Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Community Lay Director

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Spring is upon us and as Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens". The season is approaching to sponsor a pilgrim on one of the walks in 2022. As disciples it is important to lead others to growth and understanding of God's love and grace so they can also continue to share this amazing love with others.

Romans 10:14-15

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Let us share the beauty of Christ with others by being His hands and feet. As members of the L.O.V.Emmaus Community we have the blessing of being able to share the excitement and fun of the Walk to Emmaus. If you need an application, go to the lovemmaus.org website and you can download the application from Walk Info & Forms.

DeColores! Nikki Chandler, Community Lay Director

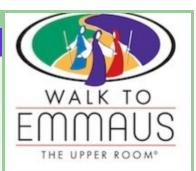
Agape Coordinator

Attention Share Groups, it is time to start thinking about agape items for the upcoming walks. If you are looking for some new ideas, then please take a look within Penterest there are some wonderful examples, I found some useful agape ideas at www.lovemmaus.org or if you perform an internet search you will see a wide array of options.

As you remember from your walk, the agape items are part of the wonderful experience that is an Emmaus Walk.

If for any reason you are able to put together some agape items but are not able to get them to Ruggles, then please reach out to me or another board member and we will make sure your gifts make it to the campground.

DeColores! Lana Chandler, Agape Coordinator



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<u>Bill Henry</u> Community Spiritual Director

Community Spiritual Director

Spring is almost here. Warm weather. Green grass, Budding flowers and trees. We all have our favorite aspects of spring. Mine is the reminder of new life. Things that were dormant, appearing to be dead, brought back to life. What a season to celebrate Easter!

Isaiah 35 is the Scripture I think of when I think of the new life of spring. I would encourage you to read this chapter (it's only 10 verses). A couple of the verses I will share with you are 5 and 6. **"The eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert."** The thing that all these happenings have in common, and there are more in the other verses, is that they are impossible. Blind eyes cannot be opened. Deaf ears cannot be unstopped. The lame cannot leap. The mute cannot shout. Water and streams cannot flow in the desert. But that's what our God does! He specializes in the impossible.

Not only does he do the things described in Isaiah 35, he gives life to that which was dead! That's not only his Son, but that's also me and you! We were dead in our sins (Colossians 2:13) and he has made us alive with Christ! Good news!

Let's gather as His Body and worship Him at this month's gathering and let's seek out those we can sponsor for the spring walks that we might give them the opportunity to meet this One who does the impossible, who gives life to the dead.

Community Good Shepard

SHARE GROUPS!! I am looking for you! I would like to hear from all of our share groups. If you are a member of a share group, please reach out to me to let me know about your share group.

As a community the Upper Room requires us to keep track of our share groups and we would like to make sure our records are accurate. Also, it is inspiring to introduce our pilgrims to the concept of share groups. What better way to communicate the importance of a share group then to show them just how many we have throughout our community.

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<u>Melissa Hendrix</u> Community Good Shepherd

Community Registrar

If you look at your calendar you will notice as Spring gets closer, so do the Emmaus Spring Walks. Are you praying that God will direct you to right person or persons you are needing to ask to attend the Spring Walks? It's not too late to ask a person for the Men's Walk. I need their application and deposit in my hands by April 27th. Due to the fact there are things that need to be completed for the pilgrims.

The 2022 applications are on our website. I will let you know in the April Newsletter now the registration is coming along for both Men's and Women's Spring Walks.

Just ask the person. What's the worst that could happen. They say No. They might say Yes. You will never know unless you ask.

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Send completed application packet and deposit to:

Tim Ratcliff OR 874 Linda Vista Drive Manchester Oh 45144 LOVEmmaus PO Box 454 Maysville, Ky 41056

Volunteer Coordinator

The community is always in need of **volunteers**. Every job, from being a team member to cleaning up before or after a walk, is vitally important. We need volunteers for all kinds of positions. Please consider using your gifts and talents to serve your Emmaus community.

If you would like to volunteer, please go to the <u>LOVE Community web-</u> site to get a copy of the volunteer form.

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Walk cleaning days:

Men's walk clean Ruggles Campground will be Tuesday, May 10 at 4:00pm

Women's walk clean Ruggles Campground will be Saturday, May 30 at 10:00am



<u>Tim Ratcliff</u> Community Registrar



<u>Cheri McClanahan</u> Volunteer Coordinator



<u>Steve Richards</u> Community Sponsorship



<u>Elizabeth Jones</u> Community Music Coordinator



<u>Susan Huff</u> Community Kitchen Walk Coordinator

Sponsorship

As you can see from the men's team list, the team can still use another Prayer Servant and another to help us in the kitchen. We can function with what we have, but if someone would like to volunteer, we would consider anyone who has been on a walk as these are both outside jobs.

