



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God is so good! The January gathering was great! Thank you all who attended and for those who couldn't we missed you. The next steps talk was inspiring, the sponsor skit was funny and educational, the praise music was beautiful, the communion message was meaningful, and everything else was God inspired and wonderful too.

Our 1st candlelight at CCC was great also. Thank you all who helped make it flow so well. Thank you to the folks at CCC for welcoming us so warmly. To the community thanks for being so patient and understanding as we work to make it special for the pilgrims and butterflies. I think it was fantastic and so well attended!

Our 1st closing at Garden City was great too. I want to thank the folks at Garden City who helped to make it possible. We all felt so warm and welcome there also. Again I appreciate your patience and understanding as we perfect our closing service there.

Flight 43 and 44 were great too! OK, do you see a pattern? Great gathering and team dedication, great candlelight, great closing, equals great flights!!!! We had a fantastic team serving on the flights. The new butterflies are amazing. The responses to the 2 questions were inspiring and very mature. Some of the responses were—"most amazing week-end, there was not a time when God wasn't in our thoughts, the talks were inspirational, once in a life time opportunity, learned so much, not what I let go come back in, and you can't really know God until you talk to Him". What they said they were going to do—"what God is calling me to do, sponsor mom on walk, stop talking and listen. And get others involved with Chrysalis". Wow isn't that fantastic!!! It is not too early to get youth signed up for the fall flight. Let's get an early start and fill it up.

Speaking of filling it up-it is February and the spring walks are just around the corner. We need to have applications to registrar by 4 weeks prior to the walk. That is March 22 for men and March 29th for women. So since February is 'love month'-(Valentines Day) let's show someone love by sponsoring them on a walk-as God leads you. Have a Happy Valentines Day and see you on Feb. 17th at Memorial Baptist for another great Gathering.

Fly with Christ / DeColores,
Cindy Massey

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Men's Walk #83	April 12-15, 2012
Women's Walk #84	April 19-22, 2012
Men's Walk #85	October 18-21, 2012
Women's Walk #86	October 25-28, 2012



WEATHER ALERTS



If an Emmaus event is cancelled due to severe weather, the community will be notified through the following sources:

1. Community News updates on the home page www.columbusinemmaus.org.
2. Those who have an email subscription to the newsletter will receive an email when a decision for cancellation has been made. *If you do not have a subscription, you can subscribe by going to the website home page.*
3. Local radio stations QMIX 107.3, WCSI AM 1010, WKKG 101.5, and WJCP 92.7.



The ROCK Rocks

A big THANK YOU to the good folks at the Rock for making Agape Bags.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

Upcoming Opportunity to Serve



Starting with the Fall Walks, would your church or reunion group be interested in making Agape Bags?

Helpful hints and directions are available. So if you are interested, please contact Cindy Massey at cmassey@columbusinemmaus.org.



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CONSIDER OUR CLERGY!

As we look around our congregations for those whom God might wish to send on an Emmaus Walk, have we looked at the pulpit lately? Has our Pastor been on a Walk?

If she or he hasn't been on one, have you thought about asking them? It may be true that God is not calling every Clergy to attend a Walk, just as probably not every layperson is called to do so either. But be aware that Clergy tend to have some unique obstacles to going on a Walk. So the following CLERGY acrostic may help you prepare for inviting your Pastor on a Walk (these ideas were presented at our January Gathering).

C – Cost can be an obstacle, so be upfront about the \$100 Walk fees, & perhaps offer to subsidize that cost (or join several friends to cover the entire cost).

L – Leading Worship each week is so vital to a church and Pastor. But perhaps you & some others can take on those many responsibilities. The preaching time could then be used as a testimony time about your experiences on your own Walk.

E – Emergencies are always a concern, so again choose to have several persons prepared to respond to those if they arise during the weekend. While the Pastor's away, be the Church!

R – “Really don't need to go” is sometimes heard by our spiritual leaders. But describe the experience not as a need as much as it can be God's gift to him or her. Have them consider the relief & enjoyment of leaving behind their pastoral role for a few days.

G – Getting flack from other church leadership about the Pastor attending a Walk can occur. Perhaps you can describe this experience to your church leaders as an opportunity for their Pastor to be spiritually renewed, which will make her or him a stronger Pastor afterwards.

Y – “Younger Pastors would benefit more from this experience” can be another objection. Just reassure him or her that the Walk is not a grueling experience where personal needs are ignored. But in fact, reassure them that their needs will be met well, even to the point of being spoiled!

Please keep in mind that Clergy can be a suspicious lot. They may assume that this “gift” of an Emmaus Walk will come with strings attached, in terms of new tasks for them to now include in their busy schedule.

Of course it may be exciting to think that our Pastor will attend a Walk and then get involved in Gatherings and serve on teams. But not all Clergy will be led to respond that way, and that should be OK with their sponsors! The reason we invite Clergy (and anyone) on a Walk is for them to spend 3 days journeying with Jesus, and then be led by God into their Fourth Days. If our Clergy then choose to invest their time and energy in the Emmaus movement, that's a wonderful bonus! We can always be blessed with the involvement of more Clergy, but we want those Clergy involved whom God has called and equipped for this type of ministry.

So if your Pastor has not been on a Walk, consider making that request. But prepare to remove these obstacles so they can respond to your invitation as God directs them.

Pastor Mike Seaney & Marlene Vandevander



Musicians Needed

Has God gifted you with musical abilities? Are you interested in using those musical abilities to serve Him? Music is a key element of the Emmaus Community. In addition to the music teams for the Spring and Fall Walks, there are nine (9) Gatherings throughout the year for which a music team is assembled. That's a lot of opportunities! **We are interested in creating a database of musicians in the Columbus IN Emmaus community.** We want to get as many folks involved as possible. If you sing or play an instrument (or both) and are interested in sharing your musical gifts with God and the Emmaus community, please contact Kevin Drerup at **812.375.1722** or **kdrerup@columbusinemmaus.org**.



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Contact Chris Bradley at cbradley@columbusinemmaus.org if you would like to **Go Paperless**.

Thank You!

Thank you to our Emmaus and Chrysalis family for your prayers and support during Connie's surgery and recovery. Connie is doing much better. We praise God for answering your prayers. You are all very special to us.

Brian and Connie Buterbaugh

Board Members Needed for Chrysalis



The Columbus Indiana Chrysalis Board is in need of 3 more people to serve on the board.

Please contact Brian Buterbaugh at bbuterbaugh@columbusinemmaus.org if you are willing to serve on the Chrysalis Board.

Meet a New Board Member

Name: Lewis Wright

Walk: Humboldt Redwood Cursillo #35

Church membership: Central Christian Church in Seymour

Board Position: Newsletter

Family information: Married to Karen for 31 years with 3 adult children (Karis, Luke & Kavan), 1 granddaughter (Avery) and 1 grandson on the way.

Hobbies/Interests: kayaking, mountain biking, skiing, hiking, family time & conversation.

Personal thoughts: Because my Emmaus-like experience began in Northern California, I am excited about the opportunity to get to know and serve with so many Christ followers here in the Columbus Area Emmaus Community. Please introduce yourself to me.



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February Hoot Rally & Gathering

Friday, February 17, 2012

6 pm - Hoot Rally

7 pm - Gathering

Memorial Baptist

2320 7th St., Columbus, IN
A-M bring snacks and drinks

February Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2012—6pm

The Rock

3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

February Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday, February 11, 2012—9 am

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