



From the Lay Director.....

How often do you think about the roof over your head?

Unless you have a leak, probably not very often. Do you ever think about what keeps it up there? I am an engineer for a fire insurance company, so roofs are probably more in the front of my mind than for most people. If you look up or get into your attic, there are joists and trusses and rafters that the actual roof is attached to. What holds all of those joists and trusses and rafters up there? A lot of the time you can't see them because they are in the walls, but there will be posts and columns and pillars that support all those joists and trusses and rafters that your roof is attached to that keeps the rain out. The whole structure of joists and trusses and rafters collapses without those posts and columns and pillars.

There are at least four pillars that support the Lexington Emmaus Community, or any other Emmaus Community for that matter. Probably more than four, but I will name four. I count prayer, reunion groups, Gatherings and Walks as four pillars that are critical to an Emmaus Community. There have been many times over these past many months as the Lay Director of the Lexington Emmaus Community that I have felt like the whole Community has collapsed upon me. Two of those pillars have been missing for more than a year. It is knowing that prayer is continuing and at least some of our reunion groups are still meeting that have kept me from giving up. Monthly Zoom Gatherings have been happening, but that has just been a 2 x 4 when a good stout 8 x 8 is what is needed. It is very hard to support a four-cornered structure with only two pillars and a very undersized board. But on Friday, June 4, we will be setting a missing pillar back in place. We will have an in-person Gathering at Versailles UMC. Details about that Gathering are elsewhere in this newsletter. When we had Communion time at our first Zoom Gathering, I shed tears of joy being able to share that experience with my Emmaus brothers and sisters. At our May Board of Directors meeting, we discussed whether there would be singing at the June Gathering or not. It would have broken my heart to not sing while we are together. For me, singing is a big part of the joy of coming together. WE WILL SING. And I will likely be in tears. Time will tell, but it is my sincerest hope that we will be able to set the fourth pillar back in place by having Walks in October 2021.

Looking forward so much to seeing you on Friday, June 4. I'll still be in a mask. And as much as I would like to hug and be hugged, it is not yet time for that.

De Colores!
Michael Watts
Lay Director

From the Vice Lay Director.....



Please join us on Friday, June 4th at 7 pm for our first in-person Emmaus Gathering of 2021. We will be meeting at the Versailles United Methodist Pavilion. The Pavilion is where Marco and I had our wedding reception. We also had church services there from June through October of 2020. We have plastic and metal comfortable chairs or attendees can also bring their own. There are bathrooms available. It should be a lovely early summer evening to worship together and to celebrate God's faithfulness. Our fourth day speaker, Jerry Goerz, took this photograph. He is a great speaker as well as a good friend.

De Colores
Rebecca Muñoz
Vice Lay Director & Literature

What: June Gathering

Date: Friday, June 4

Time: 7:00 PM

**Place: Versailles UMC
230 Paynes Mill Rd.**

(US 60 about 1 mile past BG Parkway)

**or
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/82873899945?pwd=VHN5YWRidVpTak1mbGpVWTE3VFR4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 828 7389 9945
Passcode: Jesus

Thanks so much to Laura Bauer for delivering our 4th day message at the May Zoom Gathering. As we work through 4th day talks modeled on "walk talks", we pray they encourage both good memories from your walk, and hope for future walks.

We are very pleased to announce our first live, in-person Gathering in more than a year! It will be held outdoors at the pavilion behind Versailles UMC. Due to the quickly changing requirements of the pandemic, we are being cautious so we are asking everyone to please wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, to this first Gathering. As things move forward, the Board will re-assess, but we will always have requirements at least as stringent as our host churches.

Also, at this time we will not be sharing a meal, so our Gathering time will be 7:00 as it has been for our Zoom Gatherings.

Just a note about personal interactions at the Gathering. Please bear in mind that everyone's "comfort level" is at a different spot coming out of the pandemic. I know there are many among us who are huggers. After a year of "social distancing", some may not be ready for for that. So we just ask that everyone be respectful and ask before initiating physical contact, and be understanding others wishes. In the Catholic Church, people who go forward at Communion but may not want to share the cup, so they cross their arms in front of them as a sign they just want to be blessed. Perhaps we could use that sign as

a "virtual hug" sign.

For those of you who cannot attend or are not yet ready for live Gatherings, we will also be live streaming the Gathering using our usual zoom link. If you cannot attend and have prayer concerns you want lifted, please use the link in the "Praises and Concerns" section to contact Howard Rosewell prior to the Gathering.

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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.....

To 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 Howard Rosewell and they will read at the Gathering.

[Contact Howard](#)

Future Gatherings!!!!!!

We are back to having in-person Gatherings!!!!!! They will likely look a little different as we will need to comply with the requirements of our host churches as well as Federal, State, and Local requirements and guidelines.

We will not be sharing a meal for the time being. But it will be good to share our fellowship and get re-acquainted.

July 9th (a week late due to Independence Day Weekend) - Centenary UMC

August 6th - Trinity Hill UMC

September 10th (a week late due to Labor Day Weekend) - Location to be announced.



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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