### Timestone Ohio Valley Emmany Community

# WALK TO EMMAUS

### **Community Lay Director**

I've never been one to make resolutions at the beginning of the year because I often don't follow through with them. So that leads me at the beginning of the next year wanting to look back over the past year and lament all of the things I didn't accomplish. When I'm in a lamenting mood, what better book of the Bible is there to read besides Lamentations? I have never walked through a city that has been completely destroyed, let alone felt the pain and desolation the Israelites must have felt after the Babylonians attacked, but the hope that Lamentations 3:22-24 gave them is relevant to us today. It says, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I hope in Him!'"

As we start a new year in the LOVE Emmaus Community my prayer is that you truly feel God is your portion and that your hope is rooted in Him. God's love for us never fails. This year will be full of opportunities to share the love of Christ and being an active participant in the Emmaus community is a great way to do that. Please be in prayer for the upcoming walks, the teams that will be formed, the pilgrims that will attend, and make it a goal for yourself to participate in the Gatherings this year and the walk activities.

DeColores! Elizabeth Jones, Community Lay Director



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### **Upcoming Events**

Jan. 23: Gathering @ 7:00

Feb. 27: Gathering @ 7:00

Mar. 26: Gathering @ 7:00

Apr. 23: Gathering @ 7:00

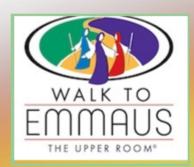
May 2-5: Men's Walk #36

May 28: Gathering @ 7:00, Men's Reunion @ 6:00

June 6-9: Women's Walk #45

June 25: Gathering @ 7:00, Women's Reunion @ 6:00

## Limestone Ohio Valley Emmany Community



### **Community Spiritual Director**

Happy New Year! This is the time when many of us resolve to make changes in our lives. We decide we are going to eat healthier, exercise, or save. It is a time where we decide we are going to work on relationships, study, or serve more than we have before. The problem with all of these amazing resolutions, is only 9% of them are ever completed.

What I have found is I end up doing the things I want to do most. I have been guilty of resolving to eat healthier, and I do, until I drive by Whit's Frozen Custard and it's Buckeye week. Unfortunately, my desire for frozen custard supersedes my desire to eat healthy.

My resolve this year is to have a greater desire to be used by God. In fact, my theme song for 2024 is "My Desire" by Jeremy Camp. I challenge you to join me in praying for a greater desire to be used by God. I have yet to find any greater joy than knowing with certainty that God is using you to shine a light and spread hope in a dark hopeless world.

If you accept my challenge, you can do your part by being used by God in our community. Commit to being active in our gatherings. Commit to saying yes if asked to serve on a team. Commit to sponsor a pilgrim and start praying for them today.

If you do this, you will be blessed in knowing God used you to change someone else's life. You will also find in doing so He will change yours.

You want to be real

You want to be empty inside

You want to be someone laying down your pride

You want to be someone someday

Then lay it all down before the King, oh yeah

You want to be whole

You want to have purpose inside

You what to have virtue and purify your mind

You want be set free today then lay it all down before the King, oh yeah

This is my desire

This is my return

This is my desire to be used by You

You want to be real You want to be emptied inside And I know my heart is to feel You near And I know my life It's to do Your will It's to do Your will

DeColores! Johnathan King, Community Spiritual Director



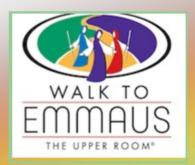
www.lovemmaus.org

101 Agape Ideas

The Upper Room: Emmaus Website

Click here for an application!

## Timestone Ohio Valley Emmany Community



### **Community Volunteer Coordinator**

We want to invite you to reach out if you would be interested in taking part in future Emmaus endeavors. Your interest may be volunteering on a walk, providing agape, praying for the team and pilgrims, or helping clean the campground in preparation of a walk. There are so many ways we can serve and each task is as important as the other!

Please email your interest to cherimcclanahan2012@gmail.com.

DeColores! Cheri McClanahan, Community Volunteer Coordinator

Join us for Gatherings at Washington Central

Church!

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



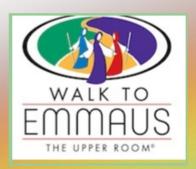
### **Community Registrars and Sponsorship**

We are now accepting applications for the upcoming men's and women's walks in spring 2024. Please be in prayer about a man or woman in your life that you can sponsor. Updated 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



## Timestone Ohio Valley Emmany Community



### **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

### **Important Walk Reminders**

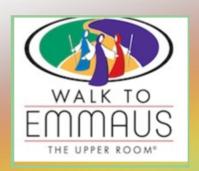
The purpose of Emmaus is to develop Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It's about the pilgrims!

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.

## Timestone Obio Valley Emmany Community



### **2023 Community Board of Directors**

Lay Director: Elizabeth Jones

Assistant Lay Director: Mike Burke

Spiritual Director: Jonathan King

Secretary: Jennifer Farber

Treasurer: Amy Farrell

**LEAD Chairman: Kim Myers** 

Hospitality: Lana Chandler and Pat Grooms

Volunteer Coordinator: Cheri McClanahan

Newsletter: Amanda Jones

Registrar/Sponsorship: Samantha and Lucas Hiler

Logistics Coordinator: John Hendrix

Worship: David Benjamin

Music: Kenny and Michelle Lawrence

Kitchen: Adam and Amanda Hodges

Agape Chairperson: Lana Chandler

Ruggles Liaison: Bill Henry

Good Shepherd: Melissa Hendrix

Chrysalis Representative: <u>Sydney Van Meter</u>

Webmaster: Lauren Doyle

Historian: Mike Burke