

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

February 2015

The Spiritual Director says...

The purpose of the Walk to Emmaus weekend is to equip and inspire Christians to return to their churches with a renewed zeal to serve and minister in whatever ways the Lord leads them. Many of us have experienced just that, and it has become apparent by our involvement in our churches. Since the purpose of the local church is to reach others for Jesus Christ, many of us have become involved in various reach out programs in our local areas and support missions around the world. This is good.

Some of us have become involved in the Emmaus movement itself. We have served on the board, we have worked walks, we have served prisoners on REC, and we have served on Chrysalis flights with our young people. This is good.

For several years now there has been a slow decline in participation in the Lexington Emmaus Community. (This is not a national trend, other communities are flourishing) This decline became very apparent last fall when we had to cancel both the men's and women's walks due to lack of sufficient registration. This is *not* good.

Our theme for 2016 is "Revival thru Prayer and Fasting." Now let's be clear, we are not doing this just to keep an institution alive, or just to maintain what we have always done or because some of us enjoy being on Emmaus walks/flights. We are praying for revival because we firmly believe that Emmaus has been and can be again used of God to enrich lives, to grow the church, and to reach others for Jesus Christ. This is very good.

So what are we asking of you? To become more involved in Emmaus? Yes, IF that is what the Lord is leading you to do. We also realize Emmaus is not everyone's area of service, but everyone is to be a part of growing the Kingdom of God in some way. What we are asking for is: prayer for the Lexington Emmaus Community, and prayerful sponsorship of others in your church/sphere of influence. The result will be more people becoming equipped and inspired to return to their local churches to serve and minister in the name of Jesus Christ. This will be very good!

DeColores, Bob Coppings

Yard Sale Fundraiser...

Turn your junk into treasure

What: Yard Sale Fundraiser to support Lexington Emmaus Belize Mission Team.

When: Saturday, March 5

Where: Trinity Hill UMC Fellowship Hall

Time: 8 am to 1 pm

Items: Bring PRICED items to the Gathering, Friday, March 4 or before the sale on Saturday

Purpose: Proceeds support the Mission Team as they assist in planting the first Emmaus Community in Belize, June 2016.

Contact: Loretta Barnes at loretta.barnes1@gmail.com or 321-1543; Kathy Rosewell at krose1962@gmail.com or 797-5059.

Volunteers appreciated to help set up after the Gathering, staff the sale and reset after the sale. Thank you in advance for your faithfulness!



(Back of Shirt)

Belize/Honduras Team T-shirt Fundraiser

The Lexington members of the Belize/Honduras Emmaus Team will be selling t-shirts as a fundraiser to help defray the costs of the June trip. In an effort to order the correct number of the various sizes available, we are asking for “pre-orders” of the quantity and size you plan to purchase. Payment for the shirts will be accepted when you pick up the shirts (see below), not with the pre-order.

The T-shirts will be light blue, 100% cotton and cost **\$15/each** (Adult Sizes: S thru XL) and **\$16.50** for sizes XXL-4X.

Front of shirt will read: “Belize/Honduras Walk to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-32” Back of shirt is the colorful design (left) created by Patricia Walsh.

To Pre-order:

Email: your name, the size(s) and the quantity of each size that you **PLAN ON PURCHASING**, to Mary Miller musicmil@windstream.net. (e.g., Sarah Jones would like 2 XL and 1 S t-shirt.)

Pre-orders will also be taken at the February and March Gatherings. After the March Gathering we will determine if we have enough interest to proceed. Don't put this off, these will be one of a kind shirts!

T-shirts will be available to receive and pay for at the Men's and Women's candlelight and closing events and at the May gathering.

Please contact Mary Miller (musicmil@windstream.net) with any questions. Please order today!

Agape Angels Needed...

Calling all Agape Angels!! You are needed to help at the next Chrysalis Flight. It is scheduled for February 13, 14 and 15. We need people to make pieces of agape (about 100), and of course send snack agape. Another gift of agape you can give is to attend Agapeland to help serve food and also be part of the entertainment. We need people to attend Candle light on Sunday night February 14th to attend closing on Monday, February 15th. We could also use your Agape help is serving meals throughout the weekend, help washing dishes after the meals, volunteering to help cook a meal for the weekend, help decorate for agapeland, help put out luminaries for candle light, and help pack luminaries away in the storage building at the end of candle light. Another Agape gift could be to help the Agape team clean up the rooms/buildings we use at Adventure Serve. Any time you can give on Monday will be greatly appreciated. It takes many people to help make a Chrysalis Flight and Emmaus weekend happen. Please take the time to put the flight on your schedule and come out to support the youth in our community. Agape means LOVE so come out and love on the team and Caterpillars by supporting them with your presence and your service. If you would like to help or have questions please contact Donna New by email or facebook. My email is donna@bobnew.com. Thank you for putting on your agape angel wings and helping us out.

