



Christ is counting on you.

**Where have you volunteered
to serve Him?**

Greetings and De Colores to the Lexington Emmaus Community:

Do you remember receiving your Emmaus cross? You were told that Christ is counting on you. More importantly, do you remember your answer? **I am counting on Christ.** Well, the Emmaus movement has been very successful, maybe too successful. Many of you have gone back into your churches to serve and serve, and that's great! Unfortunately, many of you haven't left any time for Emmaus, and the community feels the loss. We want you to come back and join us! If you found your Emmaus Walk helpful and still think it ought to be shared with others, please look for ways to get involved again. The board of directors has been praying over and wrestling with the issues of participation in the community. I encourage you to read about some of the changes we're making and some of the events coming our way and to respond to our survey. We want to see you and we need your help!

Gatherings are moving!!

Our April gathering is the weekend of the Women's Walk; therefore, it has been moved to coincide with the candlelight service.

† We'll see you at Estes Chapel, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2.

Beginning in May, gatherings will be held once again at **St. Luke UMC**, 2341 Alumni Dr. (near the intersection of Alumni Dr. and New Circle Rd.) in Lexington, Kentucky.

† We'll see you at St. Luke UMC on Friday, May 6th. We gather at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship with our service beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come hear our newest pilgrims sing their theme songs and bring a snack to share.

† Our gathering in May has a **theme!** As you know, a sponsor's responsibilities include bringing pilgrims to gathering and getting them involved in the community after the Walk. Our May gathering has a new twist—**BRING YOUR SPONSOR TO GATHERING!** For all who are able, call your sponsor and invite him/her to come with you. If your sponsor is unavailable, call another friend to come. Let's have a great crowd to welcome our new pilgrims and to celebrate communion together.

Upcoming gathering events: Agape night, Reunion group/Table group night, clergy appreciation night, 20th anniversary night!

Lexington Emmaus community's 20th anniversary

Did you know that the Lexington Emmaus Community turns 20 this year? We're going to celebrate! We are NOT having a July picnic this year (we'll have a regular gathering instead). But, we are going to have an anniversary party and potluck at our August gathering. Donna Jones (Lexington Emmaus Walk #1 for Women) will be organizing the party. If you know of people who have moved but were part of our community, please let them know about our celebration and/or contact Donna with their address (phone: 859-654-3003; e-mail: <revdjones@netscape.com>).

Help the Women's Walk: March 31-April 3

- † Slots for the prayer vigil: please contact Susan Henthorn to help fill the prayer vigil chart for the women (phone: 859-986-9558; e-mail <henthorn@snapt.net>).
- † Please contact Janet Butler if you're available to serve a meal (phone: 859-858-4216; e-mail <thebutlerdidit2@aol.com>).
- † Make agape (about 70 pieces) and bring it to sendoff on Thursday, March 31 or get it to Judy McVey (phone: 859-498-2318; e-mail: jandjmcvey2@aol.com) or any women's team member. Bring any type—wearable, portable, edible, readable, humorous-able, or otherwise.
- † Bring snack agape to the Walk. At recent Walks, we've been very short of food (believe it or not). Let's get some great homemade goodies and wholesome food.
- † Come join us at Sendoff (Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.), Candlelight (Saturday, April 2 at 8:00 p.m.), Closing (Sunday, April 3 at 4:30 p.m.).

Upcoming Walks

- † Men's: November 3-6, 2005
- † Women's: November 10-13, 2005

IMPORTANT: Due to the low number of pilgrims on the Men's Walks, we WILL have the Fall Walk but will consider not having any Spring Men's Walks until and unless we have more pilgrims. Not only did we have trouble getting enough pilgrims, we also had difficulty finding enough team members to serve. The number of pilgrims for the Women's Walks is also down but not yet at critical. Please pray for and contact (now) those you want to sponsor for the Fall Walks.

Visit our web page

Our Web page keeps up with our latest events and calendar, lists names of board members, team members, and pilgrims, posts applications and Fourth Day sheets to download, and provides links to other communities and the like. Find everything quickly and easily at <www.lexingtonemmaus.org.>.

Do you have a great (short) Emmaus testimony?

We are looking for testimonies to include in upcoming newsletters. They can be as brief as a few sentences or a little lengthier (about 100 words) to go into our newsletter each month. These Fourth Day moments will be an inspiration to us all. One question you might answer is, "What is God doing in my Fourth Day (today)?" Please send these to Judy Seitz (address: 500 Bellevue Ave., Wilmore, 40390; e-mail: JSeitz21@aol.com).

Monthly prayer focus

As a community, we are always remembering other communities and their Walks in prayer. This month, as we look at the dwindling numbers of our own Walks, would you please pray for our community, our level of involvement, and your own personal commitment to serving/sponsoring Emmaus weekends?

We need your input, ideas, and feedback

On the last page of this letter, you will find a survey. Please complete it if you have any valuable input for the board of directors. You may remain anonymous. We are interested in what you have to say. Finish the survey and either mail it to our P.O. Box (address is on the survey) or hand them to Judy Seitz at any event at the Women's Walk.

De Colores,

Judy Seitz
Lay Director,
Lexington Emmaus Community

SURVEY

We want to serve you better. Please help the Lexington Emmaus Board of Directors by completing this brief survey.

When completed, either mail it in to

Lexington Emmaus Community
Attn: Emmaus Survey
P.O. Box 23554
Lexington, KY 40523-3554

Or hand it to Judy Seitz at any of the Women's Walk events (March 31-April 3).

I would participate more in the following events IF ...

GATHERINGS _____

SPONSORSHIP _____

TEAMS _____

WALKS (i.e., Sendoff, Candlelight, Closing, Agape, Meals, Prayer) _____

OTHER _____

