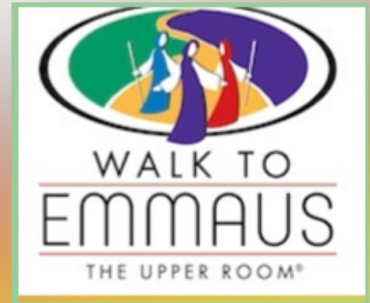


Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



Community Lay Director

Dear community,

Please help me welcome the new community members from women's walk 47:

To the women of walk 47, I pray your 4th days have been blessings on blessings. Dont forget the reunion before our gathering on July 22nd.

I hope and pray everyone is having a fun and safe summer. Be always in pray-ers for our upcoming fall walks and team preparation.

DeColores! Mike Burke, Community Lay Director

Women's Walk #47 Review

I had the amazing blessing of serving as Lay Director of the recent LOVE Community Women's Walk #47. We welcomed these beautiful Pilgrims into our Emmaus Community: Olivia Fulton, Rhonda Grooms, Ashley Earlywine, Olivia Shayne Foote, Denise Rose, Shanese Gilvin, Tiffany Schmidt, Jennifer Hoover, Tammy Adams, Jodi Keller, Morgan Thompson, JoAnn Elliott, Pam Massengill, Peggy Clark, Beth Queen Foister, Gracie Simms, Sara Flannery, Jessica Latham ,and Rianna Ogden. I know each of you reading this will be praying for them and seek to welcome them into our family!

Our Walk verse was Psalm 46:10, Be still and know that I am God.

During our time together – during preparation meetings as well as during the Walk – we witnessed over and over again how God reminds us of His goodness and mercy when we simply take time to intentionally be still and remember that He is in fact our God. This verse was chosen due to the simplicity it speaks to, but at the same time the challenge we all find in attempting to practice stillness in the midst of constant chaos that can surround us.

We are so blessed to have an Emmaus Community full of support, encouragement and so much love! I encourage you to reach out to an Emmaus brother or sister you haven't seen in a while, check in with them and invite them to an upcoming Gathering!

Thank you ALL for the prayer and support you have richly poured over the team and pilgrims of Walk #47.

DeColores! Melody Simms, Women's Walk #47 Lay Director

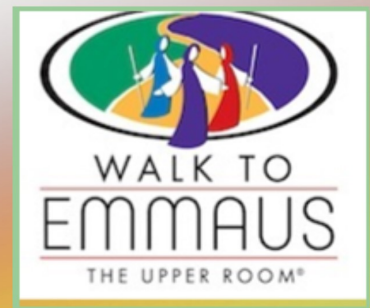
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Upcoming Events

- July 22: Gathering @ 7:00, Women's Walk #47 Reunion @ 6:00
- August 26: Picnic Gathering @ 6:00 at Washington Recreation Park
- September 4-7: Men's Walk #39 @ Ruggles
- September 23: Gathering @ 7:00, Men's Walk #39 Reunion @ 6:00
- October 2-5: Women's Walk #48 @ Ruggles
- October 28: Gathering @ 7:00, Women's Walk #48 Reunion @ 6:00

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



Community Spiritual Director

Bugs in Your Life Fixture

How attentive are you to your surroundings? Now, I know admitting this might not come as a surprise to many of you, but I'll go ahead and say it: I notice things most people overlook. Maybe it's my OCD, my ADD, or some other cluster of letters I've forgotten or haven't been officially diagnosed with, but once I've been in a room for more than a few minutes, I start surveying everything around me.

Ceiling tiles, for example, I count how many have water stains. I notice which ones are sagging, cracked, or missing altogether. Then I start thinking, "How long would it take to fix that?" Probably just a ladder and a bit of time. But maybe they don't have extra tiles. Maybe the pattern is discontinued. Maybe they just haven't noticed.

And then... my eyes drift upward again to the light fixtures. Am I the only one who counts how many bugs are in the light fixtures? Dead flies, little gnats, and of course the collection of beetles just floating in there, preserved in fluorescent amber. Cleaning them out wouldn't require a committee. It would just take a ladder and a little bit of attention.