DeColores, Donna New

Life in Piety...

Praying for each other



Have a prayer request? Contact prayer@lexingtonemmaus.org or Bob Coppings (elibobcon@att.net or 606 367 8660) and he will put it on the Lexington Emmaus prayer chain. Also, if you are interested in joining this prayer chain please contact Bob.

Growth Thought Study...

Have you read any good books lately?

It is my responsibility on the Emmaus Board to take a “good look” at the list of “good books” recommended to Butterflies and Pilgrims by the team members for our Flights and Walks. The talks on **Study** and **Prayer** encourage us to take the advice of the Apostle Paul in Romans 12: 2 very seriously. J. B. Phillips translated Paul’s words in this way, “Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.”

If you are a friend of Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Cokesbury, or LifeWay, you know that books and reading material come in many shapes and forms these days. The main thing is to make use of what is available to you. Have you ever considered a book and its author to be a friend and source of inspiration, a wise companion who offers comfort in times of trouble, or a guide to knowledge and spiritual strength? Let me encourage you to pick up a good book rather than turn to facebook. Let me challenge you to spend time investing yourself in the study of God’s word by yourself or with friends. Try looking up your favorite Bible verses in new translations of the Bible, and enjoy a daily devotion book that you keep by your bedside or on your kitchen table.

Here a few recommended books on Prayer for the upcoming Women’s Walk:

~ The Love Exchange – Margaret Therkelsen – An invitation to spend time each day loving and being loved by God.

~ Psalms for Praying: An invitation to Wholeness – Nan C. Merrill – Allow the Psalms to speak to your heart and enable you to pray to God.

~ Too Busy Not to Pray ~ Bill Hybles – Encourages us to slow down and actually take time to pray

DeColores, Rev. Mary Lou Stephens
Women’s Walk 114, Table of Lydia

I love music and I’m ready to serve... what do I DO?!”

Music for Gatherings:

- Lead opening worship songs (about 20 minutes)
- Lead or provide music during offering and Special Music (about 8 minutes)
- Lead music during communion (about 10 minutes)
- Lead “Sing Alleluia” prior to Fourth Day talks
- Be ready with other songs as needed to celebrate Fourth Day talks!

The “Jolly Green Giant” book of Lex Emmaus worship songs is available for your use or you may select other music. You may lead music alone, with a pre-selected group, or volunteer others to join you that evening. All types of instruments are encouraged!

Music for Candlelight (when not in conjunction with a Gathering):

- Lead opening worship songs and music during communion
- Lead community in “Jesus, Jesus”

Entertainment for Agape Land:

Any (within the scope of good taste) talent you possess, anyone with a fun & willing attitude to just “go with it”, or a combination of both should contact me. It’d be best to have at least ten people each time, but no conference room team members on the current walk/flight – you’re already busy! If there is something memorable you particularly enjoyed, send that idea my way, as well!

Let me know what musical/entertainment gifts YOU’D like to share! Contact Susan Waterbury via email, phone/text, or Facebook message with: Name, contact info, how you would like to lead/serve, instruments you play, and any special talent. susan.m.waterbury@gmail.com or 859-200-9409



Future Walk and Flight dates...

2016 and 2017

February 13-15, 2016

Chrysalis Flight #38

Paul Purcell, Boy's Lay Director
Jen Marshall, Girl's Lay Director
David Wolfe, Lay Director
Maria Richie, Lay Director

April 7-10, 2016

Men's Walk #129

April 21-24, 2016

Women's Walk #130

October 6-9, 2016

Men's Walk #131

October 13-16, 2016

Women's Walk #132

February 18-20, 2017

Chrysalis Flight #39

April 20-23, 2017

Men's Walk #133

April 27-30, 2017

Women's Walk #134

October 5-8, 2017

Men's Walk #135

October 12-15, 2017

Women's Walk #136



**YOU can be a
Sponsor!**

Gatherings...

February 5

***Trinity Hill UMC
3600 Tates Creek Rd.
Lexington***

***6:30 Potluck
7:30 Worship***

Plan Ahead...

Gatherings 2016

March 4

Trinity Hill UMC

April 9

Men's Candlelight/Estes Chapel

May 6

Centenary UMC, Lexington

June 3

Centenary UMC, Lexington

Inclement Weather Policy

If schools are closed in **Fayette County** due to bad weather, there will **not** be a Gathering that night. If the weather gets bad during the day please watch the news channels and check our FaceBook page. Safety first!!



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