

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

From The Community Lay Director

Hello everyone.

I'm sure by now we are thinking this quarantine will never end. For us old retired people we look at each other and wonder what day it is. However, as bad as this seems we should count our blessings. Romans 8:28 says: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." We may not like what is happening today but one day we will get past it and take what we've learned to improve our society.

This gives us a little extra time to consider someone who would benefit from God's agape love by attending a walk. Even though we will have to curb our excitement preparing for the spring women's walk this year, keep the fall walks in your prayers that all will be in order by September.

We will get back to doing normal things hopefully sooner rather than later.

In God's Love,
[Peggy Richards](#), Community Lay Director



Kitchen Coordinator

The fall walks will be here before you know it. Soon we will begin making the walk menus and start to think about getting the kitchen prepared. We are in search of share groups that are willing to help serve meals. We have a few share groups who help with a meal. Some prepare and serve a meal while other just help serve during a walk. We still have availability for more share groups to get involved in the kitchen. If your **share group** has an interest in helping in some way, please reach out to me to see what help is needed.

DeColores! [Susan Huff](#),
Community Kitchen Walk Coordinator

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From The Community Spiritual Director

Well, even though things seem to be opening up a little bit we are all still experiencing some social distancing and isolation. How long this is going to continue is anybody's guess. I'm sure many of you have seen changes in your daily routine. One of the things I have done to pass the time is a little more social media. Most of the posts I see I merely scroll through but occasionally I see something that grabs my attention. One post I saw recently was a remake of an old axiom. The post said, "The pessimist sees the glass as half empty, the optimist sees the glass as half full, and the Christian sees the glass as overflowing" (Psalm 23:5). I like that.

We, as Christians are called to be different than those living in the world and we are also supposed to see things differently. We are living in a difficult time. We can easily see problems all around us. However, we can also choose to see that God is giving us time apart from the world to focus on our relationship with him and to get deeper into his Word. It's going to be different for each one of us, but my point is that we can always see the difficulties or the positives. It depends on where our focus is. I know that several of you have gone through some very serious problems that most of us will never have to experience. My heart goes out to you. I know it can be very difficult to see anything good in times when there just seems to be very little hope. Some of you may be going through very dark days right now. Most of us will have days in the future when trouble seems to overwhelm us. Jesus told his followers, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33). He seems to be reminding me of that Scripture very often here lately. However, we don't want to stop there, because that's only half of that verse. The second half reminds us to "take heart, for I have overcome the world." So, whatever we're going through, whatever comes our way in the days to come we know that our cup overflows.

Some time ago I had a conversation with someone who was several years older than me. I was talking about all my aches and pains as I am prone to do. At the end of my list of complaints I told him I attributed a lot of it to my age. He said, "Just wait until you get to be my age. You don't have much to look forward to." Now I have a wonderful gift of being able to come up with exactly the right words to say to reply to statements that may throw some people for a loop. Unfortunately, I normally come up with these words about two days later. After this particular conversation I came up with these words (again, it was two days too late): "I have a lot to look forward to. My best days are ahead of me. My future is so bright I have to wear shades." I want you to know that your best days are ahead of you. These days we are living in, these difficult days, may last for quite a while. But our focus is on the fact that God has called us to be his children, he has given us his Word to direct us, he has given his Son to pay for our sin, and he has promised us a bright day, a bright future, an overflowing cup. Just as Jesus said he had overcome the world, he has also made us more than conquerors, no weapon formed against us will prosper. We may not always see it, but the more we keep our focus on the right things, the more we will see how blessed we are. Stay safe. Hope we can get together again real soon.

DeColores!

Bill Henry,
Community Spiritual Director



Men's ~~Spring~~ Fall Walk #33 (2.0)

Greeting brothers and sisters in Christ. Having to postpone Men's walk #33 was a great disappointment for the team, the pilgrims, and the community as a whole. This was particularly true in light of the great obstacles that were overcome in team formation. My desire was to proceed with team meetings in preparation for the spring walk even as our government leaders cautioned against group gatherings. I struggled greatly with this decision until a faithful brother in Christ kindly pointed me to Romans chapter 13.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher (governing) powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power (authority), resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive themselves damnation (judgement). ..."

