

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

June 2007

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

The Board of Directors of the Lexington Emmaus Community cordially invites you to an afternoon of fun, fellowship, praise and worship -- and a little bit of "Christmas in July."

On Wednesday, July 4, 2007 from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. At **First United Methodist Church in Mt. Sterling**, please join us for a picnic, games, a "white elephant" gift exchange, silent auction and a musical WORSHIP JAM SESSION! This picnic will take the place of a July Gathering. There will be no Gathering on July 6.

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What to bring: a dish to share, a "white elephant" to exchange, an item for the Silent Auction (if you wish) and whatever instrument(s) you can play. We'll start eating at 4 p.m., meat dishes will be supplied but we ask you to bring a salad, vegetable OR dessert.

From 4:00 to 5:15 p.m., you'll have the opportunity to "bid" on items at a Silent Auction. The proceeds will go toward the matching funds account. Bring something new or "gently used" that has a value of between \$5.00 - 50.00. This could be anything from a set of dishes you no longer need, anything handmade, homemade cookies or cake or pie, books, candles, stuffed animals, etc. At 5:15 p.m., we'll announce the winners of the silent auction.

At 5:30 p.m., we'll have some games and our gift exchange. For the White Elephant Gift Exchange, bring something you've had around your house for ages but don't know why or how it got there. Wrap it up like a Christmas present -- and take home someone else's junk, um, treasure! Also, if your family has a favorite outdoor game, bring that too -- no Jarts or Slip N Slides please.

At 7 p.m. We'll move into the Sanctuary and close down our festivities with a Musical Jam/Worship Session. Bring your guitar, mandolin, dulcimer, spoons or whatever. Of course, if all you can do is "make a joyful noise," you're welcome too!

This will be a day of celebrating -- the birth of our nation AND the birth of our LORD!

Merry Independence Day!

Directions to First United Methodist Church in Mt Sterling:

Take I 64 to exit 101 (US 60). Go about 7 miles to stop light, turn left onto bypass. Drive 1 block and turn left at stoplight. Drive .8 miles church will be on left.

MEETING YOUR EMMAUS BOARD – CHARLIE SHOEMAKER

My entire life has been surrounded by the Church and Jesus Christ. Several times my life my mom has been my Sunday School teacher. So it really shouldn't surprise many people that I accepted Christ as my savior at the early age of 9. Now I am 26 and about to graduate from seminary. However, a lot of things can happen to you between the ages of 9 and 26 .

When I was in the eighth grade my world was turned upside down. My younger brother was killed in a car accident in front of my house. I became angry with God. As the days went by and I became more and more angry a distance developed between God and I. I guess you could say if the will of God was like a mountaintop, I was right on the edge ready to fall off. But something wonderful happened to me. A lady in my church asked me if I wanted to attend a Chrysalis weekend.

Looking back, it's a wonder I didn't laugh in her face. But my rebellion towards God had not made me a complete heathen. Just a few months earlier my youth group started to get DevoZine (the youth version of the Upper Room). One of emphasis in that month's magazine was Chrysalis. Could this be a coincidence? Surely God was trying to tell me something. So I decided to go.

Looking back now nine years after my Chrysalis Flight, I can honestly say that Chrysalis has saved my life. I do not think I would be the Christian I am today. I probably would not be finishing seminary and preparing for ordination in the United Methodist Church if I had not been "reintroduced" to God.

But even still, something was missing. That something missing was a reunion group. It wasn't until college that I began to realize the importance of having a few close personal CHRISTIAN friends. Notice that key word—say it out loud with me—CHRISTIAN friends. We all need a few close personal friends whom we know will hold us up in prayer and keep us accountable to our faith in Jesus Christ.

Reunion groups are hard to start, and sometimes even harder to maintain. We spin in half-a-dozen directions at once with the demands from our family, our church, and work. But think about it, aren't those three more reasons we need to have a group of close personal friends to help us carry the stress of life and nurture our faith.

I often wonder what would have happened if I had been in some sort of small group when my brother was killed. How many mistakes, how many sins could I have avoided if I was only closer to Christ?

That's the point of a reunion group, to draw us closer to Christ. Oh don't get me wrong, I think you should go to church and you should definitely be giving it your time and financial support. After all, Emmaus exists for the church. We don't exist just for the sake of Emmaus. Emmaus exists for you so that you can grow closer to Christ and ultimately that the Church—the Body of Christ—can grow stronger.

