

Wasatch Emmaus Community

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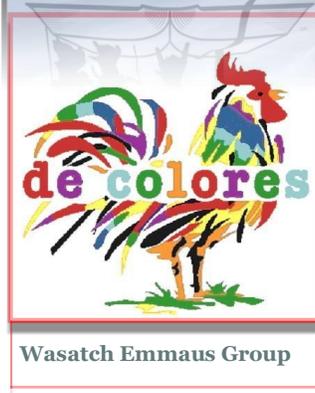


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The Goal for this newsletter is to promote and encourage growth. Growth in our relationship with God, with others and as a community.



The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.



IMPORTANT
Gary Haddock is Retiring!
OPEN HOUSE (IN CAR)
June 7, 2020 12-2pm

Upcoming Events

Gary Haddocks Farewell

June 7, 2020

Noon—2pm

Community UMC

Decorate your car, Signs, Music

WHO BENEFITS FROM AN EMMAUS WEEKEND ?



Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

Disciples of Christ

May 2020

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CALENDAR EVENTS

TBD

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A VIRTUAL REUNION GROUP?

**Call Paul for Ideas
(801) 231-9923**

PLEASE VIEW OUR CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Philippians 2:2 (NIV)

then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.



Dear Wasatch Emmaus Community,

As we are all consumed by this Coronavirus and how to be faithful, let me remind you that God is bigger than the Covid-19! That doesn't mean we can't get the disease, but it does mean that God is with us, whether we are well or sick. God will provide for us and, in wellness or sickness, God is with us- loving us, strengthening us, guiding us, encouraging us, healing us! We are being called to renew and strengthen our connection with our God, through Jesus, the Christ- now and always.

As many of you know, I am retiring officially as of July 1st, even though I will have my last Sunday on June 7th at the Community United Methodist Church. It is bittersweet as I begin my new life of retirement from the career as a pastor. I end my career, but I will never end my calling as a follower of Christ. My ministry just changes from that of the pastor to that of the congregant as I continue to learn, grow and live out my faith whenever, wherever and however I can. I am looking forward to my retirement so I can spend more time with Roni, my wife, and my children and family.

But, it is feeling weird to say goodbye without really being able to "connect" with my congregation with the hugs and handshakes that have been so important to me. I will have to say, "goodbye" from at least 6 feet away and with masks. That will be strange and unreal.

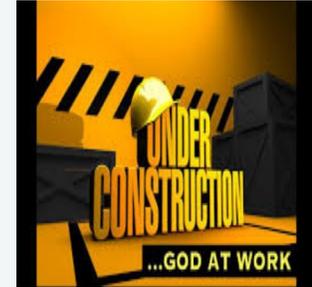
The Walk to Emmaus has been one of the most significant events in my life. When I went in 1998, I had no idea what it was really all about. I only know that I saw a person return from the Walk whose life was visibly changed and I knew I needed to have what he had. It started out as an "interesting" retreat but the Holy Spirit moved me in ways I could not have expected or imagined. I've always said that the United Methodist Church had two big ways to help people grow in their spiritual journey. The first was Disciple Bible Study where people learned what God was telling them about God and life. The second was the Walk to Emmaus where God touched them with the Holy Spirit.

I've seen Walk to Emmaus change lives. I've seen it change families. I've seen it change churches. I've seen it change communities. You have been a big part of my spiritual growth and I will always be grateful for you. God bless you and go forth in the spirit of Christ as the Holy Spirit uses you to touch one life at a time. And isn't that just the way Jesus did it? One life at a time- and it begins with each of us.

God bless all of you as God uses you for God's Glory and Praise! And remember, I love you and God loves you and there's nothing you can do about it!

Love,
Gary

SPONSORSHIP



HOW DO WE SPONSOR?

Changes are underway on Who, How and Why we Sponsor. Training will be available as well.

GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

RAVI ZACHARIAS DIES OF CANCER AT AGE 74



Apologist Ravi Zacharias died Tuesday, two months after he announced he had been diagnosed with cancer. He was 74.

The popular author and Christian teacher was known for his work through Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM), which focused on apologetic arguments for the existence of God and the reasonableness of Christianity.

He preached in more than 70 countries and authored more than 30 books in his 48-year career, teaching Christians to engage with skeptics and arguing that the Christian worldview has robust answers to humanity's existential questions.

Zacharias was born in India and raised in an Anglican family. He recounted that his conversion to Christianity came while reading the Bible in the hospital after a failed suicide attempt as a teen. He immigrated to Canada at the age of 20.

Zacharias started his ministry with the Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA). A graduate of Ontario Bible College (now Tyndale University) and Trinity International University, he was commissioned as a national evangelist for the United States in 1977 and ordained in the CMA in 1980. He founded RZIM in 1984, and the organization has grown to about 200 employees in 16 offices around the world, with more than 70 traveling speakers.

[Read More Here](#)

MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



The Board is currently working on our Vision Statement and Plan of Action for the next year. There will be several changes that we will be working to implement which will hopefully have a positive impact on you and local churches.

Typically, our Board meets every other month. However, we will be meeting virtually more frequently until we can get a plan of action well defined and the direction set for the Community. New positions and responsibilities as well as Gathering formats are being considered. Technology will be introduced to help us accomplish many of our goals.

We will also be looking for community members who are passionate about our Vision (which you will see in the coming weeks) and feel called to serve the community.

Each of us were asked to consider 2 questions at the conclusion of our walks. **What did this weekend mean to you and What are you going to do about it?**

I ask that you take time to re-consider these questions. **Change is coming.** And we hope that God leads you and encourages you to be active participants in this change.

