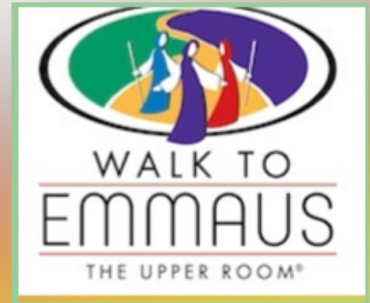


# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## Community Lay Director

Dear community,

I would like to wish you all the happiest of Thanksgivings and a very Merry Christmas. I pray your holidays are safe and full of GOD'S blessings. As we go through these days, let us focus on family. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ so let us focus on each other.

As we (or as I) rush towards 2026, be in thoughtful prayers for the spring walks. Help out by sponsoring a pilgrim or participate in the community events surrounding the walks. Without pilgrims the community will not flourish.

It is my prayer that you have safe and enjoyable holiday.

DeColores! Mike Burke, Community Lay Director



December Gathering cancelled.  
See you in January!

## Communications

Dear community,

Have anything you'd like to share out to our amazing community? Just send me an email at [aljones0853@gmail.com](mailto:aljones0853@gmail.com) and I'd be happy to help you out!

DeColores! Amanda Jones, Communications

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### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 27: Gathering @ 7:00
- Feb. 24: Gathering @ 7:00
- Mar. 24: Gathering @ 7:00
- Apr. 28: Gathering @ 7:00
- Apr. 30 - May 3: Men's Walk #39
- May 26: Gathering @ 7:00,  
Men's Walk #39 Reunion @ 6:00

# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## Community Spiritual Director

### The Posture That Changes Everything

Have you ever wondered why God's Word tells us to *always* give thanks?

I don't know about you, but growing up that command felt a lot like, "Hug, kiss, and tell them you're sorry." I mean I struggled through it, but I'm not sure how meaningful or heartfelt it sounded. Thanksgiving felt like something we were *supposed* to do—not something that actually shaped who we were becoming.

But as we walk with Christ, we begin to realize something powerful:

**God doesn't ask us to give thanks for His benefit—He asks it for ours.**

Scripture points us to gratitude because a posture of thanksgiving ushers us into the abundant life God planned and offers to us.

When we give thanks, something shifts inside us.

- **It's hard to be angry when we are giving thanks.** Gratitude softens our spirit, redirects our focus, and reminds us that God is still present and still working.
- **It's hard to be anxious when we are giving thanks.** Thanksgiving pulls us out of fear and ushers us back into trust. It realigns our heart with the truth that God holds every detail of our lives.
- **It's hard to be bitter when we are giving thanks.** Bitterness feeds on remembering what is wrong; gratitude grows by remembering what God has made right.
- **It's hard to be discouraged when we are giving thanks.** Thanksgiving lifts our eyes from what we don't have to the blessings already in our hands.

Gratitude changes our posture—physically, emotionally, spiritually. It redirects our attention from the problem to the Provider, from the storm to the Savior, from what's missing to what's already been given.

And here's the beautiful part:

**Thanksgiving doesn't deny the hard things; it reminds us that the hard things don't get the final word.**

This month, as you walk through your home, your workplace, your relationships, and your ordinary days, pause long enough to give thanks. Not just for the obvious blessings, but for the small ones, the overlooked ones, and the ones God is working out even now.

Because the more we practice thanksgiving, the more we discover that the abundant life Jesus promised isn't something we chase—it's something we step into... one grateful moment at a time.

DeColores! Jonathan King, Community Spiritual Director

# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## Community Registrars and Sponsorship



We're accepting applications for the 2026 walks. Please be in prayer about a pilgrim you could sponsor for this opportunity to strengthen their walk with Christ.

### Spring Walks

Men's Walk #39: April 30 - May 3

Women's Walk #49: June 4 - 7

### Fall Walks

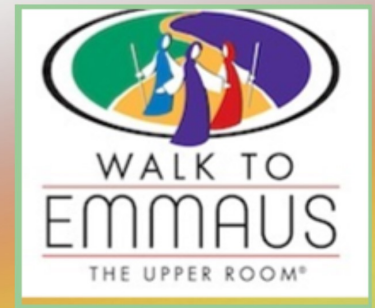
Men's Walk #40: September 3 - 6

Women's Walk #50: October 1 - 4

Applications can be accessed at [lovennaus.org](http://lovennaus.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

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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

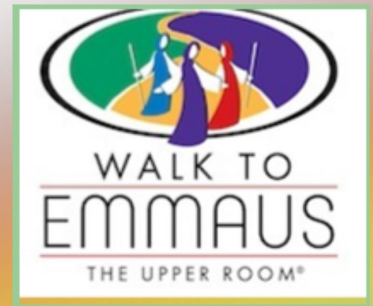
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[101 Agape Ideas](#)

[The Upper Room: Emmaus Website](#)  
[Click here for an application!](#)

# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## 2025 Community Board of Directors

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