

Lexington Emmaus Community



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

Next Gathering - Friday, January 4, 2019

Centenary UMC
2800 Tates Creek Road
Lexington, KY 40502

Chili Dinner by LEC Board - 6:30 PM
Worship 7:15 PM

Have a lot of post-Christmas clean up to do?
Give yourself a break on Friday and let the LEC Board cook for you as we prepare our hearts to restart walks in 2019.



From the Community Lay Director....

Made it through another Christmas season! My December calendar had twice as much stuff on it as usual. It sure is easy to get caught up in it all and forget the Christian's reason for celebrating, the arrival of the Savior. I sincerely hope that you were able to set aside time to just breathe and as Mary did, to contemplate these things in your heart.

Now is like the quiet period in college basketball recruiting. For the next few days, rest and pray. Then seek out those in your circles and recruit them to be pilgrims for the Emmaus Walks in April 2019. We have a month to gather the first dozen men and women together so that we can commit to team members that a Walk will take place.

Looking forward to seeing you and cooking for you for the next Gathering on January 4.

Michael Watts
Community Lay Director
Lexington Emmaus Community

From the Community Spiritual Director...

Last week I was thumbing through hymnals, looking at Christmas music. I was struck by how frequently the songwriters used the imagery of light -- "yonder shines his infant light," "radiant beams," "one small light streaming out in the darkness" and lots of others. Jesus came to us to shine the splendor and glory of heaven into our lives.

Even so, we tend to grumble about the darkness, how the evil one seems to have taken the upper hand in our world. But the gospel tells us, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) Darkness cannot conquer light. The smallest light shines big in deep darkness.

Once I was with group of schoolkids on a cave tour, and the guide turned off all the lights so that we could experience total darkness. But some of the kids were wearing those shoes with LEDs in the heels, and I could not only see the children, but also their shadows on the walls. A little light shines big in deep darkness. And in the immortal words of Quickdraw McGraw, "Don't you forget about it!"

The Apostle John writes, "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5) If we are in Christ -- if Christ is in us -- then his light is in us, and the darkness is powerless against that light. So my message to you is this: if the darkness is deep, SHINE!

Alan Jackson
Community Spiritual Director



Emmaus Walks are scheduled!

Men's Walk - April 11-14

Women's Walk - April 25-28

Asbury Seminary & Inn

PILGRIMS NEEDED!!!!!!

Have you ever watched one of those early season basketball tournaments with nearly no spectators?, an empty Gym? I've seen that and wondered "what's the point?" Michael spoke of the quiet period of basketball recruiting. Very appropriate, because you need a team, and you need a crowd to play in front of. **So, for these walks to come to fruition, we need 12 men and 12 women signed up no later than January 31, 2019.** That's the beginning of our crowd. After that, we can form our team and make sure this walk is a slam-dunk. As of today, we have a long way to go - we have one application, and know of one more that is being filled out.

So let's pray and then hit the recruiting trail. Walk applications are available at on the button below or at www.lexingtonemmaus.org under "Resources". You can return the applications by mail, or you can scan and email them back to lexemmaus@gmail.com.

If you are getting close to the end of January and using the US Mail, please send us an email to let us know about the applications you are mailing to us. Remember, there are Scholarships from the LEC available, do not let money be an issue. In addition, many churches and reunion groups also financially support people who need help attending an Emmaus Walk.

Emmaus Walk Application

Future Gatherings

February 1, 2019

Trinity Hill UMC
Lexington, KY

March 1, 2019
Versailles UMC
Versailles, KY

April 13, 2019
Men's Candlelight
Asbury Theological Seminary

April 27, 2019
Women's Candlelight
Asbury Theological Seminary

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

When our eyes see our hands doing the work of our hearts, the circle of Creation is completed inside us, the doors of our souls fly open, and love steps forth to heal everything in sight. -Michael Bridge

Seeing and doing, loving and healing. These concepts together are an accurate description of being in the "Will of God". Sounds a lot like the recipe for "going forth and making disciples". Are you looking for an opportunity to see, or do, or love, or heal? If so, your Lexington Emmaus Community needs you! There are several long serving board members who are due to rotate off the board at the end of the year. It is vital as we seek a path forward in our community to have new people and new ideas. If you, or someone you know, is looking for an opportunity to see the "Circle of Creation" completed, or just have questions about serving, please contact us! You can send an email to our main address, lexemmaus@gmail.com, or contact any board member on our "Contacts" page at www.lexingtonemmaus.org/board/



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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