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Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the Nashville Emmaus Community

August 2018

200th Walk Celebration!

The Nashville Upper Room Emmaus Community is nearing a milestone event, the 200th Walk to Emmaus! The 200th Walk to Emmaus for our community will be the Spring 2019 Women's Walk, to be held 4-7 April, 2019, at Hermitage UMC. This significant milestone will be formally celebrated on April 27, 2019 at Hermitage United Methodist Church.

The Board of Directors has begun the planning for the event, but we need to have the commitment, engagement, and contribution of the entire Emmaus community in order to make this event truly celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We call on all members, from Walk # 1 to Walk # 198, to lend your talents and gifts to blessing the entire community of believers, their families, friends, and guests.

Some of you will receive calls directly from a board member and we pray that you who are called will respond by committing to serve as a planner, leader, artist, or laborer according to your gifts. Others may feel an urging of the Holy Spirit to get involved or have a particular blessing you want to share with the community. Please, do not hesitate! We trust the Holy Spirit to guide us in this project to praise God for all He has done in our community for individual disciples. We trust who He calls and their calling.

This project will celebrate the building up of people into disciples and the impact they have had in our local churches, congregations, communities, and the world. We intend to celebrate with passion just as Cleopas and his friend did on that day at Emmaus. In order to do that, we will ask the community to tell us about your favorite Walk to Emmaus memory, your 4th days, and what you have seen the Lord do through the ministry of Emmaus, Chrystalis, Face to Face, and Journey to the Table.

The first request is that you share your favorite Emmaus memory to honor the wonderful memories the Walk to Emmaus has given us. Whether your favorite memory is a touch from Christ, a relationship, a spiritual moment, a song, a special meal, or one of many other possible memories, we want to hear from you and collect all of these memories to share. Please submit your name, walk number, table name, and favorite memory to nashvilleemmaus@gmail.com, or the Nashville Emmaus Community Facebook page. Share as many memories as you care, we want to know how God has moved in your life!

In the coming weeks and months there will be more information shared, and additional requests for support, as the planning progresses. Please pay attention to the community website at nashvilleemmaus.org, the Nashville Emmaus Community Facebook page, and share the news with friends and family. Let's praise and celebrate what God has done!

Steve Zuercher
Walk 142, Table of Mark

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"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?"

James 2:14 (NIV)

How many times have we heard said: "it is one thing to know what is right...it is another thing to do what is right!" The writer of the book of James knew that we Christians would face many challenges to fully living out our faith. If we are going to remain faithful and fruitful, our faith in Jesus Christ needed to be more than "a good idea". Our faith needs to be livable and practical. So, James encourages struggling believers to put action to their faith.

So, for us, what are the challenges in the world that tempts us to forget who and whose we are? Sometimes it is nothing more than every day aggravations like late night calls from a demanding friend or neighbor; long lines at the grocery store; a grouchy waiter; or the car will not start. Sometimes it is the simple inconveniences that bring out the worst in us in the very moments when we could bear witness to our faith by singing a song of grace, hope, peace, patience, and/or encouragement.

I read recently that when potters pull a piece out of the kiln to check and see if it is solid, they thump it with one of their fingers. If it "sings" that means that it is ready. If it "thuds", it needs more time in the oven. When life "thumps" us, how do we respond? What comes out of us? Do we "thud", or do we "sing"? How many unclean things come out of us each day just because of ordinary, common, daily "thumps"? When life "thumps" us, may God find us "singing"!

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Nashville Emmaus Gathering Schedule

Please join us for fun and fellowship at our monthly gathering. We enjoy at potluck starting at 6:00pm with worship to follow. Last month we were blessed by Sango UMC as our host. We had one of the largest attendances we have had recently. We



look forward to seeing you and please bring someone who hasn't been on a walk, so they can get acquainted with our community.



September Gathering
October Gathering
November Gathering

September 8th
October 13th
November 10th

Bethlehem UMC Franklin
Cooks UMC Mt. Juliet
LaVergne FUMC

Nashville Emmaus Calender

Emmaus Walks 2019

- Men's Walk # 199, March 21 - March 24, 2019
- Women's Walk #200, April 4 - April 7, 2019

Face to Face Encounters

- F2F#9, Spring 2019 - June 17, 20, 24 & 27

New Chapel UMC in Springfield, TN

Chrysalis Flights

Girl's Flight- January 19-21, 2019 at Fellowship UMC, Murfreesboro, Tn.

Boy's Flight- February 16- 18, 2019 at Fellowship UMC, Murfreesboro, Tn

Please be in prayer for individuals who you might sponsor on these upcoming walks. The applications are available on the website at www.nashvilleemmaus.org.



Community Service

As we begin 2019 we are looking for community members who are willing to be a part of committees on the Nashville Emmaus Board. Listed below are some of the areas for service:

Communications – Website, Newsletter, etc.

Kitchen

Setup/Take down

Entertainment

Registration

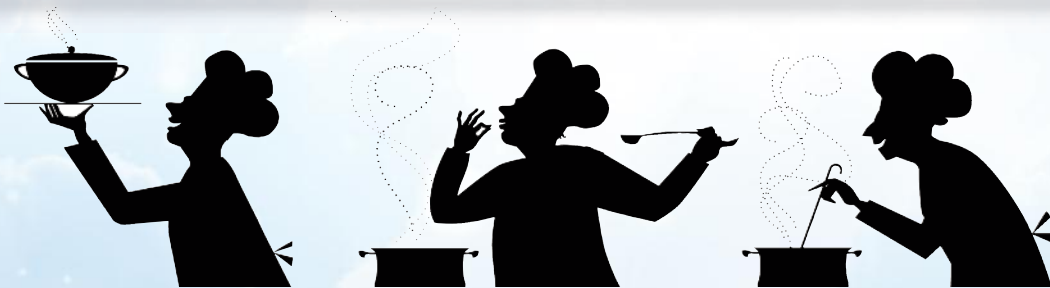
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4th day

Prayer/Gatherings

If you would like more information on these areas, please email us at nashvilleemmaus@gmail.com and we will get you in touch with the area chairpersons.



From the Emmaus Kitchen

If you would like to bless the upcoming walks at the Kitchen leader for the weekend, please contact Jenny Shelton (jennyshelton@tnfellowship.com) or Mary Craig (marylcraig@yahoo.com). Check your calendar now for 2019! Men's walk # 199 will be March 22-24, 2019 and the Women's Walk will be April 4-7, 2019.

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