



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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Letter to the Community:

Reese's peanut butter cups? Plain or peanut M &M's? Baby Ruth? I love chocolate, especially with nuts. Dark chocolate I can live without, but milk chocolate makes my heart sing. All the more reason, off and on over the years, I've chosen to give up chocolate for Lent.

My propensity to "give something up" started back in my college days at University of Illinois in the late 70's. It seems all my closest friends in the dorms were Catholic and attended Saturday midnight mass after a long night of studying. To me it killed two birds with one stone—nice break from the books and I had church out of the way for the week.

Since there were no other Methodists on my floor and the Priest welcomed any and all college students, I became what I still refer to as a "college Catholic". This included giving something up for Lent, a practice I still follow and have instilled in my kids. Some years it's gum, some years caffeine, but frequently chocolate. Oh I often get tempted during those 40 days and have occasionally cheated without realizing what I've done. I may feel guilty for a few minutes but then remember the real reason I gave something up in the first place is to remind me daily what our Lord and Savior "gave up" for each one of us.

Do we view our sins that way? Do we forget about them as soon as they happen? Do we hold on to the guilt and shame that may accompany our actions? Do we justify them for one reason or another? Remember, God tells us in Matthew 26:28, "for this is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for many for the remission of sins." Yes, for each one of us!

During this Lenten season and throughout the year let us all try to keep in mind that God loves us and forgives us no matter how many times we succumb to temptation.

Many thanks to all who helped make the February Gathering at Trinity UMC such a joy. The band was awesome, John jumped in at the last minute to open with prayer, dedication of the Chrysalis teams was moving, and our dear sister Kathy Bush gave a powerful and moving Fourth Day talk.

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights	
Chrysalis Flights #47 & #48	March 9-11 2013
Men's Walk #87	April 11-14 2013
Women's Walk #88	April 18-21 2013
Men's Walk #89	October 17-20 2013
Women's Walk #90	24-27 2013



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Be in prayer for those Caterpillars and Pilgrims God is calling you to sponsor this spring. Let's fill those Flights and Walks! Remember we have a cut off of 30 days before the Walk to reach a minimum of 20 Pilgrims.

Support our Chrysalis Flights by attending **Send Off** at Hilltop on Saturday, March 9, at 9:00 a.m. **Candlelight** is Sunday, March 10, at Community Church of Columbus at 8:00 p.m., and **Closing** is Monday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. at Garden City Church of Christ.

Mark your calendars for our next Gathering at Petersville United Methodist Church on Friday, March 15. We'll be dedicating our spring Men's and Women's Teams, have some great fellowship, music, and make some more agape for the Walks. Maybe I'll even get to tell you my story about life on the hog farm.

Blessings and Christian love to all, Melanie Hart

Just what is "Big House" anyway?

1. Big House is an extension of the Agape Team that is on the Flight.
2. Big House meets at a different location in Columbus other than at Hilltop Christian Camp.
3. Big House participants reflect God's love and practice sharing God's love.
4. Several activities during Big House include:
 - Attend Send-Off and Sponsor's Hour at Hilltop
 - Serve breakfast snacks at Send-Off
 - Pray for each Caterpillar and Team member
 - Make Many pieces of agape for Caterpillars and Team members at Hilltop
 - Write agape letters to Caterpillars and Team members
 - Pray for each Talk presenter
 - Eat, snack, eat, snack, etc.
 - Sing and listen to Christian songs
 - Play games
 - Participate in Communion
 - Plan and present a skit for the Agape dinner on Sunday at Hilltop
 - Serve the Agape dinner on Sunday at Hilltop
 - Attend Candlelight
 - Serve snacks and drinks after Candlelight
 - Attend Closing

You can be part of Big House after you attend your Flight!!!

For more information, go to www.columbusinemmaus.org.



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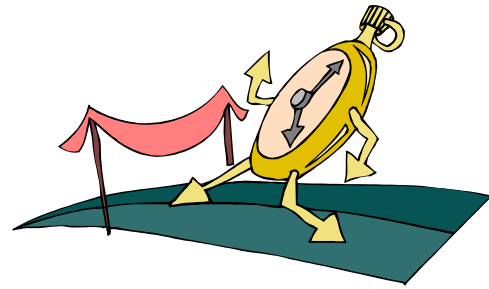
Emmaus Information Page (for community members):

www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members

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Registration Deadlines

If you've been praying about someone to sponsor, please do not wait another minute to discuss it with them. If you have an application that you've been meaning to turn in, now is the time. The deadlines for the Spring walks are rapidly approaching.



The deadline for Pilgrims for the Men's Walk on April 11-14 is **MARCH 12, 2013**.

