



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a wonderful evening we had at Sandy Hook United Methodist Church – our May gathering. The 4th day meeting was informative and very entertaining. The meal was wonderful – a lot of excellent food and fellowship. The gathering was spirit filled as the combined men and women from the last walks led us in praising God. The new pilgrims introduced themselves and what a wonderful sight – new members to our community.

We had a quiet prayer time as we wrote names that God may be leading us to sponsor on fall walks and flights. These names were put in a beautiful, shiny, gold prayer box. This box will be prayed over until the walks and flights. If you were not able to attend you will have an opportunity to do this at the next gathering. We had an infomercial on our great website and a wonderful communion service.

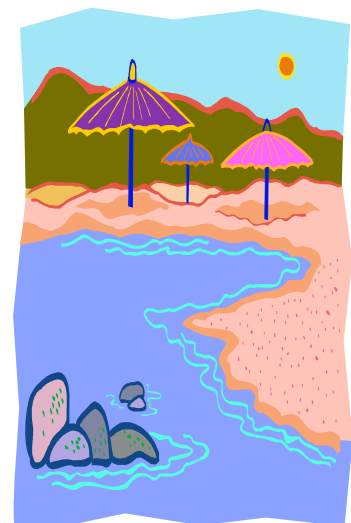
The word that is on my heart this month is *thank you*. Psalm 92:1 says “It is a good thing to give thanks unto our Lord.” I am so thankful for everyone in this Emmaus/Chrysalis community! I thank God for leading me to go on this walk and to stay involved. I am so blessed.

Let’s be in prayer for whom God wants us to sponsor on the fall walks and flights. I hope to see you at Cornerstone Community Church in Seymour on June 15th at 7pm.

Be blessed,
Cindy Massey

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights #45 & #46	September 1-3, 2012
Men’s Walk #85	October 18-21, 2012
Women’s Walk #86	October 25-28, 2012



Walk # 83 Report to the Community

Emmaus Community,

Thank you for the wonderful privilege of serving as the Lay Director for Walk #83. We serve an awesome God! Thank you, Community, for your prayers and countless acts of agape love for the pilgrims, the sponsors, the team, and the entire walk. As preparation for the Walk began, it was evident that we were to be working through God's timing, and not our own. I'll never forget the many human-shaped angels He put in my path that carried the message to wait and trust in His perfect plan.



God formed an amazing team for Walk #83. The conference room group was energized and supportive all weekend. Larry Alexander and his music team raised the spirits of the pilgrims throughout the weekend. The talks were fantastic and spoke to the pilgrims, cultivating great table discussions and led to deep spiritual bonds that the men of Walk #83 will never forget.

The Agape Team, led by Joe Clark, was very flexible in their willingness to serve wherever they were needed. We made the usual on-the-fly decisions throughout the weekend (a few due to the weather) and the team always reacted quickly and made the weekend a memorable experience for the pilgrims.

The food was absolutely amazing. Joe Jerman and his team created a wonderful menu that was served always with the full act of agape love that only an Emmaus kitchen team can do.

The ALDs (Ed Tower, Tom Ganus, & Mark Kelly) and the Spiritual Directors (Brian Teater, Ron Walker, Dan Cash, Johnnie Spivey, & Mike Seaney) provided the leadership and spiritual foundation for the quality of the walk deserving of the pilgrims and honor to our living Father.

Many men's lives were changed on Walk #83. They are now better equipped to be the spiritual leaders in their homes, churches, businesses, and communities that God wants them to be. Their excitement and passion for Christ was evident through dying moments, candlelight and closing. Our challenge now, as a community, is to help keep them plugged into the Emmaus experience so that they can continue to grow and build the Body of Christ.

To that end, let us begin praying for the guidance and direction for this coming fall walks. We have had to cancel the past two men's fall walks due to the low number of pilgrims and sponsors committing themselves to the Emmaus experience. So, let's strike while the fire is hot! Begin praying now that God will reveal to you pilgrims that you can sponsor for walk #85; and when He does, contact them right away. Have them reserve the date (October 18 - October 21) and go ahead and get the application filled out and sent in. And if you are led, get the team application form filled out and turned in. As so many of us have already learned; serving Him on an Emmaus team truly opens your eyes on how He can so wonderfully work through a 72 hour experience and on through the 4th days of renewed lives.