De Colores!
Paul Guidash
Community Lay Leader

Friends,
I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to introduce what is being worked on by the board over the next month or so.

I want to first thank Gary & Roni Haddock for their commitment to our community. You have been an inspiration and great example of discipleship! We will miss you both greatly!

My name is Paul Guidash. Some of you may know me as the Communications Coordinator, the person who sends you these newsletters. I have now taken on a new role, as the Community Lay Director.

It is an honor and I am humbled to be able to serve the community in this capacity. **I strongly believe we have an opportunity as a community to help shape the lives of all believers along the Wasatch Front and Back.** We are well equipped to work side-by-side with local churches to grow disciples and encourage service and leadership within their churches.

Message For The Community

Philippians 2:2 (NIV)

then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

I pray this finds you well. The words from Paul above are targeted to believers in Philippi nearly 2000 years ago, and they are just as relevant today as they were then.

We are the church which was at it's infancy back when these words were preached by a man who was specifically spoken to and directed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's Sovereign will was that he minister to the Gentiles, taking the word of God to the "rest of the world".

Paul is telling us that we must be of the same mind, that we share in the same love.

Over the course of the next month or so, you will be hearing a lot about Direction and Passion. About being united towards a common goal and to share in the passion of achieving the goal.

Unity of the Church and unity of a Community are very much alike. Both should follow the direction Jesus communicated to us through His words and carried out with the Passion He and the Apostles demonstrated 2000 years ago.

This is the Will of God, and is articulated in the 2 Great Commands and in the Great Commission. Love God First so that we can share that Love with our Neighbors. And to use the Great Commands as the foundation for carrying His message to the World!

As a Community, we are called to make Disciples and to Grow as Disciples. 2 Peter 3:18 commands us to Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus.

Growth is going to be a Theme that I hope will ring loud and clear over the next year. I am prayerful that we individually and as a Community grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ.

He is Counting on Us.

De Colores~

Growth is going to be a Theme that I hope will ring loud

PRAYER NEEDED...

Please let us know of anything you would like the community to pray for.

Please send Requests and Gratitude messages with the subject EMMAUS PRAYER to:

wasatchemmaus@gmail.com

Prayer & Gratitude

Please Pray for our Leaders around our Nation and around the World.

Please pray for all those in our communities who are suffering!

[COVID-19 Prayer Marathon Signup](#)

FOURTH DAY!

As part of our growth as Disciples, we are encouraged by God's word to fellowship with other believers.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."



Remain Focused

FOURTH DAY GROUPS: (If one will not work, or your group is not listed, please contact Paul at wasatchemmaus@gmail.com.)

Men's:

Tuesdays 8am—Village Inn, 8921 S. Redwood Road- Phil 801-259-2660

Wednesdays 7am—Left Fork Grill (68 W 3900 S , Salt Lake) - Dennis 435-512-2186

Friday 7am—Dee's Restaurant (4700 S Redwood Rd) - Jerry—801-918-0982

Saturdays (2nd&4th) 9am—10am—Community UMC 163 W 4800 S Ogden 84405 - Gary 970-371-5129

Women's:

Wednesday 7pm - Homes (West Jordan, So Jordan, Riverton) - Nancy 801-915-4304

Saturdays 8:30am— High Point Coffee (7800 S. 1735 W. off Redwood Rd)

Saturdays (1st&3rd) 8:30am—9:30am—Community UMC 163 W 4800 S Ogden 84405 - Pam 801-540-3205

Co-Ed:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 6pm - Hilltop UMC (985 E 10600 S, Sandy) -Rob 801-493-5047



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**When God Closes a Church
Door, He Opens a Browser
Window**

KATE SHELLNUTT

More Christians worshiped, prayed, and shared Scripture online in the past week than ever before, as COVID-19 precautions shut down in-person church gatherings across the US and around the globe.

Bobby Gruenewald would know. His team at Life.Church developed the popular YouVersion Bible app as well as the Church Online Platform, which was used to stream worship to more than 4.7 million devices last weekend, quadruple its typical reach. (Update: The weekend after this story was published, March 21-22, total attendance rose to 7 million.)

These technologies have existed for well over a decade, and about a quarter of Protestant churches in the US already livestream services in some format, according to LifeWay Research.

But what happened starting last weekend was unprecedented.

Churches across traditions took advantage of the technology and met over YouTube, Facebook Live, Zoom, and outlets like Church Online, which saw 8,800 new congregations join in the past seven days. It's a free platform that adds church-specific features to a typical video stream, so congregants can participate in sermon discussions and leaders can connect with individuals who need prayer.

Gruenewald said when they built Church Online 14 years ago, they imagined it would help tech-savvy churches get their messages to a new crowd, allow services to go on in the aftermath of natural disasters like tornadoes and hurricanes, and provide a way for Christians to gather in places where their activities are restricted.

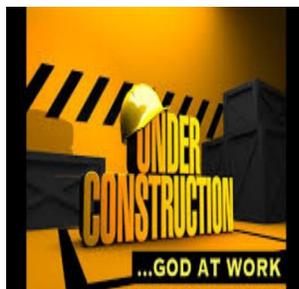
"But we didn't anticipate a time where in our country nearly every church's doors are closed. That was unthinkable," Gruenewald said. "It's like there's an ark being built, and we didn't know it would rain."

[Read More Here](#)

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FROM THE BOARD



BOARD VISION AND ACTION PLAN COMING SOON

New Technology Coordinator position has been added to the Board. Welcome Dennis Nick!

Prayerfully consider participation in our Community Vision.