The deadline for Pilgrims for the Women's Walk on April 18-21 is **MARCH 19, 2013**.



Conference Room Sound System Setup



Are you interested in helping out with a Walk but don't have the time to commit to a full three day weekend? One of the main tasks in preparing the Conference Room for a Walk is setting up the sound system. This job is typically done the evening prior to the start of the men's Walk. Starting time is usually around 5:00 pm (when we get access to the chapel) and, if we can get 2 or 3 volunteers, the work can be completed in approximately two (2) hours. If you enjoy working with sound systems and are interested in helping with either Spring Walks (i.e. Wednesday, April 10) or another future set of Walks, please contact Kevin Drerup at kdrerup@columbusinemmas.org or 812.350.5884. Thanks!

Meet New Board Member, Nikki Kerlin

Nikki is serving as Board Secretary. She went on Greensburg Area Emmaus Walk #37, table of Naomi, and is a member of Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus.

Her parents are Bill and Connie Witkemper. Her mom has served on many Emmaus Walks and is the reason Nikki came to know the true meaning of what the Emmaus family is all about. Nikki is single, but hopes to find a husband and start a family. For now she treats her dog, Abbie, like a child.

Nikki enjoys various outdoor activities, especially walks in the country, horseback riding, and playing volleyball. She enjoys all sports and loves watching football.

Here are some of Nikki's personal thoughts and feelings about serving on the Board:

I'm excited to join such an amazing board of men and women who want nothing more than to serve the Lord with everything that they have to give. To me, that is just awesome!! I want to thank everyone for this opportunity, and I feel like this experience will bring me close in my walk with the Lord.



Two Important Questions About Sponsorship

Who should I sponsor?

Sponsorship's goal is to bring Christians spiritual renewal, and for them to be a model of renewal to their church, home, workplace, and community. Ultimately, the Walk to Emmaus builds up the body of Christ.

Some Answers:

- Your Church's Pastor and/or staff
- Church Lay Leaders: Sunday School teachers, deacons, elders, trustees, church board
- Members needing rekindled
- Family and friends seeking spiritual growth
- Those of other congregations, denominations and ethnic groups

What can I tell those I ask?

Some Answers:

- Emmaus is well grounded in scripture and prayer
- Emmaus is ecumenical
- Men and women go on separate weekends
- It is a 72 hour spiritual retreat to draw us closer to God
- There are 15 talks, presented by laity and clergy over practical Christianity
- The talks and other activities create many deep spiritual moments
- It's a wonderful setting with praise and worship music
- The meals are GREAT, no one goes hungry
- You will meet new friends and maybe some old ones who will become close brothers and sisters in Christ

Remember, Emmaus is NOT a secret organization. You may not want to tell everything. How can you fully describe Dying Moments, the Clown Skit, or Candlelight? However, be open and honest and answer any questions the possible caterpillar or pilgrim might have.

Newsletter Donations Needed for 2013



You can help us with our printing and mailing expenses by prayerfully considering one or both of the following options:

- 1) Request that your newsletter be delivered to you electronically.
- 2) Make a financial donation to help cover the printing and mailing expenses of our monthly newsletters.

If you receive the Emmaus newsletter by mail, the actual cost is over \$9.00 per year. Your donation of any amount would help the community's financial standing. If you receive your newsletter by email, a donation would help cover the expense for someone not able to make a donation.

Please consider making a "Newsletter Donation" this year. You via PayPal on our website or by mailing a check to: **Columbus IN Area Emmaus Community, Inc., c/o Treasurer, PO Box 2184, Columbus, IN 47202-2184.**



**Remember
the Spring Pilgrims and Teams
in your prayers.**

When Can I Wear My Emmaus Cross?

As a member of the Emmaus Community, you are encouraged to wear the Emmaus Cross you received at your walk's commissioning. However, you should not wear your Emmaus cross to Send-offs or Candlelight services, so that the presentation of the crosses to the new pilgrims remains a surprise at their own commissioning.



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Chrysalis Candlelight

Sunday, March 10, 2012 - 8pm
Community Church of Columbus
3850 N. Marr Rd., Columbus, IN

Chrysalis Closing

Monday, March 11, 2012 - 5pm
Garden City Church of Christ
3245 Jonesville Rd., Columbus, IN

March Gathering - 7 pm

Friday, March 15, 2013
Petersville United Methodist Church
2781 N. 500 E., Columbus, IN
A-M bring snacks and drinks

March Board Meetings

Chrysalis - Tuesday, March 5, 2013 - 6 pm
Emmaus - Saturday, March 9, 2013 - 9 am
The Rock - 3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN