Lexington Emmaus Community



"Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way...?"

Next Gathering - Friday, October 4, 2019

Richmond First UMC 401 W. Main Street Richmond, KY 40476

Pot Luck Supper - 6:30 PM Worship 7:15 PM

Come and participate in the commissioning of our fall walk teams!



From the Community Lay Director....

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. 3 March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in." Joshua 6:2-5

This scripture never gets old for me. It amazes me that God uses imperfect human vessels to carry out His miracles! He does that so that we can see His power and His might and to strengthen our faith. Can you just imagine how the Israelites felt as these giant walls came crumbling down? In just moments all that remained of those walls were ruins and the dust on their faces! God could have just leveled those walls, but instead He gave specific instructions so that humans could be a part of His great work. Priests had to carry the trumpets and sound them in front of the ark. Levites had to carry the ark of the covenant. The rest of the Israelites had to march around seven times and then all had to give a loud shout.

The pilgrims will be carrying walls as strong as Jericho when they come to Asbury. It will take ALL of us to see that those walls come tumbling down. We have prayers and the guidance of our spiritual directors going before us. The teams are like the Levites in that they will be carrying all the precious things that represent God into the conference

rooms. The rest of us are the Israelites in that we too have an important part to play on the Walks. Through agape and sacrificing our time to attend the community events, we can shout "God loves you" in a variety of ways during these walks. Get your marching shoes on…hopefully at closing we will feel the dust on our faces!!

De Colores!!

Susan Bryant Community Lay Director Lexington Emmaus Community

Men's Walk 139 Women's Walk 140 It takes the Priesthood of ALL Believers to run a set of walks!



We have 14 Men and 22 Women Registered for the upcoming Walks. Let me ask you to visualize when you attended your walk as a pilgrim. What do you remember? Many speak of the "throngs" of angels at candlelight. Others speak to the endless table of snacks. Some speak of friendly strangers serving meals, or some remember leaving a table full of little gifts to find gifts on their pillow. In other words, many of these crucial experiences happened because of all those special things that anonymous community members did in the background. This is the definition of servant leadership. Join the "throng"!! Here are some ways you can support BOTH walks in the next week.

- Make agape all those fun little gifts.
- Buy some snacks or drinks
- Bring the above to the Gathering at Richmond First next week, or to the Send Offs.
- As we commission the teams, lay your hands on them to remind them they supported by the entire community.
- Sign up for the prayer vigil at the gathering.

Listed below are opportunities for your involvement in the Men's Walk October 10-13. **All times are arrival times for the community prior to the event.** All meals (except Sendoff) will be served at Wilmore Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Lexington Road and Main Street - Across Main St from the Subway at the second traffic signal light.

Thursday October 10

6:15 PM - Send Off - McKenna Chapel/Lobby (Next to Asbury Inn) - Bring a dish if possible. Also a great time to bring fresh snack table items and agape gifts if you missed the Gathering. Please be prompt so we don't have covered dishes arriving at the end of the meal.

Friday October 11

7:30 AM - Breakfast Servers 12:00 PM - Lunch Servers 5:00 PM - Dinner Servers

Saturday October 12

7:30 AM - Breakfast Servers

11:30 AM - Lunch Servers

3:30 PM - "Agape Angels" needed to assist in Decorating Agapeland - Wilmore Presbyterian

4:40 PM - Servers and Entertainers for Agapeland

7:00 PM - "Agape Angels" needed to assist in "undecorating"-

8:00 PM - Gather for worship and prayer for Candlelight - Wilmore UMC 209 E Main Street

8:15 PM - Helpers for Luminaries - Agape Room

Sunday October 13

7:30 AM - Breakfast Servers

11:30 AM - Lunch Servers

3:30 PM - Helpers for take down and storage

4:15 PM - Closing - McKenna Chapel

We will Publish a similar schedule prior to the Women's Walk Times will be the same, Dates will be October 17-20

A Word about Agape Letters

Can there ever be **too many** Agape Letters? We are finding that an avalanche of letters can be overwhelming to Pilgrims and the Agape team. For this reason we are going to be using the guidelines in the Emmaus Handbook that say the goal of Agape Letters is quality rather than quantity. That means less is more for the Pilgrims, and for those serving as sponsors. The number of letters to be provided to Pilgrims on Sunday afternoon is from 8 to 12. Additional letters may be kept by the sponsor and given to the Pilgrim after the Closing on Sunday.

The task of Sponsors is to invite *close family and friends* to write the letters and to collect them from those who have been invited to write them. If others want to write a letter of love and support they may do so, and give them to the Sponsor. If additional letters are received at the Walk site, they will be returned to the Sponsor. This will ensure that the 12 letters for Sunday will have the full *first and last name* of the pilgrim and be designated by the Sponsor with the letter "F" on the envelope as being from a close family and friend.

