



The Emmaus News



Columbus Indiana Emmaus Community Inc.

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A Note from our Community Lay Director...

Dear Emmaus Community,

What a special gathering! It was especially great to see our newest community members again and have the praise teams from Walk 113 & 114 lead us in worship. We were doubly blessed to have two Fourth Day speakers from our Chrysalis Community share how their faith journey brought them to serve on their first Emmaus walks. We were challenged to invest in the lives of our young people and saw first-hand how it truly makes a difference.

As you know, December is a time of transition for the Emmaus Board. On behalf of our Emmaus Community, I want to give a heart-felt thanks to those members who are coming off the board. These individuals have served diligently and are true ambassadors for the ministry of Emmaus. At the November gathering, I had the privilege to introduce Venetia Green as the Community Lay Director for 2020. The community will be in good hands through her servant-leadership and kind spirit. God continues to provide willing servants to fill the board for 2020 and I am thankful to see God's provision and answered prayers in His perfect timing!

As I reflect on the past year, it has been a joy and an honor to serve as your Community Lay Director. In times when my fear was great - God was greater! In times when my heart was grieved - God's love was greater! In times when my thoughts were anxious - God's peace prevailed! In times when my judgement failed - God's grace abounded! I am so grateful for all the encouragement and support that I have received throughout the year but even more grateful for this opportunity that allowed me to experience the sustaining presence of God.

De Colores,

Brenda Stoner
Community Lay Director



So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

A Note from our Community Spiritual Director...

What's on your Christmas gift list? Sometimes I receive items that are on my list, and sometimes I'm surprised by what I receive. When I was a kid, one of my Great Aunts would always give us socks (not on my list)! A few years ago, I included jars of apple butter on my list, and that's what my sister now gives me every year (no complaints)!

More than 100 area men, women and youth received their gifts early this year as they received the gift of a weekend with Jesus. It'll be hard to top that gift this Christmas!

So, could you offer that same wonderful gift to someone in your Church in 2020? Ask the Spirit to impress upon your heart that certain youth or adult or couple whom Jesus might want to spend a weekend with. What better "Christmas" gift could you offer someone than the invitation to take a giant step forward in their spiritual maturity!

De Colores,

Mike Seaney



From our Team Selection Board Member...

Are you interested in working an upcoming Emmaus walk?

The lay directors are currently forming their teams. One of the great joys of Emmaus is serving on team and giving back to others the blessings you received on your walk. Just like Abraham, you are "blessed to be a blessing" and we want to provide you the opportunity to serve.

Prior service is not required. Filling out an application is only good for the next walk. You need to fill out an application before each walk on which you wish to work. Applications will not carry over to the next walk ~ Filling out an application helps the team selection committee decide who is available to serve and cuts down on unnecessary phone calls. The team selection committee follows the 1/3 Guideline. (1/3 first time workers, 1/3 semi-experienced, and 1/3 experienced). Team selection must balance the team by church and denomination.

Please note because of these guidelines submitting an application does not always mean you will be selected to serve.

Prayerfully consider passing on the blessing and serve on team!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Bieker, klbieker@yahoo.com
812-371-4584

From Our Walk #113 Lay Director...



To the Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community,

I would like to thank the Board for having enough confidence in me to ask me to be the Walk #113 Lay Director. The experience has been very humbling. It has also stretched me in a way that I would have never guessed. In one way I am kind of sad it is over, much like having a child leave home for the first time. But I know the Pilgrims are in a better place having experienced the love of God in a very Special way. Early on during the team building stage, it was clear that God's hands were way ahead of anything I could do on my own. I cannot express how grateful and proud of I am of the Team. The entire team worked like a well-oiled machine. The Agape Team was invisible, yet they were everywhere. The Kitchen Team served food that you would expect to eat sitting down at your mom's house. The speakers were spot on and love was clearly their motivation, Love for God and Love for the Pilgrims. The roar coming from the tables after each talk was proof that God's hands were all over this walk. The Table leaders and Assistant Table Leaders had little to do and to quote one ATL, "We are just along for the ride". Our music team was on que all weekend long and never missed a beat. The last song we sang at Closing was over the top. Wow. The Clergy Team was the most welcoming bunch of men I have ever had the opportunity to work with. The ALDs were a bunch of overachieving work horses that would stop at nothing to make sure every "i" was dotted, and every "t" was crossed. They really made it fun for everyone. If I had to describe this Team I would call them "Friends of God".

So, why is the Walk to Emmaus such a powerful tool that God uses? During the "Stump the Clergy" questions, the question was asked, "Why are our churches not like the Walk to Emmaus?" The answer was: Prayer. The Walk to Emmaus is absolutely bathed in Prayer. Not just the 72-hour prayer vigil but the very specific prayers for the team members and pilgrims—people praying for the walk in ways that we will never know about.

When I think back to what was accomplished on Walk #113, it was not me or any one person that accomplished this work. It was a Community of people willing to work and pray for the common goal of showing the Love of God to 28 Pilgrims in a new and profound way. Julie and others who know me best, will testify that this was not anything I could have achieved on my own. God's Holy Spirit was the most active Team Member of all and I was just along for the ride.

Thanks for all the help along the way.

In Christ's Love,

Timothy Metz LD Walk #113



From our Women's Walk #114 Lay Director...



Emmaus Women's Walk #114

2 Corinthians 5:20 (GW), Colossians 3:17

"Stand Still and Let God Move" by The Isaacs

"No Matter What" by Ryan Stevenson

Serving on an Emmaus Walk event is always a wonderful experience, and I recommend everyone in the Emmaus Community serve as often as they can. I have served on many. Each walk follows the same format and script, yet amazingly each walk develops its own personality, and I have taken away something different from each one. Each time, I have moved a little closer to Jesus on my Spiritual journey but still longed to recognize His voice and desires for my life. The past three years have brought a lot of changes in my life which I chose to believe God orchestrated. At times, I still wondered if the things I experienced were because of my choice, coincidence, or His Will.

