WALK TO EMMAUS

Community Lay Director

It's that time of year where everyone is busy. Busy shopping, busy visiting family and friends and of course busy stuffing our faces. Do we get so busy that we forget the true meaning of this time of year? This year take time and reflect on the real meaning of the most wonderful time of the year. We were given the best gift ever.

The prophet Isaiah spoke of Him centuries before His birth: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

This little child, born in a stable and cradled in a manger, was a gift from our loving Heavenly Father. He was the promised Redeemer of the world, the Savior of mankind, the Son of the living God. He was with His Father before He came to earth in mortality, the Creator of the earth upon which we stand.

Thank you, L.O.V.E. community for allowing me the honor of being your 2023 Community Lay Director. Let's all welcome our 2024 Community Lay Director, Elizabeth Jones.

Merry Christmas everyone!

DeColores! Kim Myers, Community Lay Director



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Upcoming Events

Dec. 26: Gathering @ 7:00 Jan. 23: Gathering @ 7:00

Feb. 27: Gathering @ 7:00

Mar. 26: Gathering @ 7:00

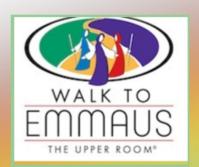
Apr. 23: Gathering @ 7:00

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



Community Spiritual Director

November is the month that we remind each other to be thankful. We share 30 days of thanksgiving, thankful challenges, decorate, and even wear clothes that have the word thankful on them. The question I have is: does our life demonstrate a thankful spirit?

We may look around and think about our decorations, our posts on social media, and even our wardrobe and feel pretty good about how thankful we are. While there is nothing wrong with any of these things, we must remember that actions speak louder than words. The dictionary defines thankful as feeling and expressing appreciation for people and things in your life. So, we must not only consider what we say, we must also consider what we do and ask ourselves: do our actions or expressions demonstrate a thankful spirit?

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." I know this is much easier said than done, but it is something we should all strive for. If you are struggling to be thankful at this time, take a deep breath. The very air in your lungs and the ability to breathe it in is something we should be thankful for. If that doesn't help, take a minute to think about your friends and family. Every one of them is a reason to be thankful.

Now take a minute and let people know that you are thankful. Send a message or make a phone call telling someone that you appreciate them. Let them know that you are thankful they are a part of your life.

DeColores! Johnathan King, Community Spiritual Director

Join us for Gatherings at Washington Central Church!

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



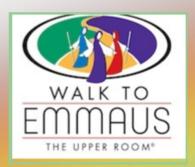


www.lovemmaus.org

101 Agape Ideas

The Upper Room: Emmaus Website

Click here for an application!



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.

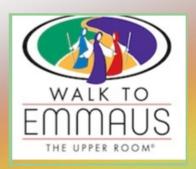
DeColores! Cheri McClanahan, Community Volunteer Coordinator

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





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

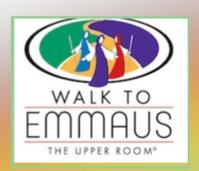
Important Walk Reminders

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.



2023 Community Board of Directors

Lay Director: Kim Myers

Assistant Lay Director: Elizabeth Jones

Spiritual Director: Jonathan King

Secretary: Jennifer Farber

Treasurer: Amy Farrell

LEAD Chairman: Nikki Chandler

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: Susan Huff

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