



WALK TALK

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

JUNE 2020

Where Do We Go From Here?

On the evening of Tuesday, March 10, 61 singers gathered for choir practice just north of Seattle. It was a standard rehearsal, as members sang in close quarters, shared snacks, and stacked chairs together at the end of the two-and-a-half-hour session.

Five days later, the choir director sent an urgent email to the group. Several members had developed fevers, she said. The following Tuesday's rehearsal was canceled. But by then, it was too late. Fifty-three of the 61 singers became ill, making for an "attack rate" of 87 percent. Three members of the choir were hospitalized. Two died.

The Washington choir represents one of the most aggressive outbreaks in the American pandemic with many features known to be dangerous: an intimate crowd gathered in a small room, sharing air, food, and surfaces. They believe that singing also accelerated the transmission of the disease. The incident sounds very much like a Walk to Emmaus, only shorter.

It grieves me to report that the board voted to postpone all walks scheduled for 2020. This means for the first time, our community will go a full year without a walk. Also, it was decided we will not have a Gathering in June.

This was not a decision taken lightly but was made following prayer and discussion. Our feeling was that we wanted to avoid exposing anyone to this virus. We also had to consider the . . .

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and any other
communications that
may not have made it
into the newsletter or in
an email. -- Phil

. . .policies of Camp Lookout and the United Methodist Church.

This Time is Not for Rest but for Renewal

Your board has not ceased to work during this time. We are seeking applications to ensure a full slate of Pilgrims for our 2021 Walks.

- To help with this, it was decided to offer a 20% discount of fees for all applications received on or before February 1, 2021.
- And, if you are a first- time sponsor, your Pilgrim pays no fees for their walk. If you should need help in sponsoring, just ask any board member. We are here to help you.
- We are exploring ways we can have a Gathering in July, assuming more restrictions are lifted.

Billy Graham once said, “I am convinced the greatest act of love we can ever perform for people is to tell them about God’s love for them in Christ”. I would add another act of love is to sponsor someone for a Walk. My Walk was life-changing for me, as it might have been for you.

As we continue this journey in uncertain times, let us rest in the words of Romans 12:12, “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

God be with you ‘til we meet again.

Phil



**NO
GATHERING
FOR
JUNE**



2020 Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis – all cancelled

March 26-29	Men's Walk # 59	Fritz Duncan
September 4-7	Chrysalis: Girls # 48 Boys # 42	
October 1-4	Women's Walk # 71	Lori Bailey

Meal Times for Emmaus Walks

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
FRIDAY	8:00	12:30	5:30
SATURDAY	8:00	12:30	6:30
SUNDAY	8:00	12:00	

Meal Times for Chrysalis

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
FRIDAY	8:30	12:00	5:30
SATURDAY	8:15	11:55	6:30
SUNDAY	8:00	12:00	

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Visit us on the web at www.clemmaus.org
-The Walk Talk can be downloaded from here.

AGAPE:

Minimum Needed
-24 Bed Agape
-60 Meal Agape
-36 Conference Room Agape

Thank you for your acts of agape love! Your gifts are appreciated!

PRAYER VIGIL:

To sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil, contact Kim McDonald
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DONATE:

Donations can be made online through www.clemmaus.org; by mail to: PO Box 21024 Chattanooga TN 37424; or at the Gatherings. Your gifts are tax deductible under section 501(C)(3). Please talk to the community lay director regarding bequests.

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