



Elizabethtown Emmaus
Community Newsletter
June, 2018

Dear Emmaus Family,

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O 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."

I hope that you all are having a great week, and trust that the Memorial Day Holiday was a blessing for you. I can't imagine all the buzzing around now getting prepared for graduation. Bobby and I did that several years ago with our own daughters, and now we have to send off several graduates from our YOUTH group that we've watched grow very quickly. That seems to happen quicker and quicker each year. Congratulations to all the graduates - enjoy your summer - and God Bless You on your future!!

Thanks so much to Brother Brock for conducting the gathering in May - I appreciate you so much. I want to thank you again (in advance) for the June gathering coming up on June 9th. Bobby and I will be traveling on a Mission Trip with the YOUTH to South Dakota. We welcome your prayers during the time we are working VBS with the Native American Children at Wounded Knee.

Please be in prayer for our upcoming walks and their Lay Directors:

Darrell Genett and Becky McGlone as they continue their journey with God to choose the people to help lead these walks, #148 and #149 in October.

Zach Fairfax and Kayla Honaker as they lead Chrysalis flight #62 in November!!

Please be in prayer for our dedicated R.E.C. (Residents Encountering Christ) team and Sarah Lynn Granberg, as they continue to visit the prison monthly and witness to the residents there. Unfortunately, the June walk was cancelled as we didn't have the number of volunteers it required.

New Women's Reunion group in Leitchfield area info: Please contact Ms. Joyce Bangtson and Ms. Lois Himes to join. Please send me an email if you are interested in this and I'll put you in touch with the ladies. whith57@comcast.net Thanks!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:	Gathering	June 9	Memorial UMC
	Gathering	July 14	Memorial UMC
	Gathering	*August 11	Memorial UMC - Wesley Cafe' - Luau

*You do NOT want to miss our Hawaiian Luau in August. Mark Mabini will cook the pig at his place and bring the meat over to the church. Everyone should bring a few dishes of food to share and lots of

desserts also ☺ Dress in an Aloha shirt or a moo moo, with slippers (flip flops) and we will supply Lei for you - Aloha and Mahalo!!

NEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:

I like to share portions of an article I read, written by Billy Holland an author and community Chaplin in Central Kentucky.

Title: we are caretakers of our thoughts: Article: I read a book years ago by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale called: "The Amazing Results of Positive thinking", and I recommend it as inspiration and encouragement to your spiritual life. Peale explains that our minds are filled with all types of thoughts and persuasions, but everyone is held accountable to manage them. We have the ability to resist and ignore the negative influences that hinder our lives and to also embrace the suggestions that are positive and encouraging.

There is an old rhyme that says, "Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are seeds. You can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds." This may sound silly, but in relation to our subject, it makes perfect sense to consider that we are the gardeners and caretakers of our own minds. Our spiritual journey was never intended to be a carefree experience, but rather to fulfill a destiny of specific meaning and purpose. Since it's been established that what we think is directly associated with how we feel, along with what we say and do, we agree that whatever has taken root and is growing in our minds is having a huge impact on who we are. However, because of free-will, we have been given the authority and responsibility to choose what we think about. Paul says in Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

When we understand that managing our minds is a crucial priority with our Christian walk, we should be motivated to take more responsibility to develop a stronger mental clarity. But if we choose to live in a default mode that allows anything to take root in our minds, we are more likely to become overwhelmed with fear, sadness, chaos, and discouragement.

Recognizing this spiritual reality and becoming determined to pray and work toward our mental transformation, will help us stay sensitive to His still small voice. We will never become what God has called us to be until the desire to change becomes greater than the desire to remain the same.

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Blessings to you all,

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