaine Roberts	Prayer Warrior

TALK TEAM

Ellie Adams	Cathy Bol	Linda Connolly
Gwyn Dickson	Sandy Ehrman	Jan Furr
Sherry Hoskinson	Doncella Leach	Marilyn Neal
Audrey Richardson	Barbie Spining	Tamara Swerline
Jodi Wheeler	Donna Wright	Mary Ybarra

COOK TEAM

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Susan Lindsay	Christine Maglott	Leanne Martin
Michele Montbleau	Sandra Phillips	Kay Pitt
AeSun Robles	Karla Rothrock	Holly Schultz
Kris Smith	Anna Marie Sollars	Joannie Wiltbank

3-DAY TEAM

Kelly Capps	Jeanie Folstad	Julie Martin
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Prayerfully ask God who YOU should invite to attend these walks.

There is plenty of space for additional pilgrims. Deadline for application is February 4 (men) and February 11 (women).

Message from Our Community Lay Director, Wally Athey

Paying It Forward

When the Arizona Walk to Emmaus community celebrated our 30th anniversary recently, founding Spiritual Director Rev. Dr. Larry Hinshaw reminded us of those early years and how it all began. He told the story of reaching out to other three-day movements in the Phoenix area for help and support. In 1985, Hinshaw said, God provided men and women from other faith-backgrounds to begin this United Methodist expression until we could stand on our own. He told the 250-plus at the afternoon Gathering/Worship service how blessed he and the early Emmaus teams were because of this support. And now God has given the Arizona Walk to Emmaus an opportunity to pay it forward and do something similar in 2016.

Organizers of a potential Tres Dias community in Tucson/Southern Arizona have asked for our help as they anticipate holding weekends in July, 2016. The Tres Dias team is asking to send some 5-7 potential leaders to attend our Walk to Emmaus weekends so they might gain some first-hand experience on the receiving end of God's love. These potential leaders would then be qualified to serve as leadership on the July Tres Dias weekends. These 5-7 individuals would be pilgrims on Walks 239 and 240 at St. Paul's UMC (February 18-21 and 25-28) with co-sponsorship from our Emmaus community AND folks from the organizing team. Another area of support will come from our Emmaus community. We'll be looking for couples or individuals to co-sponsor AND some in our Emmaus community may be asked to serve as part of the teams for those July weekends. The organizers added that they are getting support from the Tres Dias community in Phoenix as well as other three-day movements in the Tucson area.

Your Board of Directors along with the Lay Directors and teams for Walk 239 and 240 are excited for this opportunity to share our love of God and the blessings of the Arizona Walk to Emmaus with so many others in the Tucson area.

If you would like to part of this opportunity to serve and bless others, please contact me (wally.athey@hotmail.com). Praying is always welcome.

And if you are considering sponsoring a couple or single individual for Walks 239 and/or 240, those deadlines for application for an invitation to attend are respectively February 4 and 11, two weeks before each weekend begins. Prayers of God's blessings for each of you throughout this New Year, 2016!

MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR, JOHN FAIRCHILD

EMMANUEL

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:2,6)

Emmanuel is not a word just for Christmas. "God with us" ought to be on the cusp of our thoughts moment-by-moment through the day. He is with us, he is for us. Sure, we know that in our head, but do we 'know' it in our soul with every breath. If it is, shouldn't that flavor our every action and thought? But it's hard, difficult work. This is part of the work we do as we "work out our salvation" by actually **following** Jesus rather than just pointing him out to others. (something reminds me of the "Christian Action" talk here)

"You shall name him Jesus and he will be called Emmanuel." His name is not Emmanuel but rather the essence of his presence. Here is the good news; YOU have the essence of his presence too! Because of Jesus birth, life, death, and resurrection his presence is the tangible reality of the Holy Spirit working within you. The second part of the good news is that because his presence is in you, the power of God is within you too. You have the power to overcome the adversity of the world, the afflictions that bind you and keep you from fully being who God created you to be.

Our work is to **cooperate** with the Holy Spirit as we follow Jesus and his teaching. Yup, takes practice, lots of it too. Yup, we'll probably make a mistake or two. But his essence never leaves your presence, so never give up, be persistent, be faithful because he is faithful to you. I encourage you to make a goal to practice the presence more carefully and continually this year. I promise, if you do, you will be changed, more into what you wish you were right now. Emmanuel brothers and sisters.



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Happy New Year!
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