Letter to the Community:

A Great Treasure of Emmaus – Don’t Miss Out!

This month our community is able to share in the excitement as our Pilgrims and Teams take the three-day spiritual journey on Walks #55 and #56. The Walk participants have an intensely personal time to respond to the message and love of God. They also learn that spiritual growth involves the support of other Christians. The great news is that you can take that revitalized spiritual relationship with Christ and the church (Emmaus zing!) home with you and experience it all year long! Here’s how:

Emmaus is designed to be more than a three-day event. Included in Emmaus are follow-up opportunities. Did you know that the reunion group is one of the greatest treasures that the Walk to Emmaus contains? These reunion groups help take people down from the mountain top and return them to everyday living as disciples through accountability and mutual support. Join a reunion group and share in the treasure!

I belong to the “Multi-Taskers” reunion group. That is not really our official name, but my two friends and I meet every Monday at noon to share our lives and give each other support on our fourth day journeys. It is impossible for us to just sit and talk . . . we are always making agape for the next Walk or Flight. This hour every week is a simple and fun time of Christian fellowship.

Here is how you can learn more about reunion groups:

• Day Four: The Pilgrim’s Continued Journey was given to you on the Walk. It provides an excellent explanation of the benefits of a reunion group.
• The Group Reunion booklet may be purchased at the monthly gathering.
• Contact you sponsor or Walk table leader to help you find or form a new group.
• Attend the Fourth Day Meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 PM at the Asbury United Methodist Church. At this meeting you may find people that want to meet for a reunion group on the same day and at the same time as you! This meeting will also teach you how to be a good sponsor. The entire community is encouraged to attend.

I welcome the newest Pilgrims to the community and hope to see you remain active and involved in Emmaus.

Blessings & Peace,  Bev Earley, Community Lay Director
Triennial Community Training on Saturday, August 27

Let’s take a look at what this event is word-by-word!

- **Triennial** - Every three years our Emmaus community is able to benefit from training given by a Walk to Emmaus Regional Representative. On Saturday, August 27, our community will have this opportunity to receive this training.

- **Community** – Everyone in our Emmaus community is invited and encouraged to attend. Those who may especially benefit are those who will be working on the Fall Walk teams, the board members, future leaders, and new members.

- **Training** - The key goal is not a Gathering and worship time but a relaxed time for learning and leadership training. Cathi Eberly, the North Central Regional Representative from the Upper Room staff, will cover a variety of topics that include pre-walk preparation (sponsorship, team selection & team formation), the walk itself, and post-walk activities (gatherings, reunion groups, leadership development), among many others. Cathi has a full day of training planned, but we will be able to fellowship at breaks and lunch and we will probably get to sing a couple songs, too!

Each month you will continue to receive additional and more specific information about this valuable training time. But, for now, please mark your calendars for this event and be in prayer for this training and for Cathi Eberly.

**Attention Musicians of Emmaus**

I need your help. If you are a musician, I would like you to e-mail/mail me your personal information. I would like to hear from everyone, whether you are new to the community or a multi-year veteran. Please send the following information: name, address, e-mail address, phone #, church, and your musical skill(s) [vocals, guitar, keyboards, etc.]. Also, if you have served on music team for gatherings or walks, let me know about that as well. I am trying to keep the information on musicians as current as possible. It is my hope that everyone who has musical giftedness can have an opportunity to serve on a music team in some way. You can send your info via e-mail to bteater@columbusinemmaus.org or mail it to: Brian Teater, 1642 Azelea Drive, Columbus, IN, 47201.

De Colores,
Brian Teater

**REMEMBER** -

Bring your candle to Candlelight!

**MEET AN EMMAUS BOARD MEMBER**

My name is Gary Fuquay. I am the new Treasurer on the Emmaus Community Board. I feel like this position was an answer to my prayer. I had the feeling that God was calling me to do something, but I did not know what it was, so I prayed about it. Within five minutes after my prayer, the phone rang. I was asked if I would agree to be on the Emmaus board. God works in wonderful ways.

I am employed as a Manufacturing Engineer at NTN Driveshaft in Columbus. My wife Myra and I attend the Brownstown Nazarene church. I am an active member of the Gideons International Organization. I live seven miles west of Brownstown, Indiana.

The Emmaus Walk has been a tremendous blessing to me. It is wonderful to share this blessing with my friends and family.

DeColores,
Gary Fuquay
Treasurer
The Columbus Chrysalis Community would like to thank the Emmaus community for all of their prayers, support and help during the winter Flights of #17 and #18.

Michele and Curt Aton will be the lay directors for Flights #19 and #20 to be held at Hilltop Camp on Sept. 3-5. Please prayerfully consider teenagers you might sponsor as well as how you might help with this vital ministry. The Columbus In Emmaus web site has applications and member information sheets where you can indicate ways you would be willing to serve. The web site address is: www.columbusinemmaus.org

**MEET A CHRYSALIS BOARD MEMBER**

Greetings! My name is Diana Boyer and I am new to the Chrysalis Board. My area of responsibility is team selection for the flights. The team selection committee is made up of the lay directors for the flights, youth and adult board members and the Chrysalis spiritual director. This group spends much time in prayer over the potential team members.

I was a pilgrim on Columbus Walk #9 in February of 1995. God has taken me on quite a faith journey since then! I have been blessed by the opportunities to serve on many Emmaus teams and on the Emmaus Board. Dan is my husband and was on Columbus Walk #10. He has also served on several Emmaus teams.

Dan and I were asked to serve on the agape team together for Chrysalis flights #3 and #4. Wow! God showed us the great energy, faith, commitment and potential of our youth through that experience! We have spent every Labor Day weekend since then (4 in a row) on a Chrysalis flight – with a January flight added last year! It is a joy and a privilege to serve our Lord through the instruments of Emmaus and Chrysalis!

Please continue to pray about sponsoring caterpillars and/or pilgrims and making yourself available if God should call you to serve on team! If you have not had the privilege of serving on a Chrysalis team and feel God prompting you to consider serving, please fill out a service sheet or give me a call!

DeColores and Fly with Christ, Diana

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE**

Please call Ron Povaleri at 812-866-4032 if you can help with set up or take down of Camp Lakeview for the Spring Walks.

Tues. April 12, 6:00 p.m. – set up
Mon. April 18, 6:00 p.m. – spruce up
Mon. April 25, 6:00 p.m. – take down

**Pictures from the March Gathering**

Mary Miles, Sandra Sweany, Jenny Taylor, and many others took the time to sign the prayer charts and snack agape charts.

Karen Morris and Anita Beeker check out Agape for the spring walks.
April Hoot:
Sunday April 3, 2005 1:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
201 East 3rd St. Seymour

Thurs. April 14, 7:00 p.m. Men’s Walk #55 Sendoff/ Sponsor’s Hour
Camp Lakeview
Fri., April 15 – NO GATHERING DUE TO WALKS
Sat. April 16, 8:00 p.m. Men’s Walk #55 Candlelight at Asbury UMC
Sun. April 17, 3:30 p.m. Men’s Walk #55 Closing at Camp Lakeview

Thurs. April 21 7:00 p.m. Women’s Walk #56 Sendoff/Sponsor’s Hour
Camp Lakeview
Sat. April 23, 8:00 p.m. Women’s Walk #56 Candlelight at Asbury UMC
Sun. April 24, 3:30 p.m. Women’s Walk #56 Closing at Camp Lakeview

Tues. April 26 7:00 p.m. Fourth Day Meeting at Asbury UMC