

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

From The Community Lay Director

Hi everyone.

Just when we thought we were finally going to be rid of this virus – it rears its ugly head again. If you listen to the media, it's worse now than ever. We really need God's direction in our world. In Isaiah 48:17 he is speaking to the Israelites about what to do next. He said "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

We need to pray for God's direction for the upcoming women's walk. The team is preparing and will be ready to do their part, knowing that the walk may be cancelled. If you are sponsoring a pilgrim or know of someone wanting to attend, please make them aware that we will not have a walk if masks and social distancing are required. All attendees will be required to sign a waiver of the potential risks involved.

With that said – we are planning to have these walks and praying to God that we will be able to go forward. Please keep your families and this community in your prayers. God will "direct us in the way we should go."

DeColores!

Peggy Richards, Community Lay Director

Community Registrar

This is a time of great uncertainty, but there is one thing we can always count on. John 16:33. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. Jesus told us this.

As the women's team continues to prepare for the walk, maybe you have a pilgrim God has placed in your thoughts. Now is the time to invite them and get their [application](#) filled out.

God is Good. All the time. All the time. God is Good.

God bless and keep you safe during this time.

Decolores!

Tim Ratcliff, Community Registrar

Text message: (937) 779-2251

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From The Community Spiritual Director

Well, things just keep getting stranger and stranger. As the men's walk is canceled and the women's walk is up in the air, I know that we are all frustrated and discouraged as we want so much to have walks that will help people grow in their spiritual journey and make a difference in their homes, churches, and communities.

I believe the most important phrase in that run-on sentence is 'we want'. As I step back and take a long look at the circumstances around us, I realize we need to focus more on what God wants and less on what we want. We all know the first line of the 23rd Psalm, right? The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

As much as I want walks, believe me, probably more than anyone, I need to look at what is the responsible thing to do. If we are able to have the women's walk this fall, I will be there to support in any way I can. However, if this walk doesn't happen, I will trust that God has something better planned. How many times have we heard pilgrims on Sunday evening talking about how they had waited for years to attend a walk and then realized when they were able to participate that it was God's perfect timing. I believe we will have walks in His perfect timing.

One of the most difficult characteristics listed as a fruit of the Spirit is patience. We live in a world of microwaves and fast food, of fast internet speeds and immediate news feeds. Please don't allow the postponements and delays keep you from being an active member of our community.

As I have said before, we need each of you just as the body needs all of its parts to function and the church needs each of your gifts to be all it is meant to be (1 Corinthians 12). This is a very important time for our community. We can become discouraged and decide that we need to look elsewhere, or we can practice the patience that God provides for us and be excited about what he is doing even as we wait.

Remember, those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31).

Grace and peace to all of you.

DeColores!

Bill Henry, Community Spiritual Director

Kitchen Coordinator

The women's walk will be here before you know it. We have started working on the walk menus. We are starting to think about getting the kitchen prepared. 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.

DeColores! Susan Huff,
Community Kitchen Walk Coordinator



Looking for a way to serve . . . Volunteer!!

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. Please consider using your gifts and talents to serve your Emmaus community.

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



DeColores!

[Cheri McClanahan](#)

Community Volunteer Coordinator



Music

Do you remember how special the music was during your walk? Well, at one time all of the singers and musician sat right where you were. 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.

2020 Community Board of Directors

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From The Community Good Shepherd

As the LOVEmmaus Community Good Shepherd, it is my job to help connect our members to an available Share Group as well as keep track of existing groups and their members. I am in need of the following updated information from all of our existing groups as well as to hearing from anyone interested in joining (or starting a new) Share Group. Also please let me know if you are looking to join a Share Group.

Group Name:

Contact Phone and contact email:

Day/Time/Location of meetings:

Member names:

Open to new members?:



Please contact me at either: 937-217-0672 (text enabled), e-mail me at mhendrix@ovec.com.

De Colores!

Melissa Hendrix, Community Good Shepherd

Agape NEEDED!!

We are praying the women's walk will be held. As you know from your walk, for any walk we will need agape gifts. You may remember how if felt to return to your bed to see little gifts waiting on you or as you entered the dining room and noticed a special placemat topped with trinkets. We want next pilgrims to have the same experiences.

The gifts do not need to be expensive or elaborate but just simple items provided with love. Something as simple as a rock saying "Jesus is my rock!", or a puzzle piece with a sicker or card saying "When life is a puzzle, turn to the Lord." or a small bottle of bubbles saying "Let God's love bubble over in you!". There are so many ideas out on Pinterest or web pages dedicated to cute ideas. Have fun and get creative!

DeColores! Lana Chandler
Community Agape Chairperson



Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Sept 28, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC

Oct 9 - Cleaning Ruggles Campground

Oct 14 -17, Fall Women's Walk #40

Oct 26, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC

Links to help you find what you need:

www.lovemmaus.org

[The Upper Room: Emmaus Website](#)

[101 AGAPE Ideas](#)

[Click here for an application!](#)

Women's Walk 40 Team Members

Lay Dir:	Kim Myers	Tech Log:	Stacy McWharter
Ass't LD:	Kim Jodrey, Cheri McClanahan Elizabeth Jones	Music:	Chantsey Carter Casey Rutledge Chelsea Gardner Joan Garrett
Sp. Dir:	Ken Harmon	Prayer Svt:	Sasha Vogler Michele Mills
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