

The Emmaus News

From the Community Spiritual Director:

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Dear Community;

As we begin a new year on the road to Emmaus, I want to pray God's blessings upon you and yours as we work together for God's renewal and spiritual growth of the church.

Isaiah 43:19 says, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

As we continue to work, share and grow together, we'll want to behold God's "new thing" as he continues to work in and through us. I look forward to sharing with you the joy and wonder of what God will do through his instrument called The Walk to Emmaus. We'll take that walk together.

Jon Carlstrom

Community Spiritual Director

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Greetings from the new Community Lay Director

Dear Columbus Emmaus Community,

This is my first letter to you as the 2005 Community Lay Director. I have always loved to serve. God teaches me so much as I serve. And I am now surprised and stretched to be serving the Lord in this position. Please pray for God to guide me with His wisdom and courage so that I can do this job right.

Everyone in the community can share in being surprised and stretched along with me! I'll be praying for you! We have many new members from the 2004 Walks who have now joined the hundreds in our community living their fourth days. The Columbus Emmaus Community provides so many powerful ways to help build God's kingdom right here in our community. Encourage each other by serving Him in some new way in 2005:

- Sponsor a teen to attend the January 15-17 Chrysalis Flight.
- Everyone could contact someone you haven't seen come to an event lately and invite them to a gathering. The gathering on January 7th, 7:00 PM at East Columbus United Methodist Church should be a good one with the Chrysalis team dedication.
- Sponsor a Pilgrim for a Walk this April.
- Pray for, encourage and help the board members.
- Fill out a new "member info form" so that we know how you would like to serve in the community. Please don't wait to be asked.
- And if you need ideas, forms, or more information on anything in our Emmaus community, take a look at our great new web site www.columbusinemmaus.org. Thankfully, Mike Riley has done a super job in setting this up for us!

Let's all decide now how to bless others this year through the Walk to Emmaus in our community!

Blessings & Peace,

Bev Earley, Community Lay Director

DATES FOR UPCOMING FLIGHTS AND WALKS

Flights 17 & 18	Jan. 15-17, 2005
Men's Walk #55	Apr. 14-17, 2005
Women's Walk	Apr. 21-24, 2005

Spring Walks Coming Soon

Karen and Mark Thomas, Lay Directors for Walks #55 and #56 are hard at work finding the teams God has selected for these Walks. We all have a responsibility to be thinking of people we know who would benefit from being a pilgrim on one of these Walks. Then it is important that we follow through and sponsor someone. Let's get those applications in soon so Karen and Mark can each plan for a full walk.

A note from the outgoing Community Lay Director:

The Past and the Future Emmaus

I hope with this upcoming New Year you are full of new life from our celebration of Christ's birth and prepared to face 2005 without anticipation. What could that mean for our Church and Emmaus Community?

Jesus told us that when we concentrate on gaining life, we lose it; but when we allow our life to be lost for others and for Christ, then we gain life (Luke 17:33). The path we walk can take us many ways. Some try to match their steps with steps of others who have walked before us, some who walk beside us, and some who walk in front of us. We find models all around us, and we are each a model for someone else. We search out mentors on whose shoulders we may view the world.

We simplify our lives by recognizing Christ in others along the way. I feel blessed each time I see that Christ is the mentor in and through each of you.

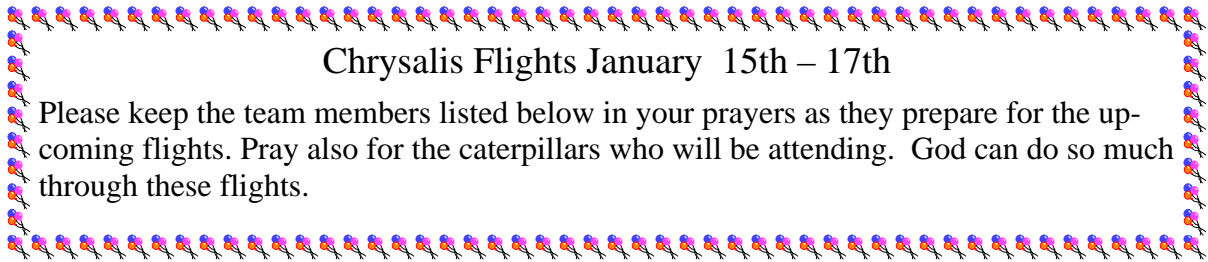
Let His Light Shine,

Dan Kirkling



Member Information Page Now Available on Emmaus Web Site

Mike Riley has announced that the Member Information Page is ready for use. You will find job descriptions for board members, treasurer's reports, the By Laws of the community, as well as many documents helpful for walks and other community events. Simply go to the Community Web Site at www.columbusinemmaus.org and click on Member Information on the left side. You will be asked for a user name: columbusemmaus and a password: 4thday .



Chrysalis Flights January 15th – 17th

Please keep the team members listed below in your prayers as they prepare for the upcoming flights. Pray also for the caterpillars who will be attending. God can do so much through these flights.

Team for Flight # 17

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Talk Name</u>
LD	Ron Povaleri	Priesthood of Believers
HSD	Johnny Spivey	God's Gift to You
SD	Charlie Aigner	God Designed You
SD		God Empowers You
ALD	John Coleman	
ALD	Curt Aton	Faith
ALD	Pat Frey	
YLD	Jeremy Seward	Next Steps
TL	Dan Kirkling	Marriage
TL	Dave Weaver	Communication Through Prayer
TL	Skip Green	
YTL	Ben Schuley	Prodigal
YTL	Nathan Ernest	Ideals
YTL	John Miles	Christian Growth Through Study
HK	Sean Cutrell	
KT	Josh Meredith	Singles
KT		
KT		
HA	Mike Engelstad	
AT	Adam Schill	
AT	Gary Spiker	
AT	Zach Burbrink	
CA	Andrew Dixon	Christian Action
HM	Keith Earley	
MT	Spencer Coleman	
MT	Rich Hampton	
MT	Justin Stahl	
BR	John Shoemaker	

Team for Flight #18

<u>POS.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Talk Name</u>
LD	Becky Povaleri	Priesthood of Believers
SD	Jim Byerly	God's Loves You
SD	Byron Fritz	God Sustains You
ALD	Bev Coleman	
ALD	Michele Aton	Faith
ALD	Chris Hime	
YLD	Christie Poer	Next Steps
TL	Dot Kirkling	Marriage
TL	Julie Weaver	Communication Through Prayer
TL	Venetia Green	
YTL	Teresa Robinson	Prodigal
YTL	Megan Peters	Christian Action
YTL	Lindsay Morgeson	Ideals
HK	Tracie Cutrell	
KT	Carol Spivey	
KT	Amy Walters	
KT	Jakki Engelstad	
KT	Christine Foster	
KT	Cindy Grider	
HA	Jodi Engelstad	
AT	Candy Spiker	
CA	Melissa Shaffer	Christian Growth Through Study
AT	Casey Springer	Singles
HM	Nita Mousa	
MT	Sarah Rice	
MT	Pam Andrews	
BR	Jill Robbins	

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January Gathering

Friday, January 7th at 7:00 p.m.
East Columbus United Methodist Church
2439 Indiana Ave. Columbus
N – Z bring snacks and drinks
Child care provided for children ages 6
and under.

Chrysalis Flights 17 & 18

Sat. January 15 , -Mon. January 17, 2005
Hilltop Christian Camp

February Gathering

Friday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Petersville United Methodist Church
2781 N. 500E Columbus

