



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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Greetings fellow Emmaus family,

I will be serving as your community lay director for 2011. I am very honored and humbled by this opportunity to serve our Awesome God. I attend Community Church of Columbus. I live and work in Columbus.

What does Emmaus mean to me? I believe it is an excellent tool God has provided us to bring people closer to Him and to help them serve in their local church. It is a wonderful way to give back or pay forward for others to enjoy the wonderful gift of the Emmaus Walk that we received. I enjoy the praise and worship and the renewing we receive at the gatherings. I love to be blessed to be a blessing as we serve on walks. I believe it is a great opportunity to serve God in many different ways. I believe in the foundation of Emmaus and what it stands for.

What am I going to do? I am going to continue to pray and ask God for guidance and wisdom to do the best job I can in this position. I will also be asking Him who I can sponsor to go on a walk. I will be available to my Emmaus community to help in any way I can. Let us make this a great year for Columbus Area Emmaus- ultimately for our Lord and Savior.

See you at the January 7th gathering , DeColores.

Love,
Cindy Massey

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

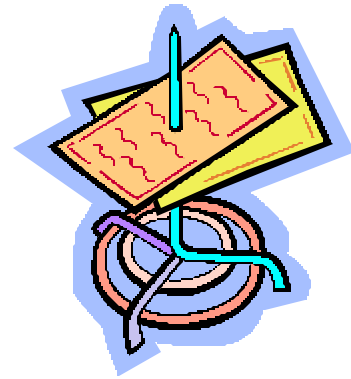
Chrysalis Flights # 39 # 40	January 15-17, 2011
Men's Walk #79	March 31- April 3, 2011
Women's Walk #80	April 7-10, 2011
Men's Walk #81	October 20-23, 2011
Women's Walk #82	October 27-30, 2011



A Note from A.C.

From your Outgoing Lay Director:

Another year has passed us by and we are looking at calendars with 2011 at the top. I hope that 2010 was all that you had hoped it would be. I have been honored to serve as your Community LD and look forward to continuing on your Board another year.



This has been an interesting year for me. I happened to be placed in a position to be involved in the founding of the Columbus Area Emmaus Community and was blessed to have signed the first contract with the Upper Room, creating our Community. I enjoyed getting this Community “off the ground”, but have equally enjoyed seeing it grow and mature, and to just be a servant in the background. God, and some of you, decided it was time for me to get out of that “background” for another term. Some of you have referred to “recycling the old dogs”. Hmmm. At one point, I could identify everyone in our Emmaus by name. Now, with approx. 2500 Emmaus households (and older age??), I often find it difficult to remember names and faces.

The Walk to Emmaus has been a blessing to many of us in our respective families, churches and communities. In Fall 2010, we faced the difficult decision to retire the men’s walk due to insufficient Pilgrims. But as we begin 2011, now is the time to read (or re-read) what it takes to be a “proper” sponsor. Pray about the folks God places on your heart to approach about going on a Walk. Then, approach both spouses at the same time and present the Walk and what it has meant to you and offer them applications. Keep on praying and if it is God’s will for them to accept your sponsorship, get the paperwork in process. If we all approach this, we can have full walks. Also, pray for the teams that are being formed now for Spring walks, and those that will be formed later this year for Fall walks. And, continue praying for your Board, that we will guide our Emmaus Community according to God’s plans for this area. There are several items on the Board agenda to help our Community follow the guidelines established for the Walk to Emmaus. Watch for updates in your newsletter.

Thank you again for your prayers and support this past year, and help me welcome Cindy Massey into the LD’s role for 2011. May we all be a blessing to one another as we continue on our Fourth Days! Will we see you at the next Gatherings January 07 or February 18?? Blessings to you this year.

De Colores,

A.C.

It Is All About Sponsorship

Rev. Mike Seaney and Pastor Jim Hoppus, for the next several months, will be answering some questions about good sponsorship.

Question: How many pilgrims can I sponsor for a particular Walk?

Answer: Our sponsorship guidelines do not give us a maximum number of pilgrims that one can sponsor for a particular walk. But those guidelines do suggest a wise number-1!

