

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

July Gathering has been Cancelled

We are saddened to tell you we feel it is still too risky to have a gathering at this time. We have taken into consideration the current increase of the number of infections and hospitalizations of COVID 19 within Ohio and Kentucky. We pray you all continue to stay safe. We continue to plan our annual August Community Picnic.

August Community Picnic

August 25 at 6:30 meeting at Maysville-Mason County



Picnic

This will be our LOVE Community sponsored picnic. The meat will be provided by the community and we ask that you carry in all side and desserts. We will be meeting in the Maysville-Mason County Recreation Park picnic shelter. The park is one mile south of the church, at 2340 Old Mail St. Washington, Ky.

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L.O.V.E. Community Board of Directors

Community Registrar

I wish to extend a heartfelt message to everyone letting you know that the community is really saddened by this trying time. As you know the world is a scary place. Efforts have started to get our upcoming walks together.

If you have an idea for a pilgrim, please get a copy of [the application off of the Emmaus web site](#). There are 6 different documents which make up the application packet. [the application itself, sponsor sheet. Emergency medical form, kick off form, candlelight form and closing form.] You can send the completed application to me at any time or reach out if you have any questions.

I pray everything is okay in your neck of the woods. There is no one greater than our God! So be safe and enjoy our Father.



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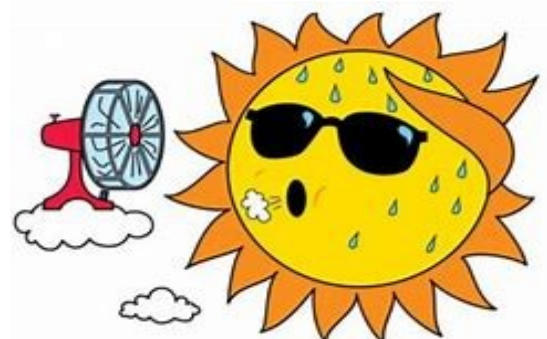
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From The Community Lay Director

Hello everyone. I bet we never thought our resolve could be so tested. Just when we thought we couldn't take this isolation any longer here comes another wave of corona virus which makes us back up and start again. But what if.....

I heard a song this week by Laura Story called Blessings and the chorus goes like this:

What if your blessings come through raindrops

What if your healing comes through tears

What if a thousand sleepless nights is what it takes to know you're near

What if trials of this life are your blessings in disguise

There will be a silver lining to this pandemic - we just can't see it right now. So as we're struggling to understand the reason for all this:

Let us lift each other up-in this time of our despair - Let us fill another's cup-and show how much we care.

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[Peggy Richards](#), Community Lay Director

From The Community Spiritual Director

I hate wearing a mask. Hate it, hate it, hate it. There, I've said it. I have only worn a mask so far when it has been absolutely mandatory. I have avoided places where I must wear a mask. I probably have been in places where I should have worn a mask and didn't. Having said that, I have not gone on social media and voiced my opinion about my rights, I have not expressed hatred toward those who believe everyone should wear a mask all the time. I feel no hatred toward people who are adamant about wearing masks.

I have been convicted over the last few days as the governor of our state has mandated masks in all public places. I do not want to do this. Many people, good Christian people, have voiced their opinion on social media that it is their right not to wear a mask. I could do the same. However, as I have thought this through, I continually hear the words of a wise friend who has told me for many years that sometimes 'we have to give up our right to be right'.

As Christians we are to always think of others. That's what Jesus did, right? Everything he did was for our benefit, not his. In Philippians 2 we read that we should 'do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others'. It continues by telling us that Jesus 'did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant'. Jesus also told us that if we want to be his follower, we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him.

