

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

From The Community Lay Director

Happy Spring everyone!!

Now that we have celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior (at arm's length of course) the earth has taken on a renewal of spirit as well as a renewal of resolve. These are definitely odd times but you have to admit it has made us take a pause and reassess what's really important. Being in such close quarters with our loved ones is a blessing and a challenge we never thought we'd have to deal with. But maybe the country needed this time to regroup and reflect. Every day we have spent self-distancing is one less day we have to go. They tell us there's light at the end of the tunnel and we're grateful for that, but we have our own source of light that shines to a much greater future. By keeping our eyes on Him we can face any challenge.

We've had to put our gatherings and walks on hold for now but this will not last forever. We need to be thinking of who we want to sponsor for upcoming walks. With all this free time it's a great time to connect with old friends who you haven't heard from in a while. Maybe they would appreciate the opportunity to attend a walk.

I look forward to the time we resume our community activities but until then-stay safe everyone.

In God's Love,
Peggy Richards, Community Lay Director



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.

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From The Community Spiritual Director



As I write this Holy Week is coming to a close. It has been different. But it has been beautiful. Maybe it's because I've been home more than usual, but the landscape has never appeared so colorful to me. The redbuds are spectacular. The dogwoods are beginning to bloom. The wisteria, the lilacs, the apple blossoms all come together to fill me with an awe of God's handiwork. What a beautiful world he has created and allowed us to live in! That's my world.

But what about the world the ER nurse in the New York city hospital is living in today? Her world is not quite as beautiful as mine. Instead of radiant colors and natural beauty she spends her day seeing patients struggling to take a breath. Many of them she watches take their last breath. No family to hold their hand. No one to comfort them and make their passing easier. She sees death, heartache, pain, and fear all around her. She knows that many of these people she has fought so valiantly to save will not only lose their life, but their lifeless bodies will be stacked unceremoniously into a waiting refrigerated truck.

Can the contrast between my world and her world be any greater? However, as different as our worlds are, there is one thing we share in common. God is present in both our worlds. It's easy for me to see Him. I can't imagine how his presence can be felt by those whose world has been turned upside down. But he is there. As certainly as he was present with his disciples on that night they all deserted him, he is there. And he is present in your situation. Whether you are living the good life or struggling just to take one more breath, he is there.

Yes, Holy Week is different this year. Good Friday is different. Easter is different. But God is the same. His love never fails. His mercies are new every morning. Great is his faithfulness. One of the things that has been made clearer to me during this time apart is how much we need each other. Yes, we need God above all, but he has designed us so that we need each other. We need our biological family, we need our church family, and we need our Emmaus family.

Stay safe, care for each other, and stay in touch with the God who is always present. Blessings until we can be together again.

DeColores!

Bill Henry, Community Spiritual Director

"It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Luke 24:34

Women's Walk #40



I know we all were disappointed to hear that Women's Walk #40 was cancelled, not cancelled but postponed. I also know our Heavenly Father has something special in store for walk #40. During this time of quarantine, I have had much time to reflect and one thing that has stood out to me is that our God is in full control. He has reminded me several times to be still. Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God.

I read an article recently that I found interesting about the number 40. The Latin root of the word quarantine is 40. We are in the year 2020, $20 + 20 = 40$. The number 40 is of great significance in the Bible. The flood lasted 40 days. 40 years Moses fled Egypt. Mo-

ses stayed on Mt. Sinai 40 days to receive the ten commandments. The Exodus lasted 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days, lent lasts 40 days. God has a plan for walk #40.

Let's all find peace in the waiting, be still and listen to what God is leading us to do. Be prepared it's going to be an amazing walk.

Much love, [Kim Myers](#) (LD Women's Walk #40)

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

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!](#)

Kitchen Coordinator

The fall walks will be here before you know it. As we begin to think about 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 which prepare and serve a meal during a walk but we still have availability for more share groups. 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

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!](#)

2019 Community Board of Directors

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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, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
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 April 28 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](#)

[Click here for an application!](#)