

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

November 2015

The Lay Director Says...

STOP, look and see!!

On a clear day, the day begins with sunrise and ends with sunset, simple. Yet, this year, the days have been opening and ending with a dazzling array of colors in orange, red, blue and yellows and cloud formations that go beyond my limited ability to describe. Many of these images have been shared on Facebook and splashed across the internet in various social media forms to share the "view". It is as though we are being given a new "work of art" everyday!!!

Have you noticed? I wonder if these scenes have always been there and I have only recently noticed. If you have ever visited a metropolitan art gallery, you may have seen "creations" by Van Gogh, Michelangelo, Picasso, Rembrandt and others. All these artists are internationally known and their paintings are considered priceless, not necessarily because of the scene, the style or the materials used to make the work, but, they are priceless based upon the name of the artists.

When you look to the sky and see these colorful displays, do you see the "creation" and only marvel at the view or do you see the awesome work of the "Creator"? These offerings in the sky are beyond value and give us opportunity to offer words of praise to the Master painter of the skies.

I encourage each of us to look for HIM in all things..... HE is there.

CmCy,

Joe Martin

Lay Director 2015

Opportunity for Service

As many are aware, our Chrysalis Flight took place last year at a new location, Adventureserve campus in Wilmore. The campus is rich in history and has a number of facilities that are functional but a few could use some repair as well as cosmetic "love". Last year, our Community assisted in painting, mopping and general clean up before the Chrysalis Flight started.

This year, our Community may have opportunity to do more in assisting with preparation of our Chrysalis Flight. Depending on the outcome of other groups coming from out of state, we may get to be involved in wall removal/ replacement, drywall, wood/tile floor installation, electrical, plumbing, painting, as well as general cleaning.

If you are a qualified specialist in the areas above or general contractor or know some that is or maybe someone like me who can do many things with some supervision, we need you!!! We need volunteers to prep and clean up as well. More details, with dates, will follow but please consider how we might work, side by side, outside the walls of worship.

This is an immediate investment in our youth with a long term return.

Chrysalis is scheduled for February 13-15. PLACE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR.

Board of Director Elections...

Candidate Bios

JR Hamm - My first Walk was #111 and I have missed one or two since. All bring back a sense of joy in the Lord. My wife, Martha, does REC and we have 3 grown children, all of which still have stuff at our house outside Versailles! We have both retired and have gone back to work and are sort of enjoying it again. We both love music and travel. We worship at Versailles Methodist and are Lay Speakers.

Susan Bryant - I began my passion for the Emmaus Walk in November, 2001 when I attended the Lexington Emmaus Walk #74 and sat at the table of Anna. It took about five years before God called me to serve on Walk #94 on the Agape team. Since then I have been table leader, assistant table leader, assistant prayer, prayer lead, tech, ALD, LD, agape lead and kitchen assistant. I have served on Emmaus Walks as well as Chrysalis flights and Journeys. I have also served on the Emmaus board as Newsletter, Registrar and currently serving as Leadership Training chairperson.

I have worked as an accountant for Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC for 29 years. I have attended Southland Christian Church for 20 years and have worked in children's ministry for many years. I am married to a terrific guy, Randy Bryant and have three kids...Matthew, Jacob and Jessica all of which have been on a Chrysalis flight and have served on a team. I just want to be an obedient servant and say to God, "Lord, here I am...send me!"

Susan Holliday - My original Walk to Emmaus was Walk #72 in 2001, and I sat at the Table of Martha. Since then I have served of many Teams in the positions of Table Leader, Assistant Table Leader, Prayer Room, Assistant Lay Director, and most recently as Lay Director of Women's Walk #122. I have served on the Board of Directors (fulfilling the last 2 years of another person's term) for the last 2 years as Treasurer. I would very much want to serve another 3 years, and therefore ask for your vote. DeColores

Delanna Turley – Delanna's original Walk was #37. She has just recently returned to the Emmaus Community. She has worked on Chrysalis #37, Walk #128 and was a member of Walk #130. She will be serving as ALD of Chrysalis #38.

