



The Emmaus News

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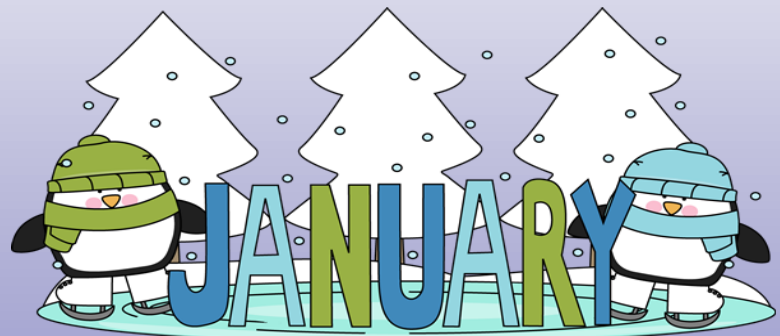
A Note from our new Community Lay Director...

I can hardly believe we are at the beginning of another new year. I remember my Grandmother talking about how quickly time went by, I didn't understand that at the time but I sure do now. A recent sermon that I heard during the Christmas season used the account in John chapter 1 to speak of the birth of Christ. "9 - *The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.*" This immediately brought to mind the encounter on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-33) where Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. From His birth onward there has been a pattern of God's people not recognizing who He is or where He is at work. But even more disheartening are those encounters where we experience God calling or leading (never "pushing") us to join Him in his work but we turn our ears because it's uncomfortable or down-right frightening. In this case, we recognize Jesus but allow our humanness to take precedence over what we believe is our best interest. I've been there, have you? To be completely transparent, this closely describes my path to being Community Lay Director for 2019. My prayer for our community is that we would be a people that not only recognize Jesus but be swift to join Him - whenever or wherever that may be. May our thoughts be "Why wouldn't I" instead of "I can't do that"!

Last year, I was introduced to the concept of "My One Word". You may already know about this concept but it was new to me. It is different twist on making new year's resolutions. Instead of making promises that we will most likely break, the focus is to "Do SOMETHING about One Thing instead of NOTHING about Everything!" Please plan to attend our January gathering where our 4th day speakers will share their personal experience of choosing a word for the year and how God has stretched and strengthened them through that process. If this is a practice you are familiar with, please share and encourage others in our community with your own experience. If you recall, that is how the journey to Emmaus began...Luke 24:13 - Now that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.....

Journeying with you,

Brenda Stoner
Community Lay Director



From our Past Community Lay Director

As we look at the calendar, it says **2019!** How did 2018 go by so quickly! It was an amazing year for our Community. We celebrated four (4) successful Men and Women's Walks and four (4) Chrysalis Flights. On each Walk or Flight, we saw how the Holy Spirit can renew the faith and love for God for each participant in His own unique way. There were many changed and renewed lives by the Pilgrims and Caterpillars on these Walks and Flights. Their 4th Days are still awakening them to what God has called them to do and be in their churches, families, work places and schools.

It is with joy and fulfillment that I have had the opportunity to serve this Community as your Lay Director in 2018. I have had the opportunity to serve on several boards in my life, and I can tell you the Emmaus Board has been a blessing for me these past three (3) years. The board members of 2018 were an amazing group to work with – these people have a heart to serve the Lord and bring glory to Him in all that they do. The Holy Spirit is alive and well on your Emmaus Community Board!

The Celebration of 25 years as a Community was a unique opportunity to bring back many fond memories. Celebrating this event with over 200 hundred from our Community was a special way for me to end my term as Community Lay Director. The pictures of so many of the Walks, going back to Walk #1, brought back memories for all of us and our Walk experience or the Walks we served on! To see how we have grown over these 25 years to over 4,500 members is such a testimony to the service each team and board have committed to by serving the Lord with grace and generosity.

Faith – the word we all acknowledge as believers is what we trust to keep ourselves and Community growing each year. Faith is not believing God can do something. Faith is not hoping he will do something. Faith is thanking God in advance for what He will be doing for us, our families and our Emmaus community. I want to share an illustration on thanking God in advance for what He has in store for our Community next year - "If God tells you to go after Moby Dick in a rowboat, take tartar sauce with you. You're going to have a fish fry tonight!" Jesus said, "Because of your faith, it will happen." (Mathew 9:29 NLT).

