

July 31, 2020

Lexington Emmaus Community



From the Lay Director.....

Hello Lexington Emmaus Community,

I hope this message finds you healthy, hopeful and feeling God's grace in your life. I hope you have had the opportunity to just be, to just be in God's presence. To listen, to pray.

I tend some vegetable gardens at church. With this dry spell lately, I have been watering two or three times a week. Just like my vegetable garden is longing for steady rainfall, regular rainfall, so my heart and soul are longing for the presence of the Lexington Emmaus Community. Some of you have shared a similar longing. That is why we are planning to have a Zoom Gathering on Friday, August 7, at 7:00 pm. Look for the login details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Like the watering can and soaker hose in watering a garden, the Zoom Gathering will be an imperfect substitute for actually gathering together. But my expectation is that like the watering can and soaker hose, Zoom Gatherings will be able to tide us over until we can come together again in Christian community, share a meal together, and hug and cry on each other's shoulders with tears of laughter and joy.

If you remember my past writings, you know that I wear specific socks when I go to visit clients. Those socks are starting to show up in my laundry basket again. I thought I was doing OK with the isolation of staying home. Turns out I have really missed sitting down and talking with a person, in-person, even if it is through a mask and sitting six ft. apart.

When I wrote to you last month, we were still hoping that the October 2020 Lexington Emmaus Walks would still happen as planned. A week later, on July 9, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to delay the Walks until April 2021. I had a small doubt in the back of my mind that maybe we were being overly cautious. The COVID-19 progression in Kentucky since then has convinced me that the proper decision was made about the October Walks.

Looking forward to seeing you on August 7. Be safe out there. Pray for those around you. Pray for those on the other side of the world.

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Michael Watts
Lay Director
Lexington Emmaus Community

What: August Gathering

In the "COVID Era", successful organizations are flexible, nimble, and

Date: Friday, August 7

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Wherever you are!



ZOOM

adaptive. That is exactly what we are trying to do to keep our sense of community alive and strong in this time when we can't physically be together. Perhaps many of you have done video-conferencing at work. I'm aware of Sunday School classes having multiple weeks in a row of "perfect attendance". Many reunion groups are virtually meeting.

Perhaps you've never been in a video-conference, and don't like technology. Well, as Michael stated, it's an imperfect solution, but it's a way we can keep connected and encouraged. We are using a platform called ZOOM, and attending the Gathering is easy. There are no programs required to be downloaded or apps to use. All you need is either a smartphone or tablet, or a computer with speakers. And, of course, an internet connection. If you want to be seen and heard, your computer will need a camera and microphone, but that is not necessary to watch and listen. All you need to do is click on the button below to join the conference.

If there are multiple people in the same household, please attend on one device, as we have a limit of 100 attendees. Wouldn't it be awesome if we maxed out!!

If you had trouble getting on the Gathering, or if you would like to just try a test or have any questions before the Gathering, please contact Howard Rosewell.

[Contact Howard](#)

Phone/Tablet Instructions

- Click on the Link Below
- Join with Video
- To hear others "Call Over Internet"
- To Speak, touch the screen and the menu will appear
- Click Unmute
- Click Mute when done speaking
- To Leave, click leave at the top of the screen

Computer Instructions

- Click on the link below
- Click "Join with Computer Audio"
- If you move your mouse over your picture, there is a mute/unmute button to use if you speak.
- There are choices at the top of the screen where you change views, such as Gallery View (more people) or speaker View (larger view of person speaking)
- To leave, Press the Leave button

[Join ZOOM Meeting](#)

Link Address (If button above doesn't work)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8795054502?pwd=TVdNaFlaYkoxWFJ4VEdlYzFEN3Bvdz09>

If you are a zoom user and want to use the meeting ID:
Meeting ID: 879 505 4502



Praises and Concerns

If you have praises and concerns you would like to lift up at the Zoom Gathering, you will have an opportunity to lift that up. However, if you can't attend, or don't have a computer with a microphone, please contact Gail Wright and she will read them to those attending.

Contact Gail



Fall Spring Walks

Dates:

Men - APRIL 15 - 18

Women - APRIL 22-25

Emmaus Walk Applications

While COVID-19 has forced us to cancel our fall walks, lets look at the bright side and think about how we have over 1/2 a YEAR to recruit pilgrims! Let's not even talk about the "minimum" but shoot for 36 Men and 36 Women by March!

Future Gatherings

Due to COVID19, All future Gathering locations are tentative and subject to going virtual by the LEC Board, host church, and government restrictions.

September 11th - 6:30-8:30
Richmond First UMC

October 2nd - 6:30-8:30
Trinity Hill UMC

November 6th - 6:30 - 8:30
Centenary UMC



Reunion Groups

Reunion Groups are essential to keep the fire of your walk burning. **We encourage**



reunion groups to keep in contact during the COVID-19 Pandemic! Call, text, or Facetime your brothers and sisters. Several reunion groups are using ZOOM to video-conference. It's free for sessions 40 minutes or less and can be done on a smart phone or computer (with camera, speakers, and microphone). Find ways to "virtually" meet. Click below for a list of existing reunion groups. If you want to access this list from the website, it is password protected. The password is **Luke24:13** (no spaces).

Reunion Groups

Board of Directors

The Website now has a page where you can communicate with Board Members. Click the link below to take you to the website's contact page. From there you can communicate with any board member.

Board of Directors



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STAY CONNECTED