Life is too hard to go it alone. The early church met in homes every day to share the love of Christ (Acts 2). Think about it, everyday they were challenging one another to live a life filled with the love of Jesus Christ. Why do we think we are any different? Meeting just once a month at a Gathering, or weekly at our local churches is not enough. We need to daily lift one another in prayer. So if you find yourself at the end of the rope, frantically trying to meet the next deadline or finish your next project, just remember you really don't need more time; what you really need is a reunion group.

De Colores,
Charlie Shoemaker
Community Shepherd

PS. Here's a short little bio

I currently live in Maysville, Kentucky where I am the pastor of Seddon United Methodist Church. By the time this appears in the newsletter I will have just finished my Masters of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary. Now that I am finished with school (at least for a very long time), I may actually enjoy reading again and wasting time on facebook and myspace!



LEXINGTON CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY

As you start each day, may you Fly with Christ!

Myspace: Lexington Chrysalis Community

Amy Winn: amywinn@hotmail.com

Who: All Chrysalis Butterflies

What: Upcoming Hoot in June

When: Friday, June 1 @ 7pm

Where: St. Luke UMC



Yes, we are having a Hoot in June right alongside the Gathering. We will have our own band and our own speaker. We hope to see you all there.

I am still trying to get together a Chrysalis committee. If you are interested, please email me at: amywinn@hotmail.com.

Please continue to be in prayer for our Chrysalis community. God is moving and we are His vessels.

REUNION GROUP LIST – HELP NEEDED

Here is the list of the community's reunion groups. If you are part of a reunion group and are not on the list, please contact Charlie Shoemaker, at 859-230-8359 or charlie.shoemaker@iwon.com.

GROUP	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
Tuesday Morning Men	Tuesday	7:00am	First UMC (Frankfort)	Larry Epley (502) 695-1727 epleyky@yahoo.com
Winchester Spirit Seekers	Friday	12:00pm	First UMC (Winchester)	Ray Werkmeister (859) 744-1425 rfwerk@att.net
Monday Afternoon Women	Monday	4:00pm	Ashwood Place 102 Lenardwood Dr, Room #102	Halocyne Holt (502) 875-4191
Sisters of Grace	Tuesday	5:00pm	First UMC (Winchester)	Dee Hunter (859) 771-4073 deehunter515@earthlink.net
Wilmore Lunch Bunch	Wednesday	12:00pm	Asbury College	Judy Seitz (859) 858-9201
Thursday Morning Irregulars	Thursday	7:45am	Trinity Hill UMC (Lexington)	Jim Eastburn (859) 269-8705 eastienlex@aol.com
Nicholasville Group	Friday	7:00pm	Nicholasville (In members' homes)	June LeMaster, (859) 885-3030 home (859) 806-8680 cell
Berea Bunch		7:00pm	Berea (Various homes)	Susan Henthorn
Sunday Lunch Bunch	Sunday	12:00pm	Various	Beckie Sigmon (859) 885-7560
Bible Study Gals	Tuesday	12:00pm	Local Restaurants	Marty Wright (859) 224-3736 martybob@wrihsrealm.com
Versailles Group	Thursday	6:45am	Versailles UMC	Ted Gyorffy (859) 873-6186 gyoffted@yahoo.com
Tuesday Night Tootsies	Tuesday	7:30pm	Trudy Mill's Home	Donna Eastburn (859) 269-8705

GATHERINGS

JUNE

LEXINGTON, The June Gathering will be June 1, 2007, at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship.

Everyone bring a dish to share: veggie/side dish, main dish, or dessert. Drinks, plates, cups, and utensils will be provided. Everyone will help clean up, so the work will be light.

PAINTSVILLE, There will be no Paintsville Gathering in June. We will gather again on August 10, 2007.

JULY

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LOVE TO COOK? HAVE A FAVORITE RECIPE? WANT TO SHARE IT?

The Lexington Emmaus Community is exploring the possibility of producing a cookbook of the Community's favorite recipes. The sale of these cookbooks will help us in raising money for the matching funds account. If you have a recipe that you would like included in the cookbook, please bring it to a gathering or e-mail to Beckie Sigmon at beckiesigmon@earthlink.net.

