



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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Welcome to our newest Community Members!! The sun broke through and the storms abated as 32 beautiful daughters of God joined our Community on Walk 88 April 18-21. It looked like the storms would chase us inside during Send Off but nary a drop came down. Thank you to Trish Kelly and all of Team 88 for your dedication and service from the whole Emmaus Community!

We look forward to welcoming our new Sisters at the May Gathering on the 17th at First Christian Church in Columbus. The Fourth Day meeting starts at 6 pm and the PITCH IN starts at 7 pm. Let's pack the joint to show our new Community members how much they're loved, as well as fill our bellies and praise His name!

We'll also learn about the opportunity to join our sister Community from Indianapolis in hosting only the second Alarga Stroll at Franklin United Methodist Community August 1-4. The Alarga Stroll is sponsored by the Upper Room and is a slower, easier version of the Emmaus Walk for senior citizens and those who can't handle the pace of an Emmaus Walk. Team selection will take place in June. Be praying for those God will select for this special Stroll and Team.

And finally, a big Emmaus "We believe in you!" and prayers for our Fall Chrysalis Lay Directors for Flights 49 and 50 Robby Kloke and Amy Teater and our Emmaus Lay Directors for Walks 89 and 90, Dave Engle and Jane Hien, as they start praying for the Teams God will put in place. We already know God has a great work in mind for this fall.

Prayerfully consider those God would have you ask for the first, or perhaps the 21st time, to sponsor this fall. His timing is always perfect.

Bring your picnic basket and a friend, see you on the 17th!

Blessings and love to all,
Melanie (Grace)

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis
Flights
#49 & #50

August 31 -
September 2
2013

Men's
Walk
#89

October
17-20
2013

Women's
Walk
#90

October
24-27
2013





Come!

**Now is the time to worship
(and eat too).**

**Friday, May 17, 2013
First Christian Church
531 5th Street, Columbus**

6:00 PM Fourth Day Meeting for all pilgrims of Walk 88 and any other interested Emmaus Community member. Learn how to join a reunion group. Find out more about serving on an Emmaus team.

7:00 PM Pitch-in Dinner. Sponsors-bring your pilgrim! Community members-bring the food! Pilgrims-just bring your own table service!

8:00 (ish) PM Pilgrim welcoming and worship time.

Child Care will be provided.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE LOST AND FOUND TABLE FOR ANY ITEM YOU LEFT BEHIND AT CAMP LAKEVIEW.

It Is All About Sponsorship

Question - As a new member of the Emmaus community, how can I sponsor someone else to experience this fantastic weekend?

Answer - First, check the packet you received during your Walk. There should be some helpful information there. But as a summary, here are some highlights of how best to begin:

1. Keep in mind whom to sponsor. The Walk is not designed for everyone. Its purpose is to strengthen the local Church by strengthening its leaders.
2. Remember that wisdom would suggest that you only choose ONE person to sponsor for each Walk. You will have many responsibilities to carry out in order to bless your pilgrim & his/her family, so don't shortchange a pilgrim's experience by trying to sponsor several persons at one time.
3. When you are ready to talk to a potential pilgrim about attending a Walk, remember that if he/she is married, it's important to explain the Walk's purpose to both spouses. Never allow this wonderful event to become a divisive wedge in a relationship!
4. More suggestions and expectations of sponsors can be found on our website. Simply go to www.columbusinemmaus.org. Then do the following:
 - On the left side of the page, click on "Member Information Area",
 - Use the user name and password supplied in this newsletter,
 - On the left side, click on "Help Documents",
 - Then on the left side, you can either click on the "Sponsors Checklist", or
 - On the right side, you can click on "Suggestions for Sponsors" or "Emmaus Sponsorship".

Some of the information you received at your Walk, and found on the website, will be redundant. But that's an effective way of reinforcing what excellent sponsorship is all about. So do your homework, and then listen to God's leading as you consider sponsoring someone for this three-day adventure!

P.S. It's not too early to start thinking and praying about sponsorship for the Flights and Walks in the fall.

Chrysalis Flights #49 & 50 is August 31-September 2

Men's Walk #89 is October 17-20

Women's Walk #90 is October 24-27

HAVE YOU HEARD OF ALARGA STROLL?

Alarga means “Reaching Out”. *Alarga Stroll* is the officially adapted Emmaus Walk that embraces physically challenged people that follows the Emmaus format very closely.

Here are some of the differences between the *Emmaus Walk* and *Alarga Stroll*:



- Both men and woman are accepted for a Stroll.
- The number of talks are reduced from 15 to 12, combining some of the Talks.
- All the talks are reduced from 20 to 15 minutes’ duration.
- There are no more than 32 Pilgrims per Stroll.

These changes give the Pilgrims more time to get ready in the morning (showering, dressing etc.) and more rest time Friday and Saturday afternoons so that they will be able to receive all the Lord has for them during the evening activities. There may be an opportunity for our community members to help with an *Alarga Stroll* in Franklin. We will hear more about it at our May Gathering.

Board Positions

It is not too early to consider serving on the Emmaus and Chrysalis boards next year. If you feel a nudge in your heart to serve, pray about it and then contact any board member. They will be happy to answer any questions you have. A list of board members was published in the February newsletter and website.



Chrysalis has 2 vacancies right now. Contact Phil Miles at pmiles@columbusinemmaus.org, or Brian Buterbaugh at bbuterbaugh@columbusinemmaus.org if you are interested in serving on the Chrysalis board.

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- Financial savings of \$9 per person each year for postage and handling.
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- Saves time by receiving your newsletter sooner.

Contact Rhonda Upchurch at rupchurch@columbusinemmaus.org if you would like to **Go Paperless**.

Meet a New Board Member

Name: Dan Cook

Walk: Columbus IN Emmaus # 83

Table: Matthew

Church: Community Church of Columbus

Board Position: Supplies

Family: wife Yvonne; son Joel (25); daughter Valerie (23); son Erik (20)

Hobbies & Interests:

Hiking, Camping, Spending time outdoors enjoying God's beautiful creation, and Travel. Dan and Yvonne both enjoy helping others learn how to strengthen their marriages and build more Godly families by volunteering with the Indy FamilyLife team. For more info on FamilyLife visit their website at www.familylife.com

Personal Thoughts:

I was honored to be asked to serve on the board after only being part of the Emmaus community for such a short time. I look forward to be able to serve the Columbus Area Emmaus Community, and with an open heart, I pray that God will strengthen me as He continues to use me for His work. This opportunity to serve is one more step – forward – in my journey toward spiritual maturity and oneness with Christ Jesus. To God be the glory!



Change of Information

If your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address has changed, then please let us know. Email your change to addresschange@columbusinemmaus.org or contact any Board member.



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May Gathering & 4th Day Meeting

Friday, May 17, 2013

6 pm - 4th Day Meeting

7 pm - Pitch-in Meal

8 pm - Worship

First Christian Church, 531 5th Street, Columbus, IN

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Board Meetings

The Rock - 3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

Chrysalis - Tuesday, May 7 at 6 pm

Tuesday, June 4 at 6 pm

Emmaus - Saturday, May 4 at 9 am

- Saturday, June 11 at 9 am



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