



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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## Letter to the Community:

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My kitties love playing with the tinsel on our Christmas tree. They love knocking off the ornaments and even eating the needles that fall on and around our tree skirt. The potpourri in the dish on the end table near the tree seems especially inviting to them. For my kitties and dogs Christmas is another season of the year with perhaps some fun exciting scintillating toys to scatter around the house and some treats off the table after Christmas dinner. For those of us who have come to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior Christmas day is much, much more than any animal can fathom.

It's December 15th as I write this and our tree sparkles brightly in front of me. My kids are all home or on their way home from college. My life is blessed by good health, wonderful Emmaus friends, church friends, and the love of those closest to me. I am thankful this Christmas season for those blessings God has given me and for the trust you as an Emmaus community have placed in me as your Community Lay Director for 2013.

Please pray that God gives me the words to say that will be pleasing to Him. Pray that He unite and strengthen our community individually and as the Body of Christ. God has already been at work in our team selection meetings with Trish and Tom as they put together the teams He has in mind for the Spring Walks. I've seen it in the faces of those around the table at the board meeting and with individuals I've spoken to regarding the year to come. May that light continue to shine in the months ahead. May we continue to know that our lives are so much more than my pets could ever realize, that God is good, loves us unconditionally regardless of our multitude of sins, and that Jesus died to give us eternal life.

Thank you to Cindy for your wonderful leadership over the past 2 years. You've set the bar high my sister!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:14).

See you all at the Gathering January 18 at 7pm at the Rock. Sorry newest members, no pitch in this time, just good friends and fellowship. Oh, and perhaps a cookie or two!

Blessings and love to all,  
Melanie Hart, Community Lay Director

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights	
Chrysalis Flights #47 & #48	March 9-11 2013
Men's Walk #87	April 11-14 2013
Women's Walk #88	April 18-21 2013
Men's Walk #89	October 17-20 2013
Women's Walk #90	24-27 2013



## **ONE GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEA!**

Along with making all of those New Year's resolutions about your own health, may we suggest a resolution about sponsoring someone to attend an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight!

First, resolve to concentrate your efforts on the one person God keeps bringing to your mind. Pray for God to prepare the way, open the door of opportunity, and lead you to invite that person (or couple) at just the right time.

Second, resolve to be a great sponsor for that person, as you take seriously the many responsibilities of a sponsor. Help them to send in their application as soon as they can.

Third, resolve to pray in support of the one you're sponsoring. Pray for God to remove all barriers and obstacles that will crop up to try to prevent your pilgrim or caterpillar from attending that weekend.

While so many New Year's resolutions don't have much lasting impact on our lives, this resolution can have an eternal impact on the lives of others, and in their churches. So let 2013 not just be a blessed year for yourself, but let God work through you to incredibly bless another!

## **NEWSLETTER DONATIONS**

As we look forward to the New Year, the Columbus Area Emmaus Board requests that you prayerfully consider making a donation to cover the printing and mailing expenses of the monthly newsletters.

If you receive the Emmaus newsletter by means of the United States Postal Service, the actual cost is just over \$9.00 per year. Your donation of any amount would help the community's financial standing. If you receive your newsletter by email, a donation would help cover the expense for someone not able to make a donation.

Please consider making a "Newsletter Donation" this year. You via PayPal on our website or by mailing a check to: **Columbus IN Area Emmaus Community, Inc., c/o Treasurer, PO Box 2184, Columbus, IN 47202-2184.**



**Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.**

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[www.columbusinemmaus.org](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org)

**Emmaus Information Page (for community members):**

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## Meet a New Board Member

**Name:** David Schill

**Walk:** #48

**Table:** John

**Church:** Pastor of New Harmony Baptist Church

**Board Position:** Sponsorship/Reunion Groups

**Family:** David is married to Debbie. She is a CPA and attended walk #49. His son Adam serves on the Chrysalis Board and will be getting married in May. His daughter Leah is a sophomore at Purdue and is a past Chrysalis Board member. David is the proud owner of two Basset Hounds, Lennie and Clara Belle, and a Dachshund, Cosmo.

**Hobbies/Interests:** David is an avid reader and enjoys woodworking, having taught “shop” full-time for 18 years. He also likes to “fool around” with the baritone ukulele and his 1950 Oliver 77 tractor. One of his greatest hobbies is that of a Christian Clown minister, Mulligan. Mulligan, a hobo clown, is David’s alter-ego. He and his son, Adam, have ministered at Chrysalis for several years by performing clown communion.

**Personal thoughts from David:** “Emmaus has challenged me to grow spiritually and to better help my congregation grow spiritually. I have worked several Walks and Chrysalis Flights and love seeing the pilgrims or caterpillars ‘get it!’ I find that I use Emmaus concepts in most of my sermons as I seem to get around to the point that God’s grace saved us because he loves us so. I look forward to attempting to serve Christ by serving the board and help promote sponsorship and reunion groups.”

## WEATHER ALERTS

If an Emmaus event is cancelled due to severe weather, the community will be notified through the following sources:

- Community News updates on the home page [www.columbusinemmaus.org](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org).
- Email alerts will be sent to those who have an email subscription to the newsletter whenever a decision for cancellation has been made. *If you do not have a subscription, you can subscribe by going to the website home page.*
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**January Gathering - 7 pm**

Friday, January 18, 2013

The Rock

3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

**A-M bring snacks and drinks**

**January Board Meetings**

**Chrysalis** - Tuesday, January 8, 2013 - 6 pm

**Emmaus** - Saturday, January 12, 2013 - 9 am

The Rock - 3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN