



The Emmaus News

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A note from our Community Lay Director...

I'm writing this note as a way of introducing myself to everyone. My name is Mike Hess and for 2022 I will serve as the Columbus IN area Community Lay Director of our Emmaus Community. I will serve for one year. My Walk was #85 in 2012. Since then, I have been Assistant Table Leader three times, Table Leader twice, Agape and Kitchen each one time. For the past three years, I have served on the Emmaus Board in the role of Transportation/Facilities.

What God has in store for our community I don't know. We have been through a lot over the past two years. Hopefully we will be able to resume the purpose that God has intended for us. Due to the pandemic, we haven't been able to complete a single Walk for the past 2 years and have only been able to complete one set of flights. My wish is to once again offer these to all who are led to attend. Though it may look different than before, rest assured, we as a Board will always have the safety of the teams and pilgrims as one of our utmost priorities. Please pray that His will be done in this matter. We know it will always be to His Glory! As your new Director, I ask for your prayers and God's guidance in leading as we journey into unfamiliar territory.

De Colores,

Mike Hess
Community Lay Director

*Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:19



Another note from our new Community Lay Director...

Dear Emmaus Community,

I am writing this little note hoping you all had a very Merry Christmas! As we all reflect on what God has brought us through this past year, let us remember the Child in the manger. I personally will remember the good times and the hard times. God has given me the good times to smile and was with me in the hard and trying ones. Each of us have something that will fall in one of these two categories. I have been blessed so much this past year, that it can only be called undeserving Grace. Let us strive to always show kindness and love to all we meet. Jesus is the reason we celebrate this season. Happy New Year to everyone!

De Colores,

Mike Hess, Community Lay Director



A note from our Community Spiritual Director...

Like many in our Emmaus community, our Board members may feel like the community had a rather inactive year in 2021. No Walks, and few in-person Gatherings may give the impression that not much was happening last year.

But while we were not busy doing what we "normally" would have done, I know that God didn't take the year off! As one example, I headed to a hardware store this fall. As I was getting close to the door, I was greeted by a former parishioner. He was very glad to see me as he needed to speak to me about a topic important to him. We spoke for perhaps a minute, and then we parted into the store.

As I reflected upon our encounter, I realized that if I had been just a minute earlier or later in arriving, I would have missed seeing him. But I believe that God made the perfect arrangements for us to meet. And I have seen this seeming "coincidence" happen so often that I am convinced that each encounter is designed by God! For me, our God was very active in 2021, drawing us all closer to Jesus. Such activities may not have been in ways we expected, or hoped for, but God always finds a way to reach out to us.

De Colores,

Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director



"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."---Philippians 4:13. This verse has sustained me mightily! Hello, my name is Kathy Rudolph, Walk #60, Table of Martha. I live in Freetown and am a member of Brownstown Presbyterian Church. I retired in 2016 after 43 years in teaching. I have two sons, two daughters-in-law and three adorable granddaughters. It's been my privilege to serve on many Walks in many capacities and I look forward now to serving on the Emmaus Board for Agape.

Welcome



I am blessed to be part of such an amazing community and now honored to serve as Secretary on the Emmaus Board. I am Amanda Edwards, Table of Hannah - Walk 110. Since my walk, I've been able to serve as Agape and an Assistant Table Leader. I was born and raised in Columbus, IN. I have a very supportive husband who is my rock and a 22 year old son that is my greatest earthly blessing. We also have fur babies that we love so very much; we have a 3 year old rottweiler (Kira Grace), a 12 year old Yorkie (Milo), and a 14 year old cat (Joey). One of my favorite bible verses that I carry daily in my heart is *Philippians 4:13 - I can do ALL things through Christ who gives me strength.* I am looking forward to meeting more of the Emmaus community and seeing what God has in store for us!

The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

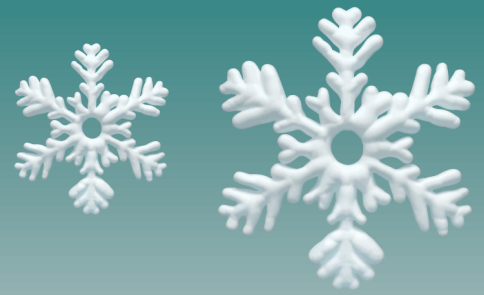
You may download one at:

[Columbus IN Area Chrysalis Flight Application](#)

[Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application](#)



Community Gatherings
No Gathering this month



Spring 2022 Flight & Walk Dates

Flights #79 & #80 Dates to be determined
Emmaus Men's Walk #123 March 31-April 3
Emmaus Women's Walk #124 April 7-10



Board Meetings

Chrysalis—Tuesday, January 4, 6:00 pm

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

Emmaus - Saturday, January 8, 9:00 am

[Westside Community Church, 124 Tipton Lakes Blvd., Columbus](#)



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

Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

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