

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

March 2016

From the Spiritual Director...

Are you anticipating or participating?

"Don't Anticipate, Participate" – how many times did we hear this mantra on our walks? However, if you are on a team preparing for a walk you do anticipate and participate. Let me tell you what I mean.

A team member/leader anticipates six Saturday meetings. The first is a training and team building time. Four are for talk previews and more team building, the 6th one is the follow up time with the pilgrims or butterflies and their sponsors. Yes, this may seem new to you but it really is what we could/should have been doing all along.

A team member anticipates preparing and previewing a talk and/or other preparation for his/her participation on the walk. Plus everyone anticipates paying the same fees as the pilgrims do.

The teams also anticipate God working mightily in the lives of the pilgrims/caterpillars.

All this is a lot of anticipating, but in the case of the last few walks there is another one – yes, one more – wondering if there will be enough registration for the walk/flight to be held.

Here is where the community can help – participate by sponsoring someone. The deadline for the Men's Walk (April 7-10) is March 17th for the Women's Walk (April 21-24) its March 31st. Be aware of the anticipation of the team and get the paperwork in early. I know most of us are procrastinators at heart but give the teams a treat – relief from anticipation.

Maybe we need another mantra, "Don't Wait, Participate!"

Anticipating great spring walks,
Bob Coppings, Community Spiritual Director

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 12:30 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.



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

Fly With Christ...
Chrysalis Flight #38



“Chrysalis Flight #38 — Susan Holliday, Lexington Emmaus Walk #72, Table of Martha. Wow! Oh my goodness! Wooo hooo! Although my Walk to Emmaus was 15 years ago, I have not worked on a Chrysalis Team until this most recent Flight #38. I don’t have kids and I haven’t been around kids very much in my life. So, I was apprehensive about serving on a Team for KIDS! Would I be able to relate to them? Would they think I was old and “out of it?” Turns out my fears were from the father of lies. I’ve served on many Emmaus Walks, but working on the Girl’s Chrysalis Team was a brand new kind of blessing for me! There are wonderful, hurting, precious teenagers out there who need a first time or closer walk with the Lord. It was profound to watch these young people evolve spiritually over the three days, and become on fire for Christ. Burdens were laid down and joy came in the morning! If you’ve never worked a Chrysalis Flight, I encourage you to go to God about working the next one. If He calls you to it, I can vouch that it will be a deep and wide and high blessing to you. So, now I say “Fly with Christ!”

Community Shepherd...

An invitation to Participate

Happy New Year! I know, that was two whole months ago; you have moved on and are over it. But it is a NEW YEAR! We in the Lexington Emmaus community are asking God to do new things, and seeking God in new ways. But we also remember that God has given us several Means of Grace that are not new at all. The reason we bring them up is that they work!

One of the Means of Grace that speaks to where we are right now is that of “Christian Conferencing”, otherwise known as being a part of a small group. And wonder of wonders, Emmaus has an especially effective type of small group known as a Reunion Group. For those who are not part of a reunion group right now, you may remember that it is designed to support and hold us accountable for growing in the life of grace we learned about on our walks.

One of my jobs in my role as Community Shepherd is to promote participation in reunion groups, to nurture existing groups, assist in starting new groups and to assist people in finding an existing group. As part of that effort, you will find a list of our existing Reunion Groups, or at least all of them that I am aware of, on the Lexington Emmaus website www.lexingtonemmaus.org If you are part of a reunion group that is not listed, please contact me at 606 303-0133 or at brobruce1@hotmail.com and I will get that fixed.

Let me urge you once again, please find a way to be part of a reunion group or some other small group that **will support you and hold you accountable** in your walk of faith. It may be the most important missing link in the lives of many Christ-disciples whose journey is not what they want it to be, and more importantly, not what Christ wants it to be.

De Colores,
Bruce Hiner, Community Shepherd

Last Chance!!



(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!

Future Walk and Flight dates...

2016 and 2017

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

David Wolfe, Lay Director
Maria Richie, Lay Director



**How Sweet it is
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Gatherings...

March 4 **Trinity Hill UMC**
3600 Tates Creek Rd.
Lexington

6:30 Potluck
7:30 Worship

Plan Ahead...

Gatherings 2016

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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