

# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

***For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.*** Matt 18:30 ESV

We can hardly wait to finally have our community back together and share fellowship with one another in Christ name! Come one, come all to the **LOVE Community Gathering on June 22** at the Washington UMC. We are planning to have our full service with carry in dinner to follow.



DeColores,  
LOVE Community Board of Directors

## From The Community Lay Director

**God is good!** The country is opening back up and so is the LOVE Community. We had our May gathering at the Ripley, OH picnic shelter on May 25<sup>th</sup>. It felt like old times. Singing and worshipping and of course eating! It was so good to see everyone again!

We have some great news! We will be scheduling fall walks this year. The men's walk is scheduled for Sept. 9-12. The women have pushed back their weekend to October 14-17 so please make a note of the change. Also be thinking of someone you can sponsor to go on the walk. It's been far too long since our last one. Remember how you felt after your walk and the feeling you could change the world? As Paul wrote to the Philippians from prison, he encouraged them to stand firm and warned them about the enemies among them. He reminded them that their citizenship is in heaven. It seems our world has been turned upside down in the last year and we need to "re-group" and go about making disciples for Christ. Be in prayer for our country, our families and for our Emmaus Community.

I wish you all health and happiness and hope to see you at the next gathering.

DeColores!  
**Peggy Richards**, Community Lay Director

## Sponsorship

It was wonderful to see the good turnout at the gathering in Ripley on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The weather warmed up, enough to introduce summer. We are finally returning to normal, and the board approved the two walks this fall. That is great news for our community. It means we must revisit with the folks we have sponsored for the cancelled walks. Start getting with your pilgrims now so they can get the walk dates on their calendars before other things begin to compete for their time. The cutoff for submissions is normally 2 weeks before the Walk, but we should be able to get a full Walk earlier since many folks have already been approached. With all the things that compete for our time, letting people you want to sponsor know the dates as soon as possible helps them set their priorities, and it shows them these walks are one of your priorities.

**Men's Walk** will be Sept 9-12 Forms due 8/26  
**Women's Walk** is October 14-17 Forms due 9/30

DeColores,  
**Steve Richards**, Sponsorship chairperson

## 2021 Community Board of Directors

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## From The Community Spiritual Director

Well, brothers and sisters, it's time to get back to work. It's time to allow God to do his work through us, that is. As we begin to put behind us all the struggles and delays and cancellations, I would like to encourage each one of you to think about what your role may be in getting our community up and running again. It's going to take all of us. I was not a part of the first few walks in our community, but I was aware of what was going on. I remember how difficult it was trying to find enough people to sponsor, to work on teams, to do all the behind-the-scenes work, to show up for the gatherings and weekend activities. I don't see us having quite as much trouble as we reload but I am concerned that some people have gotten away from the habit of making sure they are active. When that happens, it can be quite difficult to start up again. The bottom line is, we need you. The pilgrims need you. There are lives waiting to be changed. Please don't wait for someone else to get the ball rolling. We are planning and hoping to have 2 walks this fall. We believe God will make the necessary arrangements for that to happen. As always, we need team members, sponsors, agape suppliers, people committed to showing up at as many events as possible. If you have any questions about how you can help, please get in touch with any of the board members. Let's come back like a roaring lion, like the Lion of Judah!

DeColores!

[Bill Henry](#), Community Spiritual Director

## Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

### Gatherings 2021:

**Jun 22**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC

**July 27**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC

**Aug 24**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC

### Fall 2021 Walks:

**September 9 – 12**, Fall Men's Walk #33

**October 14 – 17**, Fall Women's Walk #40