Sponsoring only one person seems to be the wisest decision based upon these responsibilities that each sponsor has:

1. Sponsors are to take their pilgrims to Send-Off. Transporting more than one pilgrim (with luggage), who may not live near each other may create a logistical problem for the sponsor.
2. Sponsors are to introduce their pilgrim to others at the Send-Off. It may prove difficult for a sponsor to corral several pilgrims together to make effective introductions.
3. Sponsors are encouraged to do something special and helpful for the spouse of a pilgrim while they're at the walk. But a sponsor probably cannot be a true blessing to several households during the same weekend.
4. Sponsors are to return their pilgrim home after the Closing. The potential logistical problem of #1 applies here too.
5. Sponsors are to take their pilgrim to the 4th Day meeting and pitch-in gathering. If both spouses are attending, the sponsor may need to rent a bus (just kidding!). But seriously, if you cannot transport your pilgrim (and spouse?, and children?) for that evening, they may not come on their own and may not then get quickly "connected" to the Emmaus and Chrysalis communities.

So the wisest decision may be to concentrate on serving just one pilgrim per Walk as their sponsor! Give that person and their family your full attention and support. Show them that they are special and unique in your eyes (as they are in God's eyes), and you'll give them a great example of what good sponsorship is all about!

Final Nominee

We want to announce our newest Emmaus Board member nominee. Marlene VanDevander has agreed to serve on the board from 2011 through 2013 pending her election at the January Gathering. Encourage, support and pray for all board members—both new and returning.



Congregational Representatives Are Needed

The Columbus Emmaus Board is developing a Congregational Representative database. This will be a list of Emmaus Community members who are willing to be contact persons for their own congregation, acting as coordinators between their church and Emmaus. Thus far, we have representatives for the following congregations:

Asbury UMC Columbus
 Brownstown Nazarene
 Community Church of Columbus
 Edinburgh UMC
 First Baptist Columbus
 First Christian Columbus
 Garden City C of C Columbus
 Jesus Metro Christian Indy

Kimberlin Creek Baptist
 Memorial Baptist Columbus
 New Chapel UMC Scottsburg
 Parkview Nazarene Nashville
 Petersville UMC Columbus
 Sandy Hook UMC Columbus
 St Peter's Lutheran Columbus
 Scipio UMC
 Westside Community Columbus

We need persons from Congregations not listed here. Time commitment should be minimal. If you can help, please contact one of the Board members. A list of Board Members can be found on the community website at www.columbusinemmaus.org.

It Is Time to Pay

If you are receiving this newsletter via USPS, it is time to consider your annual donation to cover the cost of printing and postage. It costs the community over \$9.00 per newsletter per year to print and mail. Please send a donation to the treasurer at **COLUMBUS INDIANA AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY, INC., P.O. Box 2184, Columbus, IN 47202-2184** or pay by **PayPal** or credit card on the Columbus Emmaus website, www.columbusinemmaus.org. Your donation is critical to the continuation of this newsletter.



Important Walk Criteria Adopted

In the December Board meeting, the Columbus Area Emmaus Board adopted criteria for future walks. In an effort to address issues where a walk may need to be cancelled, certain steps will be followed. Beginning no later than six (6) weeks prior to a walk date, the Community Lay Director, Community Spiritual Director, and the Community Registrar will review all applications that have been received. These persons will review the number of applications received, the rate at which applications are continuing to be received, and the likelihood of pilgrims attending that walk. At four (4) weeks, if numbers indicate that a minimum of 20 pilgrims has not been attained, the CLD, CSD and CR will come to a **consensus to cancel that walk**.

There are many supporting reasons for not attempting a walk without a sufficient number of pilgrims. We all want to conduct walks with the maximum number of persons possible so pilgrims may be exposed to this often life changing experience. To be an effective sponsor takes time and commitment. But we as a board also have pledged to follow the Upper Room Emmaus guidelines. Bottom line is, don't wait to pray about, approach, explain and present applications in order to sign up your pilgrims.

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.



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January Gathering—NOTE SPECIAL TIME

Friday, January 7, 2011—7 pm
Sandy Hook United Methodist Church
1610 Taylor Rd., Columbus, IN
A-M bring snacks

January Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2011—6 pm
Memorial Baptist Church
2320 7th St., Columbus, IN

January Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday, January 8, 2011—9 am
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

January Hoot Rally

Sunday, January 23, 2011 — 2-4 pm
Location TBD-check website

February Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 1, 2011—6 pm
Memorial Baptist Church
2320 7th St., Columbus, IN

