



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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From our Community Lay Director....

It's hard to believe 2023 is almost over as we enter another advent season. Days and months seem to go by so fast, probably because we are all so busy.

If you thought you were busy last month, well buckle your seat belt because it is December. Almost all of us have houses to clean, decorations to hang, cookies and candies to make, presents to buy and wrap, water hoses to store, vents to close, filters to change, songs to practice, plays to rehearse, meals to prepare, neighbors to help, and whoa...

Take a breath? Remember the impact the first talk at your walk had on your life and your daily habits? Yes, I am talking about priorities. Why all this activity in December? It is Christ's birthday, but is that what we are making it about?

I know all these other things are important and they have a place, but let's remember to keep the most important thing in the most important place in our lives and our celebrations. Let's make sure Jesus is the center of all our "busyness."

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

(Luke 2:10-14)

I sincerely wish each of you a blessed, healthy, and safe Christmas.

See you in 2024 at the January 17th Gathering at The Rock.

De Colores, Dave Goodner, Community Lay Director



From our Community Spiritual Director ...

“All I Want For Christmas ...” is not my plea for two front teeth, but rather is more about what I want for this Emmaus community for Christmas, in order that we might experience a more blessed 2024. So here is my TOP TEN Emmaus Christmas list:

- 1.** Fully completed Candidate applications! Surprise Cindy Massey with an easy season as our Registrar.
- 2.** Wise sponsorship! May our sponsors carefully listen to God’s leading, as well as to our time-tested guidelines.
- 3.** Full Walks! That’s been the norm lately, so let’s keep the trend going.
- 4.** A waiting list to provide Send-Off drinks and snacks! Wouldn’t our Agape Board members be shocked to have Reunion groups lining up to offer that act of agape.
- 5.** All sponsors present at Sponsors’ Hour! At many Walks, we still have a few pilgrims who have no sponsor present to offer their prayerful support.
- 6.** Full Flights! There’s usually room for more youth, who need that time with Christ and His followers.
- 7.** Butterflies more involved in Emmaus! Once butterflies turn 18, they can choose to go on a Walk, or serve on a Walk team. And their presence at Gatherings is always a blessing for all.
- 8.** New churches represented! Many more churches could benefit from this church renewal movement.
- 9.** New Pastors involved! We don’t want to overwork our current pool of Emmaus clergy, & what an extra blessing they could bring to their own congregations.
- 10.** All Emmaus Board positions filled, & members regularly attending the Board meetings! This can only strengthen our community further.

I don’t think I’m asking for too much this Christmas. I hope to just press us forward toward that ideal Emmaus ministry. So what part might you play in fulfilling my Emmaus Christmas wishes?

De Colores,

Pastor Mike Seaney,

Community Spiritual Director



From our registrar...

Hello community,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. I am thankful for The Walk to Emmaus and how God uses it to help me everyday. Please be in prayer for who God is placing on your heart to sponsor for the spring walks. They are coming up Fast. The men's is March 7-10 and women's is March 14-17. That means we need the minimum of 20 completed applications by Feb. 8. Let us follow God's leading so we can bring more folks into this awesome community to strengthen our churches. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and maybe sponsor someone as a gift . Remember, as of Dec 1st, the pilgrim fee is \$120.

Sincerely, Cindy Massey

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own



From our team selection board rep...

The following new board members were voted in at the November gathering:

- Sandy Perry for Treasurer
- Jess Moss for Communication Coordinator

The guidelines say we need to have 3 clergy and a 50/50 male/female composition on the board. We currently only have 5 males and only 1 clergy, so we are seeking male pastors to fill the openings for

- Community Events
- 4th Day

Please contact Greg Johnson or any board member for more information.



Team Service Application Guidelines

One of the great joys of Emmaus is serving on team and giving back to others the blessings you received on your walk. Just like Abraham, you are "blessed to be a blessing" and we want to provide you the opportunity to serve.

Please consider the following guidelines:

If you have already thought and prayed about working on the next Walk, please fill out the form.

Prior service is not required. The team selection committee follows the 1/3 Guideline. (1/3 first time workers, 1/3 semi-experienced, and 1/3 experienced).

Team selection must also balance the team by church and denomination. Because of these guidelines submitting an application does not always mean you will be selected to serve.

Filling out an application is only good for the next walk. You need to fill out an application before each walk on which you wish to work.

Applications will not carry over to the next walk.

Filling out an application helps the team selection committee decide who is available to serve and cuts down on unnecessary phone calls.

Prayerfully consider passing on the blessing and serving on team!

You will find the application on the Emmaus website columbusinemmaus.org and click on "Walk Team Application"

The team fee is \$120 to cover the cost of food and lodging

The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

You may download one at:

Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application

Chrysalis Flight Application

Reminder...

Ministry Manager – Update your information



We need your help to keep your information current in the database for Emmaus. The Walk Lay Directors utilize the database to locate contact information. Please take a moment to verify your personal information in Ministry Manager.

Go to ministrymanager.upperroom.org.

If you haven't signed up with an account, then click "Sign Up". Fill in the information to create your account.

If you get an error message that indicates that "Email has already been taken", then click on "Forgot Password" to reset it.

This personal information cannot be seen by other members of the community, nor can you see their information.
Your personal information will never be sold or released to an outside agency.
This information is used by authorized personnel to confirm your qualifications and/or to contact you to serve on team.

Here are some instructions from Ministry Manager

“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.”

Community Gatherings...

NO GATHERING IN DECEMBER

Next Gathering January 19, 2024 pm ~ 7 pm

The Rock Free Methodist Church at 3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

Last names A-M please bring your favorite snacks and drinks to share

Men's Walk #131 Lay Director Cody Mosier

March 7-10, 2024

Currently Accepting Applications

Women's Walk #132 Lay Director Michelle Bryant

March 14-17, 2024

Currently Accepting Applications

Chrysalis Flights #87 and #88

Lay Directors Kenny and Nichole Harrison

April 20-22, 2024

Currently Accepting Applications



Board Meetings

Chrysalis ~ Tuesday, January 2nd ~ 6:00 pm

The Rock, 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN

Emmaus - Saturday, January 13th ~ 9 am

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www.columbusareaemmaus.community

Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

Username: columbus password: 4thday!