



”Christ is Counting on Me” Community Lay Director

Greetings Nashville Emmaus Community. My name is Jane Melrose, Walk 168, Table of Ruth aka “Leaky Ruths”. I am honored to be your new Community Lay Director for the coming year and on behalf of your Emmaus Board of Directors, I greet you with the Grace and Love of Jesus Christ. The last few years have been challenging for all of us including our Nashville Emmaus family. It’s time to put that in the past and begin moving forward. Each day is an opportunity for a new start (remember “4 th Day?”). Now is the time for us to renew our passion, put the past mistakes behind us, and shout to the world about the love, grace, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ through the Emmaus experience. Your new Board of Directors is full of passion and excitement for what the future holds for the Nashville Emmaus Community Remember how you felt after your original Walk? If you are like most Pilgrims, you were overflowing with enthusiasm and wanted to shout what you had experienced with everyone you met. For me, Emmaus was the most impactful thing that I have experienced. God met me where I was and took my life in unexpected directions that I could not have imagined. Each of us most likely has a story about our own Walk. With the move to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church as our home base, we look forward to new energy, passion, enthusiasm, Pilgrims, and YOU as sponsors as we continue striving to be the “hands and feet” of Christ. With the move, there will be many opportunities for you to help and renew your personal commitment to serve in the Nashville Emmaus Community. Please prayerfully consider where God is calling you to help and share the gifts you have been given. He needs all of us to answer our individual call to “Go and make Disciples of all nations”.

De Colores,

Jane

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Womens' Walk #204 **13-16 April, 2023**

Walk 204 Team Members

Jeanne Bell	Kendra Cardwell	Jim Melrose
Melanie Casson	Judy Cloud	Rhonda Dominiani
Kimberly Snyder English	Sandie Glover	Jennifer Grayson
Renea Grigsby	Kim Grubb	Stephanie Guthrie
Liz Lee	Brenda Lockhart	Michelle Martin
Jodi McBryant	Carolyn Monroe	Vanessa Price
Jennifer Queen	Linda Quick	Kathy Smith
Davis Taylor	Linda Whitley	Virginia Yancey
Jesse Fleck		



“From the Pulpit” Community Spiritual Director

As we enter into Lent and the anticipation of resurrection and new life, I come with excitement about our Nashville Emmaus community. After our season of covid and canceling of walks and leadership that needed a rest, we are now ready to emerge with new energy, a new board, and involvement to begin walks again and return to the vibrant community that we are.

With this energy the board decided to move to a new location to build upon new strong community support. (Her-

mitage UMC has been a steady home for years but the strong support group has changed.) Therefore we are now moving to Good Shepherd UMC in Hendersonville for a new location and the support of a strong Emmaus group. Good Shepherd is graciously working with us to reduce costs for the walks and to provide storage as well. The facility is smaller but similar to Hermitage and will provide a familiar feel to a new location. Now is our time to renew our Fourth Day presence and recommit to prayer, agape, service, and presence in the work to be done. As

you reflect during this Lenten season, recall your walk. Remember the overwhelming love and the joy that filled every prayerful step in that weekend journey. The coming of Easter reminds us all that the cross is not the end but rather it is the beginning of the work of love that is to be shared by us in the world. Listen for the call that may be drawing you into a renewed involvement to share your love. It’s time to pass it on to others in gratitude for what was shared with us.

DeColores,
Rev Sandy Shawhan

KAIROS Prison Ministry

The Kairos ministry to residents in State Maximum Institutions began in the middle 70s and has continued to the present day for both men and women. Organized as a Trinitarian Lay Led Ministry, men and women from Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal, Methodist, Presbyterian and other denominations participate in the ministry. With their Headquarters in Florida, Kairos Prison Ministry is in 39 states and 10 foreign countries.

Each state has a coordinating body called the Advisory Council (AC). Riverbend Maximum Security Institution (RMSI) in Nashville is the nearest Men’s Kairos Prison Ministry. The Women’s Kairos Prison Ministry conducts weekends at the Debra Johnson Rehabilitation Center. After the weekends, the team returns to the facility for a reunion time with the residents who have completed a Kairos weekend. It is

called Prayer and Share Time. The residents conduct the activity. The Kairos volunteers are present to encourage and support the residents.

Men who are interested in learning more about Kairos Prison Ministry can contact Kevin Pruitt at (423-292-4248) or email kevin.c.pruitt@gmail.com. He is the Chairman of the AC at RMSI.

Women with an interest in Kairos Prison Ministry can contact Rachel Adams, rachel.l.adams@vanderbilt.edu, 615-364-1623.

Our New Walk Location Good Shepherd United Methodist Church



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.”

We are excited to begin a new chapter in our community history as we move our community Emmaus walks and major activities to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at 525 New Shackle Island Rd in Hendersonville, TN. Join us as we continue the legacy of Emmaus Ministries in the Nashville Upper Room Emmaus community. Let’s fill the gymnasium at Send-off for Women’s walk #204 on April 13th at 7 PM as we repeat the words of the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.”

Women's Walk W-204 Nashville Chrysalis Community

Women's Walk #204 will be held on April 13-16, 2023 at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Hendersonville.

Send-off/Sponsor's Hour-7 PM, April 13

Candlelight:8:15 PM, April 15

Closing-4 PM, April 16

Add your name to the prayer chart today!