Participating this time as Lay Director has been an experience I will never forget! I've heard other Lay Directors say, "It was all God. He put it all together." Honestly, I didn't feel that way when I started. I calculated, compared experience and positions, made lists, compared church affiliation, and made more lists. I had my Team together before I even made a phone call! Long story short - my team didn't come together quite like I expected it would. I didn't understand why it came together and fell apart so many times. Then, I worried because there were so many people, including Clergy, I didn't know and a lot of people who had never served.

During and after the walk, I could see it was all God, and He did put it all together! There was no way I could have even imagined the backgrounds of the Pilgrims and Team members I had never met. The talks and personal stories were just what this group of Pilgrims needed. There was definite relationship building going on at the tables; right down to the Walk song changing just a few weeks before training to one I was not familiar with. We continue to communicate, pray, and love on each other through social media. The Ladies of Walk #114 are going to be great leaders for the army of Christ!

I no longer wonder about my experiences, because I expect God to be there and in control every time!

No Matter What, Stand Still and Let God Move!

Bev Clark



A Note from our Chrysalis Lay Director...

First, I'd like to say thank you to the Chrysalis board for allowing me to serve as the Community Lay Director for the past two years. When I attended Chrysalis over 11 years ago, I never would have imagined that I would step in to the Community Lay Director position. It has been a blessing to serve alongside such amazing individuals who have a heart for young people and love to see how God moves in their lives. It's my privilege to share with you that Shelley McAlister will be stepping in to the Community Lay Director position for 2020. Pray for her as she begins leading the Columbus Chrysalis board.

We have recently been given the opportunity to assist another Chrysalis Community, in the Muncie area, in starting back up with Chrysalis after some time with no flights. They particularly needed youth to fill in to positions on the flight. We plan to send a group of approximately 6-8 ladies to help serve their community with this upcoming flight. Please be in prayer for their community as they embark on this Chrysalis journey.

Also, please be in prayer for Mark & Trish Kelly as they are still forming their teams for the spring Chrysalis Flights. If you're interested in serving, please fill out a volunteer application and submit to dweaver@columbusinemmaus.org as soon as possible.

We are currently in need of someone who would be willing to transport supplies and music equipment to camp for the spring flights. This will take place on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 from approximately 5-9pm and then return to storage on Monday, March 30, 2020 following the flight & closing. There will be lots of people to help load and unload at all locations! If you have a large enclosed trailer and would be willing to serve the Chrysalis community in this way, please reach out to lgriffin@columbusinemmaus.org so that I can connect you with the transportation board member.

Fly with Christ!

Leah Griffin



Chrysalis Rush Christmas Party!
Friday, December 13th,
7-10pm

The Gathering Place,
5030 East 600 North,
Columbus, IN 47203

Cookie decorating, Ugly Christmas Sweater contest, Free white elephant gift exchange, and agape making! Come join us for a fun way to get into the Christmas spirit ☺

For more information or if you want to help, contact Abbi Fredericksen
812-371-7910 or
abigailfred99@gmail.com



Behold, I bring you good tidings of great
joy,
which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Savior, which is
Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:10, 11



**Thanks be to God for
His indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15**



THANK YOU

As the new year approaches, we take a moment to bid a fond farewell and a big hello to our faithful friends as a few changes take place on the Columbus IN Emmaus Board ...

Thank you to those who have served the past three years...

Dan Kirkling
Phil Newton
Perry Shepard
Mark Neafus

Your hearts have reflected the love of Christ as you have walked with Him and given of your time and talents so freely!

Welcome to our new board members...

Steve Richard
Kenny Harrison
Mark Helms

These friends are committed to the next three years of serving us in the Emmaus community as they follow the leading of our awesome Lord. Please pray for clear guidance and protection as they step out in faith with Him.

***I do not cease to give thanks for you,
remembering you in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16***

Dates for upcoming Walks and Flights...

Chrysalis Flights #75 and #76

March 28—30, 2020

Lay Directors ~ Mark & Trish Kelly @ Camp Hilltop

* Currently taking Caterpillar applications!

Men's Walk #115

April 2—5, 2020

Lay Director ~ Jeff Sutton @ Camp Lakeview

* Currently taking Pilgrim applications!

Women's Walk #116

April 16—19, 2020

Lay Director ~ Sue Putterill @ Camp Lakeview

* Currently taking Pilgrim applications!

~ Attention Chrysalis ~



Questions about the Bible? Your Life?
Need some encouragement or fellowship?
Bible Study Opportunity!

Chick-fil-A ~ Tuesdays 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Contact Pastor Brian Buterbaugh ~ 812-371-6297



* The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

You may download one at:

[Columbus IN Area Chrysalis Flight Application](#)

[Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application](#)



Community Gatherings

No December Emmaus Gathering this month

Chrysalis Rush ~ Christmas Party!

Friday December 13th, 7 pm to 10 pm

[5030 East 600 North, Columbus](#)

Emmaus January Gathering ~

Friday, January 17, 2020 7 pm to 9 pm

[Memorial Baptist Church, 2320 7th St., Columbus](#)



Spring 2020 Flight & Walk Dates

Flights #75 & #76 March 28-30

Emmaus Men's Walk #115 April 2-5

Emmaus Women's Walk #116 April 16-19



Board Meetings

Chrysalis - No Board Meeting in December

Emmaus - Saturday, December 7th. 8:30 am

[@Richard's Elevator, 1442 W 550 N., Columbus](#)



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