

# Lexington Emmaus Community



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## From the Lay Director.....

Hello Lexington Emmaus Community,

**Calamity.** Calamity can come into our lives in many ways. Calamity in large and dramatic ways that affects an entire community or a whole string of communities. Calamity can come into our lives in less dramatic ways, in ways that just affect a very small group of people.

My father passed away in 2007. It was quite the calamity for his family for him to have passed away as young as he was. Dad was a Marine, so he had a military funeral with Marines there to fold an American flag to present to my mother, just like in the movies. I still get teary all these years later when that scene comes up in a movie or TV show.

A while later there was a grief workshop at church. I was still hurting so I went to the workshop. We were encouraged to write a lamentation modeled after the Book of Lamentations in the Old Testament. I wrote out my anger, my disappointments, my hurts, my questions, my disappointed hopes and dreams. It was pretty helpful to put it all down in writing. One of my many questions of God was -- Did you have something to teach me that my Daddy could not?

Turns out the answer to that question was -- Yes. I do have something to teach you.

God reminded me that the closest active duty Marines to my parents' home were a 90-minute drive away on a bright sunny day. The night before Dad's funeral, a good ol' New York blizzard dropped a foot of snow. The family would have understood if the Marines had called and said they could not make it. But they were there. They drove through the aftermath of that 12 in. overnight snowfall. They were there just so they could fold a flag, present it to my mother and turn right around to drive back through the snow again. They were there to honor a man that had worn the same uniform as them. It did not matter that Dad had not worn that uniform since the 60's, long before they all were born. Those Marines were there. Performing their duty. Honoring their commitment to honor my Dad in spite of the adversity presented by 12 in. of snow. They were there. I wish I knew their names.

God said when I ask for your devotion, when I ask you to honor the commitments you have made to Me, I ask you to remember those Marines. Remember their devotion to duty. I ask you to remember those Marines as a model for your devotion to Me.

I have tried to do that ever since.

So my brothers and sisters, I would ask you to do the same in the coming days. We do not yet know what those coming days will be like. God may call you to be the next Billy Graham or Mother Teresa. All God may ever call you to do is to be kind to the person running the cash register or one of the workers in your favorite restaurant. Be kind to refresh their faith in humanity. Be kind to refresh their faith in Christians. I have heard more than once that the worst customers for the Sunday lunch rush in a restaurant are those who have just left church. God may call you to sponsor a pilgrim or two to go on an Emmaus Walk. He may call you to be part of an Emmaus Walk Team. The needs of this world are many. Who knows but Him what you will be called upon to do in His name for His people. I know it can and will be difficult to persevere amongst all the troubles that the world and Satan can send your way. Be devoted to your Lord and Savior, like those Marines were devoted to my Dad. For our Lord and Savior has done far more for you and me than show up for a funeral in the aftermath of a snowstorm.

De Colores!

Michael Watts  
Lay Director  
Lexington Emmaus Community  
Renewing Christian Disciples,  
Strengthening Local Churches

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## Subscribe to Reminders...



In December, everyone will get a reminder for the Zoom Gathering. It will come in the form of a BALLOT, as it's time to elect future (or returning) board members. I PROMISE there will be no need for recounts or any other drama. However, when that ballot comes, if the thought enters your mind "oh yeah, the Gathering is tomorrow", I would encourage you to come back to this newsletter, click the button, and get a reminder every month!

Howard Rosewell  
Communications

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**What: December Gathering**

**Date: Friday, December 4**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Place: Wherever you are!**

In November, it was good to see our old friend Alan Jackson lead us in music. Who will it be this month? Will there be Christmas Carols? There's only one way to find out! Just as we did in November, we will have an uplifting 4th day message, and we'll be sharing at the Lord's Table. Each household in attendance will need to prepare bread and juice, and again it can be whatever you have.

Come and Join us! Just click the Button below.

**ZOOM**



# Join ZOOM Meeting

If you have trouble with the button, copy and paste the link below into your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82273882606?pwd=U3psUnplcXdXemtNdTN0Vy8zT2xudz09>

If you have a zoom account and want to use the meeting code:

Meeting ID: 822 7388 2606

Passcode: Jesus

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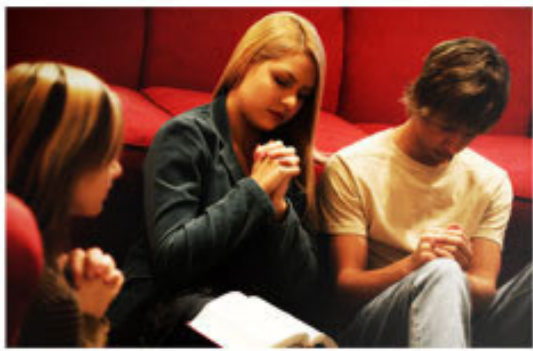
## For Zoom Newbies

If you want some simple instructions for getting on Zoom, click the ZOOM Instructions Button Below.

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.

[ZOOM Instructions](#)

[Contact Howard](#)



## 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](#)



## Spring Walks

**MEN- APRIL 15 - 18**

**WOMEN - APRIL 22-25**

[Emmaus Walk Applications](#)

As we enter uncharted territory with the COVID - 19 pandemic, the thing that we have come to realize is that we have no crystal ball and no firm ideas when we can "resume normal activities". In fact, "resuming normal activities" will not likely be a date on the calendar, but a process that will take time. Your Emmaus Board is looking ahead to what that process might look like, and how we can safely resume activities. We have hopeful news about a vaccine, but getting people vaccinated will take time. Still, there are reasons

to be hopeful. We can still reach out to people and offer them the hope that comes with an Emmaus Walk experience. With that hope, we also need to remain flexible, the date may be farther away than sooner. It might not look the same as we're used to. But I am reminded that the most flexible people are the pilgrims, because they don't know what to expect. Remember when the Rainbow Light broke? Jesus came anyway. Remember when we had to move candlelight from Estes Chapel to Wilmore UMC? Jesus came anyway. Someday, someone will say, "remember after COVID and we had to ??????".

I am convinced, Jesus will come anyway. Let's be ready, whenever the time comes.

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## Future Gatherings

**Due to COVID19, All future Gatherings will be virtual Gatherings hosted on Zoom until our Board and Host Churches deem it safe for us to meet again in accordance with State and Local regulations.**

**January 8th - 7:00**

**February 5th, 7:00**

**March 5th, 7:00**



## Reunion Groups

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

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## Board of Directors

The Website 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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