

Cross Point Emmaus

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The metal shed that we store our Emmaus equipment and totes, at Crosspoint Camp, has sprung a leak and we need someone in the community who knows about metal roofs to take a gander at it.

If you are willing to help us out, please contact me at 580-795-4388.

I can meet you most evenings or during the weekend, if you want to look at it first.

Thank you for your servant's heart.

Patty Tickel, Community Lay Director

TEAM FORMATION

The Board has recently approved recommendations from Troy Williams and Kenna Johnson. The Lay Directors will slowly, but urgently, begin contacting all applicants. Please know your willingness is more than appreciated!!

VOLUNTEERING

Do you know what areas are available to serve? There are many tasks that are greatly important and support the Walks and the Conference Room, such as:

Set Up & Tear Down Crew (before men's, after women's)

Kitchen Crew (cooking, washing, table serving)

Snack Agape (menu, setup, décor)

Table Agape (assist meal setup, décor, agape gifts, agape letters)

Cabin Steward/Angel (cleaning, tidying, supplying cabins)

Team Assistant (errands, ensuring schedule, support)

Prayer Room (setup/decor, prayer for pilgrims, teams, special requests) - *considered as a Conference Team role*

If you are still interested in volunteering for an entire Walk or for certain days, please fill out a volunteer form online at www.crosspointpointemmaus.org or contact the Lay Directors: Troy Williams and Kenna Johnson.

The Hands & Feet Team will be glad to have you!

TABLE AGAPE

Have you ever tried to out give God? Read Luke 6:38! It says 'give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over! When we give our table agape to the pilgrims God will bless! Anything you do in His name will be blessed! Thank you for all Table Agape!

De Colores!

Terry Pierson

2023 Fall Walk Dates

Send-Off

7:00pm

Men's - Sept 21, Women's - Sept 28

Candlelight

8:00pm

Men's - Sept 23, Women's - Sept 30

Closing

4:00pm

Men's - Sept 24, Women's - Oct 1

Fourth Day

6:00pm

October 3

Ardmore First Methodist Church

MAY & JUNE GATHERINGS

We want to thank Rev. Toni Hignight and her church family at Lighthouse First United Methodist Church in Kingston! They welcomed our community with open arms and decorations.

Our June Gathering was hosted by Kingston United Methodist Church with Rev. Joel Thompson. They provided delicious fried chicken. Thank you to their church and all who attended, assisted with setup, and provided good eats.



PAYPAL DONATIONS & FEE PAYMENTS

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 the QR Code to donate on a mobile device.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

We hope you can enjoy us at the next Gatherings!

August 12

12:00 PM

Madill FUMC

Please bring a dish or dessert to share with the community. The gathering is set for Noon, due to the conference team having trainings.

September 9

4:00 PM

Ardmore FMC - Colvert Ministry Center

Please bring a dish or dessert. The schedule will be different this time. We will begin with Team Commissioning and then move into food and fellowship.

CANDIDATE & SPONSOR APPLICATIONS

Applications for Pilgrims/Sponsors are **due September 9th**. Please start mailing your applications. We are ready and eager!

We are also receiving applications that are incomplete. Here are the requirements, prior to the submission of an application:

- 1. Signature of Candidate Applicant**
- 2. Signature of current candidate's Pastor**
- 3. Deposit amount of \$125 (check or cash)**
- 4. Completed "Sponsor Sheet"**
- 5. Sponsor's signature**

An application that is received without the above requirements is not considered submitted. Please understand that as a Sponsor, you are responsible for obtaining the Candidate Application (with all signatures) from your Candidate and then submitting that application with your sponsor application and payment (minimum deposit amount—paid by candidate, church, or whomever), to the Registrar. The candidate should not be submitting any form directly to the Registrar, as this is reserved for the Sponsor.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy at muchhuntin@hotmail.com or 580-504-7924.

