



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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Greetings Emmaus Community,

I've always been one to marvel at trees, crops, animals, and birds and could never quite understand how anyone could think all these came from an explosion. Any explosion I ever witnessed destroyed everything and created nothing.

This past weekend, I was blessed to see one of the most majestic pieces of God's creation, Mt Rainier, near Seattle, Washington. I may be old, but I do remember studying about this mountain in geography class. It was the tallest mountain in the United States. Yes, I said was because Alaska was not a state at that time. And yes, I am that old.

My wife and I were able to drive up about 5000 feet of this 14,500-foot mountain. There was still snow at the lot where we parked to take some amazing photos.

I was serenaded by my wife singing, "Majesty, worship His Majesty, unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise."

Arriving back in Seattle, we saw a couple more of God's beautiful creations, our great granddaughters, Coraline Jane (10) and Sophie Lane (3). Even better than a mountain are the arms around your neck of the little ones you haven't seen for over a year.

I hope that many of you will have an opportunity to explore and appreciate the beauty and majesty of His creation this summer. One thing for sure, you won't even have to leave Indiana. And yes, spoil those grandkids too.

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Dave Goodner,
Community Lay Director



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Nation
Under God*

From our Community Spiritual Director...

I was recently surprised to see in a car mechanic's garage a 1959 red over white BMW Isetta 300! That's the kind of car Steve Urkel drove in the sitcom "Family Matters". This odd-looking car can carry 2 people & little else. It has few if any safety features. It reminded me how we all began our new life in Christ appearing odd to others. They might have been surprised by, and laughed at, the new lifestyle we adopted. Yet the Spirit grew us from those basic beginnings into a unique servant with a unique lifestyle.

So what kind of lifestyle is currently "driving" us through our 4th Days?

Perhaps we're like an SUV! We have lots of safety features from the armor of God. We make room available for our study Bibles & other books. We have room for the Agape we provide. With the technology available to us, we have been reaching out to others online, as well as giving directions to those needing our guidance.

Or perhaps we're more of a pick-up truck! We pursue a more rugged life: going into jails, hospitals or nursing homes, offering our help and presence in poverty-stricken areas, even traveling into other countries on Christ's behalf.

Or perhaps we're more like a bus! Our prayer life is strong, as we carry many people to the Throne of grace on a daily basis. Or we bring many people "on board" into our lives as we serve in various Church and community ministries.

I believe that God's "garage" of servants needs all types of lifestyles in order to make Jesus known in our world. So whatever lifestyle is "driving" you, keep motoring for Jesus!

De Colores!

Pastor Mike Seaney,
Community Spiritual Director





Some comments regarding my 4th Day:



"My wife Linda and I went on our Emmaus Walks in the fall of 1993 (nearly 30 years ago!) at Camp Moneto. I went on Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk #3 and was at the table of Luke.

I've enjoyed working on many Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights since then. Linda and I have been blessed with four children (trivia- all of them went on Chrysalis Flights, and their spouses also went on Chrysalis Flights!) and three grandchildren.

During my 4th Days I've tried to remember the simple concept that I've heard over and over again about the three legs of the stool of one's life with Christ: Prayer, Study, Action.

I've always struggled a bit with maintaining a life of prayer. One book that's helped me in the past 1 1/2 years is a book I highly recommend called "Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals". I try to turn to that daily.

One thing that's helped me with study is for the past three years my church has studied the Bible together doing "Intersections". We study different scriptures together Monday through Thursday (the scriptures follow the lectionary) and use an e-mail thread to comment on how the scripture has spoken to us and how we might apply it to our lives. This has given me a new thirst to dive into the Bible.

(I can provide you more information on "Intersections" if helpful).

I've tried to stay involved with various areas of action. One action I've done for close to five years is participate in "Crossroads" Prison Ministries. This involves "grading" Bible lessons that those incarcerated throughout the country have completed, and writing back a letter of encouragement. (One can find more information at cpministries.org).

One other action Linda and I have enjoyed is this is our third summer of leading once weekly "Prayer, Praise, and Pickleball" in our church's parking lot. We try to combine scripture and prayer with fitness.

I'm so thankful for the friends and mentors I've met through Emmaus over the past 30 years of my 4th Days. They've been role models to me.

Let me close with a quote from the ministry "Hope Heals" (one can find more information at hopeheals.com) I received this past February the same day my wonderful father-in-law passed away:

"The dust of my life may not be beautiful, but it has been fertile soil for God to grow humility and gratitude and faithfulness. May your journey from dust to dust look less like an ash heap, and more like a plot of dirt where Divine Love can grow good things." Amen.

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welcome!

Hello, brothers and sisters in Christ.

My name is Greg Johnson, and I am one of your new board members for 2023-2025.

I was introduced to Emmaus through Walk 46 at Camp Moneto, which is a native American word for "no hot water in the showers."

I can't recall the table name, but Dave Engle was the assistant table leader, so I just say "table of Dave."

As your Team Selection board rep, I am eager to see who God will add to the board and who He will anoint as the next Lay Directors.

In fact, we will need a new treasurer and a new Communications rep for 2024-2026, so if you have the skills and passion for either of these roles, please let me know!

We also have openings for board members in Community Events and in Sponsorship/ Reunion Groups.

Thank you!

**Please note the dates and locations for the upcoming Gatherings
(Gatherings begin at 7pm unless otherwise noted)**

July ~ NO GATHERING

August 18th ~ Asbury UMC (N-Z bring snacks and drinks)

September 15th ~ Garden City Christian Church

(A-M bring snacks, N-Z bring drinks)

Community Gatherings

NO GATHERING IN JULY

August 18th ~ Asbury UMC

LAST NAMES N~Z PLEASE BRING SNACKS AND DRINKS



Chrysalis Flights #85 and #86

September 2-4, 2023

Currently accepting applications

Men's Walk #129

October 26-29, 2023

Currently accepting applications

Women's Walk #130

November 2-5, 2023

Currently accepting applications



Board Meetings

Chrysalis ~Tuesday, August 1st at 6 pm at

The Rock 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN 47203

Emmaus ~Saturday, August 12, 9 am at

The Rock 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN 47203



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