So now as we enter 2019, let us keep the faith and be praying for new Sponsors to be reaching out into their families, churches and work or schools for new Pilgrims and Butterflies. Sponsorship is the "lifeblood" of the success of our Walks and Flights in our community.

Thanks to each of you who have prayed for or sponsored Pilgrims and Butterflies and your board this past year; I pray you will continue to keep the Board in your prayers for 2019. Please join me in welcoming the new board members, Kim Bieker, Michelle Bryant, Mike Hess, Debbie Raynor and Cheryl Motosicky as they start their new faith journey. I was so pleased to announce at the November 25th Celebration that Brenda Stoner had answered a call to serve as Community Lay Director for 2019. Each new board brings new insight, new energy and a new sense of serving and that is what serving on the Emmaus Community Board has shown me.

I will look forward to seeing you at the Gatherings, Send-off's, Candlelight's and Closings in 2019!

De Colores,

Phil Newton



From our Community Spiritual Director:

As we look over the year of 2018 and celebrate God's activity in our community, here are some of the celebrations of the worldwide Emmaus movement:

- **600 Walks** were hosted in 2018.
- **70** of those Walks were international.
- **Emerging communities** started to spring up in Kenya, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Poland, and Bulgaria.
- **Face to Face**, an Emmaus adaptation for older adults, hosted 35 encounters.
- The first-ever **African Leadership Development Event** was held in Harare, Zimbabwe.
- The second regional **Leadership Development Event for Asian Emmaus and Chrysalis communities** was held in Hong Kong.
- **Discovery**, a Walk to Emmaus-inspired retreat for middle schoolers, launched in April.
- The **new Emmaus manuals were released**.

How exciting to see what God has been up to through this movement. Let's pray that 2019 will also be a year in which God's Kingdom will be better established in our communities and around the world!

Pastor Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director

God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!



"4th Day"...SPONSORSHIP

New Year's Resolution!

#1 Continued prayer for the people God would have you sponsor and the opportunity to speak at length to them regarding the joys and benefits of the weekend and fellowship following. It is not too early to pray and act upon those prayers. Remember we may share everything they need us to share to help them be comfortable on their weekend. We have no secrets; just lots of great surprises!

#2 If you are not a part of a reunion group, pray about joining one soon. The spiritual, emotional and physical support/ accountability of a reunion group is invaluable and long lasting. If there is not an established group near you, form one. You are probably not the only one who is in need of that higher level of support and accountability. If you are part of a reunion group, pray about inviting others to join your group. New blood can do wonders for "comfortableness" within.

Praying,

Marsha Rodenberger
Sponsorship, Reunion Groups



New Board Member Profiles

Hi, my name is Cheryl Motosicky, Walk 86, Table of Deborah. My position on the Emmaus Board is Agape. My church is St. Peters Lutheran Church in Columbus. My favorite pastime these days is spending time with our 3 wonderful grandchildren. We are blessed with 2 beautiful granddaughters, ages 6 and 2, and a very handsome grandson that is 5! I look forward to getting to know and working with everyone on the board and community!

My name is Kim Bieker, Walk 24 (at Camp Moneto 😊) Table of Abigail. I will be serving in the position of Team Selection. My church is Christ Fellowship Church, Edinburgh. I am married to Doug, have 2 awesome children Dalton 21 and MacKenzie 13. My Life Verse - Jeremiah 29:11. I also serve as leader in Bible Study Fellowship and am privileged to work in family business with my parents, brothers, husband and now with my son. I love to cook, but most of my time is spent keeping up with MacKenzie and her travel softball schedule. I also help foster medical service dogs in training.

