



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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Letter to the Community:

Dear Emmaus and Chrysalis,

Happy Independence Day! As our Community moves into July there are a lot of things going on behind the scenes as we prepare for the upcoming Flights and Walks. Please pray for our Lay Directors: Emma and Evan Guse, Chrysalis Flights 57 and 58; Mark Kelly, Men's Walk #97; and Debbie Frey, Women's Walk #98 as they work on calling the teams the Lord is preparing.

If you would like to serve on one of the Flights or Walks there is a link on the web page for a Service Application form that you can fill out and send to the respective Team Selection board person. (A big THANK YOU to Mike Riley for redesigning our Web Page!)

The Emmaus Board would like to welcome some new board members who will fill 2015 vacancies on the board: Phil Newton for Sponsorship and Reunion Groups; Dave Goodner and Carl Weichman for Supplies. We appreciate their willingness to step in and provide leadership for the community.

If you were not able to attend the June Gathering and would like to sign up to be a Prayer Partner for the Men's or Women's walk, then email me at mmiles@columbusinemmaus.org and I'll get you signed up. We still have plenty of openings available.

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Mary Miles
Emmaus Community Lay Director

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

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| Chrysalis Flights #57 & #58 Application Deadline | September 5-7 2015 August 28 |
| Men's Walk #97 Application Deadline | October 15-18 2015 September 15 |
| Women's Walk #98 Application Deadline | October 22-25 2015 September 22 |



Newsletter Goes Completely Digital in August!!

The Emmaus Board has decided to suspend mailing paper copies of the newsletter, beginning with the August newsletter. The newsletter is on our website and a monthly email link will let you know when it is available for viewing. **You may still obtain a paper copy of the newsletters at each of the monthly Gatherings.**

Costs for the Walks/Flights continue to rise, so it is our hope that the savings in postage and printing will enable us to keep the team and pilgrim/caterpillar fees down. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

2016 Board Nominations

Board members meet monthly and serve 3 year terms in one of the following areas:

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| Transportation & Facilities | Treasurer | Music |
| Community Events | Team Selection | Agape |
| Technology & Website | Data Coordinator | Secretary |
| Sponsorship & Reunion Groups | Newsletter | Supplies |

Contact Diana Boyer at 812-344-1040 or dboyer@columbusinemmaus.org with your nomination. You may also contact any of the board members listed on our website.

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 or contact any Board member.



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www.columbusinemmaus.org

Emmaus Information Page (for community members):
www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members
User name: columbusemmaus **password:** 4thday

SPONSORSHIP (Part 1)

I would like to encourage you in your role and responsibilities as a Sponsor. Sponsorship plays a critical role in “Walk to Emmaus”. The guidelines below will help provide you with a meaningful and worry-free weekend for your Pilgrim and his/her family. Most of these guidelines come from the “Day Four” book and the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus. However, many are from the combined experiences we have had as a Community.

Please review these guidelines, but most importantly pray that God shows you who He wants you to Sponsor. Without Pilgrims or Caterpillars, there can be no Walks to Emmaus or Chrysalis Flights.

Sponsor Information

Who Can Sponsor a Pilgrim?

- Anyone who has attended an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight may sponsor a Pilgrim.
- The Sponsor must be an active member of a Christian church.
- It is important for the Sponsor to be active in a 4th Day Reunion or Community Group.
- In most cases the Sponsor should not serve as a team member on Walks with persons they sponsor. Many have done it, but it can compromise your ability to serve the Pilgrim and her/his family properly.

Who should we Sponsor?

- The purpose of Emmaus is to strengthen leadership within the local church. Emmaus is NOT about sending your family, friends, and fellow church members to “FIX” a problem or to create a “miraculous” change in them. No one ‘NEEDS’ to go. Not everyone ‘SHOULD’ go.
- A person should go on their Walk in God’s time, not yours.
- Prospective Pilgrims should already exhibit leadership qualities. “First, the prospective Pilgrim should already be on a pilgrimage, willing to grow and move forward in his or her journey of faith. Second, the person should have a Christian orientation – a desire to know Christ more personally. The Pilgrim knows God can make, and has made, a difference in their life, but they know there is more. Third, the prospective Pilgrim is not so consumed by other situations that he or she won’t be able to give full attention to the Walk and follow-up activities.
- Praying for the prospective pilgrim is an important part of the process. “Prayer should be focused on how this person can become a more vitally alive Christian in helping bring God’s kingdom into his or her natural environments rather than on how you can get this person to attend a weekend.” (From Day Four)
- It is recommended that you sponsor only one Pilgrim at a time and never more than 2. When you divide your time among several Pilgrims, none receives full benefit of your sponsorship. Ask someone else in the Community to sponsor your 2nd candidate. Register both Pilgrims for the same Walk, if possible.
- Please let the Walk Leadership know if your Pilgrim has special needs. They are eager to help ensure that your Pilgrim is comfortable and worry-free throughout the Walk. Note special needs (special diet, lifesaving medications, transportation between buildings, visually impaired, etc.) on the Walk application. You may also discuss the Pilgrim’s needs with the Walk Lay Director. She/he will be grateful for the opportunity to plan accommodations in advance. Remind the Registrar of your Pilgrims’ needs at Thursday night’s check-in as well.

Our hope is that this information will be helpful to those who have never sponsored a Pilgrim as well as serve as a “refresher” for those who have. Most importantly, I pray that God will use it to encourage all of us towards fruitful sponsorship this Fall.

This is the first article of a series to help you begin the Sponsorship journey well. Future articles will discuss how to get your Pilgrim registered and what to do 4-6 weeks before the Walk; 3 weeks before the Walk; 2 weeks before the Walk; and the week of the Walk. Stay “tuned in” for more to come in future newsletters.

De Colores,

Phil Newton, Sponsorship and Reunion Groups

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July Community Gathering - 7 pm

Friday, July 17, 2015

Cornerstone Community Church

1088 Sarasota Dr., Seymour IN
M-Z bring snacks and drinks

Future Community Gatherings

Aug 21 - First Baptist Church (Columbus)

Sept 18 - Trinity United Methodist (Seymour)

Nov 20 - St. Peter's Lutheran (Columbus)

Board Meetings @ The Rock

3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

Chrysalis - Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30 pm

Chrysalis - Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 pm

Emmaus - Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 am

Emmaus - Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 am