



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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Hello Columbus IN Area Emmaus Community

As I am writing you this article, I am reminded that God is still in control. As we entered 2020 last year, we had no idea what was coming. We didn't expect our lives to be shuttered because of a pandemic. It was with sadness that the Spring and Fall walks for 2020 were retired due to the safety of our community members and pilgrims. However, the blessing was the Emmaus Board quickly transitioned to meeting virtually. We knew that it was vital to continue to serve our God and the local community in the midst.

God had prepared the board in advance by calling Venetia Green as the 2020 Community Lay Director. She gave the board invaluable insight that helped navigate us throughout the year. Venetia was instrumental in guiding and leading us through such a trying time. I would like to take this time to say thank you to our fearless leader, Venetia. Thank you Venetia!!!

As 2020 closed, we had to say good-bye to several members of the board who served without reservation and with great passion for Christ for the past 3 years. I would like to say thank you to Debbie Frey (Agape), Marsha Rodenberger (Sponsorship) and Brenda Stoner (Past CLD and Data). It was a pleasure to serve alongside each one of you. Your leadership and love for the Emmaus community was evident. You will be missed, but I know that it is not good-bye because we will see you continuing to serve in other ways in our community. Thank you!

The Emmaus Board welcomes the following new members. Pastor Steve Pumphrey (Community Events), Amy Cooley (Agape) and Marji Clark (Data). Welcome!

Finally, I would like to say I am looking forward to serving you this year as you 2021 Community Lay Director. I appreciate your prayers as I seek to fulfill this role and serve each one of you. I am trusting God as we continue to seek his discernment for the 2021 year! This is my prayer for myself, the board and our community.

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. " Ephesians 4:1-7

All glory and praise to God!

De Colores,

Kim Bieker, Community Lay Director



The Spring Emmaus Walks – Announcement

At the January 9th board meeting, the Columbus IN Area Emmaus Board of Directors opted to retire the Men's #119 and the Women's #120 Spring 2021 Walks due to the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are optimistic for the Fall 2021 Walks, on the calendar for the end of October. The Men's Walk #121 is planned for October 21 to 24 and the Women's Walk #122 is planned for October 28 to 31. Please continue to pray for the Lord's leading and for our community at this unprecedented and difficult time.


 Now may the God of hope
 fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
 so that you will abound in hope by the power
 of the Holy Spirit.
 Romans 15:13

~ Important Reminder ~

The board has recently revised the Walk application. You will find it posted on our website. Please discard any previous copies you may have pre-printed and use this [new form](#) going forward. This is a great time to revisit the sponsorship covenant and begin praying for your future pilgrim.

**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](#)



Attention Reunion Groups!

Our Columbus IN Area Emmaus Community is in need of new banners to display as an act of agape during our upcoming Walks. We have some very gifted and talented reunion artists with faithful hearts for the Lord! How about it? This would be a great project for your reunion group to pray about and then let your creative juices respond as the Lord leads! Need ideas? Just contact one of our Agape Board Members - Cheryl Motosicki ~ cmotosicky@columbusinemmaus.org or Amy Cooley ~ acooley@columbusinemmaus.org



Thank you SO much and **De Colores!**

Hi Emmaus Community!

If you have a golf cart that you would be willing to lend to use at our Fall Walks, we would SO like to hear from you!

Please contact Mike Hess, Transportation/Facilities ~

mhess@columbusinemmaus.org

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance;

Psalm 65:11



Greetings to each heart that reads this! When I was a child a LONG time ago in the great corn state of Iowa, my days were filled mostly with joy - my sister and I played long outside in the summer and Christmas time was filled with wonderful memories even though my family was poor. We had joy in our hearts because we loved each other. What I wouldn't give to go back in time for 5 minutes! To be honest though, every moment was not glorious and if I could go back in time, I would only pick the ones that were the best. I'm sure that is the same with you.

*My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body. **All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*** Psalm 139:15 & 16

This newly past year, 2020, was ordained for each one of us. The most wonderful thing about that fact is that the LORD was aware of everyday and He was present at every moment. He is so amazingly present that He knows details that we take for granted. *You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.* Psalm 139:2 & 3

We have His promise that He. Is. With. Us. Everywhere. *Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.* Psalm 139:7-10

He cares. He is with us. He knows our days and our walk. Encouragement in the Lord is so vital and this is what I want to close with: *When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I AM the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* John 8:12

He is our Light!

Debbie Raynor, Newsletter



Community Gatherings...

January Gathering has been cancelled

February Gathering ~ February 19th, 7 pm ~

Details to be announced



Spring Chrysalis Flights

Chrysalis Flights #77 & #78 ~ March 27 ~ 29, 2021

Fall 2021 Walks

Emmaus Men's Walk #121 ~ October 21 ~ 24, 2021

Emmaus Women's Walk #122 ~ October 28 ~ 31, 2021

Board Meetings

Chrysalis - Tuesday, January 12th, 6:00 pm

[3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN](#)

Emmaus - Held Saturday, January 9th, 9:00 am ~ via zoom



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www.columbusareaemmaus.community

Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

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