

Lexington Emmaus Community



From the Lay Director.....

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are planning to do something different for 2021 at Gatherings during 4th Day Speaker time. We want to work our way through the talks of an Emmaus Walk during 4th Day Speaker time. The January Zoom Gathering will include the Priorities talk. If you have given a talk during an Emmaus Walk and would be willing to share that talk during a Gathering, please let me know.

It is my sincerest hope that you have experienced God's blessings and love throughout this holiday season. I realized and appreciated God's blessing and love in an unexpected way this season. I was in awe and wonder of all the colored Christmas lights that I saw driving around town. And I felt so blessed by God that I could see those colors.

You all probably have a favorite song of the Christmas season. I have probably shared this with you before, but my favorite song of the season is *The Little Drummer Boy*. The song brings me to tears and trembling nearly every time I hear it. Although the song was written in 1941 more than a decade before I was born, the song is about me. It is a song very much about the intimacy of my relationship with our Lord and Savior. Not just at Christmas time, but all year 'round. I stand before my King each and every day. I stand before my King wondering what gift could I possibly bring that would be worthy of what has been done for me.

The answer of course, is that there is no gift that would be worthy of what has been done for me. So I do the only thing that I can do. I do what the little drummer boy did. I play my drum for my King the best way that I can. What song that drum plays is different each and every day. My brothers and sisters, I encourage you to do the same. Play your drum for our King each and every day the best way that you can.

De Colores!

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

What: January Gathering

Date: Friday, January 8

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Wherever you are!

Join ZOOM Meeting

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88126603457?pwd=K1FITVpPTVNuRnRCU2EvdGR6eVpDZz09>

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

Meeting ID: 881 2660 3457
Passcode: Jesus

One of the ways you can show your concern for fellow believers is to attend Emmaus Gatherings on the first Friday evening of most months. Attending Gathering over the years has changed my life. It was at Gathering that I began the journey into prison ministry which has amazed me with the tangible evidence of God's grace and mercy towards inmates and volunteers. It was at Gathering that God led me to be the Lay Director of Walk 138. Gathering has been a joy in life and the lives of my family for years.

We currently have Zoom Gatherings. The next one will be on Friday, January 8th at 7:00 pm. The link to attend the Gathering is above. The Lexington Emmaus Community Zoom Gatherings have brought diverse people from across Central Kentucky together to worship God and to experience the joy of seeing and hearing each other in real time. We have been hosting them since summer and a number of people have attended. There is room for you and anyone else you want to invite. We have live music, but attendees' microphones are muted so do not worry about having to sing on camera! There is a message, a Bible reading, Communion service, and a time for sharing praises and prayer requests. It has been amazing to see how the Holy Spirit has brought the disparate elements together to fit into a unified message of His love. It is easy to be discouraged and feel like doing one more thing online will not be worthwhile. However, I urge you to come to Gathering. The Body of Christ coming together to worship Him and to lift one another up has a sweetness that nothing else digital does. Your presence will enrich others and the Holy Spirit blesses all of us every time we meet.

Becky Muñoz
Vice Lay Director

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.

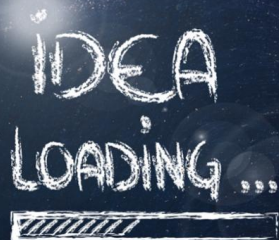
[ZOOM Instructions](#)

[Contact Howard](#)

they wish that our churches could be more like the Acts 2 church. How those believers gave all for one another. Two thousand years later our lives are very different than the first century Christians but the goal of unity is still there. Acts 2:42 states that "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

The early Christians were under pressure to conform to their pagan society so they needed to spend time learning and sharing life together to enable themselves to walk in the way that leads to life. I am sure they spent time discussing the challenges they faced and giving each other advice and encouragement. I am sure of this, because this is one of the characteristics of a healthy church today. The time believers spend caring for one another in casual ways is critical to Christian wellness.

Subscribe to Reminders...



We all need a little help getting ideas to load, or just remembering what day it is when our schedules are all out of whack! If you want a reminder the day before Gatherings or other important community events, click the button below to subscribe to reminders.

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Board of Director Changes

We would like to thank the 49 members of the community that participated in the elections for new board members. All persons running on the slate were elected by an overwhelming majority and there were no write ins. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Susan Bryant for her years of service on the Board, including serving as Lay Director of the Community. We would also like to welcome Bob Fortney to the Board, serving in Team Selection. Please pray for rapid and effective distribution of the vaccines so we can put him to work!

We continue to have two vacancies on the Board, Music and Sponsor's Hour/Candlelight. If you feel led to serve in these areas or just have questions, feel free to contact any board member from the Board of Directors button at the bottom of the newsletter.



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](#)

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.

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

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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