

April 26, 2020

# Lexington Emmaus Community



## From the Lay Director.....

Hello Lexington Emmaus Community,

It's the opening line to a book: It was the best of times, It was the worst of times. For many of our countrymen and those around the world, if it is not the worst of times, it is pretty close. Sights of lines of thousands of people waiting to get a food box from their local food pantry have been pretty disheartening. The heavy disruption of so many lives. So many events of value to so many people canceled, sporting events to Emmaus Walks. Stories of those trying to take advantage of the situation by scamming and stealing hurt my heart and soul.

The stories of creativity, love and devotion to duty in spite of personal peril have been awe-inspiring. These stories tell of the best of the people around us. There have been days that I paced the house and yard like a caged tiger, wanting-needing to contribute somehow. Most days I am discouraged that the main role that I am playing in the whole situation is trying to not get sick and to not bring something home to my wife.

We have been watching our church services on YouTube Sunday mornings. On Easter morning, my wife and I got up well before dawn. Went to a place where we could see the sun come up over the horizon instead of over the roof of the neighbor's house around noon. We read the Crucifixion/Resurrection story out loud and shared a meal of bread and wine together. Watched the sun come up. And celebrated the empty tomb!

It can be a little weird the things you notice when you are in an unusual life situation. I normally work from home. I may not leave the house except to walk the dog and go to church for a week or more in normal times. When I do go out to visit clients, I wear a specific set of socks. I don't know why; I just always have. I did a full load of laundry last weekend. No work socks in the hamper. Really brought home the social isolation of the past few weeks.

I do not know when we will be able to gather together again. Even if social distancing guidance was lifted tomorrow, I think I would be reluctant to gather into large groups right away. It is my sincerest hope that we can come together by the first Friday of June.



Stay safe. Pray for those around you. Pray for those on the other side of the world.

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Michael Watts  
Lay Director  
Lexington Emmaus Community

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Emmaus Walk Applications

## Fall Walks

(No, not dog walks, **EMMAUS WALKS!**)

Got some spare time on your hands? It's a great time to write letters, telephone, text, Facetime, Zoom, Instant Message, or even smoke signal someone to get them thinking about attending our Fall Emmaus Walks.

**Dates:**

**Men - October 15-18**

**Women - October 22-25**

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## Future Gatherings

**June 5 - 6:30 - 8:30**  
Georgetown First UMC

**July 11 - Noon - 4:00**  
Shillito Park - Community Picnic

**August 7 - 6:30-8:30**  
Trinity Hill UMC



## Reunion Groups

Reunion Groups are essential to keep the fire of your walk burning. **We encourage reunion groups to keep in contact during the COVID-19 Pandemic! Call, text, or Facetime your brothers and sisters. At least one reunion group is using ZOOM to video-conference. It's free for sessions 30 minutes or less. Find ways to "virtually" meet.** 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

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**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.

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