# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Dear L. O. V. Emmaus Community,

Please welcome our new members!

#### New community members:

Sharon Anderson, Cindy Berry, Rebecca Carter, Amanda Hodges, Jenna Summer Johnson, Mandi Kindle, Kathy Newman, Amanda Newton, Julia Pollitt, Pat Seddon, Dana Seip

## Fall Walk's

The Fall Walk's will be hear before you know it. Mark you calendar and please be praying for who God wants you to sponsor.

Men's Walk

09/08/22 Men's Walk #34 Kickoff Picnic 6:00pm

09/10/22 Candlelight 8:00pm (arrive and depart quietly)

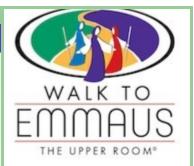
09/11/22 Men's Closing 3:00pm (arrive quietly)

#### Women's Walk

10/06/22 Women's Walk #42 Kickoff Picnic 6:00pm

10/08/22 Candlelight 8:00pm (arrive and depart quietly)

10/09/22 Women's Closing 3:00pm (arrive quietly)



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#### **Calendar of Events**

- 07/26/22 Gathering 7:00pm Washington UMC
- 08/23/22 Gathering 7:00pm Washington UMC
- 09/08-11 Men's Walk #34
- 09/27/22 Men's Reunion 6:00pm Gathering 7:00pm Washington UMC
- 10/06-09 Women's Walk #42

Extended Calendar see page 6



**Bill Henry** Community **Spiritual Director** 



Tim Ratcliff **Community Registrar** 

## **Community Spiritual Director**

First of all, welcome to the 11 new members of the community that just finished their walk. We look forward to getting to know each of you better, beginning at the gathering coming up soon. We are truly blessed to add you to our community. Secondly, I wanted to share some thoughts about some Scripture I was reading recently. As I was reading from the book of Job I was once again reminded of how God uses his Word to speak to us. I'm not sure how many times I've read Job, but as you probably know there is always something new for us. This time the new words came from the 9th chapter as Job was defending himself from wrongdoing and explaining to his friends that he was innocent. We often criticize his words as being in conflict with the character of God but in this Scripture he makes a great point. Beginning in verse 32 he says, "He is not a mere mortal like me that I might answer him, that we might confront each other in court. If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together, someone to remove God's rod from me, so that his terror would frighten me no more." If only. Someone. Even though all this was written long before the birth of Jesus, Job knew what we needed. The only thing that could possibly save us. We needed Someone. Someone to mediate. Someone to save us from punishment. Someone to bring us into a relationship with God. Of course, God knew this long before Job and he had already put his plan into action. We now know what Job didn't know. Like him, we know we are in desperate need, but unlike him, we now know who that Someone is. Our need has been met. As we read through the Old Testament there are so many examples of writings that directly lead to the life of Jesus and the New Testament truths. Job spoke words that were wise beyond his understanding but so did Isiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and so many others. Thank God each and every day that we have Someone, Someone to mediate for us, Someone to bring us together with Him, Someone to remove our punishment. Job knew what we needed. We know that need has been met.

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## **Community Good Shepard**

The Men and Women have completed their walks to start us back on track after Covid tried to stop us from our task. As we enter into the vacation season of the year, do not take a vacation from praying for God's guidance in whom you are to be asking to attend our next Men's or Women's walk this fall. I am asking if you have a person in mind give them an application asap. Have them fill it out and return it to you quickly. Before you send it to me check over the form to see if everything is filled out. NO EMPTY BLANK SPACES. The pilgrim's email is important along with meds and special diets. The application needs to get to me very soon, for there are a few things that need to get taken care of before the Thursday Night of the Walks

Love through Christ

Send completed application packet and deposit to: **Tim Ratcliff** OR LOVEmmaus 874 Linda Vista Drive PO Box 454 Manchester Oh 45144

Maysville, Ky 41056

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## **Community Good Shepard**

Praise God for our Spring Walks to Emmaus and for the hearts that are forever changed. We know that these walks help to draw us close to God in a way that few experience in life. What we also know is that those 4th days are <u>HARD</u>! We know we should always lean on Him but sometimes we get so caught up in life that we forget to. That's where our Emmaus Community comes in!

