

# Lexington Emmaus Community



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## From the Lay Director.....

**Every journey of 1,000 miles starts with the first step –**

*Derivation of an ancient Chinese proverb*

I think it would be safe to add – a journey of 1,000 miles will likely include many occasions of two steps forward and one, two or even three steps back. And unless you have a really good map, there are liable to be some turns into dead ends that require backtracking to a place you have already been.

Kind of sounds like life in the time of COVID doesn't it? I was really excited when we were able to return to having in-person Gatherings. Two steps forward. I am really disappointed that we will be doing Zoom Gatherings again for at least the next few months. Two steps back.

One of the travel lessons I learned from my Dad is that sometimes the journey itself is as important as the final destination. I know not everyone would be delighted to travel two hours out of the way to see the world's largest ball of twine or a two-headed chicken when a beach or Disney World is waiting. That is the phase of the journey we are in now. Deep into a side trip. Or maybe just changing a flat tire. But we have never lost sight of the final destination. For the Lexington Emmaus Community, that final destination is a return to in-person Gatherings with the joy of a shared meal together. That final destination is holding Walks again. We will arrive at those final destinations one day, I have no doubt.

In the meantime (double meaning there for mean I guess), maintain connections with your reunion group. Be on the lookout for the persons you still come into contact with who would benefit from going on a Walk. Start making the connections that are needed to sponsor a pilgrim for a Walk. Participate in the life of your church community to the extent that you are able. Pray.

I know uncertainty is difficult. But sometimes uncertainty can reveal opportunities that would never have been imagined walking a certainty course. Be on the lookout.

De Colores!  
Michael Watts  
Lay Director

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## What: September Zoom Gathering

Date: Friday, September 10th

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Wherever You Are

This months Gathering will have a special 4th Day Speaker. Brother Bruce Hiner will be speaking on Grace, of course! I'm sure many of you have served with Brother Bruce before he was appointed to the Elizabethtown area. While meeting in person is far better, Zoom does permit us to join from wherever you have a connection, and allows us get reacquainted with old friends.

[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

## 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 Postponed

The Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to postpone the Fall Walks. The main issues that led us to this decision are:

- Our concerns for the safety of the pilgrims, team and Emmaus community, and the community at large, especially considering the close and intimate setting that an Emmaus Walk is.
- The numerous unknowns about the progression of the Delta variant as incident rates and hospitalizations climb nationally and locally
- The low attendance by members of the community at our Zoom Gatherings and the 2

live Gatherings we have had.

Due to the time that so many of us have been isolated, we feel that it is vitally important to re-establish our relationships with each other, and with potential Pilgrims, in order to have a well attended and successful walk in the spring or summer of 2022.

If you haven't been to a gathering lately, please consider attending the Zoom Gathering.



## 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!!!!

Currently our are on Zoom, and we intend to stay on Zoom at least until Fayette and surrounding counties are no longer in the "Red Zone" on the KY COVID website. Scheduled locations are shown below but the decision to go virtual will be made prior to the the gatherings.

**September 10th - Zoom**

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

**November 5th - Trinity Hill 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

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