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A Note From Our Community Lay Director...

Hello, Columbus Emmaus Community,

I hope you are all doing well. As I'm writing this it looks like we are headed right into summer with some extremely hot days! Special thanks to Trinity UMC for hosting our June gathering. What a great evening and special thanks to Jess Moss for her 4th day talk and to the testimonies given by some of our Chrysalis Youth. Very uplifting and inspiring words by you all.

I was excited to hear from Cindy, our Community Registrar, that there are quite a few pilgrims already signed up for both walks! A reminder NO gathering in July and our August gathering will be at Sandy Hook in Columbus. We will be commissioning our Chrysalis Teams and any Big House participants. I will use my old union boss's words, "If you're on team, it's not mandatory you be there, but HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!" Commissioning and praying over our team is a very important part of preparation for the Flights! Let's do everything we can as a community to help these Flights Jeremy and Shanty Morrow are leading to be successful!!

REMINDER: our Community Spiritual Director is looking to form a committee (group of experienced) Emmaus Clergy to discuss various topics. Here's my take: no matter how big or small your church is, no matter the denomination. If you are clergy in our community, your voice and opinion matter! The goal of Emmaus is to teach pilgrims about grace and send them back to be active in their home churches. Please reach out to John if you would like to be involved in those discussions! I will leave you with this, something to think on...

An Emmaus weekend expects a high level of grace centered Christian's theology rather than deep intellectual or denominational doctrine! It is to be highly ecumenical, designed to emphasize fundamental Christian beliefs that pilgrims from diverse backgrounds and denominations such as Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, etc. can share. The theme is God's unconditional love and grace. Theology focusing heavily on condemnation or debates needs to be intentionally avoided. While many talks are by lay people- the weekend must be overseen by and VETTED by Clergy (and the weekend spiritual director) to ensure ALL messages and conversations align with traditional Christian beliefs! Theological soundness on the Emmaus weekend is measured less by formal doctrine and more by whether the teaching practically helps a participant to think, follow their faith, grow thru a desire to read their Bible more, and leave the weekend with a deeper desire to become a more active disciple in their home churches. Theologically the focus remains squarely on core essentials: the Trinity, Christ sacrificial death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit's guidance in our daily lives.

Now, I said I was leaving you something to think on. I DIDNT write this, I found it a few months ago. I've read it. prayed over it, thought and fought through some of my own personal thoughts on it (as some of you might)! As your Community Lay Director my goal and heart for the community is each and every one of you know YOU EACH MATTER! You do have a board who loves JESUS and wants the best for the community and if I read something that makes me think? Well, pass it on!

De Colores,

Cody Mosier, Community Spiritual Director

A Note From Our Community Spiritual Director...

Greetings to The Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community,

I hope this finds you all in good spirits and eager to serve our Living LORD. First off, I want to thank those who attended the June Gathering, especially the youth who helped with Communion and some even gave their Testimony. If you were not there you missed truly getting to hear about the Hand of God in their lives.

Secondly, I want to encourage you all. We are all busy with summer and family and even sports and outdoor stuff. However, just as Jesus did His ministry as He went; I encourage you to be at work for The LORD as you go and do. Always ready to give an account for the Hope that is within you.

Many times we allow the business of life to side track our true calling from God.

Ephesians 2:10 NASB1995

[10] For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

We are not all called to be Billy Grahams of the world, but we can each have just as meaningful of an impact on someone's eternal destination by setting aside our own desires to serve them in the time we have.

We should be feeding people physically if needed but Spiritually more than anything else. What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and to lose his soul? We each hold the Words of Life in our tongue. Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the Word of God. I pray that we each will be bold as we proclaim the WORD of God to those who are lost. Not willing to compromise but to be gentle and loving as we present the WAY of Truth. Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life. No one comes to The Father except through Him.

May our LORD KEEP YOU and BLESS YOU, may HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU, and MAY HE GIVE YOU PEACE.
AMEN

De Colores,

Brother John Weintraut, Community Spiritual Director



A PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS 250TH



Heavenly Father, we come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your guidance and blessings for our nation. Grant our leaders wisdom and compassion to make decisions that promote grace, peace, justice, and prosperity for all. Unite us in love and understanding, casting aside division and strife. Protect our land and its people, and inspire us to work together towards a future that reflects Your will. May our actions and words bring glory to Your name. In Jesus name. Amen.

A Note From Our Chrysalis Community Lay Director...