We all need Godly brothers and sisters who will come along side and provide wise counsel based on God's word. Godly brothers or sisters who are not afraid to speak the truth of God's word no matter how unpleasant it is to hear. Godly counsel isn't always comfortable but it is always beneficial.



Having to postpone Emmaus walks, restrict church worship services, and Christian gatherings has been difficult for many of us. The question the Church, you and I, need to ask ourselves is how will we respond? We might be shut away from attending our local churches in public worship but we are not shut away from God. We have each at one time or another expressed the desire for more time to pray and study the scriptures. We all have Bibles, we all have the Holy Spirit, and now we all have time. Now what's the excuse? I beg you all to take advantage of this time. Time in prayer, time in scripture, and time alone with God. Stop instilling fear, instead, use this time to instill in your family the eternal things of God. Let's use this opportunity to stop living in disobedience and live our lives for the glory of God and the benefit of mankind.

DeColores! Mike Greber, (LD Men's Walk #33)



Always Needed!

Your gifts and talents are needed!

The community is always in need of volunteers. Every job, from being a team member to cleaning up before or after a walk, is vitally important. We need volunteers for all kinds of positions.

If you would like to volunteer, please go to the [LOVE Community website](#) to get a copy of the volunteer form.

And don't forget about the prayer charts! The fall prayer charts will be available soon.

I wish to extend a heartfelt message to everyone letting you know that the community is really saddened by this trying time. As you know the world is a scary place. We will be trying to get our fall walks together. If you have an idea for a pilgrim, please get a copy of the application off of the Emmaus web site. There are 6 different documents which make up the application packet. [the application itself, sponsor sheet, Emergency medical form, kick off form, candlelight form and closing form.] You can send the completed application to me at any time or reach out if you have any questions.

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I pray everything is okay in your neck of the woods. There is no one greater than our God! So be safe and enjoy our Father.

Decolores! [Tim Ratcliff](#), Community Registrar



[Click here for an application!](#)



Good Shepherd

SHARE GROUPS!! I am looking for you! I would like to hear from all of our share groups. If you are a member of a share group, please reach out to me to let me know about your share group.

As a community the Upper Room requires us to keep track of our share groups and we would like to make sure our records are accurate. Also, it is inspiring to introduce our pilgrims to the concept of share groups. What better way to communicate the importance of a share group then to show them just how many we have throughout our community.

DeColores! [Melissa Hendrix](#), Community Good Shepherd

Sponsorship

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

With these guidelines in mind, please be in prayer for the fall walks . **It is time to SPONSOR!** Sponsoring is one of the most important aspects of the Walk to Emmaus. As you pray commit the process to God and let Him give you direction, then commit yourself to follow where he leads you.

If you have any questions about sponsorship, please contact any board member for guidance.

[Click here for an application!](#)

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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, contact our music coordinator, [Elizabeth Jones](#) or 606-782-0522.



***“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”
 Mat 18:20 ESV***

Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

May 26, Gathering, **CANCELLED**
Jun 23, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Jul 28, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Aug 25, 6:00pm Picnic, Ruggles Campground
Aug 27, 11:59pm Application deadline, Men
Sept 10-13, 2020 Fall Men's Walk #33
Sept 17, 11:59pm Application deadline, Women
Sept 22, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Oct 1-4, 2020 Fall Women's Walk #40
Oct 27, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Nov 24, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Dec 22, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC

I want to remind everyone we cancelled the May 26 Gathering due to the stay-at-home currently in place. When we do resume we will gather the **4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm** at the Washington United Methodist Church in Maysville, Ky. Join us in praise and worship; and of course, where Emmaus meets, Emmaus eats! Bring a covered dish and join us afterwards as we share a meal!

DeColores! [Kim Jodrey](#), Worship

Links to help you find what you need:

www.lovemenaus.org

[The Upper Room: Emmaus Website](#)

[101 AGAPE Ideas](#)

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