By now, you've probably looked at the title of this article and wondered if "life" in Bugs in Your Life Fixture was a typo. It wasn't. Like those ceiling lights, you and I were created to shine. Jesus says in Matthew 5:14–16 (NLT): "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

We are called to let His light shine through us. But the truth is, if we're not paying attention, our life fixture starts collecting bugs. They might seem like small things: a lingering grudge, a bitter attitude, a few careless words, a secret habit, or some spiritual laziness. Just like those dead insects in the ceiling light, they don't block all the light—but they do change how it's seen.

Here's the part that really stuck with me: When you look at a light fixture full of bugs, your eyes don't focus on the glow, they focus on what doesn't belong. No one admires how clean the rest of the fixture is. They're counting the bugs. People do the same thing with us. They may never say it aloud, but when our lives are cluttered with small compromises and neglected areas, that's what draws their attention, not the light we're trying to shine, but the bugs we've allowed to stay.

Most of us have read Matthew 5 before. We know that no one turns on a lamp just to cover it up. We understand that truth intellectually. Yet how often do we go through life trying to shine for Jesus, only to ignore the obvious little things that distract from His light? Things that don't require a full remodel—just a ladder and a little attention.

I'll end by asking you the same question I had to ask myself: What bugs are in your life fixture that are distracting others from seeing Jesus in you? More importantly, what are you willing to do about them? The world needs your light. But it needs a clear one. Take some time this week. Climb the ladder and clean out the bugs. You'll be amazed how much brighter the Light of Christ shines when nothing is in the way.

DeColores! Jonathan King, Community Spiritual Director

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



Community Registrars and Sponsorship

We are accepting applications for the fall men's and women's walks.

Please be in prayer about a person in your life that you can sponsor. Applications can be accessed at lovenmaus.org. If you have any questions about sponsorship, please reach out to us! You can also check out our video about sponsorship by clicking our picture!

DeColores! Lucas and Samantha Hiler, Registrars and Sponsorship



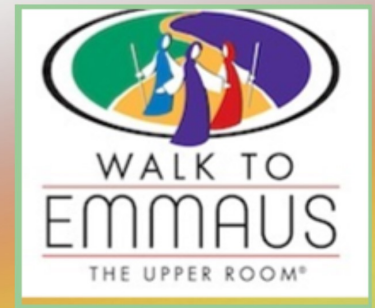
Community Volunteer Coordinator

Book Fund: As a community, we have offered one free book to each pilgrim attending a walk. This has been strictly by donations from various team/community members. Our fund is currently running low and needs to be replenished. If you are willing to help out with this ministry, please see a board member to donate! This has blessed many pilgrims and we would like for it to continue!



DeColores! Cheri McClanahan, Community Volunteer Coordinator

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Important Walk Reminders

The purpose of Emmaus is to develop Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It's about the pilgrims!

Please attend Send Off, Candlelight, and Closing. The more community members that are there, the more support the pilgrims feel. Remember to enter the grounds quietly for Candlelight and Closing. Unless you are on the team, these are the only times that you should be on the campground.

In case you didn't know, share groups can help prepare and serve a meal. If your group would like to take care of a meal during the weekend, just let the kitchen coordinator know. You prepare the meal, serve the meal, can help clean up, and then leave. The team and pilgrims greatly appreciate seeing your smiling faces!

Remember only people who have been on an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight are allowed to attend walk events. No children are allowed out of respect for the pilgrims.

Join us for Gatherings at Washington Central
Church!

4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm fol-
lowed by a potluck meal

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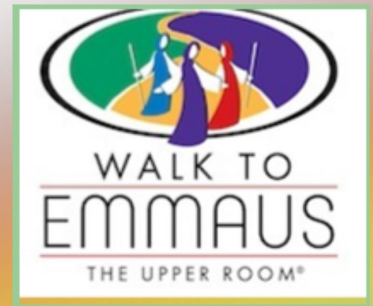
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