



WALK TO
EMMAUS
THE UPPER ROOM*

The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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From our Community Lay Director...

Dear Community,

I'm assuming that you read the December newsletter and may or may not have noticed the price increase in pilgrim and team fees. When I went on my walk in 2008, the pilgrim fee was \$80. In the fall of 2013, the fee was \$100 and has not been increased since.

The fee for 2024 will be \$120 for each team member and pilgrim. (There are limited scholarships available for pilgrims and we encourage each to raise a portion of the fee, if possible, through their sponsor, family, friends, or church.)

As a not-for-profit organization, we as a board strive to sustain a balanced budget. However, just breaking even isn't sufficient to replace major items when they break or become obsolete.

For instance, the electric keyboard failed at the fall women's walk and we are accepting donations to help defray costs of the replacement.

I am sure each of you have experienced the surge of costs in your own households with increased prices in food, utilities, insurance, etc. Those same increases have impacted your local Emmaus community.

I pulled a treasurer's report from 2017 to give you a comparison. After the Spring Walks (men and women) in 2017, we paid \$4,475 to Camp Lakeview and spent \$3,934 on food. Those same line items in 2023 cost \$9,088 and \$6,442 respectively.

Other costs we incur include gas for transportation, supplies for the conference room, website maintenance, liability insurance, printing, and Upper Room expenses for materials and guidebooks, just to mention a few.

You are a generous community. You donated enough Teen Study Bibles for all the students on the Chrysalis flights in 2023. In November, you gave \$650 to enable a new Emmaus community to begin its journey.

I know God will provide our needs in 2024 and beyond.

De Colores,

Dave Goodner, Community Lay Director

*giving back
to God*

*"...for everything in heaven and earth is Yours."
-1 Ch 29:11*

From our Community Spiritual Director ...

Remember in “Christmas Story” when Ralphie must try on an unwanted pink bunny outfit, and his mother says, “You’ll only wear it when Aunt Clara comes to visit.” It was one of those homemade gifts that are impossible to return.



Perhaps you recently were reminded again that receiving Christmas gifts can be frustrating. Even though you were excited by what your gift might be, another part of you was preparing how not to hurt the giver’s feelings with your honest reaction to something unwanted.

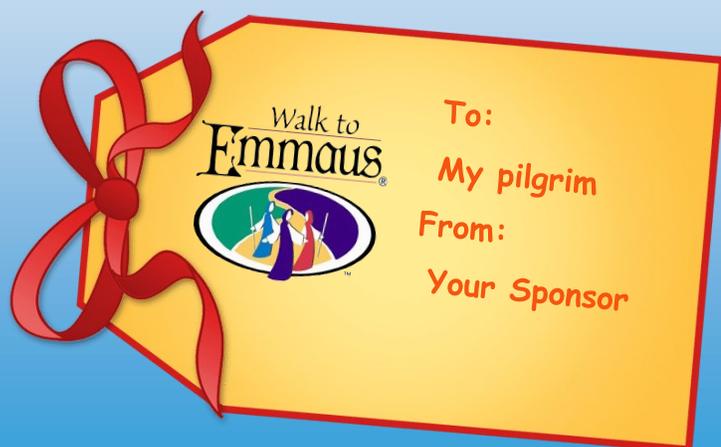
Thank goodness returns are now possible! So what gifts have you already returned? Maybe you already had that kitchen appliance or DVD you received. Maybe you received a wrong size, or prefer healthier snacks, or different candle scents.

But the gift of Jesus at Christmas is a gift none of us wants to return. God knew just what to give us! And the gift of an Emmaus weekend is much the same. God knows just what each candidate needs and will appreciate. I’ve never heard a pilgrim say at Closing that they wished they hadn’t attended, and that they wish they could return the gift for a better experience.

But an Emmaus weekend will continue to be a perfect gift as long as we remain wise sponsors. Please take note of the updated guidelines on the Sponsor’s page of the application! By nominating well-prepared candidates, we can ensure that their Walk fits in well in their spiritual journey, and they receive just what they wanted.

De Colores,

Pastor Mike Seaney
Community Spiritual Director





Your 2024 Emmaus Board



Dave Goodner—Community Lay Director

Mike Seaney - Community Spiritual Director

Amanda Edwards - Secretary

Kathy Rudolph - Agape

Peggy Ganus - Agape

Pat Franklin - Data Coordinator

Jennifer Wells - Data Coordinator

Deanna Glick - Music Coordinator

Rob Motosicky - Supplies

John Michael - Supplies

Greg Johnson - Team Selection

Michelle Weintraut - Transportation/Facilities

Sandy Perry - Treasurer

Jess Moss - Communication Coordinator

Mark Kelly - Chrysalis Community Lay Director

Cindy Massey - Ex Officio - Registrar

Mike Riley - Ex Officio - Website

The guidelines say we need to have 3 clergy and a 50/50 male/female composition on the board. We currently only have 5 males and only 1 clergy, so we are seeking male pastors to fill the openings for

- Community Events***
- 4th Day (Sponsorship/Reunion Groups)***

Please contact Greg Johnson for more information

With the New Year upon us, we take a moment to bid a fond farewell to those exiting our Columbus IN Emmaus Board ...