I really don't want to wear a mask. But Jesus asks me, no, makes it mandatory, to take up my cross. So much more than wearing a mask. If I can't make the sacrifice to wear a mask, what am I going to say about carrying a cross? Will I decide that it's my right not to carry a cross? Suddenly wearing a mask doesn't seem so overwhelming. I know some of you are dead set against wearing a mask. I know some of you think everyone should be wearing one. Either way, let's understand that we can agree to disagree and try to see each others point of view. Don't allow hatred or bitterness to be a part of the equation. I look so forward to seeing each of you again, whether it be in a mask or without.

God is good. All the time. Even in a pandemic. Especially in a pandemic.

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[Bill Henry](#), Community Spiritual Director



From The Community Good Shepherd

CALLING ALL SHARE GROUPS!!!

During the trying circumstances we are experiencing in our world, we need the Lord and each other now more than ever! To help keep our Emmaus Community connected and to support each other in these 4th Days, it is absolutely vital to be a part of a Share Group. An Emmaus Share Group is made up of 2-6 individuals that meet weekly to encourage each other to live wholly in the grace of God. It is an opportunity for spiritual growth as each person shares briefly how they have seen God working in their lives, how they have served God, and where they are falling short. Effective groups commit to God and one another, focus on discipleship, uphold one another, pray for one another, retreat with one another once or twice a year, attend regularly and are spiritual friends.

As the LOVEmmaus Community Good Shepherd, it is my job to help connect our members to an available Share Group as well as keep track of existing groups and their members. I am in need of the following updated information from all of our existing groups as well as to hearing from anyone interested in joining (or starting a new) Share Group. Also please let me know if you are looking to join a Share Group.

Group Name:
Contact Phone and contact email:
Day/Time/Location of meetings:
Member names:
Open to new members?:



Please contact me at either: 937-217-0672 (text enabled), e-mail me at mhendrix@ovec.com, give me the information in person at our August Community Picnic.

In other news: When God calls us to have our next Walk to Emmaus, we will need Share Groups to volunteer to donate agape gifts as well as cook/serve a meal on the walk. These are wonderful acts of discipleship that help our Emmaus Community strengthen and grow as well as reflect the light of God's love to others. If your group is interested in helping, please let me know.

Tips for Share Group meetings as social distancing is becoming our new "norm":

1. Zoom, Google Meetings, Webex or other video chat to stay connected
2. Meet outside - bring your lawn chairs and enjoy God's creation together
3. Meet inside with plenty of room to stay socially distanced

May God Bless You and De Colores
[Melissa Hendrix](#), Community Good Shepherd

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.

Is there any specific food that you would like me to consider serving during a walk? Please let me know.

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 upcoming walks. **It is time to SPONSOR!** Sponsoring is one of the most important and rewarding 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 myself or any board member for guidance.

DeColores! [Steve Richards](#),
Community Sponsorship



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 [LOVE Community website](#) to get a copy of the volunteer form.

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[Cheri McClanahan](#)
Community Volunteer Coordinator

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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, contact our music coordinator, [Elizabeth Jones](#) or 606-782-0522.



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

Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Aug 25, 6:30pm Community Picnic, Recreation Park
Sept 10-13, 2020 Fall Men's Walk #33, **postponed**
Sept 22, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Oct 1-4, 2020 Fall Women's Walk #40, **postponed**
Oct 27, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Nov 24, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Dec 22, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC

Spring 2021 Walks:

Apr 29-May, Spring Men's Walk #33
Jun 3-6, Spring Women's Walk #40

Fall 2021 Walks:

Sept 9-12, Fall Men's Walk #34
Oct 7-10, Fall Women's Walk #41

I am looking forward to our August Community Picnic which will be held at the Maysville-Mason County Recreation Park at 6:30 pm on Aug 25. We will be in an outdoor shelter and hope to see many of you there. The community will provide the meat and we ask you to carry in side dishes. I look forward to all of the Christian fellowship.

DeColores! [Kim Jodrey](#),
 Worship

Links to help you find what you need:

www.lovememmaus.org

[The Upper Room: Emmaus Website](#)

[101 AGAPE Ideas](#)

[Click here for an application!](#)