



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

## Letter to the Community:

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Have you ever given any thought as to **why you went on your Emmaus Walk**? Was it because you really wanted to, even though you may not have really known much about what you wanted to do? Was it because you got tired (weakened) by so many offers to sponsor you by well meaning friends? Was it because your spouse wanted to go on a Walk and you were told by your sponsor you both “needed” to attend, or your spouse really wanted you to share in the same experience? Did you awaken one night and think: I really want to go on a Walk to Emmaus!

My late wife and I went on our walks in 1985. In my case, my boss at the time had talked one day about the 3-day retreat/walk he had been on. It sounded interesting and he tried to get me contact names in our area. But, like many things, time passed and I did not pursue it. A year or so later, a good friend said that he kept running into the Walk to Emmaus as he visited many churches in several states in the course of his job, and sensed something special about it. He and his wife wanted to attend and wanted someone to go along. Their comments were that they felt like they needed something in their lives at that time. My late wife and I had the same feelings. So, off we went to Madisonville KY, knowing no one except one another. The rest is history, so to speak.

I’m sure that however word of Emmaus comes to each of us, God is working in the background, as He often does, to guide us in our decisions. Although once we have done our “walk” we know everyone “needs” to do it also, we must come to the realization that not all will want or need to go on a Walk to Emmaus. Most who do, find it very rewarding and that it speaks to them individually. God does reveal Himself to us on that three day “walk” along the road. You can never describe to someone else what the walk will mean to them.

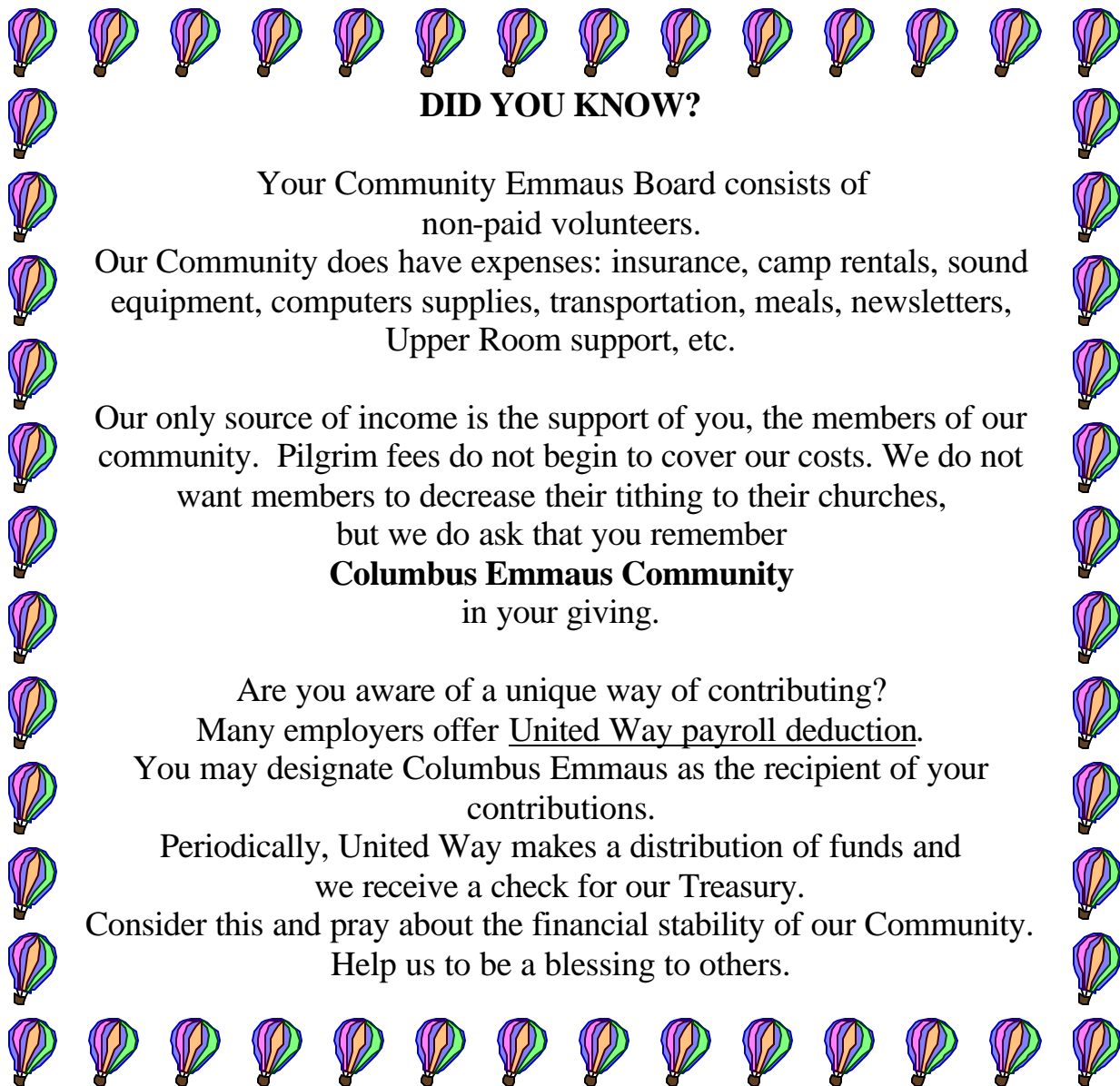
So, what’s the point here? Well, we are all **Blessed to Be A Blessing**. One of those ways for many of us is to learn how to be a good sponsor, tell our friends and acquaintances what we received from our walk, and then offer them the opportunity. Pray about with whom you will talk and schedule times to talk with both spouses about sponsoring them. Take along applications. A pastor friend of mine said he could not imagine any pastor not wanting his whole congregation to attend a walk.