Kim Bieker ~ Past Community Lay Director

Amy Cooley ~ Communications Coordinator

Ashley Dieter ~ Treasurer

Your hearts have reflected the love of Christ as you have walked with Him and given of your time and talents so freely. Thank you for your years of service to the board and to our Emmaus Community.



Your 2024 Chrysalis Board

Todd Baxter - Music Board Rep

Kendall Chapple - Youth Board Rep

Ellen Clark - Board Secretary

Lora Coles - Facilities Board Rep

Jake Gilbert - Youth Board Rep

Dave Goodner - Emmaus Community Lay Director

Dale Guse - Transportation Board Rep

Linda Guse - Team Selection Board Rep

Ben Harrison - Agape Board Rep

Mark Kelly - Community Lay Director

Trish Kelly - Supplies Board Rep

Rachel Kuhlman - Youth Board Rep

Sean McAlister - Treasurer, Past Community Lay Director

Shelley McAlister - Supplies Board Rep

Rylan Shaw - Youth Board Rep

John Shoemaker - Registration Board Rep

Savannah Spurgeon - Rush Board Rep





From our Chrysalis Community Lay Director...

Thanks to the Columbus Area Emmaus and Chrysalis Community for a great 2023 from the Chrysalis Board. We are looking forward to another great year with the Youth in our area in 2024.

The Board is already planning for the next Chrysalis flights on April 20, 21 and 22. Kenny and Nichole Harrison are the Lay Directors for Flights 87 and 88, and are well along in preparing the team to serve the Caterpillars. Please keep them in your prayers along with the team and clergy.

In a recent study, we have discovered the concerning trend that nearly all the Chrysalis organizations in Indiana and surrounding areas have gone dormant. You all have supported this ministry strongly and we have witnessed first hand what God is doing through that active support. If you have youth in your life that could benefit from a weekend focused on discipleship, please consider sponsoring them. We ask your prayers for the Caterpillars God is calling and your action in sponsorship.

As a heads up, there is a new 2024 Chrysalis Caterpillar application. We have been able to hold the cost to attend the Flights for a long time, but due to the cost of food and some other materials we have come to the decision we must increase the cost for each Caterpillar to \$100 with a \$20 discount for early registration. The team fees have also been increased \$20.

I would like to share our great appreciation for the leadership provided by Sean McAlister as he exits his role as Community Lay Director and continues as Treasurer. Sean has organized us to serve the youth through some very difficult times in the last years. We appreciate his humble consistent contributions.

On behalf of the entire Chrysalis Board, I would also like to share a very special "Thank You" to Brian Buterbaugh for his extravagant service as Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director as he leaves his time of service on the board after many years. Brian's leadership and mentorship has been a consistent cornerstone of our Chrysalis community. Many of us owe our inspiration for service to teens in our communities to Brian, and I can say for me he has been a spiritual role model to be followed. We could never provide words that explain our appreciation for the years of service and mentorship given freely, so we say Thank You.

Looking forward to what God has planned for us in 2024.

Mark Kelly, incoming Chrysalis Lay Director



Meet our 2024 Spring Flight Lay Directors

Hello Community,

We are Kenny and Nichole Harrison! We have been married for 24 years this coming March and are blessed with 3 sons, all of whom have been through Chrysalis now. We went through Emmaus in 2005 on walks #57 and #58. We've had the pleasure, joy, and honor to serve back to our community through many Emmaus, Chrysalis and RECs over the years alongside some amazing brothers and sisters in Christ, God is so good! We are honored and humbled to lead the upcoming Chrysalis Flights- #87 & #88. We are especially excited to have the privilege of serving these flights as a family for the first time together. Please keep us and our teams in prayer and especially the youth that will be attending these flights. Pray with us that our flesh will fall away and only God's ways and thoughts will be shown through the many hands, feet, mouths, and hearts that will be serving the upcoming caterpillars. We only wish there was more room for more of you on team. We'd like to remind you that even if you aren't serving on team, your agape love is still desired and needed through other means such as sponsoring caterpillars, attending the sponsors hour for those caterpillars, making agape, attending the send off, attending the candlelight at Hilltop, signing the prayer chart (sign up asap), and attend the closing! We'd love to see the community pour into each of these events to the fullest and in return we trust God will bless you all back with an overflowing abundance.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

De Colores and Fly with Christ



The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

You may download one at:

[Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application](#)

[Chrysalis Flight Application](#)

Meet our 2024 Spring Walk Lay Directors

For those who don't know me, my name is Cody Mosier. My wife Jessica and I have been married over 27 years. We have four children, our sons Baylee, Layton, Hayden, and our daughter Emilee. We all attend Ogilville Christian church. I'm Very excited for the opportunity to serve as lay director for the upcoming Men's Walk 131! So grateful for all the men who have already agreed to help make this walk all God intends it to be for the pilgrims.

