

# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

## From The Community Board of Directors

Hello L.O.V.E. Community,

In June, we had are first board meeting since the pandemic craziness started. We had a packed agenda which included making decisions about our Fall walks. We are sad to report the **postponement of the Fall walks**. We did not make this decision lightly but considered many factors such as Ruggles availability, the activities that a walk entails, the safety of the pilgrims, teams and community. We will now begin focusing on the Spring walks and we ask everyone to please be in prayer for these walks!

We would like to invite the community to the **July Gathering** which will be **held at the Maysville-Mason County Recreation Park on July 28 at 6:30pm**. This will be a carry in meal just as we would have at the church but this time we will be in the picnic shelter. This park is one mile south of the church. The address is 2340 Old Mail St. Washington, Ky.

May Psalm 27:1 bring you some comfort "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is my stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Decolores!  
L.O.V.E. Community Board of Directors

## From The Community Registrar

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. Efforts have started to get our upcoming 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.

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.

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## From The Community Lay Director

Hello everyone and welcome to the fourth month of this pandemic. That doesn't sound like a long time but to some it seems like an eternity. We all have a different opinion about this virus and we need to respect each other's perspective because no one wants to spread it by accident.

In Jeremiah 29:11, God said he had plans for us and it wasn't to harm us but to prosper us and give us hope and a future. As Christians we take comfort knowing that it is not a promise to immediately save us from hardship or suffering but a promise that he has a plan for our lives regardless of our current situation. We are to call upon him and he will hear us.

As we have once again had to postpone our gathering let us pray continuously and without ceasing that this disease will be over soon.

I look forward to the time when we can get together and praise his name as a group. As brothers and sisters in Christ.

DeColores!

[Peggy Richards](#), Community Lay Director

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## From The Community Spiritual Director

I hope this finds everyone beginning to get back to some sort of normal as our country begins to reopen. It's been difficult for many of you and my prayers go out to those who have been adversely affected. Personally, I haven't been terribly inconvenienced by the events of the past few months. I have missed my Emmaus family and being able to attend worship services on a regular basis. As I have sought ways to occupy myself, I had two completely unrelated events that happened almost simultaneously that may have not been as unrelated as I thought. As many of you know I'm somewhat of a sports junkie. There haven't been many sporting events for me to watch during this shutdown. ESPN ran a series called, "The Last Dance" which documented Michael Jordan's 6 NBA championships. I have never been a huge Michael Jordan fan but when you talk about the greatest basketball players of all time, he has to be one of the first players mentioned. I had no intention of watching this series, but I heard some other people talking about it and decided to watch. It just so happened that this series aired right about the time of Pentecost, the celebration of the birth of the Church and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. Now, some of you know my mind works a little differently from most. Here is how I connected these two events. Suppose Michael Jordan told me that he was going to give me his talent. I could be as good a basketball player as he was. I would have his physical attributes, his knowledge and instincts for the game, his agility, everything that made him what he was. What would I do with that talent? I would certainly put it to use. My childhood dream of being a successful athlete would certainly not go to waste. I could hardly wait to display my newfound talents. Do you see the connection to Pentecost? Jesus had told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem and they would receive the Holy Spirit. You know that a part of that gift was to receive Power (Acts 1:8). Jesus told his followers in John 14:12 that, "Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these" when they receive the Holy Spirit. We have been promised that we will have the same power as Jesus! What are we doing with it? Just as I wouldn't waste the ability to play basketball at the same level as Michael Jordan, I need to make sure I am not wasting the power that I have received as a follower of Jesus Christ. It is within me and within each of you who have given your life over to Jesus to make a huge difference in our homes, in our churches, in our communities, and in our world. We have the power. Let's use it. I so miss you each and every one. I can't wait to see you and worship with you again soon. Be safe and continue in the Lord.

Grace and peace to you all.

DeColores!

[Bill Henry](#), Community Spiritual Director

## Kitchen Coordinator

The next 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. If your **share group** has an interest in helping in some way, please reach out to me to see what help is needed.

Is there any specific food that you would like me to consider serving during a walk? Please let me know.

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 upcoming walks. **It is time to SPONSOR!** Sponsoring is one of the most important and rewarding 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 myself or any board member for guidance.

DeColores! [Steve Richards](#),  
Community Sponsorship



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

## Good Shepherd

Hello **SHARE GROUPS!!** I am looking for you! I would like to hear from all of our active share groups. If you have found a way to meet during this pandemic panic time period, would you share some of your ideas so other share groups may benefit. Please reach out to let me know.

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



# 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:*

**Jul 28**, 6:30pm Gathering, Recreation Park  
**Aug 25**, 6:00pm Community Picnic, Recreation Park  
**Sept 10-13**, 2020 Fall Men's Walk #33, **postponed**  
**Sept 22**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC  
**Oct 1-4**, 2020 Fall Women's Walk #40, **postponed**  
**Oct 27**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC  
**Nov 24**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC  
**Dec 22**, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC

### Spring 2021 Walks:

**Apr 29-May**, Spring Men's Walk #33  
**Jun 3-6**, Spring Women's Walk #40

### Fall 2021 Walks:

**Sept 9-12**, Fall Men's Walk #34  
**Oct 7-10**, Fall Women's Walk #41

I am looking forward to our June Gathering which will be held at the Maysville-Mason County Recreation Park at 6:30 pm on July 28. We will be in an outdoor shelter and hope to see many of you there. We will have a carry in meal and Christian fellowship.

In August we will have our Community picnic at the same park.

DeColores! [Kim Jodrey](#),  
 Worship

## Links to help you find what you need:

[www.lovememmaus.org](http://www.lovememmaus.org)

[The Upper Room: Emmaus Website](#)

[101 AGAPE Ideas](#)

[Click here for an application!](#)