

# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

## From The Community Lay Director

### Greeting to the LOVE Community-

I'm very excited about all the things God has in store for us this year. Spring is right around the corner and not only is the earth going to be renewed - but hopefully so will our community with a desire in our hearts to be Christ's hands and feet to a world that could certainly use it right now.

We all know people in our own back yards that deserve to know God in such a loving way. Let's invite them and show them the face of God as they look at us.

Also, we are always in need of volunteers and I'm afraid we have let some of you slip through the cracks. We asked you to fill out a form of how you would like to serve and somehow they have magically disappeared. So please, please consider getting involved. You can email me at: [prichards7@hotmail.com](mailto:prichards7@hotmail.com) and I will make sure your information gets to the right person.

Once again, it's going to be a great year for the LOVE Community as long as we all pull together and remember it's all about Him - not us.

In God's Love,  
**Peggy Richards**, Community Lay Director

## Calendar

*Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:*

- Mar 24**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
- Apr 16**, 11:59pm Application deadline, Men
- Apr 30-May 3**, 2020 Spring Men's Walk #33
- May 21**, 11:59pm Application deadline, Women
- May 26**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
- June 4-7**, 2020 Spring Women's Walk #40
- Jun 23**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
- Jul 28**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
- Aug 25**, 6:00pm Picnic, Ruggles Campground
- Sept 10-13**, 2020 Fall Men's Walk #34
- Sept 22**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
- Oct 1-4**, 2020 Fall Women's Walk #41
- Oct 27**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
- Nov 24**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
- Dec 22**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC



## Pilgrims Needed!

We are looking for pilgrims! Please be in prayer about anyone which God places on your heart. The Spring Walks are now accepting applications. See the link below for an application or get in touch with [Tim Ratcliff](#), Community Registrar.

[Click here for an application!](#)

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## From The Community Spiritual Director

Responsibility. Vows. Duty. Obligation. Desire. We all have responsibilities in life. Most of us have taken vows at some time or another. We have duties to fulfill, to family, work, church, community, and various other groups. We are obligated to live by the law of the society we are a part of. But what about desire? Do we have a desire to fulfill our responsibilities, our vows, our duties, and our obligations? There are so many distractions in our life. There are so many options of where we can be, what we can do, who we can be with. Sometimes (often?) our desires are so much stronger to do what we want than what we know we should do, what are our duties and obligations. When I am asked to perform a wedding, I try my best to make sure that the prospective couple understand the vows that they are making to each other and to God. I consider these to be serious vows. When they stand together before their friends and family and promise to love and keep each other no matter the circumstances, I tell them that there are major consequences to breaking these vows. I believe our society has made it far too easy to walk away from promises that we make in the wedding vows. When we join a church, we usually also make vows. In my tradition we promise to support the local church by our presence, our gifts, our prayers, our service, and our witness. If the wedding vows are easy to break the church vows are far easier. No one seems to hold us accountable once we make these vows. I once heard that the church is the only organization that expects nothing from its members. We can attend when we want, we can take part or not, we can show up on Sunday morning, sneak in and sneak out without any interaction. The vows we take are promises to God and to our church family. We need to take them seriously. This is a big part of the reason for the Emmaus walks. Remember, we are to grow leaders for the local church. We are to strengthen the local church. I know, someone hurt your feelings. Someone asked you to be on a committee, or someone did not ask you to be on a committee. The preacher didn't shake your hand on Sunday morning. Something was said or done or not said or not done. Regardless, our vows were to support our church. I would encourage you to look in the mirror and ask yourself how you are doing. I love the old question, "What would my church look like if every member looked like me?" And, while you're at it, ask yourself how you are doing at supporting your Emmaus community. We don't take vows promising to support the community, but we know what a difference our walk made in our life. Do you have a desire to give back? Right now, we are approaching the spring walks. Have you thought about who you might sponsor? I just got information this week that the Lexington, Kentucky community has had to cancel their upcoming men's walk. Not enough pilgrims. We may not have an obligation, but I believe we have a responsibility and I hope we have a desire to serve in any way we can and that would certainly include sponsorship. Let's think seriously about our responsibility as brothers and sisters to support, to serve, and to love one another.

DeColores!

**Bill Henry**, Community Spiritual Director

*And being found in human form, he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Phil 2:8 ESV*



## Good Shepherd

I'm thrilled to serve as your community Good Shepherd and 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. DeColores!

**Melissa Hendrix**, Community Good Shepherd

## Kitchen Coordinator

The Spring Walks are quickly approaching. As we begin to think about 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. We have a few share groups which prepare and serve a meal during a walk but we still have availability for more share groups. If your share group has an interest in helping in some way, please reach out to me to see what help is needed. DeColores!

**Susan Huff**, Community Kitchen Walk Coordinator



## Sponsorship

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

With these guidelines in mind, please be in prayer for the Spring Walks. **It is time to SPONSOR!** Sponsoring is one of the most important aspects of the Walk to Emmaus. As you pray commit the process to God and let Him give you direction, then commit yourself to follow where he leads you.

If you have any questions about sponsorship, please contact any board member for guidance.

**[Click here for an application!](#)**

# 2019 Community Board of Directors

Lay Director: [Peggy Richards](#)  
 Assistant Lay Director: TBD  
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 Historian: Mike Burke



## Music

If you have been blessed with a gift of **music**, then please consider getting involved. We do enjoy our music in the LOVE community. If you are interested, contact our music coordinator,

**Elizabeth Jones**,

[eijones42@hotmail.com](mailto:eijones42@hotmail.com) or 606-782-0522.



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.

If you would like to volunteer, please go to the [LOVE Community website](#) to get a copy of the volunteer form.

And don't forget about the prayer charts! The spring prayer charts will be available at the next gathering.



***“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”  
 Mat 18:20 ESV***

Come gather with us every **4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm** at the [Washington United Methodist Church](#) in Maysville, Ky. Join us in praise and worship; and of course, where Emmaus meets, Emmaus eats! Bring a covered dish and join us afterwards as we share a meal!

**DeColores!** *Kim Jodrey, Worship*

## Links to help you find what you need:

[www.lovememmaus.org](http://www.lovememmaus.org)

[The Upper Room: Emmaus Website](#)

[101 AGAPE Ideas](#)

[Click here for an application!](#)