



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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## Letter to the Community:

Dear Community;

I would like to take this time to wish all of our Emmaus Community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It seems like yesterday when I was writing my first letter to the community as your Community Lay Director. Where has the year gone? It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Community Lay Director. Emmaus has been such a big part of our lives over the past fifteen years. Janie and I have been blessed to serve on both Emmaus and Chrysalis teams and work with so many wonderful people.

I would like to thank the Emmaus board for giving me this opportunity and thank the Emmaus community for all the support that has been given to me in 2014 as your Community Lay Director. God has been so good to me and it is through His leading that I have tried to do my best to insure that our Emmaus Community continues to grow and lives continue to be changed through the Walk to Emmaus.

I want to thank those individuals who our going off the board after serving their three year commitment. I have been truly bless to serve with you on the board. Thank You for your service to our Emmaus Community and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am excited to see what God is going to do in 2015 through our Emmaus Community. We have women and men who are dedicated to the Lord and our Emmaus community serving on the board in 2015. Mary Miles will be our Community Lay Director for 2015 and she will be a great leader with a servant's heart. Please lift the board and Mary up in prayer as they lead our community.

Now is the time to start thinking about who you could sponsor for the Walks in 2015. Let's make 2015 a great year by filling all four Walks with the maximum number of Pilgrims on each walk.

Let Us Come and Worship the One True God.

Mike Hien,  
Community Lay Director

## Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

<b>Chrysalis Flights #55 &amp; #56</b>	<b>February 28 - March 2 2015</b>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>February 20</b>
<b>Men's Walk #95</b>	<b>April 9 - 12 2015</b>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>March 9</b>
<b>Women's Walk #96</b>	<b>April 16 - 19 2015</b>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>March 16</b>



## Got Talent?

### **Do you have a special skill or passion for service to share in the Emmaus Community?**

We are trying to update our lists of volunteers to better utilize talent in our Community. Maybe you are new to the community or you haven't been active recently, but would like to re-engage in the ministry of revitalizing and growing those Christian leaders who come on the Walks. Please let me know if you want to share you talent or skill in any of these areas:

- Photography for Walk pictures
- Play a musical instrument
- Sing
- Cook tasty snacks for "send off"
- Walk site set-up/tear-down
- Plan meals for 90-100 at the Walk
- Operate computer for the Walk
- Make agape
- Update community records
- Write names on Agape bags
- Sew Agape bags
- Make necklaces for the crosses
- Get prayer charts filled
- Other ways of serving I forgot to mention

If you feel called to serve on a Walk team, please complete the online "Teams Service Application" form on [www.columbusinemmaus.org](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org). E-mail or mail it to me.

Please send me your information, desired area of service and/or information sheet for working or supporting the Walks along with your name, phone number and e-mail address to [dboyer@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:dboyer@columbusinemmaus.org) I will be glad to share your talents and desires with the board member responsible for that area.

It is also important that if you have changed phone numbers, e-mail address, or discontinued your home phone that you let us know! The Lay Directors in recent years have struggled to reach potential team members because of inaccurate information. Team selection meetings are in process and we need your information!

Remember, it takes the entire Emmaus Community working together to carry out God's plans for the Walks.

Thanks for your help and service!  
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## CHANGE OF INFORMATION

If your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address has changed, then please let us know. Email your change to [addresschange@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:addresschange@columbusinemmaus.org) or contact any Board member.



**Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.**  
[www.columbusinemmaus.org](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org)

**Emmaus Information Page (for community members):**  
[www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members)

**User name:** columbusemmaus      **password:** 4thday

## BE A PRAYER PARTNER

We need at least 20 Pilgrims signed up 1 month prior to the start of the Walks. Prayer Partners will pray for a specific Pilgrim now and through the end of the Walk. Walk to Emmaus is an instrument of God's Grace, which needs to be covered with our prayers.

1 John 5:14-15 reminds us that *this is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.* God assures us that He will respond when we ask. So Prayer Partners will pray boldly, expecting the Lord to answer with the Pilgrims He desires for the next Walks.

**Prayer Partners agree to pray for a specific Pilgrim and his/her Sponsor.**

**Here are some of the ways we can pray for them:**

- Pray for a committed Sponsor to prayerfully consider his or her role as a sponsor.
- Pray for the Pilgrim to be informed about the walk, who will pray & register for the Walk.
- Pray for the Sponsor as he or she begins the work of sponsorship.
- Pray for the Sponsor to have a clear understanding Emmaus and who it is designed for.
- Pray for the Sponsor's health, family, and work.
- Pray that the Sponsor's time so that they can be effective as a sponsor.
- Pray for God's blessing on the Sponsor throughout the process.
- Pray that the Pilgrim is receptive to attending the Walk.
- Pray for the Pilgrim's family.
- Pray that the Sponsor will be able to collect Agape Letters from family and friends.
- Pray that the Pilgrim's family supports their attendance and their questions are answered.
- Pray for any anxiety, fears, apprehensions the Pilgrim might have.
- Pray for flexibility in the Pilgrim's work schedule.
- Pray the Pilgrim's heart will be open to what the Lord has prepared for them to receive.
- Pray for God's strength during trials & attacks from Satan that the Pilgrim may encounter.
- Pray for the team as God prepares them for the Walk & to meet the needs of this Pilgrim.

Being a Prayer Partner does not replace the 72 hour Prayer Chart that is part of the Emmaus Experience. This is an early act of **AGAPE** to help identify and prepare specific Pilgrims that the Lord would have attend the upcoming Walks. To sign up as a prayer partner, please email [info@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:info@columbusinemmaus.org). Or you may contact a board member for more information.

**SERVE  
ON A  
WALK**

**Return Team Service Application form on website to:**

Columbus Area Emmaus Community  
Team Selection  
PO Box 2184  
Columbus, IN 47202-2184

## SEVERE WEATHER ALERT

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](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org).
2. E-mail alert for those who have an email subscription to the newsletter.
3. Local radio stations QMIX 107.3, WCSI AM 1010, WKKG 101.5, and WJCP 92.7

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[www.columbusinemmaus.org](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org)



[www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)

**January Community Gathering - 7pm**

Friday, January 16, 2015

Sandy Hook United Methodist Church  
1610 Taylor Road, Columbus, IN

**M-Z bring snacks and drinks**

**Future Community Gatherings**

**February 20** — Central Christian Church, Seymour

**March 20** — First Christian Church, Columbus

**April** — No Gathering

**Board Meetings at The Rock**

3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

**Chrysalis** - Tuesday, January 6 at 6:00 pm

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**Emmaus** - Saturday, January 10 at 9:00 am

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