

The Emmaus News

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Inc.

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From our Community Lay Director...

Good-bye winter! Hello Spring! I am so glad to welcome spring to Indiana while holding my breath we don't get another snow. As soon as I see plants breaking through the ground and blossoms on trees, I know it's about time for Spring Walks.

It was reassuring to hear the teams being formed, the walks filling up, practices being held and the air of anticipation blooming in the Columbus community. I made it to send-off despite the rain, and witnessed the expressions of anticipation, excitement, and some anxiety on the faces of the pilgrims.

Agape love was already in bloom as pilgrims were welcomed and led through the steps of send-off to begin the 127th walk to Emmaus. I know there were a lot of seeds being sowed, watered and cultivated last week-end. It was a blessing to hear all about it at closing Sunday.

Then we got to watch it all unfold again this weekend as the women met for walk 128. While the structure is the same for each walk, the teams and pilgrims are different, therefore we always expect something new and refreshing. We definitely saw this as we listened to the women tell us about their experience at closing. Thank you to all who took part in this Spring tradition.

De Colores,

Dave Goodner, Community Lay Director



hello
Spring



From our Community Spiritual Director ...



The upcoming season of Easter can be a wonderful time for families to gather together. Perhaps there will be a search for Easter eggs, that symbol of life that emerges from its "tomb". Perhaps our families will enjoy the sweetness of the greatest Holy Day in the Christian calendar (including good food and candies). In all of its activities, it's a time to celebrate Jesus' triumph over the grave!

This is also a month in which our Emmaus community gets to welcome about 6 dozen new members into our family! For some of them, they arrived at Camp in their own defensive "shells". Perhaps they were burdened by guilt over the past. Perhaps they had been trying to be just a respectable Christian. Perhaps they were hesitant of accepting new opportunities to grow and serve.



Whatever might have been trapping them inside their "shells", the time of "Closing" may have been their moment of finally breaking out of that shell! Suddenly they could celebrate with us that sweet freedom to live the new life of their 4th Days. Jesus had triumphed in their lives as well!

So let the even larger Emmaus family gather on the 21st, that we might celebrate God's miraculous grace, and encourage one another to live in that grace each of our 4th days.

De Colores,

Pastor Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director



*A lot can happen
in just 3 days*



From our Chrysalis Community Lay Director..

Dear Community -

We are excited about our upcoming Chrysalis flights. We have several applications in hand already, but have plenty of room for more to join the fun! The \$20 fee discount ends Friday, March 31st. At this time, you will need to contact our registrar John Shoemaker (812-340-3188) by text or phone to receive the discount. We will continue to receive applications up until the flight. Applications are available on the Columbus IN Emmaus website.

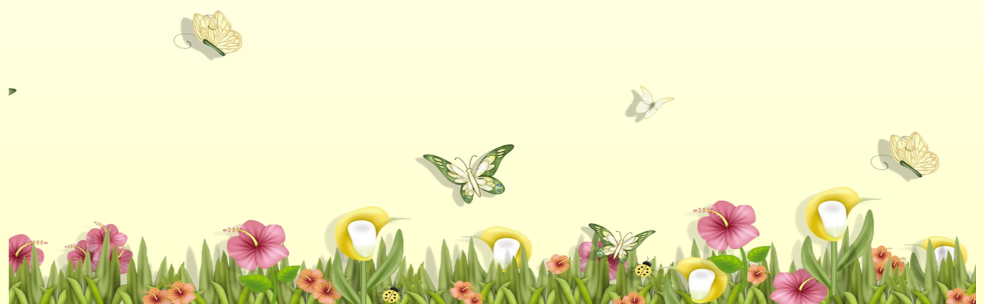
The team has been trained and we are making preparations for a beautiful, Christ-filled weekend. We are so very grateful to the Emmaus Community for their generous donation at last fall's gathering for Bibles for our youth. We know that we will be equally blessed by your generosity again at the upcoming April Gathering. Thanks to your financial support, each caterpillar will receive a hardbound Life Application Bible following the talk on Study. A nameplate crediting the Emmaus Community is inside each Bible. If you feel led to donate towards this, please contact Sean McAlister at (812-371-4322).

Candlelight will be held on April 16th at 8 pm at Camp Hilltop. Weather permitting candlelight will be held outdoors, with a contingency location indoors. We look forward to celebrating our youth with all of you.

As always, agape and prayers are appreciated. Please remember Cody and Jessica Mosier as Lay Directors.

Fly with Christ!