To the Pilgrims of Walk #83: Welcome to your new community! May all your 4th days be filled with God's love and His bountiful blessings and "may the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance" (2 Thessalonians 3:5).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community as Lay Director for Men's Walk #83.

De Colores,
Chuck Goode

Walk # 84 Report to the Community

Absolutely amazing!! And Wow!! Through the entire process of serving as Lay Director for Walk # 84, I can truly say I am humbled. Since last fall, I have devoted and entrusted this call to serve in this capacity, to my dear Lord. I started making list and then turning those ideas of what I would like to do as Lay Director over to Lord for His plans. Some of the decisions and answers I didn't totally understand WHY, but I trusted to His will.

Friday as table assignments were announced you began to see the bonding among the tables.. The speaker talks were amazing and so personal in their walk with God. Some would make us laugh, and some would make us cry, and realize what they were talking about was US. The "light bulbs" went on. Posters, skits, and songs filled the conference room at night.

There were a few obstacles that came our way over the weekend, but in each obstacle, our great God showed His mighty power. Saturday night the bus was loaded and ready to head into Candlelight, and it did not start. Two of the ALD's went over to the side of the bus and started praying for it to start up. We all made it to Candlelight on time, and were embraced by a large crowd to welcome the Pilgrims. It was amazing watching the faces of the Pilgrims when they came to the stage, each with tears, smiles, and amazement. Thank you to the community for coming out to support the Pilgrims.

It is my prayer that the Pilgrims in all their 4th days understand and truly embrace God's amazing love. I know through this entire experience, the support, prayers, notes, and phone calls truly amazed me, and gave me the encouragement some days when things just weren't going right. I can't even begin to thank all of you for the wonderful support. I pray that my good and gracious God is proud.

Thank you again for the wonderful support. I am truly blessed by all the wonderful, caring, and loving friends in this community. Each one of you mean the world to me and helped to further advance my walk and journey with God. For that I am forever grateful.

"Opened eyed, wide eyed, they recognized Him" Luke 24:31. I believe eyes were opened and they truly recognized Him..

Blessings,
Kathy Durham, Lay Director Walk # 84



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It Is All About Sponsorship

QUESTION: I'd like to sponsor someone on a Fall Walk, but I might be chosen to serve on that same Team. Can I do both?

ANSWER: The short answer is - sponsors should not serve as Team members on Walks with persons they are sponsoring!

Why is that? According to the guidelines given out at your 4th Day meeting, there are some excellent reasons why sponsors should decline serving on the Team that will serve the person they're sponsoring. Some of those reasons for concern include:

1. A sponsor serving on Team cannot support a pilgrim in such activities as Sponsors' Hour and Candlelight.
2. A sponsor cannot support a pilgrim's family while they are serving at camp.
3. A sponsor can find it distracting from their service to all pilgrims by checking on the responses being made by their individual pilgrim.

Some of the beneficial reasons for sponsors not to serve on that particular Team include:

1. Without the watchful eye of the sponsor, a pilgrim has the space to experience God in their own authentic way during the Walk.
2. Sponsors can concentrate fully on their role as sponsors, offering their energy & best efforts to their pilgrim and family.
3. Sponsors can model the belief that a Walk is not about what Team members can get out of a Walk, but it's all about their pilgrim's walk with Jesus during those three days.

We ask you to continue to make wise decisions when both sponsoring a pilgrim and serving on a Team. We hope God gives you many opportunities to do both! But if this kind of "conflict" arises, humbly do what's best for your pilgrim. That might mean not serving on that Team, or it might mean serving but perhaps having someone else (like a spouse) actually sponsor that pilgrim for you!

God has richly blessed so many people this year in our Chrysalis Flight & Spring Walks. Certainly more will be blessed this fall, as God guides us to serve and sponsor.

