



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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From our Community Lay Director....

You blink and here we find ourselves at the end of the year. What a different year it has been for our communities and our Emmaus Community. December is a time to look back and see how far you have come in the past year but also to look forward, getting ready for the New Year.

No matter how hard we try to plan and maintain a handle on (or control of) our own lives, each year all of us are faced with situations and circumstances that are completely out of our control. At times like these, Jesus speaks to us: "Don't be afraid. Just trust me" (Mark 5:36)

2020 for me has been living daily with the unknown and day by day changes to my daily processes. Through this time of constant change I have been reminded daily to: count my blessings every day, let go of what I can't control, listen to my heart, be productive yet calm and to JUST BREATHE.

It has been a blessing to be your Community Lay Director during this different kind of a year and work with many wonderful board members. Each month the Emmaus board continues to meet and look forward. I would like to thank the board members that are going off the board for their wonderful dedication and welcome the new members for their willingness to serve our community.

I would especially like to welcome Kim Bieker and thank Kim for her willingness to step into the Community Lay director role for 2021. I know that Kim will serve our Emmaus community well in the coming months.

"For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

Blessings,

Venetia Green



From Our Community Spiritual Director...

As you might fondly recall, going on a Walk or Flight took a lot of energy to complete. You walked quite a bit, sat in rapt attention for quite a while as you took copious notes, and then worked hard to create your stylish posters. But through all those efforts, you developed a closer relationship with Christ!

During this season of Advent, your worship might have to be online, if your church even has that capability. It might take more work on your part to stay connected with your friends and congregation, and especially with Christ. But before Advent 2020 gets you discouraged, remember the Magi and shepherds. The Magi left their homes in the East and travelled all the way to Bethlehem to meet Jesus. And the shepherds left behind their flocks to encounter their Savior. Both groups took the necessary initiative.

Drawing closer to Emmanuel in this odd year may require us to take the necessary initiative and spend more energy to worship. We may need to leave our typical way of worship and intentionally seek out Jesus in our own homes. For awhile, our homes might need to become our primary sanctuaries: the places where we make the extra effort to sing, study, pray and plan to serve.

May you be inspired to come to the Christ Child, whether dressed in your Sunday best in a Church building, or in your pajamas at home. Like the Magi and shepherds, make every effort to worship our coming King!

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Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director



~ Important Reminder ~

The board has recently revised the Walk application. You will find it posted on our website. Please discard any previous copies you may have pre-printed and use this [new form](#) going forward. This is a great time to revisit the sponsorship covenant and begin praying for your future pilgrim.



The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

You may download one at:

[Columbus IN Area Chrysalis Flight Application](#)

[Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application](#)

Thank You!

As the new year approaches, we take a moment to bid a fond farewell and a big hello to our faithful friends as a few changes take place on the Columbus IN Emmaus Board ...

Thank you to those who have served the past three years...

Debbie Frey, Agape

Jim Green, Treasurer

Rev Marsha Rodenberger, Sponsorship/Reunion Groups

Brenda Stoner, Past Community Lay Director, Data Coordinator

Your hearts have reflected the love of Christ as you have walked with Him and given of your time and talents so freely!



And ~ Welcome to our new board members...

Marji Clark, Data

Amy Cooley, Agape

Steve Pumphrey, Community Events

Open ~ Sponsorship/Reunion Groups

Open ~ Data

These friends are committed to the next three years of serving us in the Emmaus community as they follow the leading of our awesome Lord. Please pray for clear guidance and protection as they step out in faith with Him.

Well done, thou good and faithful servants

Matthew 25:23 a





For

Unto Us

A Child is born

Unto Us, a Son is given:

And the government shall be

Upon His shoulder: and His Name

Shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the
Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince
Of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



Now thanks be to God for His Gift,
[precious] beyond telling
[His indescribable, inexpressible, free Gift]!

2 Corinthians 9:15

Community Gatherings...

No Gathering in December ~

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Spring 2021 Flights & Walks

Chrysalis Flights #77 & #78 ~ March 27 ~ 29, 2021

Emmaus Men's Walk #119 ~ April 8 ~ 11, 2021

Emmaus Women's Walk #120 ~ April 15 ~ 18, 2021

Board Meetings

Chrysalis - No scheduled meeting this month

Emmaus - Saturday, December 12th, 9:00 am,

Via Zoom



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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www.columbusareaemmaus.community

Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

Username: columbus password: 4thday!