Also, continue to support our Emmaus community in prayers, offers to volunteer, attend Gatherings regularly, be in a reunion support group, and share your finances. This Community cannot continue to exist without new Pilgrims, and without your support. Our community got its start in the late 1980’s; will we all help it stay viable into the 2010’s? **Be A Blessing!**

A.C. Reeves, Lay Director

### Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights #37 & 38	September 4-6, 2010
Men’s Walk #77	October 21-24, 2010
Women’s Walk #78	October 28-31, 2010



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Your Community Emmaus Board consists of non-paid volunteers.

Our Community does have expenses: insurance, camp rentals, sound equipment, computers supplies, transportation, meals, newsletters, Upper Room support, etc.

Our only source of income is the support of you, the members of our community. Pilgrim fees do not begin to cover our costs. We do not want members to decrease their tithing to their churches, but we do ask that you remember **Columbus Emmaus Community** in your giving.

Are you aware of a unique way of contributing? Many employers offer United Way payroll deduction. You may designate Columbus Emmaus as the recipient of your contributions.

Periodically, United Way makes a distribution of funds and we receive a check for our Treasury. Consider this and pray about the financial stability of our Community. Help us to be a blessing to others.

**AGAPE NEEDED FOR WALKS**

More table and bed agape are needed for the Fall walks and flights. We ran short on the Spring walks. You can sign up for agape donations along with the prayer charts at each Gathering or online at columbusinemmaus.org.

If you have questions or need suggestions for agape, contact Bertha Engle at 812-523-1197 or Sandra Sweany at 812-523-8868.

Thank you for supporting the Columbus Emmaus Community with agape that means so much to the pilgrims of each walk.

## From the Lay Director of Walk 75

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank our Emmaus Community for all the love and support that was given to the team and pilgrims of Walk 75. On their behalf, thank you so much. Thank you for your agape of prayers, your agape of deeds, and your agape of words. So many people performed so many acts of love on our behalf. They gave us so many words of love and encouragement in written and verbal form, and we felt your loving prayers through the whole experience. Thank you, thank you, and thank you! It never ceases to amaze me that no matter how many times we share this Emmaus experience, the love of God expressed through loving Christians in the Emmaus format is such a disarming, powerful, and wonderful force that is new for pilgrim, team, and community alike every time! May His name be praised!

I want to personally thank everyone on the formation committee, our spiritual director Brian Buterbaugh, Carolyn Pool, brother Bill Everhart (whom I called several times man cave to man cave at all hours) the entire team (thank you brothers for your willingness to serve and say yes to God's call) but especially our ALDs, Marshall Kiel, Harold Lane, and Skip Green. I tried to say this at the closing but I was blubbering too much and I couldn't get it out. It is so wonderful how God took four different personalities and made us one leader. It was so awesome and it is so awesome to have the bond that can never be broken.

The weekend started out with such absolutely gorgeous weather that I almost felt a little guilty knowing how many walks in past have bravely fought adverse elements but then I laid down for about 10 minutes until the guilty feelings passed away and enjoyed the rest of the weekend.

The send off was great. It is always so wonderful to see so many of the community come who didn't sponsor anybody or have a loved one on the team; again thank you.

"My new found friend" started off well. The usual name mishaps and nervousness about speaking in front of a group was present but nobody fainted. We even had a dose of honesty as some of the pilgrims expressed some doubt and uneasiness about being there when they made their introductions. By the time we were done though, we all had a sense that we were forming a community. Everything on Thursday night went smoothly although Daylight Savings Time put a little wrench in the gears. When we were done with everything and the Pilgrims were sent to bed, the sun had not been down very long, and the sky was still light. Some were not sleepy! They were good sports and went to bed anyway. The Thursday night team meeting was held and issues were addressed. We were ready!