Prayer Chart

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go/70A0545A8AB2BA2FD0-
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After 3 years of postponed flights, we had our first combined flights February 18th-20th, 2023. We had 11 girls and 6 boys and the weekend was wonderful! Many have already committed to coming back this summer!

We had difficulty in filling our teams overall. Chrysalis has a smaller pool of team candidates than Emmaus. We need youth and since our last flight was January 2020, most of our "youth" had aged out. Our youngest team member was 18, because she went through as a 14-year-old. But God had a plan. He knew what we needed, and He provided. Hallelujah! But due to the lack of adults saying "yes" to join a team, we had to have 4 board members filling team positions.

**"Send forth your
Spirit and we shall be
created, and you
shall renew the face
of the earth."**

Candlelight was wonderful and we appreciated everyone that came out and supported us. If you were unable to come, but wish to still donate, you may do so via PayPal. <https://tinyurl.com/4u32anwp>. In addition to monetary donations, we need volunteers and board members. We've got a great group, albeit small, but we make it work. Please consider coming to our next board meeting (April 8th @ 9am at Fellowship UMC) and seeing what we are about! We are also in need of a Spiritual Director! We know what the impact is on our youth, so please help us keep Chrysalis going!

We are already working on our summer flights and hope to announce the date in the next few weeks. Please be praying for the flight, how YOU can serve and who you could possibly sponsor! Consider one of our volunteer opportunities or joining our board! We can't do this without the Chrysalis community nor the Emmaus community!

Fly with Christ!
Nashville Chrysalis Board

2023 Board of Directors

CLD/Chair- Jane Melrose

CSD- Sandy Shawhan

Vice- Chair- Jerry Lemons

Agape- Karen Hayes, Kendra Cardwell,

Fourth Day- Carolyn Monroe

Team Selection- Board Collective

Registrar- Shelly McBurney

Gatherings- Randa Goud

Treasurer- Bruce Myers

Ministry Manager, Website, Communications- Steve Zuercher

ASD- Haley Robinson

ASD- Rick Vance

ASD- Jesse Fleck

Entertainment- Kim Roberts

Kitchen-Kim Monaghan

Setup- Gary Smith, Jerry Lemons, David Chavis

Ex-Officio- Kim Monaghan

Ex-Officio- Regina Hall

Ministry Manager is the database provided by the Upper Room that retains our Emmaus community information. Ministry Manager a community management application that enables an Emmaus or Chrysalis Community to store and use information to conduct the Emmaus ministries.

Access to the application is based on an individual's unique email address. Each person must have a unique email address to have an account in order to gain access. Access to information within the application is controlled through the assignment of various roles. Role assignments vary from the lowest level of Community Member, to the highest level of data administrator.

Many of us already have an account because we had an email address in the previous database system. Others have been added. However, many of our community members do not have access. Each person added to the Ministry Manager application is added with their unique email address. After a person's name and email address are added to Ministry Manager, Ministry Manager sends an email invitation to the email address, and the individual responds to the invitation to establish an account.



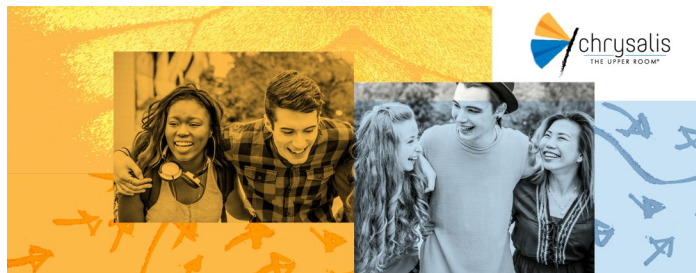
We, the Baard of Directors, want to improve your access. Our goal is for everyone to have an active account so that we can communicate and share information on a common platform. If you know that you have never logged in to Ministry Manger, or you are unsure if you have an account, contact the database and communications chairperson, Steve Zuercher, at the community email address, nashvilleemmaus@gmail.com, or his personal email address, slzurk@gmail.com as

soon as possible.

If you have attempted to log in and have had difficulty, or are unsure how to navigate in Ministry Manager, contact Steve for assistance.



"Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."



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Emmaus Ministries
Renewing Christian Disciples • Strengthening Local Churches



How can I serve our community?

1. *Join Ministry Manager and ensure your address, phone, church, and other personal information is up to date!*
2. Share this newsletter with an Emmaus/Chrysalis community member who is not receiving our community email. Send us their email address!
3. Volunteer now for conference room or background positions during the next events:
 - Face to Face Encounter
 - Men's or Women's walks
 - Chrysalis Flights

How can I do that?

-Fill out an online volunteer form here:



[Nashville Walk to Emmaus
Volunteer Sheet
\(gotform.com\)](#)

-Join the prayer vigil for Womens's Walk #204 and any other event.

Go to the Prayer Chart HERE

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0545A8AB2BA2FD0-womens>

- Check the community website, www.nashvilleemmaus.org
 - Check our Facebook page for updates
- [Nashville Emmaus Community | Facebook](#)

4. Join a team doing God's work for the community as a non-board member.
 - We are seeking eager community members to work with a board member on important projects.
 - You can make major contributions to the community, enjoy the satisfaction of success in those projects, without the multi-year commitment of board service.
 - If you have a desire to serve but are unable to make the commitment for a long-term position, this is your opportunity!

Email nashvilleemmaus@gmail.com to inquire about this opportunity today!