PRAY FOR THESE WALKS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

Here is the list of MAY walks. Please keep these in your prayers. Blessings! Donna

June 7 - 10, 2007

Women's Walk, East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus, #64
OH

Men's Walk, Golden Spread Emmaus, 197, TX
Women's Walk, Alabama Emmaus, 322, AL

June 14 - 17, 2007

Women's Walk, Greater Sidney Area Emmaus, 42,
OH

Men's Walk, Valley Emmaus Community, 12, GA
Men's Walk, Koinonia Emmaus, 44, MS

June 21 - 24, 2007

Women's Walk, Puget Sound Emmaus, 175, WA
Women's Walk, Cedar Rapids Emmaus, 130, IA
Women's Walk, Greater Cincinnati Emmaus, 96, OH
Men's Walk, Greater Columbus Emmaus, 66, OH
Women's Walk, Missouri East Emmaus, 114, MS
Men's Walk, National Capital Area Emmaus, E-137,
VA

Women's Walk, Koinonia Emmaus, 45, MS

June 28 - July 1, 2007

Women's Walk, Valley Emmaus Community, 12, GA

July 5 - 8, 2007

Men's Walk, Central California Emmaus, 119, CA

July 12 - 15, 2007

Women's Walk, Central California Emmaus, 120, CA
Women's Walk, Hawaii Emmaus, 28, HI
Men's Walk, Mountain Trails Emmaus, #27, OR
Women's Walk, DaySpring Emmaus Community of
So. IN, #88, IN

July 19 - 22, 2007

Women's Walk, Greater Indianapolis Area Emmaus,
149, IN
Women's Walk, Darke County Emmaus, Women's
#31, OH

July 26 - 29, 2007

Men's Walk, Northern California/Nevada Emmaus, 41
Gardnerville, NV, CA
Women's Walk, Mountain Trails Emmaus, #27, OR
Men's Walk, Puget Sound Emmaus, 176, WA

ARE YOU 'ON THE TEAM'?

As planning begins for each Walk, the question circulates among the Community... "Are you on the team for the upcoming Walk?" The answer should always be "Yes!" Some people have to pay a full fee in order to serve the Pilgrims on upcoming Walks. Others can serve to their hearts' content for free. Some members of the team give talks, others lead table discussions, and some ring the bell to brighten our day. Some members of the team serve on the prayer vigil, others make pieces of agape, others serve meals, and others hold candles.

Are you getting it yet? Every single member of the Lexington Emmaus Community is on the team for every single walk. It's just a matter of what your role is and how much that role will cost you in terms of time and money.

All of us recognize the importance of each team member fulfilling his or her role to its fullest. However, we tend to keep the idea of a 'team member' narrowly focused to include only certain roles on the Walk. What if the 'Candlelight team members' didn't show up? What if the 'table agape team' failed to come through?

Each and every walk, there are team positions available for which there is no team fee required. Serving a meal, making a snack, praying, fasting, writing an agape letter to a Pilgrim you don't know, writing an agape letter to the Walk that can be shared in the conference room, participating in entertainment, attending Sendoff/Candlelight/Closing... these can be done without waiting for the Lay Director's invitation.

So, the next time you're asked if you're on the team, be sure to answer "yes" and tell the person what role you've decided to fill.

DeColores, Keith Wright

A NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR

We have 1 man and 6 women currently registered for the upcoming fall walks. Teams are being formed and team meetings will soon begin. It's not too early to get your pilgrim's registration forms sent in. Download a form from our web site and send it to the post office box listed on the back of this newsletter.

BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR FALL WALKS

October 18-21
November 15-18

Men's Walk #97
Women's Walk #98

FUTURE WALKS

2008

March 13 – 16 Men's Walk #99
March 27 – 30 Women's Walk #100

October 2 - 5 Men's Walk #101
October 16 - 19 Women's Walk #102

2009

March 12 -15 Men's Walk #103
March 19 - 22 Women's Walk #104

November 5 - 8 Men's Walk #105
November 12 - 15 Women's Walk #106

JULY GATHERING IS A PICNIC ON JULY 4TH!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1 Gathering at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship
- 11 Emmaus Board Meeting, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 7:00 PM

JULY

- 4 Gathering at First United Methodist Church in Mt. Sterling from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- 6 NO GATHERING ON FRIDAY – PLAN ON JOINING US AT THE PICNIC ON THE 4TH.
- 9 Emmaus Board Meeting, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 7:00 PM

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October 18-21 Men's Walk #97
November 15-18 Women's Walk #98

Be sure to check the Message Board on the Community Website for prayer requests and other information.

Registration forms should be sent to:

Lexington Emmaus Community,
ATTN: Registrar, P.O. Box 23554, Lexington KY 40523-3554

Registration forms may be obtained from:

the address on the left or our Web site:
www.lexingtonemmaus.org

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