On Friday we were early all day with the schedule. I know there were a couple of times the kitchen could have cheerfully choked us (sorry guys) but it all worked out. It was a good day; a lot of bonds were being formed at the tables. We had a great, long break. The poster party was a lot of fun and kudos to the ALDs for their creative awards. The love of Christ was slowly being revealed to all. It really hit home with the clowns; they always get me.

Saturday we were behind all day with the schedule. Dying moments was powerful and a lot of baggage was left at the cross. Real friendships were forming at the tables and the Pilgrims were eager and accepting of all they were given. Saturday is always a blessings day. Our only goof up on Saturday was that in our desire not to make the community wait, we left the camp a little early, and the Pilgrims had to sit on the bus outside the church while the community finished communion. Not good. That wasn't like I planned but Pilgrims have told me they had a great time sitting on the bus sharing Christ with each other so apparently God can make use of everything, even our mistakes!

If you were at candlelight you know how awesome it was. I think we all have said, "I think I got a little taste of heaven tonight" after candlelight. How wonderful.

Sunday we were behind some and we were on time some -a split decision. The closing was the main feature of the day; every one of the Pilgrims came to the podium and shared their heart. I always cry when men and women share with their community how Jesus touched their hearts on the weekend. A pilgrim said that he had been deceived- "crying wasn't in the brochure." The love of God is so overwhelming. There you have it, four days summarized with 800 words +/- . I love you brothers and sisters in Christ; may God continue to bless the Columbus Area Emmaus Community and all of their work.

In Christ,  
Dave Ellis



## THE GIFT



THE GIFT is a program initiated by the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis movements to ensure that many from all over the world can enjoy the fruits of this beautiful ministry.

THE GIFT is a financial program that allows the international communities as well as the emerging new communities to tap into the generosity of pilgrims and butterflies that the Lord has so richly blessed. Here are some facts that you may not know:

The Chrysalis and Walk to Emmaus movements are interdenominational, interracial and international.

The Emmaus movement began in 1978 and the Chrysalis movement began in 1985. More than one million Christians have experienced a Chrysalis or Walk to Emmaus weekend.

The 600 Emmaus and Chrysalis communities are in 38 countries and 12 countries respectively.

Our resources have been translated into 13 languages on 6 continents.

We do not receive any funds or money from the United Methodist Church or any church denomination.

Internationally, we need funds to assist emerging communities that do not have the resources to secure facilities, provide scholarships, train and teach team participant and conduct weekends.

In the United States, we want to bring our Leadership Development Program resources into the 21st century through the use of technology that will empower leaders in each Community.

If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to respond to “THE GIFT” of grace that you received on **your** weekend, make your check payable to International Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis and send you offering of love to:

International Emmaus/Chrysalis Office  
1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, TN 37213.



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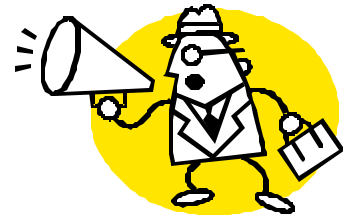
Many of us have changed phone numbers. Some of us no longer use land lines but rely totally on cellular phones. Some of us have moved. You might know of other changes in our Emmaus Community membership—new email addresses, deaths, marriages or name changes.

PLEASE take a few moments and update your information in the community database. It affects team selection, newsletter mailings and many communications for the community. CONTACT Tom Ganus, data coordinator, at 812-373-9293 or [tganus@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:tganus@columbusinemmaus.org).



**Phil Miles** and **Rhonda Fowler** have answered the call to serve as the Lay Directors for walks #77 & #78. Please gather around them now, as they begin to form their teams. Pray for them and God’s guidance as they seek the teams that should serve. Also, pray for the Pilgrims they will be hosting.

**Do You Know Someone Qualified to Serve  
On the Emmaus Board?**



**NOW** is the time to nominate them for service on the 2011 board. Let Carolyn Pool know at 812-376-2780 or [cpool@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:cpool@columbusinemmaus.org).



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

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

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**June Chrysalis Board Meeting**

Tuesday, June 1, 2010—6 pm  
Memorial Baptist Church  
2320 7th St., Columbus, IN

**June Emmaus Board Meeting**

Saturday, June 12, 2010—9 am  
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church  
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

**June Gathering**

Friday, June 18, 2010—7 pm  
Central Christian Church  
1434 West 2nd Street, Seymour, IN  
Childcare provided for ages 6 & under  
A-J Bring Refreshments