Hello, my name is Michelle Bryant, Walk 72, Table of Ruth—and I am joining the Columbus Area Emmaus Board and serving in the position of Data Coordinator. I attended my Emmaus Walk in April 2009 and have been serving ever since. I have served on both the Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights multiple times! It has been a huge blessing to me to have the opportunities to serve in these ways. I have served on the Chrysalis Board and now look forward to serving on the Emmaus Board. I have been married to my husband, Chuck, for 27 years and I have 3 beautiful children: Levi, our angel baby, Caleb 22, and Haley 20. We also have a Bichon Frise, Samson 12, who thinks he is one of us and a grand cat, Gizmo 2. I am an active member of Garden City Church of Christ and began attending there with Chuck in 1989. There are many Bible Verses that I love but my favorite is Jeremiah 29:11-12. In my spare time when the weather is good, we love to camp and spend time relaxing and enjoying God's creation! We also love going to the beach!

My name is Debbie Raynor, Walk 36, Table of Deborah (also at Camp Moneto). My husband Philip and I live in Seymour and are members of Central Christian Church. We are blessed with 6 grandchildren ages 8 to 16 months. I am privileged to serve on the Emmaus Board in the position of Newsletter. It will be my responsibility to communicate important information on upcoming Walks, Chrysalis Flights, and specific stuff pertaining to Emmaus. The Lord has abundantly blessed me by allowing me to be involved with the Walk to Emmaus, and I am so glad He is not finished with me yet! Philippians 4:13 is one of my favorite verses and one I cling to: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights...

Spring Chrysalis Flights #71 and #72

March 2—4, 2019

Lay Directors **Adam and Lorraine Schill**

@ Camp Hilltop

Currently taking Caterpillar applications!

Men's Walk #111 March 28-31, 2019

Lay Director **Russ Sutton** @ Camp Lakeview

Currently taking Pilgrim applications!

Women's Walk #112 April 4-7, 2019

Lay Director **Beth Johnson** @ Camp Lakeview

Currently taking Pilgrim applications!



The Pilgrim and Caterpillar Applications are posted on the website. You may download it at

[Columbus Area Walk to Emmaus Pilgrim Application](#)

Community Gatherings

Friday, January 18, 7:00 pm

@ Edinburgh United Methodist Church

107 W Campbell St., Edinburgh, IN 46124

A—M Bring snacks and drinks

SPRING 2019 Flight & Walk Dates

Chrysalis Flight #71 &72 March 2-4th

Emmaus Men's Walk #111 March 28th-31st

Emmaus Women's Walk #112 April 4th-7th

Board Meetings

Chrysalis— Tuesday, January 1. 6:00 pm

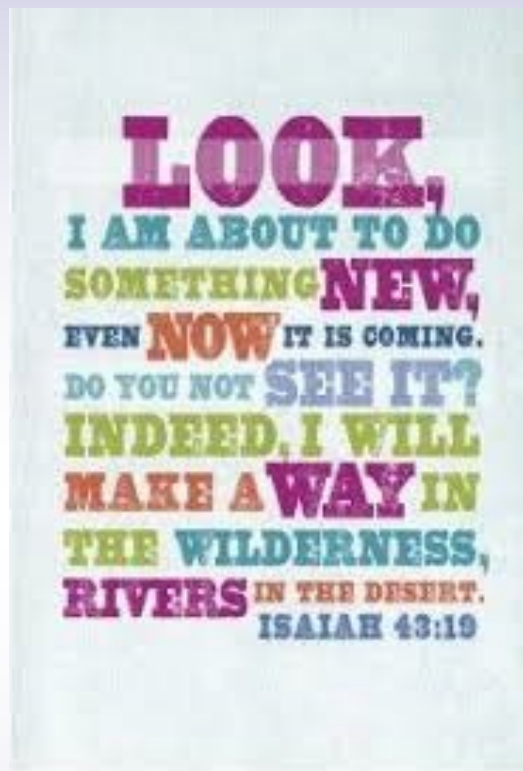
@ The Rock 3990 Rocky Ford Rd.

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Emmaus— Saturday, January 12, 9:00 am

@ Westside Community Church

Columbus



SEVERE WEATHER ALERT - - - If an Emmaus event is cancelled due to severe weather the community will be notified through the following sources: On our Website — www.columbusareaemmaus.community and an E-mail alert



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