

July 2, 2021

Lexington Emmaus Community



From the Lay Director.....

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away

That is from Job 1:21. Job had just learned his flocks had been stolen away and his children and servants were dead. There is a song that includes the phrase “He gives and takes away” in the chorus. I kind of enjoyed singing it until I realized I was singing about my father who passed away way too young. Now I choke up during that chorus.

A much less dramatic event occurred a couple of weeks ago. Remember that tree in my backyard that I wrapped in Christmas lights that I wrote about back in the winter? A wind came through and tore the trunk off at the base. It was a relatively smooth break. I was not home at the time. My wife said it looked like the tree was in a blender. Did not touch the neighbor’s tree that had ends of branches reaching into our tree. Birds flew in and out of that tree constantly. We did not come across any nests in the debris. Birds must just have liked to hang out in the tree and gossip. They sure sang and chirped a lot.

Many people have felt like their life has been in a blender these past 16 months or so. No doubt some lives have been broken from their base. God doesn’t promise us an easy life. He does promise to always be with us. Your Board of Directors has been counting on that as we struggle with the ramifications and impacts of COVID on the activities of the Lexington Emmaus Community. The June Gathering was in person after many months of Zoom Gatherings. It was a blessing to see and hear people in the real world. We will be gathering together again on July 9 at Centenary UMC in Lexington. Our next big struggle is making the yes or no decision about holding our Walks as planned in October. We covet your thoughts and opinions and expressions of willingness to participate in those Walks. Please come to the July 9 Gathering. We will have a time to hear your thoughts and opinions and expressions of willingness to participate in those Walks during our time together. We seek to be able to hear God’s voice amongst your voices. Looking forward to seeing you and hearing from you on July 9.

De Colores!
Michael Watts
Lay Director

What: July Gathering

Date: Friday, July 9th

Thanks so much to Jerry Goerz for delivering our 4th day message. It was so good to see brothers and sisters live and in person last month. In July, we are meeting

Time: 7:00 PM

Place:

Centenary UMC

Main Sanctuary

2800 Tates Creek Rd

Lexington, KY

CHILDCARE PROVIDED!

a week late due to the July 4th weekend.

We are not yet having pot-luck meals, and we are meeting in the main sanctuary to have a little more spread out space. In accordance with our host church's requirements, masks will not be required, although we urge you to feel free to wear one if it makes you more comfortable.

We will not be having a 4th day speaker this month. We hope to have a good turnout to break into some small groups where we can dream and vision about when, where, and how to restart walks. The Board needs to gauge the community's readiness to be on Emmaus Teams, recruit Pilgrims, and understand the conditions that need to be in place for people to feel safe and confident in this changing environment.

We hope to see you at this important meeting about the future of your Emmaus Community.

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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Fall Walk Dates!

Men's Walk 143 - October 14-17

Women's Walk 144 - October 21-24

Asbury Theological Seminary

Pray about who you will ask.....

As stated in the above article, the Board of Directors and the COVID Task Force is working to determine if Fall Walks are feasible. The Board's ability to consider when to plan future walks is a function of the following conditions:

- The viral incidence rate in the community
- Safety precautions we can put in place
- The degree of community involvement at

community events

- Availability of community members to serve on team
- Willingness of Pilgrims to commit to attend, with the complications of coming out of a pandemic

While some of these conditions are out of our control, we can at least influence others. Functioning together as a community is a vital step toward having the ability to hold future walks.



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!!!!

Currently our Gatherings are In-Person, and we are committed to following the requirements of our host churches. We have not yet returned to sharing a meal and we'll keep you advised as to when we can return to our Pot Luck tradition.

August 6th - Trinity Hill UMC

September 10th - Richmond First UMC (a week late due to Labor Day)

October 1st - Asbury UNIVERSITY (to introduce the site as a possible site for future walks)



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

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