



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Emmaus Community Inc.

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A note from our Community Lay Director...

Dear Community,

I hear the same words from lay directors before every walk, "I spent hours and hours on the phone trying to find people to serve on the team."

If I could have one wish, I would ask for a list of people who are available for the upcoming set of walks and pass it on to the lay directors.

We do have a database called Ministry Manager that contains our contact information and a record of our team service. Sadly, that database has no way of knowing if we are available for this set of walks.

We can do something about this; it is called a Team Application. According to Emmaus guidelines, if we are available and willing to serve on a walk, we should complete a Team Application and send it to the Team Selection Committee on the board.

I have heard some of you say this is such a hassle to fill this out for each walk. Guess what? You won't be available for each walk. It doesn't compare to the hassle the lay director faces in calling over 100 people to get about 45 yeses. This simple process of turning in an application would cut phone calls over half.

Recently, the board revised the Team Application form to make it user friendly and will enable lay directors to determine our availability and eligibility for specific roles on the team.

I hope we can all begin the habit of filing an application for future walks. Right now, the only applications we receive are from new pilgrims and very few at that. I have also heard another set of words from folks, "I could have served but nobody ever calls me."

We could really use your cooperation in easing the hours spent and the number of calls made by completing a Team Application. Thanks for helping.

On a side note, the Ministry Manager database is only helpful if you keep your phone number and email current. Other members cannot see this information unless they are authorized to do so as a Lay Director or Board Member. Your information will never be sold or used for any purpose other than building an Emmaus Team.

Access to Ministry Manager: www.upperroom.org, scroll to bottom, click on Emmaus Ministry, In menu line, click on Ministry Manager, create a log in or sign in if you have already done this. Click on members and search for your name. Update any incorrect information.

De Colores,

Dave Goodner, Community Lay Director



A note from our Community Spiritual Director...

I've recently been reading a book about the Vikings (not the football team), and it reminded me of a terrible world tragedy that occurred not so long ago. Around the year 536, perhaps 3 volcanic eruptions took place, which resulted in worldwide farming disasters. For 3 long, colder years, people had much fewer crops to harvest, resulting in great starvation and social upheaval.

Such activity can still occur today (remember Mt. St. Helen's in 1980?). And it made me think – how would we respond to such a worldwide disaster? What would we do if crops were severely reduced, sources of meat were reduced, and stores shelves became quite empty of the basics?

It's one thing to help those who are starving when you're well fed. But it's quite another if we're all in the same hungry boat together. Imagine if eating outside the home would no longer be possible. If restaurants would have to close. If there were no lavish Church dinners anymore, nor even Emmaus Walks to host.

Some people would certainly put a barrier around themselves and their families. Out of fear, their compassion for others would wane, and they might resort to stealing to care for themselves alone.

But I'm reminded of the hymn "It Is Well With My Soul", which is the writer's mantra for facing "whatever my lot". He had in mind crises far less severe than what occurred in 536, but how we respond to those lesser crises illuminates our true faith. In our worst days, are we led by fear or by trust? Do we stay clothed in Christ, or do we take Him off?

"Whatever our lot" on our Fourth Days, may Christ encourage us to stay clothed in Him, and keep our trust securely anchored in Him.

De Colores,

Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director





A note from our Chrysalis Community Lay Director...

Greetings from the Chrysalis Board:

We want to share some news! Please join us in welcoming Harvey Taylor as the new Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director. We are looking forward to his contributions and leadership.

We also continue to celebrate Brian Buterbaugh's service for the previous 13 years as Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director.

The Chrysalis Board have been very actively preparing for the upcoming flight April 20 – 22nd. There is a new update to the weekend Flight manual that we have had to adjust for our logistics at Hilltop Camp.

For those considering blessing a youth in your life by sponsoring them on the next Flight, there is a new application available on the Emmaus website. Let's get those applications going early!

Blessings and thank you for all you do to support the youth in our communities through Chrysalis, and through your Youth groups.

Fly with Christ

Mark Kelly, Chrysalis Community Lay Director



A note from our Chrysalis Spring Lay Directors...

Hello Everyone,
I pray that everyone is having a blessed new year so far. I assume everyone is busy, with kids, grandkids, spouses, family, work, church, ministries..... just life in general. I thank you for taking a moment to read this. I know many times in the past at send-offs or closing I have thought of people who I should have asked to attend. So here is your reminder, so that you don't have to later think that you should have found someone (teen or adult) to sponsor. Please pray that Holy Spirit shows you someone that would truly benefit from attending a Walk or Flight. Keep your eyes open for youth at your churches or that you see around that would be blessed by attending. I want to share a scripture we all know so well. Matthew 28:19 – "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." I pray you really focus on the "make disciples" when you are looking for a teen to sponsor. This next generation will really benefit from connecting with you, not just as their sponsor but the relationship you will start by sponsoring. As busy as life gets, we cannot forget or neglect the call (the great commission) on our lives given to us by Christ. If you cannot sponsor, please mark your calendar for Candlelight (at Hilltop) and attend. Love you all and are so grateful for all your prayers and interceding for the upcoming flights.