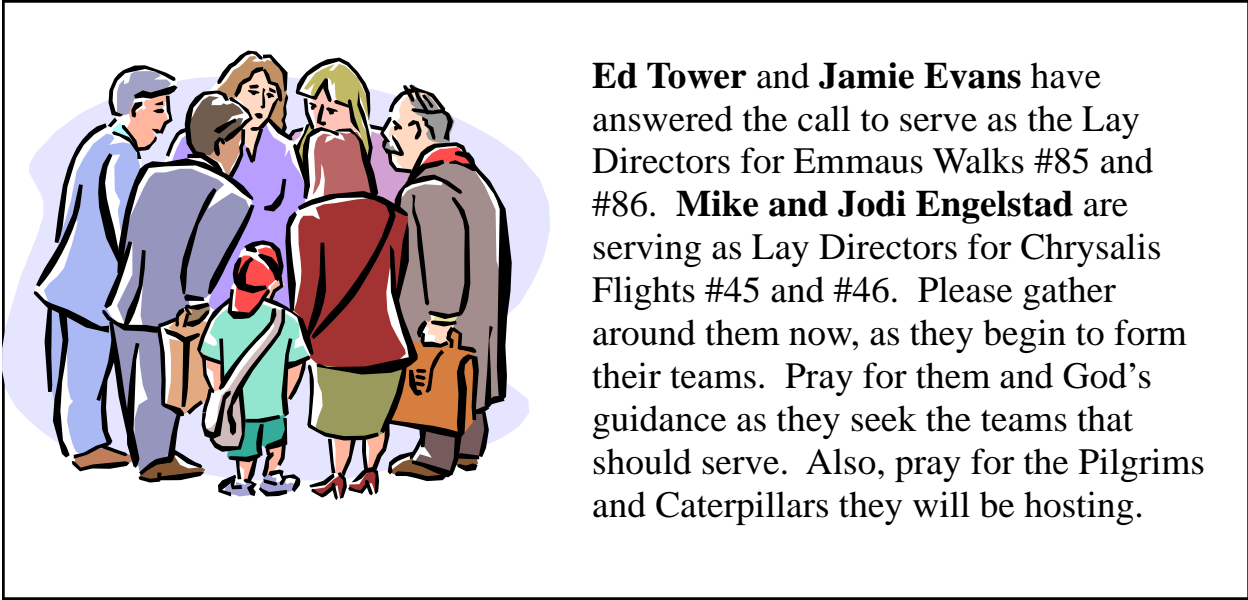
Mike Seaney & Marlene Vandevander

P.S. It's not too early to start thinking and praying about sponsorship for this fall.

Chrysalis Flight #45/46 is September 1-3

Men's Walk #85 is October 18-21

Women's Walk #86 is October 25-28



Ed Tower and **Jamie Evans** have answered the call to serve as the Lay Directors for Emmaus Walks #85 and #86. **Mike and Jodi Engelstad** are serving as Lay Directors for Chrysalis Flights #45 and #46. 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 and Caterpillars they will be hosting.



The Earlier the Better

Chrysalis is a three day experience for **high school sophomores, juniors, seniors and college freshmen**, that provides an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal through Christian fellowship. Chrysalis equips and challenges Christian youth to deepen their relationship with Christ and inspires participants to live their faith in their home, church, school and community.

Now is the time to find and sponsor prospective caterpillars for the Fall Chrysalis Flights, **September 1-3, 2012**. This is Labor Day weekend. The flights will be held at Hilltop Christian Camp in Brown County. Application deadline is August 1st, so begin praying for the youth in your church or in your neighborhood. Some young person you know may be waiting for the love, inspiration and blessings that can be gained on a Chrysalis weekend.

Application forms are available on line at www.columbusinemmaus.org. For more information, you may contact Karl Evans at (812) 372-0985 or kevans@columbusinemmaus.org. You may also contact Brian Buterbaugh at bbuterbaugh@columbusinemmaus.org or (812) 603-1339.

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June Gathering

Friday, June 15, 2012

6 pm - Hoot Rally

7 pm - Gathering

Cornerstone Community Church
1088 Sarasota Dr., Seymour
A-M bring snacks and drinks

June Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2012 - 6pm

The Rock

3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus

June Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday, June 9, 2012 - 9 am

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