The Boy's and Girl's Teams for our Labor Day Flights are complete, and preparations are quite far along thanks to great efforts by our Lay directors Jeremy and Shanty Marrow as well as the Chrysalis Board. We can now announce with great thanks that our Spiritual Director for Flights 97 and 98 will be Marty Wright. The Flight Dates are Sept 5th – 7th and training is set for July 31st and Aug 1st.

I also want to thank Justin and Rachel for agreeing to lead Big House for the Flight. Big house is an important part of Chrysalis flights. There are always many more young people who would like to be involved with the Flight than there are spots on team. Big house gives opportunities to be involved with Send Off, Making Agape, serving the Agape Dinner, Candle Light, Closing and more.

We are encouraged to have a very small number of Caterpillar applications in hand, but we need Sponsors that are ready to invest in the spiritual life of a teen. If you don't know any teens ready at this time, maybe you could make sure your Youth Group leader knows about Chrysalis and offer to help him/her by sponsoring. There are students and adults on the Chrysalis Board that would be happy to share the Chrysalis opportunity with the students in the group. You can find the Flight application on the Emmaus website here [Flight Application](#). You can contact members of the Chrysalis Board at the Chrysalis Board tab of the Emmaus website here [Chrysalis Board tab](#).

If you have not sponsored a Chrysalis Youth for a while, we would love to help you through the sponsorship process. If you would like to learn more about sponsoring, please reach out to me or any Board Member.

Thank you to the Emmaus/Chrysalis community for all the prayers and support for our young people.

De Colores and Fly With Christ!

Mark Kelly

Chrysalis Community Lay Director

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Introducing
Fall Flight Lay
Directors



The Morrrows

WE ATTEND BROWNSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH A WONDERFUL FAMILY: OUR FOUR CHILDREN—AERIEL (25), LAINE (24), ADEN (19), AND TUCKER (16) AND GRANDDAUGHTER PAISLEY JANE WHOM IS A PRECIOUS 20 MONTHS YOUNG.

ONE VERSE THAT HAS CONTINUALLY GUIDED OUR WALK WITH THE LORD, ESPECIALLY AS WE PREPARE FOR THIS FLIGHT, IS ISAIAH 6:8: "THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, 'WHOM SHALL I SEND? AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?' AND I SAID, 'HERE AM I. SEND ME!'" THIS VERSE REMINDS US THAT SERVING IS SIMPLY SAYING "YES" TO WHEREVER GOD CALLS.

WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN GOD FAITHFULLY BUILDING THIS TEAM, OPENING DOORS, AND PREPARING HEARTS FOR WHAT HE HAS PLANNED. WE KNOW HE IS AT WORK LONG BEFORE THE FIRST CATERPILLAR ARRIVES.

WE ASK THAT YOU JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY AS NEW MEMBERS PREPARE TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE IN A LIFE-CHANGING WAY. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SPONSORING A CATERPILLAR, ENCOURAGING SOMEONE TO ATTEND, AND SHOWING UP TO SUPPORT THE FLIGHT. EVERY PRAYER, ACT OF SERVICE, AND SPONSORSHIP HELP CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE LIVES CAN BE TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST.

FLY WITH CHRIST,
JEREMY AND SHANTY MORROW, CHRYSALIS FLIGHT LDS



Walk Reunion Invitation

**It's time to reconnect, reminisce, and
share those 4th Days!**



21 August 2026
6:30 SNACK & YAK
A-M BRING SNACKS & DRINKS
7:00 MEETING



Sandy Hook
1610 Taylor Rd, Columbus, IN 47203

Attention
Walks #46 & #47
Team
&
Pilgrims

Chrysalis
Team Commissioning



Upcoming Events

	Date	Event	Notes
★	August 21, 2026	Community Gathering Sandy Hook UMC (see above flyer for details)	A time for worship, connection, and shared updates, recognizing Walks #46 & #47 Pilgrims and Teams. Chrysalis Team Commissioning
★	Labor Day Weekend 2026	Chrysalis Flights #96 & #97 (stay tuned for more details)	Who's your who? Sponsor a teen Today!!! CATERPILLAR APPLICATIONS
★	September 18, 2026	Community Gathering Garden City (details to come)	Emmaus Team Commissioning

BOARD CONTACT INFO

Chrysalis Board Meeting: Tues, 7.7.26 - Sandy Hook UMC, Col, 6 pm

Emmaus Board Meeting: Sat, 7.11.26 - Ogilville Christian Church, 8 am

