

The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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From our Community Lay Director...

Dear Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we are in the last month of 2022. During my prayers, I think about the attributes of God and praise Him. As I reflect on 2022 there are so many attributes of God that have been revealed. In the spring, God was **trustworthy** as we prepared to have the Spring Walks using Karl Evans and Susan Kloke to be the Lay Directors. In his **dependable** way, he went before and prepared the way. We were able to have the Walks! Praise God! Things had returned to semi-normal, and the monthly Gatherings were starting to take off again. Then this fall, he once again showed his **mighty power** by calling Rob Motosicky and Melanie Hart to be the Lay Directors for the Fall Walks. At the closing of the Fall Walks, you could sense that God was **Almighty** with how he was transforming and revitalizing the pilgrims. Then just a couple weeks ago, we witnessed the November Gathering where the Community showed up in a big way. We shared a meal together; we praised Him through songs, and we worshipped. He is a **good, good Father!!** The Community is being renewed and strengthened. We are called to be the hands and the feet of Christ. Friends, don't stop supporting Emmaus events because when we are actively walking together with other Christians, then we are actively participating in God's mission to the world. Please continue to share the grace you have received.

There will not be a December Gathering so you can be with your family and loved ones to celebrate the birth of Christ. I hope to see you next year at the Gatherings, Walk send offs, candlelight and other events. Thank you for all of your support and prayers.

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| A - Almighty | N - Never-failing |
| B - Boundless | O - Omniscience |
| C - Compassionate | P - Patient |
| D - Dependable | Q - Quickening Spirit |
| E - Everlasting | R - Righteous |
| F - Faithful | S - Sovereign |
| G - Good | T - Trustworthy |
| H - Holy | U - Unchanging |
| I - Infinite | V - Victorious |
| J - Just Judge | W - Wise |
| K - Kind | X - X-traordinary |
| L - Loving | Y - Yahweh |
| M - Merciful | Z - Zealous |



De Colores,

Kim Bieker, Community Lay Director

From our Community Spiritual Director ...

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year”! No, I’m not writing about our upcoming Christmas celebrations. It’s that wonderful time of the year when members of our Emmaus community will be invited to serve on one of our spring Walks.

Stop and think what a great sacrifice our Team members will choose to offer on Christ’s behalf. They will be expected to clear the necessary time for meetings, Team training days, and the Walk weekend itself. These time commitments will affect their work, their family time, and their typical leisure time.

They will also be expected to pay for the privilege of serving! Team fees help cover room and board expenses for the weekend, along with the supplies they’ll need.

And finally, Team members will be expected to put others first! They will become less self-conscious of their wants, and more other-conscious. They will “humble themselves” - imitating Christ as described in Philippians 2. Their motto will be “it’s not about us”!

With such high expectation sought, and great sacrifices needed, praise God that community members still rise up each spring and fall to the challenge! Jesus keeps laying this wonderful servanthood opportunity on the hearts of His disciples, and they respond with their own “Christ is counting on me”.

If you’ve been invited to serve on a Team next spring, and have accepted the challenge, I sincerely thank you for your commitment. May you be greatly blessed, as you greatly bless others!

De Colores,

Pastor Mike Seaney,

Community Spiritual Director

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Walk Lay Directors

As Kenny Harrison and Cindy Massey are preparing for the Spring Walks, please lift them in prayer. They are responsible for assembling the Walk team, guiding the team's weeks of preparation for the Walk and directing the activities during the Walk. God has chosen both for this significant position of servant leadership through the board prayerfully selecting them. Over the next few months, they will rely on God and the prayers from you, the Emmaus community.

To be considered for a Walk Lay Director, they have served Emmaus in background roles and Conference Room roles in a variety of positions. They have both served as an Assistant Lay Director at least twice. This role requires spiritual maturing and active participation in their local church and an accountability group.

Men's Emmaus Walk #127

March 23-26, 2023
@ Camp Lakeview



Lay Director:
Kenny Harrison

Women's Emmaus Walk #128

March 30 – April 2, 2023
@ Camp Lakeview



Lay Director:
Cindy Massey

Team Service Application Guidelines

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.

Please consider the following guidelines:

If you have already thought and prayed about working on the next Walk, please fill out the form.

Prior service is not required. 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 also balance the team by church and denomination. Because of these guidelines submitting an application does not always mean you will be selected to serve.

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.

Prayerfully consider passing on the blessing and serving on team!

You will find the application on the Emmaus website columbusinemmaus.org and click on "Walk Team Application"

The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

You may download one at:

[Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application](#)

[Chrysalis Flight Application](#)

Ministry Manager – Update your information

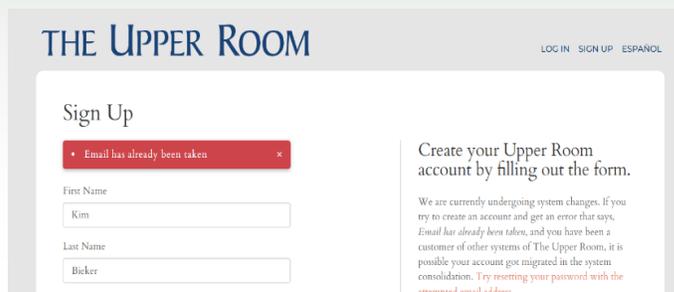


We need your help to keep your information current in the database for Emmaus. The Walk Lay Directors utilize the database to locate contact information. Please take a moment to verify your personal information in Ministry Manager.

Go to ministrymanager.upperroom.org.

If you haven't signed up with an account, then click "Sign Up". Fill in the information to create your account.

If you get an error message that indicates that "Email has already been taken", then click on "Forgot Password" to reset it.



