

November 27, 2019

# Lexington Emmaus Community



“Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way...?”



## Next Gathering - Friday, December 6, 2019

**Winchester First UMC**  
204 S. Main St.  
Winchester, KY 40391

**Pot-Luck Dinner - 6:30 PM**  
**Worship 7:15 PM**

Come and ring in the Christmas Season with your LEC friends in Winchester, KY! Come worship as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our risen Lord!



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## From the Community Lay Director.....

Heading into the Thanksgiving holiday, I found myself really dreading the holidays. Not only is it the busy holiday season, but my job is very stressful and somewhat demanding because of all the spreadsheets and tasks that are needed to complete the year-end process. At work we have a God's Pantry fundraiser every year where we do a potluck and everyone in the firm "pays" for their plate of food. All of those donations are then sent to God's Pantry. As I was preparing the dishes to bring to work, I was grumbling and complaining because I knew that the following week, I would not only be doing it again to help my aging mother, but be doing much more. I was pulling a Martha.... I could only see all the chores that needed to be done.

As I was driving into work that fundraiser day, God and I had a really good chat about my attitude. He point blank asked me..."What is your focus? Is it on the tasks that need to be done, or is it on the people and your relationship with me?" I had to be honest (because

what is the point in lying to God, right!), I had made Thanksgiving all about me and my to-do lists. I knew in order to change my attitude during this holiday season, I needed to be more like Mary and focus on my relationships.

While saying the prayer before lunch, I asked that God bless those that prepared the food, those that would consume the food and those that would be benefited by the fundraiser, not knowing the events that would transpire over the luncheon. It just so happened that one of our lawyers was doing a pro-bono immigration case and had documents prepared to assist a lady and her three children to enter the United States legally. She had arrived from Honduras with hardly anything, but her three kids. She had never heard of Thanksgiving so she had no idea what the lunch was all about. The lawyer, thru a translator, explained what Thanksgiving was all about...being thankful and grateful for your family and friends by sharing a meal together. She was so excited to learn about this tradition and could not wait to share this idea with her children. She said that she had gone without food a couple of nights just so her children could have plenty. Now that she is legal, she has a job and will be able to provide for her family. She left not only with her documents, but with four huge to-go containers of food for her and her three children and the knowledge that God loved her.

So far, I am still focusing on my relationships this holiday season. How about you....where is your focus this year? May God bless you and your family during this Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

Susan Bryant  
Lay Director  
Lexington Emmaus Community

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**It's time to start gathering  
Butterflies and Pilgrims!**

**Chrysalis - February 15-17  
Richmond First UMC**

**Men's Walk - April 16-19**

**Women's Walk - April 23-26**

**Asbury Seminary & Inn**

It's Christmas time, what does that have to do with Emmaus?

Well, our Chrysalis Flight and Spring Walks are just around the corner. What would be a better gift? Something that gets used and forgotten after a while, or an experience that lasts forever? Consider giving the gift of Emmaus and Chrysalis!

Chrysalis preparations happen on a much faster pace than Emmaus Walks. In order for the teams to get started, we need applications from 10 boys and 10 girls no later than January 10th. At this point, we only have one application for the Girls Flight.

We also need 12 men and 12 women signed up for the walks prior to team formation. The Board has not determined that deadline, but it will likely be about January 31st.

So, can you think of a better Christmas gift to a friend than an Emmaus Walk? Now is the time to start praying, asking people, working through their questions, and turning in applications. You can download an application below, or visit [www.lexingtonemmaus.org](http://www.lexingtonemmaus.org) and click the "Resources" Tab.

Chrysalis Flight Application

Emmaus Walk Application

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# Chrysalis Flight

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## February

## 15th to 17th

*The Flight of 2020*

The Takeoff and the Landing of any Flight are the most IMPORTANT parts. Between those we will be flying on the Breath of God. As we begin to build the Team for the upcoming Flight, we need to be in Prayer for all of the Community as well as the Team and Caterpillars. Please pray if you are led to serve on this Team, we would like to have help in the conference room as well as servants outside the conference room in Kitchen and Agape. When serving in the Kitchen or Agape you will not need to attend the Meetings or be there during the complete weekend. Even a few hours of your time will help everyone. Anyone having a desire to serve on this team may contact anyone on the board or contact me through the website directly. Please pray for the Caterpillars that you would like to sponsor as well. This is open to 10th through 12th grades (15 to 18 years old – still in High School).

Fly with Christ. Christ is Counting on YOU.

Earl Taylor : Chrysalis Board Representative

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## Board of Directors Election

Last week an invitation to participate in the vote for new members on the LEC Board of Directors was emailed out. If you missed it, [CLICK HERE](#) to take part in the election. The deadline to vote is Wednesday December 4th so we can announce new members to the board at the December Gathering. Do not vote again if you previously voted from the email last week.

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## Future Gatherings

### January 3, 2020

Trinity Hill UMC  
Lexington, KY

### February 7, 2020

Centenary UMC  
Lexington, KY

### March 6, 2020

Versailles UMC  
Versailles, KY



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