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# Cross Point Emmaus

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**Happy New Year, everyone!** I can't wait to visit and see everyone at our February 4th Gathering. Ardmore First Methodist at the Colvert Ministry Center at noon. The board decided to try a noon gathering with BBQ as our main dish and the rest of the community will bring sides dishes. What a great way to fellowship!

We will have a time of Sponsorship training during the Gathering. If you have sponsored recently, in the past, or would like to sponsor a pilgrim for the upcoming Walks, please come. Come find out everything you thought you knew about sponsorship but didn't....

I need to inform you that Cross Point Camp fees have increased, therefore, our Emmaus fees have gone up also. Pilgrim fees are \$255 for the Walk. Volunteer fees are \$215 for the weekend. We did receive a grant from the Lake Country District in 2022, but not enough to grant everyone a scholarship like we were able to do on the last Walks. What a wonderful blessing from Lake Country District! (Thank you!) If you need to apply for a scholarship, you will need to complete the scholarship application located on our website: [crosspointemmaus.org](http://crosspointemmaus.org). A deposit of half the fee will need to be made either at first training or soon thereafter. The online forms have been updated with this new information. Cross Point Camp has requested an insurance waiver to be signed by everyone who will be working at the camp. Forms will be available at your team meetings or gatherings.

Please keep Scott and Cheryl Heller and their Conference Team in your prayers, as they begin training for the upcoming April walks:

Men's Walk #111 April 13-16 – Rev. John Hollon is the Spiritual Director.

Women's Walk #112 April 20-23 – Rev. Sharon Hale is the Spiritual Director.

I'll close with an Irish blessing:

*May there always be work for your hands to do.*

*May your purse always hold a coin or two.*

*May the sun always shine on your windowpane.*

*May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.*

*May the hand of a friend always be near you.*

*May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

Patty Tickel, Community Lay Director

## SPONSORSHIP

Welcome to the Cross Point Emmaus Community! Judy Roberts is your Cross Point Emmaus Registrar, and now is the time to be in prayer of who God places on your heart to sponsor. Sponsoring is not a position to be taken lightly nor without much prayer. Let God work through you, to lead you to those that He has a plan to be leaders in the church.

Sponsorship forms are available on the Cross Point website, along with addresses, emails and other information. If you do not have access to the internet, please ask your church or Board Member to assist you.

Greetings Emmaus brothers and sisters,

I am one of your new Emmaus board members. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve in this way. I have signed up to help Melissa West with gatherings. We would love to start making these monthly events again. I believe with all my heart doing so will help us strengthen our Emmaus community. I also realize everyone is busy.

Gatherings are a great way to refresh and renew your Emmaus experience. That is true whether you attended the last set of walks or it was years ago. We will praise and worship and have Holy Communion together. And of course, there is the social aspect, we will eat.

Our next Gathering will be on February 4 at Colvert Ministry Center at First Methodist in Ardmore. We will meet at noon. Yes, I know we have never done it that way. As a board, we thought we would shake things up and do it at a different time. We will have the bar-b-que smoked by our own expert bar-b-que chef, Jerold Phillips. You bring your favorite side and come for fellowship and worship and sharing. I pray you will make attending this gathering a priority. See you there.

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Toni Hignight

## GATHERING SCHEDULE

**February 4**

12:00 PM

Ardmore First Methodist  
(BBQ)

**March 4**

12:00 PM

Generations Church  
Thompson Square in Ardmore  
(Mexican)

**April 1**

4:00 PM

Asbury Methodist Church  
*Commissioning*  
(Potluck)

**May 6**

12:00 PM

Kingston Lighthouse Methodist  
Church  
(grilling/picnic)

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### PRAYER FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES

The Nebraska Walk to Emmaus:

*Please keep our Community in your prayers,  
as we have 3 weekends.*

*Our dates are as follows:*

*Walk to Emmaus*

*February 16-19, 2023 Men*

*February 23-26, 2023 Women*

*Chrysalis*

*June 1-4, 2023*

*Hello dear friends! The GRACE Emmaus Community is looking for wall agape for our upcoming Men's and Women's walks*

*Men's February 23-26, Women's March 2-5.*

*We appreciate your prayers and support!*

Keystone Walk to Emmaus in central Pennsylvania:

*Chrysalis February 17-19*

*Men's April 13-16*

*Women's April 20-23*

Great River Walk to Emmaus:

*We would appreciate your prayers for our upcoming walks in West Central Illinois and North East Missouri. We would appreciate your prayers for pilgrims to register and our teams to be filled -- and our community to step forward to serve.*

*Men's Walk #31 – February 23-26, 2023*

*Women's Walk #32 – March 16-19, 2023*

## SNACKS!!!

Every Walk depends on many important things. One that we may take for granted, because we know it is coming, is snacks. Think back to your Walk and how these “treats” mysteriously appeared just when you were hungry. Okay. You were never hungry on a Walk, but think of how food is a way of showing love for another person—an agape gift. Now is the time to begin signing up to donate snacks and drinks to those pilgrims on the next Walks. Funds are limited for snack purchasing, so we need your donations! Please sign up on the website, by clicking on the link on the “Forms/Signups” page. Select the items you would like to donate, for either the men’s or women’s, or BOTH!! Contact Amy Heller at 580-504-7239 if you have any questions. Thank you!

