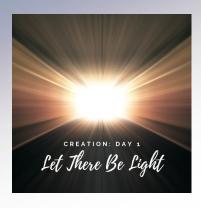
Women's Walk #45 Lay Director

WOW! The light of God was truly shining on the Women's Walk. The walk verse was 1 John 1:5, "This is the message we have heard of Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." Fifteen wonderful women went on the walk and were full of God's love and joy by Sunday night when they shared their testimonies. Our God is truly an awesome God. Please join me in welcoming the pilgrims of walk #45 to our community: Jami Brossenne, Chelsea Claybern, Sarah Crumrine, Kim Dahlheimer, Brynn Dufrene, Ann Gallenstein, Joyce Hester, Leesa Keefe, Jean McGlone, Satrista Myrick, Joni Price, Jamee Rockwell, Anna Lauren Stevens, Toshia Summers, and Peggy Vance. Keep them in fervent pray as they continue in their 4th days and encourage them to stay connected to the LOVE Community.

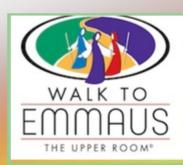
DeColores! Elizabeth Jones, Women's Walk #45 Lay Director



Community Lay Director

Summer is officially here and quite a few long, hot days lie before us. The sun washes everything in beautiful light just as God intended. It tells us in Genesis 1 that God created light and that it was good. Think about all of the wonderous things that the light God created does for us. Through the process of photosynthesis it makes flowers grow and bloom, it makes fruit and vegetables grow for us to eat, and it provides oxygen for us to breathe. As we go out into the sunlight, take time to reflect on God's creation and praise Him for giving us life and beauty to surround us.

DeColores! Elizabeth Jones, Community Lay Director



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Upcoming Events

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July 23: Gathering @ 7:00

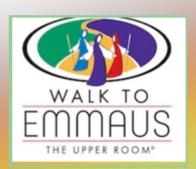
August 27: Picnic @ 6:00 @ Washington Park

September 5—8: Men's Walk #37

September 24: Gathering @ 7:00, Men's Reunion @ 6:00

October 3—6: Women's Walk #46

October 22: Gathering @ 7:00, Women's Reunion @ 6:00



Community Spiritual Director

Trust and Embrace God's Timing and Plan

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives or preparing as a team for a walk, it's easy to lose sight of the bigger picture and get caught up in the rush to achieve our goals on our own timeline. Yet, in the middle of the chaos, there's a profound comfort in surrendering to the divine assurance that God's timing is flawless and His plans for us are beyond our understanding.

Scripture reminds us that "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). This assurance invites us to release our anxieties and trust that each moment unfolds according to His design, not our haste.

When we face setbacks or delays, it's tempting to question or grow impatient. However, these moments are often pivotal in shaping us, building resilience, and preparing us for blessings. Just as a skilled artist meticulously crafts each stroke to create a masterpiece, God orchestrates every detail of our lives with purpose and precision.

Reflecting on personal experiences of waiting can affirm this truth. Whether it's waiting for a career breakthrough, healing in relationships, or clarity in direction, the seasons of waiting teach us patience, humility, and reliance on His wisdom.

Trusting God's timing is not passive resignation but an active, unwavering faith that He knows what's best for us. It requires courage to surrender our plans and embrace His guidance, believing His ways are higher and His timing is perfect.

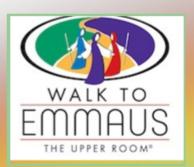
As we navigate the uncertainties of life, let's find solace in the words of Psalm 27:14: "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" This steadfast trust enables us to live with hope and confidence, knowing that God's promises are steadfast and His love for us is boundless.

These truths are evident in the last two walks. Things did not go as "planned," and preparation for both walks was difficult. In fact, team members for both teams were even hospitalized the week of the walk. However, if you were at closing for either walk, it was obvious that God's timing and His plans were perfect.

In conclusion, let's embrace each day with a heart tuned to God's rhythm, trusting in His unfailing timing and resting in the assurance that His plans for us are filled with purpose and goodness. By doing so, we can navigate life's challenges with grace, knowing that we are held in the palm of His hand.

May this trust in God's timing be our anchor, guiding us through every season and illuminating our path with His divine light.

DeColores! Jonathan King, Community Spiritual Director



Chrysalis Flights

Our neighboring Chrysalis community in Portsmouth, Ohio, has an upcoming flight for boys, from July 13—15. If anyone knows of kids in high school through college that would like to attend a flight, they are needing young gentlemen.

You can go to their website at southernohiochrysalis.org or you can reach out to Ben Howard at southernohiochrysalisweb@gmail.com or at (740) 821-1660.

This is a great experience for youth that are looking to grow closer to God or learn how to become the Christian leaders we need in this world. DeColores!

(Thanks to Adam Hodges for sharing this information.)



Join us for Gatherings at Washington Central
Church!

4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm followed by a potluck meal



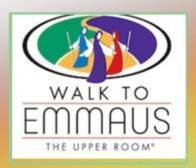


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101 Agape Ideas

The Upper Room: Emmaus Website

Click here for an application!



Community Volunteer Coordinator

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

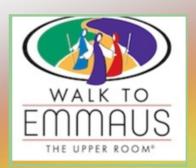


Community Registrars and Sponsorship

We are excited to have 15 pilgrims attending Women's Walk #45. We are now accepting applications for the upcoming men's and women's walk this fall. Please be in prayer about a person in your life that you can sponsor. Applications can be accessed at <u>lovemmaus.org</u>. 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 Music Coordinators

We would love to hear from anyone who is willing and able to do music at our monthly gatherings. This includes singers and those who play instruments. Please reach out to us and give us your contact details. We love our music at Emmaus and enjoy listening to the gifts God has blessed our musical family members with.

Kenny Lawrence 937-515-0732

Michelle Lawrence 937-515-9344

DeColores! Kenny and Michelle Lawrence, Music Coordinators

Community Kitchen Coordinators

We would like to again thank all of the share groups and folks that helped us serve on Women's Walk #45.

We would also like to welcome all the new community members. The fall walks will be here before you know it, so let us know if any share groups would like to provide a meal on either of the upcoming walks.



DeColores! Adam and Amanda Hodges, Kitchen Coordinators

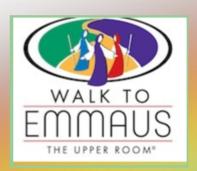
Important Walk Reminders

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.



2024 Community Board of Directors

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