I hear from Tim Ratcliff that we are right close to having enough pilgrims to make a walk. Please be in prayer for this walk as we reactivate the community in the new "normal" as we approach the end of the pandemic. I know it's not over but we need to get back to God's work as soon as we can.

We continue to depend on God to be able to serve him. We look forward to having a successful walk beginning May12th.

If you would like to sponsor a pilgrim, there is still time.

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Music

We are always looking for community members who are blessed with the gift of music. If you have gifts playing an instrument, singing or both, please consider getting involved. We do enjoy our music in the LOVE community. If you are interested, please contact me.

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Kitchen Coordinator

The next walks will be here before you know it. Soon we will begin making the walk menus and start to think about getting the kitchen prepared. We are in search of share groups that are willing to help serve meals.

If your **share group** has an interest in helping in some way, please reach out to me to see what help is needed.

Are there any specific foods you would like to be consider for serving during a walk? Please let me know.

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Men's Team #32

Clergy		Outside Positions	
Spiritual Director Bill Henry		r Servant	1 Tim Ratcliff
ASD1 David Benjami	in Praye	Prayer Servant 2 TBD	
ASD2 Adam Gulley	Log1	Bill Henry	
ASD3 Chris Johnson	Log2	John Hendrix	
ADS4 Jonathan King	Log3	Roger Hall	
	Log4	Samuel	Gibson
Conference Ro	oom Kitche	en1	Ronnie Boldman
Lay Director Steve	Richards Kitche	en2	Sam McKenzie
ALD1 Steve Smith	Kitche	en3	Marcus Blum
ALD2 Carl Mills	Kitche	en4	TBD
ALD3 Randy Chandler			
Table 1 - TL Chuck	Alm		
Table 1 - ATL Lucas	Hiler		
Table 2 - TL Chuck	Taylor		
Table 2 - ATL Aaron	Atkins		
Table 3 - TL Bill Hil	ler		
Table 3 - ATL Kenny	Lawrence		
Table 4 - TL Dan N	ichols		
Table 4 - ATL Dave I	Payton		
Table 5 - TL Sam L	ahmers		
Table 5 - ATL Natha	n Pucket		
Tech Log Colin I	Flannery		
Board Rep Jim Cr	ase		
Music Dustin Armstrong			

March

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"For where two or three are

gathered in my name, I am

there among them."

Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

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- 05/15/22 Men's Closing 3:00pm (arrive quietly)
- 05/18/22 Women's Application Due
- 05/24/22 Men's Reunion 6:00pm Gathering 7:00pm Washington UMC
- 05/30 Ruggles Clean up day (10:am)
- 06/02/22 Women's Walk #41 Kickoff Picnic 6:00pm
- 06/04/22 Candlelight 8:00pm (arrive and depart quietly)
- 06/05/22 Women's Closing 3:00pm (arrive quietly)
- 06/28/22 Women's Reunion
 6:00pm Gathering 7:00pm
 Washington UMC
- 07/26/22 Gathering 7:00pm Washington UMC
- 08/23/22 Gathering 7:00pm Washington UMC
- 09/08-11/22 Men's Walk #34
- 10/06-09/22 Women's Walk #42

2022 Community Board of Directors

Lay Director: Nikki Chandler Assistant Lay Director: Kim Myers Spiritual Director: Bill Henry Secretary: Michelle Benjamin **Treasurer: Amy Farrell** LEAD Chairman: Peggy Richards Hospitality: Jim & Crickett Crase Volunteer Coordinator: Cheri McClanahan **Communications: Mande Payton** Registrar: Tim Ratcliff Logistics Coordinator: John Hendrix Worship: David Benjamin Music: Elizabeth Jones Kitchen: Susan Huff Agape Chairperson: Lana Chandler Sponsorship: Steve Richards Ruggles Liaison: Bill Henry Good Shepherd: Melissa Hendrix Chrysalis Representative: Sydney Gibson Webmaster: Lauren Doyle Historian: Mike Burke

Links to help you find what you need:

www.lovemmaus.org

The Upper Room: Emmaus Website

101 AGAPE Ideas

Click here for an application!

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