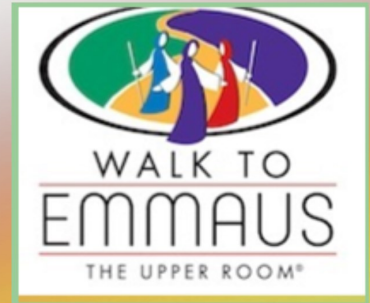


# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## Community Lay Director

Shortly after my walk, one of the team members from that experience unfortunately passed away. Having just completed my walk and not being fully aware of the strength of the community, I was surprised to read about his Emmaus Family in the obituary. At the visitation, I discovered the depth of commitment and love that the Emmaus Family embodies. The support that community members showed to his family was unparalleled and unlike anything I had ever witnessed.

Since then, I have felt that same love and compassion during my times of need from my Emmaus Family. This experience has prompted me to reflect on the term "Emmaus Family" and its importance in having a spiritual family of believers. Jesus defined this kind of family in Matthew 12:50, and it echoes the Body of Christ talk from our walk. It's truly amazing to realize that Emmaus has changed my life, and I now see that I am part of a large family of wonderful, faithful people, as described in John 1:12-13. I encourage you to remember the significance of our family and the fact that it is centered on Christ, as mentioned in Romans 12:5. Let's also reflect on the Body of Christ and the Christian Action talks. I recall the Discipleship talk and think of Galatians 6:10, which reminds us of the importance of supporting one another. In our greatest times of need, we can find comfort in knowing that Jesus understood this, as illustrated in John 19:26-27. As we move through the upcoming seasons, walks, reunions, and events in our lives, I encourage each of us to lean on our Emmaus Family—during our successes, when there is work to be done, and especially in difficult times. Please let me know how I can be a better family member to you; my ears are always open.

DeColores! Bill Hiler, Community Lay Director

## New Board Members

Make sure to check out the Board Member page of the newsletter for the new members and changes to positions. Keep them in prayer this year as we move forward and keep Christ in the center of our community.

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Upcoming Events

- 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

### Did You Survive the Holidays?

As we step into a new year, how many of you let out a sigh of relief, because you “survived” the holidays?

For some, Christmas was filled with warmth, laughter, and meaningful moments with family and friends. For others, it was simply something to endure—marked by loss, loneliness, exhaustion, or the quiet weight of unmet expectations. When December 26 arrived, many of us shifted quickly back into routine. Decorations came down, schedules resumed, and life returned to what we often call *business as usual*.



And that's exactly where January gives us an important opportunity to reflect.

Looking back, it's easy to see how much of Christmas can become about everything surrounding it—the gatherings, the gifts, the traditions, the busyness. None of those things are wrong. In fact, many of them are beautiful. But if we're not careful, they can slowly move our focus away from the **Thing** we are actually celebrating.

Christmas is the celebration of Christ's coming.

And that celebration was never meant to end when the tree was boxed up or the calendar page turned. Jesus did not come so that His presence would be acknowledged for a season and then set aside. Emmanuel—*God with us*—means *Christ is just as present in January as He was in December*.

This is where the Emmaus journey speaks so clearly to us. Christ walks with us on the road, not only in moments of celebration, but in ordinary days, quiet mornings, hard conversations, and faithful obedience long after the holiday lights are gone.

As we begin a new year, may we not leave Christmas behind, but instead allow its meaning to shape how we live going forward. May the hope of His coming, the peace He offers, the love He demonstrated, and the grace He extends continue to be celebrated daily—in our hearts, our homes, and our communities.

Christmas has passed.  
Christ has not.

And the greatest way we honor His coming is by living every day as people transformed by His presence.

DeColores! Jonathan King, Community Spiritual Director

# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## Community Registrar and Sponsorship

Applications are being accepted 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

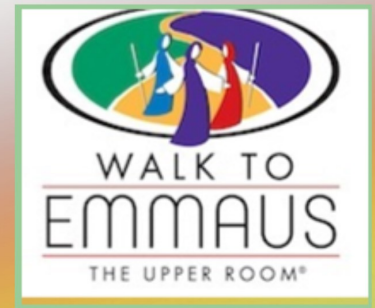
Women's Walk #50: October 1 - 4

Applications can be accessed at [lovemmaus.org](http://lovemmaus.org). If you have any questions about sponsorship, please reach out to me! You can click on the picture to watch a video about sponsorship.

DeColores! Cheri McClanahan, 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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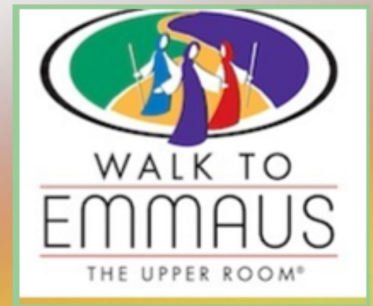
[www.lovememmas.org](http://www.lovememmas.org)

[101 Agape Ideas](#)

[The Upper Room: Emmaus Website](#)

[Click here for an application!](#)

# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community



## 2026 Community Board of Directors

Lay Director: [Bill Hiler](#)

Assistant Lay Director: [Randy Chandler](#)

Spiritual Directors: [Jonathan King](#) and [David Combs](#)

Secretary: [Jennifer Farber](#)

Treasurers: [Kim Myers](#)

LEAD Chairman: [Mike Burke](#)

Hospitality: [Lana Chandler](#) and Pat Grooms

Volunteer Coordinator: [Kim Maiberger](#)

Newsletter: [Amanda Jones](#)

Registrar/Sponsorship: [Cheri McClanahan](#)

Logistics Coordinator: [John Hendrix](#)

Worship: [David Benjamin](#)

Music: Rob Farber

Kitchen: [Nick and Jamee Rockwell](#)

Agape Chairperson: [Lana Chandler](#)

Ruggles Liaison: [Bill Henry](#)

Good Shepherd: [Kim Maiberger](#)

Chrysalis Representative: [Sydney Van Meter](#)

Webmaster: [Lauren Doyle](#)

Historian: [Mike Burke](#)