



Payson Park Church

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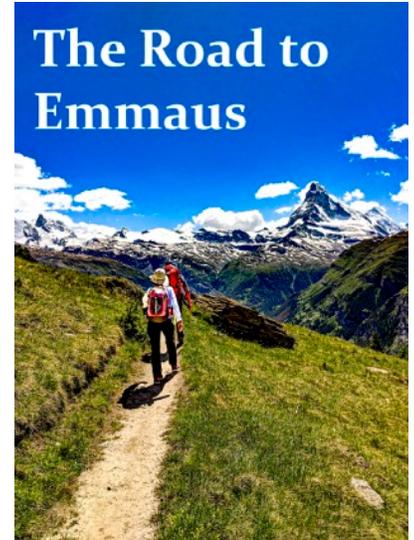
A Road to Emmaus Church

Stewardship Pledges 2021 - Making promises to support our congregation during the pandemic.

I love the story of the two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus. After Jesus' crucifixion they feel lost because they had thought Jesus was the Messiah, but no Messiah would suffer and die that way. They encounter the risen Jesus, without realizing it at first, and he explains to them how Moses and the scriptures predicted this would happen. Then in the breaking of the bread, they finally recognize him for Jesus. Jesus is the Messiah, but the disciples had the wrong expectations about who the Messiah would be.

It's such a good story about how God will take what we thought we understood and turn it around. The pandemic has turned around everything we thought we understood about church. Still, we have these breakthrough moments where we recognize our church, even if it means being church in a new way.

My hope is that people can share their "Road to Emmaus Moments" from the Pandemic. One Emmaus moment for me is about keeping in touch with people by calling them out of the blue just to make sure they're ok. It was not how I had expected to experience my church community, but I knew it was the same community and this was my turned-around-for-the-pandemic way to keep in touch. I'm sure other people have other stories like this -- stories where they recognized church even if it appeared in a way they had never expected.



Even in this new situation, Payson Park is still our church, we are still growing with God for the good of the world.

We need you to continue your support of our congregation, as we walk with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus. If you have lost your job, been hospitalized, or have suffered in any way during this pandemic, then please scale back your pledge, your promise to support our church in 2021. If your job is fine, if you enjoy the safety of your home and income at this time, then please consider stepping up and giving more, to carry more of the support while some of our families are hurting.

Enclosed please find your Pledge card for 2021. People will be contacting you to share their Road to Emmaus moments. Afterwards we invite you to make a pledge to our church for 2021. We are also offering a confidential pledge button and form on our website. Thank you for your support of Payson Park, your Road to Emmaus church.

Sincerely,

Tommy McCauley, Stewardship co-Leader

Stewardship Speakers:

Nov 1st - Tommy, Katie, and Eliza McCauley.

Nov 8th - Carla Coltharp.

Nov 15th - Jen Stempler

Nov 22nd - Stewardship Pledges dedicated to God.