Fly with Christ,
Kenny Harrison



MAKE DISCIPLES

A 4th day note...

Coming to Chrysalis was a new but welcoming experience. Every person around me made me feel more empowered to push myself past my own barriers and go deeper into my relationship with the Lord. He brought me to a room of amazing women that helped me better see that Christianity doesn't equate to a picture perfect life. It gave me many opportunities to be still in His presence. It was a cozy isolation from all of the worldly things surrounding my daily life, and I wish I could experience it for the first time again.

Bailey Buckner
Team Selena, Flight 86



A note from our Women's Lay Director...

Greetings to the Emmaus Community! As the time approaches for the Men's and Women's Walks, excitement grows for what God has in store! As we don't know yet who all God is leading to attend these Walks and what God is doing at this moment in their hearts, we pray for each of them. We pray that they feel the presence of the Lord so very strongly around them and that they are trusting in his unfailing love and provisions. The Lord has blessed this Walk with a Team of women who love Him and love people. We are preparing for Team meetings which will happen Feb 8-10 and then hoping to see all of you at Send-off, Candlelight, and Closing as we greet, support, and show our love to our newest community members. Please take time to sign up for a spot on the prayer charts and please remember to pray for Team and the Pilgrims for Walk #132.

Thank you and God Bless!

De Colores

Michelle Bryant Lay Director Walk #132



welcome!

Notes from Your New Reps...

Hello everyone, my name is Sandy Perry, walk #128, table of Naomi.

I am honored and excited to serve as treasurer for the Emmaus board. I am married to Don Perry, and we attend Community Church of Columbus.

~De Colores~
Sandy



Hello, Community! My name is Jess Moss, Walk #124, table of Deborah. It's an honor to use my talents to serve our wonderful community, as your communications rep. I am the mom of 3 beautiful girls: Katie, a freshman at IU, majoring in Human Biology; Olivia, an 8th grader who participates in Cheer, Track, and sings with our Kids Worship Team; and Lorelei, my 11 yr old, Jesus lovin, anime drawin, math wizard. We attend Cornerstone Community Church.

~De Colores ~
Jess

A note from our Registrar...


Hello community, I hope you are ready for spring- it's just around the corner. The spring walks are early this year. We need a minimum of 20 applications before Feb 8th. If we get those we can have the walks. Then I can accept men's applications until Feb. 22. I can accept the women's applications until Feb. 29. Please be in prayer to whom God is wanting you to sponsor. Please call. email. or text with any questions. I will be happy to help you. See you soon.

Sincerely, Cindy Massey

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." -Proverbs 3:5-6



72 HRS OF **prayer**

 **WE NEED YOU!!**



MEN'S WALK #131

PRAYER CHART LINK

WOMEN'S WALK #132

PRAYER CHART LINK



**CHRYSALIS
FLIGHTS**

**BOYS #87 &
GIRLS #88**

PRAYER CHART



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

Community Gatherings

February 16, 2024 7pm

St. Louis Crossing Church

6271 E Co Rd 800 N Clmbs, IN 47203

~We will be commissioning Spring Walk and Flight Teams ~

A-M bring snacks

No March Gathering due to Spring Walks

Spring 2024 Flight & Walk Dates

Emmaus Men's Walk #131 March 7- 10

Must receive 20 Pilgrim applications by Feb 8, 2024

Pilgrim application deadline Feb 22, 2024

[Click Here for Pilgrim Applications](#)

Emmaus Women's Walk #132 March 14-17

Must receive 20 Pilgrim applications by Feb 15, 2024

Pilgrim application deadline Feb 29, 2024

[Click Here for Pilgrim Applications](#)

Chrysalis Flight Boys #87 & Girls #88 April 20-22

Currently accepting applications

[Click Here for Caterpillar Applications](#)

Board Meetings

Chrysalis—Tuesday, February 6, 6:00 pm

The Rock [3990 Rocky Ford Rd. Columbus, IN](#)

Emmaus - Saturday, February 10, 9:00 am

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Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

<http://www.columbusinemmaus.org/>

Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

Username: columbus password: 4thday!