CHURCHES' CANDIDATE ATTENDANCE

We have received many questions regarding the selection of candidates (pilgrims). All applications are carefully processed and prayed over. This past Walk, the Board focused on filling vacancies rather than the process of the written model. We, the Board, are committed to following the Emmaus Model for successful leadership. Below is an extract from Emmaus Ministries Community Manual:

"There should be no more pilgrims from one church than there are pilgrim tables in the conference room. Pilgrims from the same church should be at different tables. This facilitates each pilgrim's having his or her own experience. Limiting the number of pilgrims from one church on a Walk also helps the Community develop its diversity, which is part of The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus model. Church diversity should be monitored by the Registrar, who should make note of this diversity for the person who prepares the table assignments. Sponsors should be informed of the necessity of church diversity so they do not expend all of their energy trying to get many people from one church to attend a particular walk event. The Board of Directors of the Emmaus community should adopt these diversity guidelines as policy to protect the Registrar, thus allowing the Registrar to carry out policy instead of being placed in the apparent position of establishing policy."

Cross Point's Walk to Emmaus events have six (6) table groups in the conference room. Based upon the Model, there should be **no more than 6 pilgrims from one church on a particular Walk (six men and six women)**. Pilgrim applications are accepted on a chronological basis; therefore, we will consider the first 6 applications from a church for each set of Walks. Applications exceeding this limit will be carried over to the subsequent Walks. The Registrar will notify the Sponsors of any holdovers and in the event that a selected candidate can no longer attend, the next chronologically received applicant will be contacted, and so forth.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and support, as we are preparing and hoping to steadily grow our Community and hold regularly scheduled Walks.

Kenna Johnson
Newsletter & A/V Tech

SPONSORSHIP CHECKLIST

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, help you properly interpret Emmaus, and carry out your responsibility in sharing God's grace as a sponsor.

1. When you are talking to a married person, you should talk with both husband and wife. We want both husband and wife to make the decision together. Their applications should be turned in together.
2. Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. These three days cannot rectify every problem marriage, enthrall every disenchanted church member, cure disturbed persons, or make saints of sinners. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to change environments through Christian leaders. Pilgrims should not only know where the path is, they should already be walking on it. We don't need just any candidates, we need the best.
3. Feel free to share with a potential applicant what Emmaus meant for you as fully as will help, realizing that all explanations will fall short. It is not that we are not allowed to tell what went on, but that it is difficult to explain. We want their experience to be fresh, especially for Candlelight and agape letters, which will hopefully be surprises.
4. Do not assume the person you are sponsoring will experience the same things you did. Each of us is at a different place on our spiritual journey. For some, the Emmaus experience will be a mountaintop, a new beginning. For others, it will be a strengthening for the journey they are already on. We must not pre-judge our candidates or set them up with unhelpful expectations.
5. As part of assuring your applicant that you are personally interested in their attending, make plans to take them to Cross Point Camp for Send-Off. Please remember that there will not be a meal for the pilgrims upon arrival. Make sure that you pilgrim has had a meal prior to arrival at the camp. Do not arrive before 6:30pm and not after 7:15pm. You transporting them, helping them with packing and registration, and participating in the Send-Off and Sponsor's Hour, are a form of prayer and sacrifice.
6. During the weekend, you and your family become an important resource for the pilgrim's family. Leave your phone number with their spouse. Do something special for them during the weekend like giving them a few hours during the day for personal time. Share a meal with them. Let the pilgrim's spouse know that you love and care for them.
7. You have responsibilities to the pilgrim. Pray for him/her during the weekend.
8. Write your pilgrim letters of prayers and sacrifice, and make sure others do likewise, especially those closest to them. A sample agape letter request is available online also. When gathering letters from loved ones, please write the letter "F" in the top right corner of the envelope, so they are given priority. Each pilgrim needs **at least 12** letters.
9. Support your pilgrim with your presence at Candlelight and Closing.
10. After the Walk, stay in contact and support the pilgrim you sponsor during their Fourth Day. Be responsible for getting them to the Fourth Day Gathering following their Walk. Take them to at least their first Gathering and Community Training. Help them become involved in a Group Reunion as soon as possible. (2012)
11. We ask that an individual sponsor no more than two pilgrims per Walk, but if no one else is available from your church to help sponsor, please contact the Board and we will be glad to assist with making beds on Thursday night and other needs.

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.

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

Note: If you have anything to add to the next quarterly Newsletter, send your copy or photos to info@crosspointemmaus.org. All submissions will be subject to editing.

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