This way of collecting and selecting Agape Letters, and gifting the Pilgrims with a manageable number of letters to read in a half an hour, allows Sponsors to select the 12 most impactful letters. The Quality verses Quantity guideline also means that all Pilgrims will receive the same number of letters to begin with and that **Sponsors** have selected those 12 letters rather than the Agape team randomly choosing 12 from a large bundle of envelopes.

A sample letter to solicit Agape Letters for your Pilgrim is available on the website at https://www.lexingtonemmaus.org/resources

It is also important to pray as well as write letters. Prayer is an intangible but very powerful form of Agape. There are still prayer slots open for the Women's 72 hour prayer vigil.

Please Keep the following Team Members and Pilgrims in your Prayers. It's NEVER TOO EARLY to pray!

MEN'S WALK

Lay Director - Wally Briggs Spiritual Director - Max Hester Asst Lay Directors - Dan French, Adam Davis, Ed

Asst Spiritual Directors - Ron Crandall, Alan Jackson. Garnett Slone

Table Leaders - Paul Purcell, Randy Greenup, Ward Schoon

Asst Table Leaders - Lonnie Watts, Bill McKinney, Blake Gilley, Jay Whaley

Board Representative - Earl Taylor Technology - Ron Devrick, Andy Bentley

Music - Greg Danhires

WOMEN'S WALK

Lay Director - Teresa Walker Spiritual Director - Glenn Walker Asst Lay Directors - Cathy Sainato, Carolyn Walker, Elly Gilbert Asst Spiritual Directors - James Hardin, Mary Lou Stevens, Rhoda Ragland, Jackie Landrum Table Leaders - Wanda Jordan, Libby Johnson, Sharon Ryan, Gail Wright Asst Table Leaders - Janet Butler, Elizabeth Williams, Anita Gray, Linda Williams Cheryl Copley (in rehab for injury) Becky Munoz Board Representative Technology - Alan Jackson

Agape - Drew Meadows (Lead), Frank Moore, John Sims, Rod Rupp, Kelly Breeding, Doug Barr Prayer - Joe Martin (Lead), Terry Burlew Kitchen - Michael Watts (Lead), Fran Terhune, Bob Evans, Doug Butler

Pilgrims
Joe Roberts
Ron Smith
Chip Palmer
Ben Arnold
Mel Noah
Stephen Woodall
Dave Thomas
James Coleman
Clay Hall
David McKay
John David Hurley
Jim Barlow
Danny Jackson
David Smith

Music - Jennifer Baker Agape - Dana Ellis(Lead), Doug Butler, Ben Thomas, Jennifer Reynolds, Libby Moore Facilities - Mike Abbott Prayer - Prudence Walz (Lead), Geraldine Jackson Kitchen - Jallie Caudill (Lead), Netsie Florence, Karen O Connell, Nancy Lowe, Kristin Hobbs

Pilgrims Doris Bellau Diana Botner Sandy Chansler Jane Margaret Childress Kathy Coersmeyer Elaine Coleman Paula DeReamer **Bobbie Hamner** Morgan Harper Joyce Hunt Kim Marcinek Laurie McCann Erin Miley Dawn Murphy Fran Noah Faye Privett Michelle Raikes Kave Sharp **Betty Taylor** Pat Tudor Carol Woolverton Karen Yeager



Chrysalis Dates May 23 - 25 2020

2020 is the FUTURE VISION

We have locked in the date for the next Chrysalis Flight. Please be in prayer to support the Team, the Flight, and the Caterpillars. We will be beginning to form the Team so that they can be Prayed over and have time to meld together. Anyone having a desire to serve on this team may contact anyone on the board or contact me through the website here. We will add you to the list and contact you at the first of the year to fill the Team. Please pray for the Caterpillars that you would like to sponsor as well. This is open to 10th through 12th grades. Graduating Seniors as well as rising Sophomores are welcome to attend this flight.

Fly with Christ.

Earl Taylor Christ is Counting on YOU.

Future Gatherings

October 12, 2019

Men's Candlelight Wilmore UMC

October 19, 2019

Women's Candlelight Wilmore UMC



November 1, 2019 Trinity Hill UMC Lexington, KY

December 6, 2019

First UMC Winchester, KY

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October 3-6 Agape Road Men's Walk 55 - Edmonton, KY Louisville Men's Walk 167

October 10-13 Agape Road Women's Walk 56 - Edmonton, KY Louisville Women's Walk 168

October 17 - 20 Northern KY Women's Walk 47 - Covington, KY

Keep these Walks in your Prayers!





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 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.

Board of Directors



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