### ***Cross Point Emmaus 2023 Board***

Community Lay Director - Patti Tickel  
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 Community Asst. Lay Dir. - Melissa Grace  
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 Setup / Tear Down - Jay Grace  
 Literature / Supplies - Gary Heller  
 Fourth Day - Dr. David Daniel  
 Gatherings – Melissa West & Rev. Toni Hignight  
 Music / AV Tech - Becca Glaser  
 Table Agape - Terry Pierson  
 Registration - Judy Roberts  
 Newsletter - Kenna Johnson

### **SET UP AND TEAR DOWN VOLUNTEERS**

I will need a crew of volunteers to help unload the Emmaus shed early Thursday afternoon of the Men’s Walk (April 13 at 1:00 p.m.). We will deliver all the shed supplies to the work areas for team members to organize and be ready to use. We will also be setting up the conference room and chapel in the Ken Long Tabernacle. With many hands to help, the task will get done quicker. You can stay for the team meal at 5:00 p.m. and later Send Off and welcome the new pilgrims to camp. I will also need help putting all the supplies back into our storage shed after the Women’s Walk on Sunday, April 23. We usually start this about 1:00 p.m. Just text or call and I’ll put you on the list to help. Jay Grace 580-465-1040. Thanks!

### **TABLE AGAPE**

Remember how you felt on your Walk, when you entered the dining room and found all of the goodies at your seat? Wasn’t it fun to wonder what would be left at the next meal? Let’s give that same feeling to our next Fall pilgrims! If you haven’t started working on items with your Reunion Group, please make plans to start. We need 72 pieces of agape per Walk. Be sure to identify your reunion group’s name on the agape. Contact Terry Pierson at papat1954@hotmail.com or 580-220-8737.

### **PRAYER VIGIL SIGN UP BEGINS**

With the spring walks just around the corner, it is time to sign up on the prayer vigil to pray during the 72 hours of each walk. Both Men’s and Women’s Prayer Vigil sign ups are available on-line and will be available in person at the Emmaus Monthly Gatherings which are set to begin February 4. Remember how it felt when you looked over the prayer vigil and saw your sponsor’s and spouse’s names?! Pray about who you will ask to sponsor as a candidate/pilgrim and get ready to sign up for a 30 minute time slot during one or both of the walks. Thanks in advance!!

Melissa Grace

## SPONSORSHIP - THE COMMUNITY'S STRENGTH



Sponsorship is more than “signing up people for the Walks.”. The Model contains many points about sponsorship, and I will share several from “The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus,” pages 13-20.

- First, good sponsorship is the first act of agape before a Walk ever begins; the experience of the Walk for a pilgrim really begins with how we handle sponsorship.
- Second, good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim. Sponsors use discernment in recruiting pilgrims, embody the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim, and provide personal acts of agape during the three days for the pilgrims. These acts of agape include prayer, agape letters, presence at Candlelight and Closing, and follow-up.
- Third, good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement that is fulfilling its true purpose: the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry. Wood and Roy write in *Day Four: The Pilgrim's Continued Journey*, “**The strength of any Emmaus Community is a direct result of that community's recruiting practices. If the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, then the community will be a strong vital force in the renewal movement.**”
- Emmaus is for active Christians and members of churches whose own renewal will mean new energy, commitment, and vision in the church and everyday environments for Christ's sake.
- Emmaus is right for many people – but not for everyone. The religious background or emotional condition of some people may make Emmaus an improper discipleship tool for them.
- Wise sponsorship is purposeful and prayerful; unwise sponsorship is haphazard and undiscerning.
- Sponsorship is like being a godparent. A godparent doesn't just stand with a person at the front of the church, but helps him or her grow in the spiritual life.

Given the importance of sponsorship, Boards of Directors may develop local guidelines and reasonable expectations to ensure responsible sponsorship (page 17 of the Handbook). The Cross point Board of Directors considers Sponsorship to be critical to a Pilgrim's Walk experience, and to the Community's growth and stability. To help sponsors balance all of their responsibilities towards their pilgrims and pilgrims' families during the Walk weekend, the Board strongly recommends that a sponsor **limit their sponsorship to 2 pilgrims per Walk**. This will help a sponsor with being able to meet the needs of their pilgrims, including such things like getting their pilgrim to Camp on Thursday night, making the pilgrim's bed, visiting with the spouse over the weekend, assisting with childcare, obtaining agape letters, taking their pilgrim home after closing, taking their pilgrim to a Fourth Day meeting, helping the pilgrim get connected with a Reunion Group, and being a valuable source during the pilgrim's Fourth Day journey. It's a privilege to sponsor someone, but with that privilege comes real responsibility. On the surface the process seems easy, but fulfilling the responsibilities can be exciting and exhausting. Yet, it is spiritually rewarding!

For more information, visit our website at [www.crosspointemmaus.org](http://www.crosspointemmaus.org) or contact Judy Roberts, Registrar, at 580-504-7924, [muchhuntin@hotmail.com](mailto:muchhuntin@hotmail.com).

## SCHOLARSHIPS - CANDIDATE & VOLUNTEER

Limited funds are available for scholarships for the Spring 2023 Walks. If a pilgrim or volunteer needs a scholarship to attend/work the Walk, please download the application from the Cross Point Emmaus website, complete the form, and return to registrar Judy Roberts. Scholarship rules include that the deposit must be paid first ( for candidates and volunteers). Scholarships are limited to one per person per a 12-month period (excluding the grant funding all received for scholarships for the Fall 2022 walks.) If you have any questions, please contact any Board Member.

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### PAYPAL DONATIONS

Do you know that you can donate monetarily to our Community through PayPal? You may use this feature to pay team and candidate fees or donate for any designated purpose (snack agape, scholarship fund, general fund, etc). You may also choose to setup reoccurring donations. Visit our website and click on "Donate," or login to your own PayPal account and send your donation to "info@crosspointemmaus.org." Please specify what the donation or payment is intended for, in comments/purpose. You may also scan this QR Code to donate on a mobile device.



### On the Road to Emmaus

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

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28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

—Luke 24: 13-16, 28-32

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