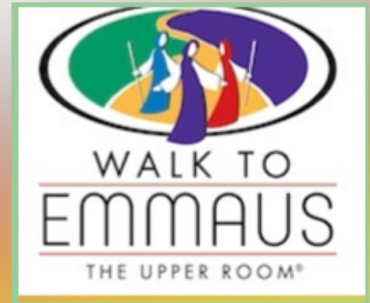


# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## Community Lay Director

Dear community,

It has be my honor and privilege to serve as the Lay Director for the LOVE Emmaus community for 2025. Please help me welcome Bill Hiler as the Lay Director for 2026. Join me in supporting Bill and the community at large by being involved in all aspects of our 2026 spring and fall walks. Don't forget our monthly gatherings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Washington Global Methodist church at 7pm.

I pray that you all have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year. I look forward to fellowship and visiting with each of you in the new year.

God bless and stay safe.

DeColores! Mike Burke, Community Lay Director



## Kitchen

Amanda and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Many of you know that you will have new kitchen leads starting this spring. We want to thank everyone for letting us serve you these last couple years and for the support through our trials. We know Nick and Jamee Rockwell will do an amazing job with the kitchen.

Thank you all again!

DeColores! Adam and Amanda Hodges, Kitchen Leads

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### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 27: Gathering @ 7:00
- Feb. 24: Gathering @ 7:00
- Mar. 24: Gathering @ 7:00
- Apr. 28: Gathering @ 7:00
- Apr. 30 - May 3: Men's Walk #39
- May 26: Gathering @ 7:00,  
Men's Walk #39 Reunion @ 6:00

# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## Community Spiritual Director

Have you ever noticed how easily our faith becomes something we *talk about* rather than something we *live out*? Most of us know the right answers. We know the verses. We know the language of grace, forgiveness, and love. And yet, if we're honest, there are seasons when our walk with Christ feels more like routine than relationship.

That's one of the beautiful gifts of the Emmaus Community. Emmaus reminds us that Christianity is not a solo journey—it is a shared pilgrimage. We walk together, encourage one another, confess honestly, and remind each other of truths we are prone to forget.

Scripture tells us, "*As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.*" That sharpening doesn't always feel comfortable, but it is always necessary. God often uses community to expose blind spots, heal wounds we've hidden, and strengthen faith that has grown weary.

As we approach Christmas, this truth becomes even more important. Christmas can easily become something we **know about** and **talk about**—a familiar story we revisit year after year. We know the manger. We know the angels. We know the songs.

But my prayer for you this season is that Christmas would be something we **embrace**, not just something we remember.

To embrace Christmas is to embrace the humility of Christ.

To embrace the vulnerability of God stepping into our broken world.

To embrace the grace that meets us right where we are—not where we think we should be.

One of the most important lessons we learn on the Emmaus walk is this: **God is not finished with you.**

Not with your marriage.

Not with your faith.

Not with your calling.

Grace isn't just what saves us—it's what sustains us.

So let me encourage you this month:

- Don't drift back into isolation.
- Don't settle for surface-level faith.
- Don't walk alone when God has placed companions beside you.
- And don't let this Christmas pass as just another familiar season.

Instead, embrace what God is doing in you and through you—right now.

Stay connected. Show up. Be honest. Pray for one another. Speak truth in love. And when someone stumbles, help them back to their feet—not with judgment, but with grace.

May we be a community that reflects Christ not only in what we believe, but in how we live, love, forgive, and serve—this Christmas and beyond.

DeColores! Jonathan King, Community Spiritual Director

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## Community Registrars and Sponsorship



We're accepting applications for the 2026 walks. Please be in prayer about a pilgrim you could sponsor for this opportunity to strengthen their walk with Christ.

### Spring Walks

Men's Walk #39: April 30 - May 3

Women's Walk #49: June 4 - 7

### Fall Walks

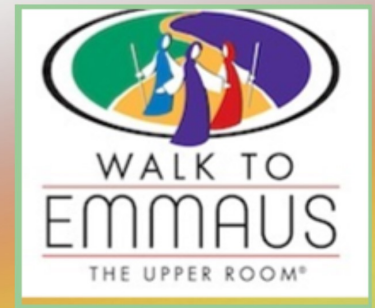
Men's Walk #40: September 3 - 6

Women's Walk #50: October 1 - 4

Applications can be accessed at [lovenmaus.org](http://lovenmaus.org). 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

# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## 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.

Join us for Gatherings at Washington Central  
Church!

4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm fol-  
lowed by a potluck meal

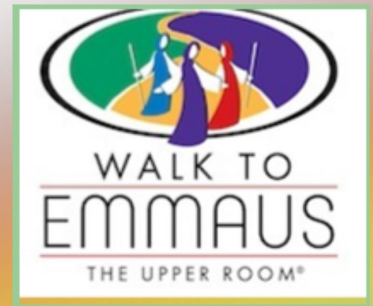
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[101 Agape Ideas](#)

[The Upper Room: Emmaus Website](#)  
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# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## 2025 Community Board of Directors

Lay Director: [Mike Burke](#)

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