My Emmaus walk was one of the best experiences of my life. It completely changed the whole dynamic of my family and my walk with Christ. I am forever grateful for all the life long friends I have made through the Emmaus and Chrysalis communities, and I am looking forward to sharing the love of Christ and the Emmaus journey with others. I encourage sponsors to be praying for those you are considering sponsoring. Once God gives you the direction, get those applications in.



God bless, Cody Mosier
Walk 95 table of Andrew.



Hi, my name is Michelle Bryant and I have been chosen to serve as Lay Director for the Women's Walk #132 in March. I am very excited as well as honored to serve our Emmaus Community in this way. My husband, Chuck, and I went on our walks in April 2009 and have been active in the community ever since. I have served on several Emmaus teams as well as Chrysalis teams. Chuck and I have also served as Lay Directors for Chrysalis. We have sponsored several pilgrims and caterpillars through the years, including our own children. We have 2 adult children and one son-in-law, as well as three beautiful grandchildren, with prayers for more in the future. As I am facing this journey of preparation for the Walk, I would greatly appreciate your prayers, as life is very busy with our adult son and grandchildren living with us, as well as my full-time career as an RN-Nurse Manager.

God Bless you and thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.

Michelle Bryant, Walk #72 Table of Ruth

From our 2023 fall Women's Walk Lay Director...

On the Women's Walk #130 God was good all the time and all the time God was good. Even though Satan reared his ugly head everyday our Lord and Savior crushed him in his tracks. The weather was perfect, the pilgrims and team were awesome. I witnessed God working through and among us all on Walk #130. It was a privilege and honor to serve on this walk. I believe all pilgrims have strengthened their faith and walk with Jesus. They have their full armor on to spread the love of Jesus on their 4th days. Let me close with Romans 15:13. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

De Colores,
Susan J. Criswell
Walk #130 Table of Concern



From our registrar...

Hello community,

I hope you have had a very Merry Christmas and have enjoyed celebrating the birth of our Savior. I hope you will prayerfully consider sponsoring folks that God is leading you to.

A friendly reminder to get those completed apps to me asap as we need a minimum number of 20 by Feb 8th. The men's walk is March 7-10 and women's is March 14-17.

As always, if I can help you in anyway, please call or text me.

Your community registrar,

Cindy Massey 812-525-8954

From our Music Board rep...

We need a new keyboard, please?

We are asking for cash donations to be used for the purchase of a new one. Please contact Deanna Glick - 812-350-7048 or Dave Goodner - 812-343-3726 for more information.

Thank you so much and God bless!



Community Gatherings...

Next Gathering January 19, 2024 ~ 7 pm

The Rock Free Methodist Church at 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN

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

Men's Walk #131

March 7-10, 2024

Currently Accepting Applications until February 22nd

Need 20 by February 8th

Women's Walk #132

March 14-17, 2024

Currently Accepting Applications until February 29th

Need 20 by February 15th

Chrysalis Flights #87 and #88

April 20-22, 2024

Currently Accepting Applications



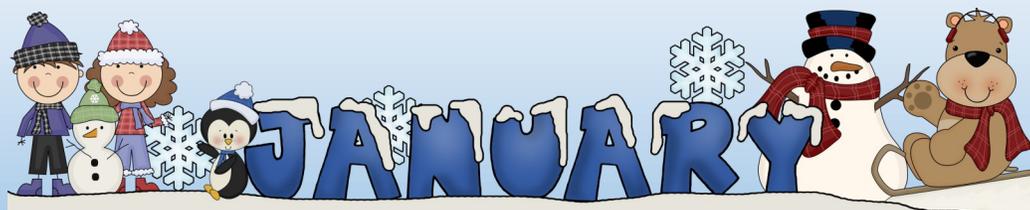
Board Meetings

Chrysalis ~ Tuesday, January 9th ~ 6:00 pm

The Rock, 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN

Emmas - Saturday, January 13th ~ 9:00 am

The Rock, 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN



We are on
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Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

www.columbusareaemmaus.community

Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

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