Since my walk in 2018 I have been actively involved in a share group. They are "my people", "my sisters in Christ" and my best friends - and they are as close and dear to me as my own family. I know that, when times are good, I can go to them and they will celebrate with me! I also know that when times are hard they will gather around me with the love of Jesus and lift me up in prayer. We can text or call each other night or day and we all stop what we're doing to pray. We get together every Thursday for what I like to call "family night". We laugh, we cry, we eat, we share, and we pray. We are a strong support network of faith and love for each other and I would not want to face my 4th days without these ladies any more than I would want to face eternity without Jesus!

My point is: <u>we ALL need that support network of faithful believers</u>. Whether its a small group of members from our church or a small group of members from the Emmaus community, we need to surround ourselves with God-loving, Godserving people! We are all on our journey to Heaven but we don't have to walk the road alone. My job as the LOVE Emmaus Community Good Shepherd is to help connect members together who are interested in being a part of a supportive group like the one I have. Our Community has some established groups that meet together that are looking for more members but our Community is also in need of NEW groups! Especially groups of men! If you are interested in joining a group or helping to start a group, let me know (It's easy and I've got great tips for you. I will do my best to put you in touch with others in your area that are interested as well.

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<u>Melissa Hendrix</u> Community "Good Shepherd" 937-217-0672

#### **Kitchen Coordinator**

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.

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<u>Susan Huff</u> Community Kitchen Walk Coordinator



<u>Steve Richards</u> Community Sponsorship



<u>Cheri McClanahan</u> Volunteer Coordinator



<u>Elizabeth Jones</u> Community Music Coordinator



Lana Chandler Agape Coordinator

## **Sponsorship**

If you have any questions or need any help sponsoring someone, please reach out.

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## Volunteer Coordinator

We are always looking for community members who are able to volunteer. Please reach out to me to help filled the needed positions.

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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, please contact me.

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## **Agape Coordinator**

Attention L.O.V.E. Community, it is time to start thinking about agape items for the upcoming Fall walks. If you are looking for some new ideas, then please take a look within Pinterest there are some wonderful examples, I found some useful agape ideas at www.lovemmaus.org or if you perform an internet search you will see a wide array of options.

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## Please include all in your prayers!!

Men's Team #34	Women's Team #42	Pilgrim's
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Right now please keep tea well as the future pilgrim's	m formation in your prayers as 5.	

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am

there among them."

Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

#### **Calendar of Events**

- 05/30 Ruggles Clean up day (10:am)
- 06/02/22 Women's Walk #41 Kickoff Picnic 6:00pm
- 06/04/22 Candlelight 8:00pm (arrive and depart quietly)
- 06/05/22 Women's Closing 3:00pm (arrive quietly)
- 06/28/22 Women's Reunion
  6:00pm Gathering 7:00pm
  Washington UMC
- 07/26/22 Gathering 7:00pm Washington UMC
- 08/23/22 Gathering 7:00pm Washington UMC
- TBD Ruggles Clean up day (for the Men's Walk)
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- 10/08/22 Candlelight 8:00pm (arrive and depart quietly)
- 10/09/22 Women's Closing 3:00pm (arrive quietly)
- 10/25/22 Women's Reunion 6:00pm Gathering 7:00pm Washington UMC

#### **2022 Community Board of Directors**

Lay Director: Nikki Chandler Assistant Lay Director: Kim Myers Spiritual Director: Bill Henry Secretary: Michelle Benjamin Treasurer: Amy Farrell LEAD Chairman: Peggy Richards Hospitality: Jim & Crickett Crase Volunteer Coordinator: Cheri McClanahan **Communications: Mande Payton** Registrar: Tim Ratcliff Logistics Coordinator: John Hendrix Worship: David Benjamin **Music: Elizabeth Jones** Kitchen: Susan Huff Agape Chairperson: Lana Chandler Sponsorship: Steve Richards Ruggles Liaison: Bill Henry Good Shepherd: Melissa Hendrix Chrysalis Representative: Sydney Gibson Webmaster: Lauren Doyle Historian: Mike Burke

The hyperlinks help with contacting a board member.

## Links to help you find what you need:

#### www.lovemmaus.org

The Upper Room: Emmaus Website

#### 101 AGAPE Ideas

**Click here for an application!** 

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