Here are some instructions from Ministry Manager

"When you log into your Ministry Manager account, you will be directed to this page. This is your home page. Find the link in the upper right-hand corner of the page that says 'My account.' Click the 'My account' link to open your personal profile."

"When you click the 'My account' link, your personal profile information will display. Complete all personal information. Please note that the block labeled 'Phone number' must be filled in, so enter your primary phone number in that block. Please select your gender. The gender is important for sorting rosters and lists. Click the 'Clergy' block if you are a member of the clergy. You may want to add a photo to further personalize your profile. Add a photo by clicking the 'Choose file' button and selecting a photo from the photos on your computer or other electronic device." "Now click the 'Churches' tab to add your church to your personal profile. Add your church by clicking the blue 'Add a Church' link. Enter the name of your church in the search window. When you find your church, click on the church name, then click 'Add church.' The church will now appear in your list. Be aware that many churches have similar names, and some have the same name. For instance, if your church name begins with the word 'first,' there will be hundreds of options displayed until you add more words to the title to narrow the search. If your search returns multiple churches, check the city and state to be sure you select the correct church. If you cannot locate your church, or are not sure which one is correct, contact your community board of directors or data administrator." "Now click the 'Sponsors' tab to add your sponsor. To begin, click the blue 'Add a Sponsor' link. Enter the name of your sponsor in the search window. When you locate your sponsor's name, click the name, then click ADD. Your sponsor's name will now appear in your list. Be aware that if your search returns multiple names, you need to check the identifying information to help you select the correct sponsor. If you cannot locate your sponsor, contact your community board of directors or data administrator."

By Laws Amended

During our annual business meeting held on November 18, 2022, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church during the November Gathering, the proposed By Law amendment was presented to the community. The By Laws amendment carried unanimously with 105 votes tallied. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any board member.



- Section 5 Board Positions Subsection
- Remove "registration"
- Remove "web site coordinator" and change to persons responsible for "data"
- Change "newsletter" to communication coordinator
- Add "persons responsible" to supplies
- Subsection b. Remove and replace with "Board positions are determined during team selection process"
- ARTICLE V. Board Members Replace with job description reference

Greetings to the Body of Christ!

What a wonderful evening of fellowship and worship at the November 18th gathering! Welcome to all our new community members! We're so glad to have you!! Aren't we abundantly blessed?!?!?

And now.....some words regarding Agape bags.....

HELP!!! It seems that some member's Agape bags were lost last spring; specifically, we are missing bags for men who served on Walk #123. If anyone has any clue as to where they've disappeared to, please notify one of your Agape Board people listed below.

On a more positive note, many thanks to the lovely ladies who have volunteered to sew bags for the 2023 Walks! We are so grateful for the time and effort you put into this selfless act of Agape! Pilgrims will be blessed to receive the bags you've sewn for them!

New members: If you intend to serve on a Walk in the future, you'll need the Agape bag you were given on your Walk. At your time of service, the tag that was attached to your bag will be removed and your name will be permanently written on the bag.

Best wishes to you all as we enter Advent, anticipating the glorious arrival of our Savior Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas from your Agape Co-Chairs!

Peggy Ganus
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Kathy Rudolph
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Remember how meaningful Candlelight was during your walk? The board needs volunteers to set up the church in preparation for the pilgrims' arrival during each walk. We could use a few community members to commit to each walk, or maybe just Spring or Fall walks, or men's or women's walks. Please contact any board member for more information.



"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

Colossians 3:23-24



You all know that with the pandemic some things have been misplaced. We have lost some manuals for Lay Director, Music, Table Leaders, etc from the walks that were canceled. Maybe you didn't know what to do with them or you set them aside and they were forgotten. You can turn them in to any board member, bring them to camp, or bring them to the next Gathering. These have to be replaced for the next team members, and that gets expensive. So, if you have any Emmaus manuals, please turn them in ASAP! A lot of things have been misplaced. PLEASE HELP!!

God needs your gifts and talents!! We are in need of help with music, media, and sound for our Gatherings. We have MANY talented members out there in the community. So, if you are looking for a place to serve, we have just the spot for you! Don't feel like you can't do these jobs. Training is available. Please pray about this opportunity and let the Holy Spirit guide you.

Contact Deanna Glick @ glickd23@gmail.com

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Do you remember late Friday
night on your walk?



Hearing the music begin to play.

And then the clowns. Oh my, the clowns!

And the feeling of having the heart
gently pressed into your palm.

Did you feel the LOVE?

Do you want to help spread that LOVE??

We want to be able to continue to offer this sweet
experience to future pilgrims on their Walks.

If you are a clown, or if you are interested
in being a part of the Emmaus Clown Ministry,

Please contact Amy Cooley

By email: alcool999@yahoo.com

Or call or text: 812-569-5602

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

We will train you!



Community Gatherings...

NO GATHERING IN DECEMBER

Next Gathering January 20, 2023 ~ 6:30 pm

First United Methodist Church ~ 618 Eighth St., Columbus, IN 47201

Last names A-M please bring your favorite snacks and drinks to share

Men's Walk #127

March 23-26, 2023

Currently Accepting Applications

Women's Walk #128

March 30-April 2, 2023

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Chrysalis Flights #83 and #84

April 15-17, 2023

Currently Accepting Applications



Board Meetings

Chrysalis ~ Tuesday, 6th ~ 6:00 pm

The Rock, 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN

Emmaus - Saturday, December 10th ~ 9:00 am

First Baptist Church, 3300 Fairlawn Dr., Columbus, IN



We are on
Facebook!



Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

www.columbusareaemmaus.community

Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

Username: columbus password: 4thday!