

The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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From our Community Lay Director....



Hello Emmaus Community,

I hope this finds you all well and strong with the new normal that is taking place in our communities. We are now 6 months into the year and what we expected to happen in 2020 is no longer the case.

I am deeply missing the Emmaus worship/singing/community. How does that old saying go, you do not miss something until you do not have it anymore.

The Emmaus Board was saddened to cancel the monthly gathering in May but must follow state leadership in keeping everyone safe. Even though our churches are opening, they are still closed to outside large groups. The board continues to watch and will continue to discuss what is happening in our communities and follow the safe path.

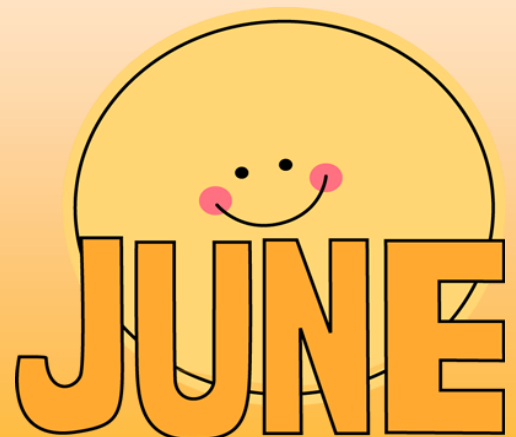
Until we can join again in worship/praise the board encourages you to participate in small reunion groups. If you do not belong to a reunion group, please reach out to one of us on the Emmaus board and the board will be glad to help in any way.

The board will keep you informed as we discuss and move forward in the next month.

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

DeColores,

Venetia Green, Community Lay Director



From Our Community Spiritual Director...

How refreshing it was recently to watch a news clip from a White House press conference. One of the reporters stated that he really missed going to Church during this pandemic! I was impressed that he was unashamed to publicly declare how his faith was essential to him.

While some of you are excited to be back attending Worship in person, many of you are anxiously waiting to figure out how to do so safely in your Church. And our Emmaus Community is in that same boat. While we crave the fellowship of monthly Gatherings, we prefer at this time to “do no harm”. So how can we still “gather” without a Gathering?

Our best option for the next few months is to take the virtual route (surprise!). Perhaps with something like a Facebook Live broadcast, we can stay connected with inspiring music, exciting announcements, uplifting prayer, and a guided time of Holy Communion. Maybe we can even figure out how to receive financial donations as well! But of course, you’ll have to supply your own refreshments.

So be watching for Community emails about possible opportunities to gather virtually. In the meantime, continue supporting each other in your Reunion groups, as well as praying up your Pastors and those precious friends in your own faith communities.

DeColores,

Mike Seaney,
Community Spiritual Director





We are a relational people. We tend to thrive when we are together. The church has really missed being together. Fellowship & praying together is so very important to the vibrancy of our faith. And yet we have not been able to gather as a Church Body; not locally, not as Emmaus. We are missing out; or are we?

Since finishing our Walk the Emmaus Community has encouraged all of us to be active in a Reunion Group. A smaller version of "church"; an accountability group that helps keep us on track with our study, prayers and actions of faith.

Are we utilizing them at optimum? Has your group continued to meet during our times of quarantine & stay-at-home, either over regular phone calls, video chats, Zoom or Facebook Live or even just emailing? Have we continued to pray faithfully for our Reunion Group members?

Are you in a Reunion Group? Is it functioning? If you are not we would like to help you get connected, either with an established group or help you start a new one. To this task we are setting up a place to list your group (if you are currently in one) or to ask about one, if you are not. In next month's newsletter there will be a link so reunion group names & info can be accessed to enable you to list your group or to seek a group. (I thank Kim Bieker for setting this up. It is beyond my tech skills!)

May we take advantage of the privilege of our relationships in Christ to weather this current storm and gain strength for what is coming.

May God continue to bless & hold you in His strong & loving arms,

Marsha Rodenberger,
4th Day & Reunion Group Board Member



Prayer CHANGES things

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Ask *and keep on asking* and it will be given to you; seek *and keep on seeking* and you will find; knock *and keep on knocking* and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking, it will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8

The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

You may download one at:

[Columbus IN Area Chrysalis Flight Application](#)

[Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application](#)



Community Gatherings...

June Gathering ~ Cancelled

No July Gathering ~ Summer Break



Tentative Fall 2020 Flight & Walk Dates

Chrysalis Flights #77-78 ~ Sept 5 — 7

Emmaus Men's Walk #117 ~ Oct 22 — 25

Emmaus Women's Walk #118 ~ Oct 29 — Nov 1

Board Meetings

Chrysalis - No meeting in June

Emmaus - Saturday, June 13th, 9:00 am ~ Meeting via Zoom



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www.columbusareaemmaus.community

Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

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