



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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GOD IS GOOD! EVERY DAY! IN EVERY WAY!

The two informational events that were held in Columbus and Seymour were very successful. We had several prospective pilgrims at the events and some of them have been registered for the spring walks. There will be another set of events later in the summer so watch for these opportunities to introduce someone to what the Walk to Emmaus is all about.

Spring is almost here and all of God's beauty is just about ready to come to life again. Our community has already come to life with sponsorship for the spring walks. At the writing of this letter, we are just short of a month out from the send off for the men's walk. Our last update from the registrar noted 24 women and 18 men confirmed for the spring walks. We know of more applications yet to be turned in. While it is not unusual for the women to lead the way as far as the number of pilgrims registered, it is somewhat unusual to have this many men registered this early. Thank you to all of the sponsors for your obedience to God's call in getting your pilgrim's applications in so soon.

The women have completed their training and the men will be getting started by the end of the month. I don't want to anticipate anything, but I can't wait to see what God has in store for the two weekends. Please keep praying for the teams and for the pilgrims on these two walks. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to participate in all of the walk activities coming up. The more of us that attend the send offs, candlelights and closings, the more of Jesus the pilgrims will see.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the walks.

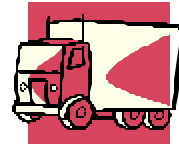
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Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Men's Walk #71	April 16 - 19, 2009
Women's Walk #72	April 23 - 26, 2009
Chrysalis Flights #33 & #34	Sept. 5 - 7, 2009
Men's Walk #73	October 22 - 25, 2009
Women's Walk #74	Oct 29 - Nov 1, 2009



Moved or Moving, Changed your Email Address?

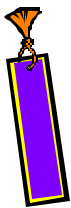


It is vital that we keep our Emmaus and Chrysalis data bases up-to-date. If you have moved, changed your email address, changed your phone number, changed your church or changed your name in the last five years, please send those changes to Tom Ganus (Emmaus) at tganus@columbusinemmaus.org or Julie Miller (Chrysalis) at jmiller@columbusinemmaus.org.

Also, if you know of any other Emmaus Community members that have moved out of state or passed away in the last five years or so, please let us know.



Agape Needed!



The Spring walks are coming and we need the Emmaus Community to step-up and provide the needed agape items for Walks 71 and 72. Donating placemats, Emmaus handicrafts, homemade agape, Bible verses, and snacks is one way you can participate in this Spring's walks. Please make 100 items for each walk. Let your light shine!

Contact Sandra Sweany (812-523-8868) or Bertha Engle (812-523-1197) if you have questions.



Agape items should be taken to the Send-Offs or given to a board member.



Former Pilgrims (both New and Old)

As Emmaus Community members, you are invited to continue your Walk to Emmaus experience by participating in future community events.



Columbus Emmaus Gatherings
Come the 3rd Friday of each month for worship, fellowship, and refreshments.
The May Gathering is at Asbury UMC and is a pitch - in dinner. Meal time is 7:00 PM. New pilgrims don't need to bring anything other than your name tag and cross. A Fourth Day meeting will be held at 6:00 PM.

Sponsorship
Encourage others to attend a Walk to Emmaus. Help others to learn about God's love and ways to serve Him.

Send-Offs, Candlelights, Closings
As community members you can participate in future walks by coming to any or all of these walk weekend events. You can buy your own candle at the next candlelight for \$5.00.

Fourth Day Meeting
Come and learn about Reunion Groups, and how to make your Fourth Days better.



Make or Supply Agape for Walks
Express yourself with some "crafty" item that helps show God's agape love for the pilgrims and team members.

Serve on an Emmaus Team
Consider volunteering to be on a future team. Training will be provided. You can serve in the conference room, kitchen, or everywhere (Agape team member).

Pray and Write
Write agape letters for pilgrims and sign-up on the walk prayer charts.

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Meet A New Emmaus Board Member

My Name: Sandra Sweany

Walk: Columbus IN #38

Table: Hannah

Church membership: First Marion Baptist

Board Position: Agape

Family Information: Married for 42 years to my High School Sweetheart, Phil. God blessed us with two wonderful sons, Toby who is single and lives in Indianapolis. Travis is married (Bobbie Sue) and they have one beautiful son Trey Ryan; he was one on March 16, and is the light of our life!

Hobbies, interests: Gardening, spending time with family and friends, music and decorating.

Personal thoughts on Emmaus and / Or serving on the board:

My personal relationship with God was strengthened so much by the walk that I wanted to feel that way **all** the time and never let it slip away. I have tried to stay active in the community and serve on Walks since my walk in 2001. Agape is a way I can return the love that so many have provided to me and others. I am looking forward to serving our God with this new position on the Emmaus Board.

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See you at the Send-Offs!

Thursday April 16th and Thursday April 23rd at 6:30 PM at
Camp Lakeview.



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April-No Emmaus Board Meeting
April-No Gathering

April Hoot

Sunday, April 19, 2009 — 2-4 pm
Sandy Hook UMC
1610 Taylor Rd., Columbus, I N

May Board Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 2009—9 am
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, I N

May Gathering and 4th Day Meeting

Pitch-in Dinner to Welcome New Pilgrims

Friday, May 15, 2009, 4th Day Meeting starts at 6 pm,
Pitch-in Dinner starts at 7 pm
Asbury UMC
1751 27th St., Columbus, I N
Childcare provided for ages 6 & under