Sean McAlister





Ministry Manager



A few years ago, the Upper Room changed their software system to Ministry Manager. Our local community, Columbus IN Area Emmaus, uses Ministry Manager to collect and record information about the Emmaus Walks. The other reason is to help Walk Lay Directors form teams to serve on the walks. We are reaching out to YOU to help us make sure your information in the Ministry Manager is current and up to date.

At the next Gathering, we will have some laptops that can be used to update your profile if you need some additional help navigating Ministry Manager.

However, you don't have to wait until the next Gathering to update your profile. You can use the instructions below to update your profile at home.

Go to <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org/>

***Please note that you must have your own personal email address. You cannot share it with another member such as a spouse.

“When you log into your Ministry Manager account, you will be directed to this page. This is your home page. Find the link in the upper right-hand corner of the page that says ‘My account.’ Click the ‘My account’ link to open your personal profile.”

“When you click the ‘My account’ link, your personal profile information will display. Complete all personal information. Please note that the block labeled ‘Phone number’ must be filled in, so enter your primary phone number in that block. Please select your gender. The gender is important for sorting rosters and lists. Click the ‘Clergy’ block if you are a member of the clergy. You may want to add a photo to further personalize your profile. Add a photo by clicking the ‘Choose file’ button and selecting a photo from the photos on your computer or other electronic device.”

“Now click the ‘Churches’ tab to add your church to your personal profile. Add your church by clicking the blue ‘Add a Church’ link. Enter the name of your church in the search window. When you find your church, click on the church name, then click ‘Add church.’ The church will now appear in your list. Be aware that many churches have similar names, and some have the same name. For instance, if your church name begins with the word ‘first,’ there will be hundreds of options displayed until you add more words to the title to narrow the search. If your search returns multiple churches, check the city and state to be sure you select the correct church. If you cannot locate your church, or are not sure which one is correct, contact your community board of directors or data administrator.”

“Now click the ‘Sponsors’ tab to add your sponsor. To begin, click the blue ‘Add a Sponsor’ link. Enter the name of your sponsor in the search window. When you locate your sponsor’s name, click the name, then click ADD. Your sponsor’s name will now appear in your list. Be aware that if your search returns multiple names, you need to check the identifying information to help you select the correct sponsor. If you cannot locate your sponsor, contact your community board of directors or data administrator.”

The Data Coordinators will have work stations set up at the next Gathering for members to update their information in Ministry Manager on the website .

Special Offering April 21:
 The offering at the April Gathering will be designated to purchase Teen Study Bibles for the Chrysalis participants. Often, teens who have no personal Bibles attend. We do not want any teen to go home after a flight without a Bible. It has been our practice to purchase hard-cover Teen Study Bibles for the past few flights, and we want to continue this practice. Please give generously. The entire offering will be used for Bibles. Thank you for giving.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with set up before the walks and those who helped with tear down after the walks.

We appreciate you!!



♥♥♥♥♥
 Thank you to everyone who has reached out and expressed interest in learning the clown skit for our walks.
 We will be setting up training soon after the walks are completed. If you are interested in training, please contact Amy Cooley at 812-569-5602 (Call or text) or email alcool999@yahoo.com
 If any previous or current clowns would like to participate or help with training in any way, please contact Amy. Please help us so that we can continue with this very special time at our walks.
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You are invited!

We will be welcoming our newest

Community members at the

April Gathering

Friday, April 21st

6:30 to 9 pm

Central Christian Church

1434 W. 2nd St, Seymour, IN 47274

5:30 pm ~ 4th Day meeting begins

6:30 pm ~ Pitch-in Dinner

7:30 pm ~ Praise and Worship

To our newest members, please come and enjoy. Just bring yourselves and your family.

Community Members

please bring 1-2 of your favorite

dishes or drinks to share.



Community Gatherings...

April Gathering ~Friday, April 21st at 6:30 pm

Central Christian Church, 1434 W. 2nd St, Seymour, IN 47274

4th day meeting one hour before Gathering at 5:30 pm

Please bring a dish or two for Pitch-in dinner. Pilgrims just bring yourselves

Chrysalis Flights #83 & #84

April 15-17, 2023

Men's Walk #129

October 26-29, 2023

Women's Walk #130

November 2-5, 2023



Happy Easter

Board Meetings

Chrysalis-Tuesday, April 4th, 6 pm The Rock, 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN

Emmaus-Saturday, April 15th, 9 am The Rock, 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN

The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

You may download one at:

[Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application](#)

[Chrysalis Flight Application](#)

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We are on
Facebook!



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www.columbusareaemmaus.community

Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

Username: columbus password: 4thday!