



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Emmaus Community Inc.

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A Note from our Community Lay Director...

This past weekend kicked off Advent season and some churches have a special Hanging of the Greens service to prepare for Christmas. The service helps to focus on the meaning of Christmas through different symbols displayed throughout the sanctuary.

As you look around homes are being adorned with lights, wreaths, Christmas trees, nativity scenes and much, much more. It is easy to get caught up in the busyness of the season, but I hope you take a moment to just reflect on the special gift you received because Jesus was born of the virgin Mary in the manger.

The Christmas trees in our homes have wrapped packages underneath for our loved ones. If you are like me, I cannot even think about putting anything under the tree until Christmas Eve because my kids will try to figure out what is in the box. It is bad enough that I get the questions; what are you getting me for Christmas? We try to keep the "secret" but sometimes they figure it out. Our hope is for them to experience the surprise when they open the gift. The Emmaus walk can sometimes be like that anticipated Christmas gift. Emmaus hopes that the participants will experience those surprises and gifts during the walk. However, we need to be careful that we do not create an obstacle because of perceived secrecy. We do not want to create barriers. When we are asked a specific question, then as a member of the Emmaus Community we should give an honest answer. Little is lost when the person encounters the love of those special surprises during the walk. No words can ever describe the full essence of the walk experience.


The lights remind me of Christ's light that shines and cannot be hidden. Another part of the walk is Candlelight. The lights shine and display the love of Christ through the Community members. Emmaus members can share the love they receive on their weekend with everyone they encounter after their walk. It is not Emmaus love, but Christ's love. Where are you shining Christ's love this season? Is there someone that needs to experience that agape love in your neighborhood? Is there someone that has no one and would love to come to your home to celebrate Christmas?

As I close this article, I want to say THANK YOU. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Community Lay Director for Columbus IN Area Emmaus. I don't know if you realize it or not, but the Emmaus board is very special. I could not have done any of this without them or Christ guiding me.

De Colores,

Kim Bieker, Community Lay Director





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

**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](#)**





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 ...

~ Farewell to our exiting board members...

Michelle Bryant ~ Secretary  
Venetia Green ~ Past Community Lay Director  
Cheryl Motosicky ~ Agape  
Debbie Raynor ~ Newsletter  
Steve Richard ~ Supplies



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...

Amanda Edwards ~ Secretary  
Peggy Ganus ~ Agape  
Deanna Glick ~ Music  
Kathy Rudolph ~ Agape  
Michelle Weintraut ~ Facilities/Transportation

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.

~ And a big Welcome to Mike Hess, our New Community Lay Director (formerly Facilities/Transportation)

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

Community Gatherings

No December Emmaus Gathering this month



Spring 2022 Flight & Walk Dates

Flights #79 & #80 March 5-7

Emmaus Men's Walk #123 March 31-April 3

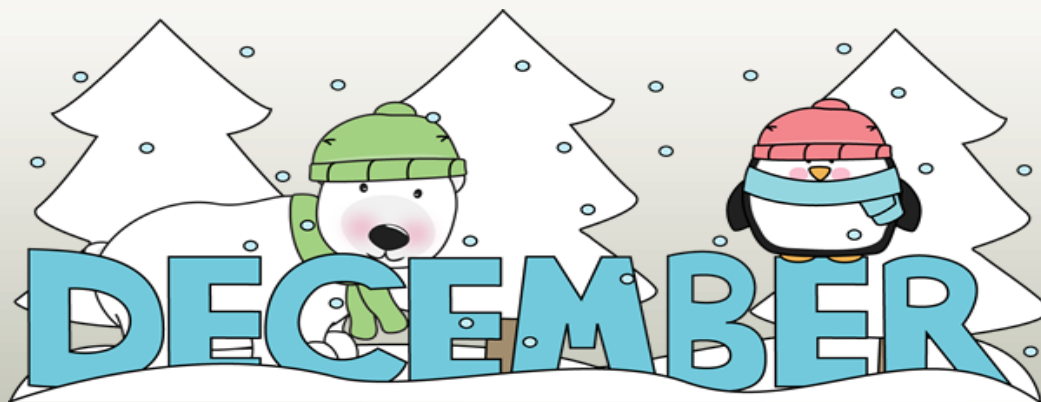
Emmaus Women's Walk #124 April 7-10

Board Meetings

Chrysalis - No Board Meeting in December

Emmaus - Saturday, December 11th, 9:00 am

Westside Community Church, 124 Tipton Lakes Blvd., Columbus



We are on  
Facebook!



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<http://www.columbusinemmaus.org/>

Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

Username: columbus password: 4thday!