Susan Waterbury - I was a pilgrim on Lexington Emmaus Women's Walk #124, Table of Mary (CLAP!), then served as Music Assistant and presented the "Discipleship" talk on Women's Walk #126. I served as an Agape Assistant for Women's Walk #130 until the walk was canceled, but hope to serve in that capacity soon! Once a month, I am renewed and refreshed by uniting with our Richmond FUMC Women's Reunion Group at Purdy's Coffee Co. My two children, Mae (7) and Durand (2) are noisy and filled with laughter most of the time. My husband, Spencer, and I have known each other since the 4th grade. I am a nationally certified American Sign Language interpreter, and direct the children's choir, God's Melody, at Richmond FUMC. I am eager and excited to get to work assisting in growing His kingdom! De Colores!

Carrie Wheeler - Carrie's original walk was Lexington Walk to Emmaus #94. She has been a part of nearly every Chrysalis team and has served on several Women's Walk teams. In June she will travel to Belize as part of the team for the first Belize Walk. Carrie has served on the Emmaus board of Directors since May of 2013 serving in the past as Newsletter and currently as Kitchen/Gatherings coordinator.

Jim Groves - Jim is a retired elder from the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church where he served as a full-time pastor for 35 years. Upon retirement in 2013, Jim and his wife, Pam, moved to Lexington to be near their adult children. He served part-time for two years at the Dunaway U.M.C. in Clark County and now is serving part-time at the Hutchison U.M.C. in Bourbon County. Jim took his Walk at the Greater Findlay Area Emmaus Men's Walk #3 in 1989 and has served in several Emmaus communities and on an Emmaus Board in Ohio. He has been a Spiritual Director for a Men's and a Woman's Walk in the Lexington Community as well and looks forward to serving on the board.

Laity: Please vote for four

JR Hamm

Susan Bryant

Susan Holliday

Delanna Turley

Susan Waterbury

Carrie Wheeler

Clergy: Please vote for one

Jim Groves

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Attn: Elections Post marked no later than November 30, 2015



A mission moment...

When I moved to Prague more than five years ago, I could have never imagined the things God was going to teach me. One of the lessons which God continues to teach me, both in Prague and here in the states on furlough, is the importance of time. Time is something I value and see as an investment. Think about it with me for just one moment.

When you spend time on something, you cannot get that time back. It is truly invested. The question is whether or not this time has been invested wisely. When we invest time in the lives of others and in deepening friendships, as well as sharing our lives and our hope with those who live a hopeless and friendless life, we make a wise investment of time. God created us to be in relationship with each other...we need community. The only way can fill this need is to invest time. As difficult as it can be to connect with foreign people on the mission field, the investment is well worth the time and effort.

This world is filled with all sorts of distractions...things competing for our time and attention. From the internet to sports to meetings and work, our days get carved up until there is no more time left to give. Or is there? The very first talk on any walk weekend, and the very first lesson I teach in any class, is a lesson on priorities. It seems to me that when we get "busy" we prioritize God out of the picture in order to do what we want to do rather than what God wants us to do. How are you investing your time?

Each one of you has made an investment in my life by being a community of believers with whom I find joy and encouragement. You play a role in everything I do in Prague by virtue of your investment in me. As I prepare to return to Prague in late January, I am already thinking about how God will use the time He gives me in Prague. Investing in the lives of students is an investment in which you can be involved. I would ask that you consider being a prayer partner and or a financial supporter of this ministry. Without your investment, I could not do that which God has called me to do. Thank you for your investment in me over the years and considering investing in the lives of those in Prague, Czech Republic.

Ben Bowman, Lexington Emmaus Walk #83, table of Matthew.

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.

Future Walk and Flight dates...

2016 and 2017

February 13-15, 2016

Chrysalis Flight #38

Ken Lucky, Boy's Lay Director
Jen Marshall, Girl's 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



Gathering:

November 6

***Winchester First UMC
204 South Main Street
Winchester***

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

***Bring someone with you who hasn't attended a
Gathering in a while!***

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