

# Lexington Emmaus Community



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## From the Lay Director.....

The daffodil leaves are bursting forth from the ground. Buds are on the trees. The sunlight is lasting longer each evening. Spring is almost upon us, but it is not here yet. That is where we are as an Emmaus Community as well. We are about to enter a season of rebirth and new growth but we are not quite there yet. However, it is time to begin preparing. I looked at my front yard the other day and observed that there is quite a bit of pruning I will need to do soon to encourage greater health in my plants come summer. In our spiritual lives the work we need to do is to pray and be willing to take action to grow the kingdom of God. We have had two years of being patient and focusing on survival through change. Now it is time to expand. Please consider who you can sponsor for the Chrysalis Flight the last weekend of June and the Emmaus Walks in late September. We do not know what those seasons will hold, but we must have hope and faith and plan for a brighter future.

I am looking forward to our next two Gatherings as well. The upcoming one will be held on Friday, March 4th at 7 pm on Zoom and will feature Susie Galloway as our fourth day speaker. She and her husband Norm were my sponsors and they are great friends to my family still. They have lived in South Carolina for over ten years now but the connections they made through the Emmaus Community are still vital to them. After next month we plan to begin in-person Gatherings again. That date will be Friday, April 1st. We will meet at Centenary United Methodist Church on Tates Creek Road in Lexington for a worship service and an opportunity for us to fellowship together in person. I am greatly anticipating getting back together. May God bless you through these last weeks of winter. May you see the fruit of his faithfulness in your lives.

De Colores!  
Becky Munoz  
Lay Director

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**What: March Zoom Gathering**

**Date: Friday, March 4th**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Place: Wherever You Are**

Come Join us for our March Gathering! Our 4th Day Speaker will be Susie Galloway. Susie was active in the LEC serving as a Walk Lay Director and many other roles until she and Norm retired to Hilton Head, SC. Susie and Norm also served on the team with others from Lexington that established the Emmaus Community in Ghana.

[Click here to go to Zoom Gathering](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8795054502?pwd=TVdNaFlaYkoxWFJ4VEdlYzFEN3Bvdz09>

Meeting ID: 879 505 4502

Passcode: Jesus



**NEW DATES!**

**Chrysalis Flight #40  
June 25-27**

**First UMC - Richmond**

We will welcome caterpillars who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The weekend will be held at Richmond First United Methodist Church. Here's how you can help:

- Prayerfully consider sponsoring a caterpillar. Click [here](#) to learn more about Chrysalis and how it can change the lives of young people. Click [here](#) for application materials. All this information can be found on the Lexington Emmaus web page.
- We still need *young men* to serve on the team inside the conference room and *volunteers* to serve outside. Reach out to Shad Stewart ([shadron.stewart@gmail.com](mailto:shadron.stewart@gmail.com)) for more information.
- Donate food and agape for the flight. Reach out to Earl Taylor ([eisbar58@hotmail.com](mailto:eisbar58@hotmail.com)) for drop off.
- Pray for the caterpillars and team. Reach out to Becky Munzo to sign up for the prayer chart ([rebeccamunoz23@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccamunoz23@gmail.com)).

Fly with Christ, Ginny and Shad



**EMMAUS WALK DATES!**

**Men's Walk 143 -  
September 22-25**

**Women's Walk 144 -  
September 29 - October 2**

Sunday October 20th, 2019. That was the date of closing for Lexington Emmaus Women's Walk #140. October 20th, 2019. That was the last time someone answered the questions: What has this weekend meant to me and what am I going to do about it? October 20th, 2019. It seems an eternity ago. This pandemic has altered our lives. It has altered the ways we worship and has restricted our ability to gather together as usual. For me it was difficult to be unable to shake a Brother or Sister's hand, to give them a hug or to see their smiles.

Technology has been a blessing to continue meeting as both a board and as a community. I long for the Thursday night sendoff, daily communion, the speakers, the singing, the laughing as well as the crying, dying moments, candlelight, bagpipes playing Amazing Grace, the unity of the community, the cross ceremony and closing. I miss Alan Jackson singing like Sebastian the Crab, I miss Christians bonding and getting closer to Christ and each other. In other words, I MISS Emmaus. September 22nd, 2022. September 29th, 2022. These are days that are wanted, that are needed to grow Christ's Kingdom, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Please pray for the upcoming walks. Pray for pilgrims and team members. Pray that there will be no obstacles to prevent a normal, intimate set of walks like we remember.

De Colores

Wally Briggs - Vice Lay Director, Registrar, and Lay Director Walk 143

Applications are available on the [website](#).

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## What did your walk mean to you?

You might recall being asked that question on a Sunday afternoon. If you would like to share your answer after looking back a few years - or decades, we would like to hear from you! Send your answers to [lexemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:lexemmaus@gmail.com), or respond by contacting Howard using the button below.

Contact Howard

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I took my walk through the Keryx program while in prison in Michigan. Keryx is a program similar to what is known here as Residents Encounter Christ (REC). For me it was a definite life changing experience and continues to guide me even now. Before prison my life was a mess because I was very self-centered seeking all I could for myself. Since my walk I remain more Christ centered seeking more His will than my own.

We were fortunate enough to be able to meet weekly with outside team members in order to keep our walk experience active. At times I was amazed and awe struck by the faith of those who were actively involved. One specific incident comes to mind. It was at our weekly group meeting that an outside team member brought forth a prayer request concerning a newborn child born with most internal organs all out of place and would be facing an estimated 6-hour surgery to rearrange the internal organs. We immediately called for prayer for this child before continuing with our usual weekly groupings and sharing. A few weeks later we inquired about this child and were told that the Doctors were stunned and amazed when they started the surgery to discover that most of the child's internal organs had shifted into the proper place. The Doctors only required 1-1/2 hours to complete the surgery. This incident alone convinced me that prayer and faith really do work.

There was a definite presence of God among the Keryx family there in prison. I continue with my daily prayers and Bible reading. Despite my past I know I am not the same person I was. It does get difficult at times when people discover that I have a criminal background but tend to judge me for that rather than for my faith and love of God.

I ask the community to pray with me for a reconciliation with my family, especially with my adult children and my grandchildren who do not know their grandfather. I have not heard anything from them in 20 years and it is a struggle at times. I cannot say I don't have my struggles and temptations, but when I turn to God for guidance, direction, and strength I find the burdens to be much less and my path is easier. We have such an awesome God. DeColores.

## 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.

[Get Reminders](#)



## Praises and Concerns

If you have praises and concerns you would like to lift up at the Gathering but can not attend, please contact Gail Wright we will lift your concerns to the community.

[Contact Gail](#)

## Future Gatherings!!!!

We hope to be able to resume in-person gatherings in the near future. Scheduled locations are as follows:

**April 1 - Centenary, UMC**

**May 6 - Trinity Hill UMC**

**June 3 - Versailles UMC**



## 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.

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