



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

## Letter to the Community:

### A STEP OF FAITH

Many times in life God asks us to take a step of faith. "Just trust me and you will be blessed", He says. Each of us who have accepted Christ as our savior has experienced this. There are also many steps of faith associated with the Emmaus Walk.

First a person must be asked to go. The potential sponsor should pray about whom to ask. We want to sponsor the person God wants us to sponsor. Then, comes the step of faith by asking that person. There is risk involved. The person may say no. Don't be too discouraged. They just don't know what they are missing. They may say later. You should not badger them, but keep asking. God's timing is not always our timing. They may also say yes. What a blessing it is if they say yes. Many times God's Holy Spirit goes before us and everything works out just right, sometimes in miraculous ways.

When a person accepts the invitation to go on an Emmaus Walk, they are also taking a step of faith. They come as pilgrims seeking a closer relationship with God. But first they must take a step into the unknown. They leave the comfort of their home where they have complete control to go to a place that is different with people that they do not know. If you are like most of us, this takes you a little out of your comfort zone.

When they get to camp, they are surrounded by a lot of people that they have never met. They should know their sponsor, the person that persuaded them to take this step of faith, but that is of little comfort. They soon are asked to join a group of strangers, and go up a hill leaving their sponsor behind. It is kind of like your first day of school. But, by Sunday they find themselves blessed beyond their expectations.

Working on a team is also a step of faith. You have to accept the responsibility for doing your part. It is all about the pilgrims. You must sacrifice your time, money, and comfort for others. But, this too is a blessing beyond your expectations. It involves putting into action what you learned on your Walk.

I hope each of you will continue to take steps of faith in serving God, in spite of the risk involve. This is often how God teaches us new things, helps us to grow, and blesses us in many special ways.

**DeColores,**  
Gary Fuquay  
Community Lay Director

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### Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

<b>Chrysalis Flights #27 &amp; #28</b>	<b>January 19-21, 2008</b>
<b>Men's Walk #67</b>	<b>April 10-13, 2008</b>
<b>Women's Walk #68</b>	<b>April 17-20, 2008</b>



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

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

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### November Pitch-in/Gathering

Friday, November 16, 2007 - 6:30 pm  
 St Peter's Lutheran Church, 719 5th St., Columbus, IN  
 Everyone is invited to come! We celebrate the Lord's great blessings to us by welcoming the newest members of our Community-the pilgrims from Walks #63, #64, #65 and #66! Please bring your favorite food to share and a plate and utensils to eat with. Our annual business meeting will also take place, so don't miss it! This is your chance to fellowship with old and new friends, praise the Lord, and receive Holy Communion.



Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

Is not the cup of **thanksgiving** for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

I Corinthians 10:16

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with **thanksgiving**. Psalm 69:30

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

An invitation! Who would like to submit a testimony about how the Lord has worked in your life through your Walk to Emmaus? Please share with us how the Lord has blessed you! He is SO totally awesome! If you have a testimony or a poem to share, please keep it short if possible, to about 2–3 paragraphs, and send them to me @ [draynor@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:draynor@columbusinemmaus.org) and I will put your witness to our awesome Lord in the newsletter! Let's pack this little newsletter with praises!

**DeColores!**

Debbie Raynor

Columbus IN Area Emmaus Board—Newsletter

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**November Gathering**

***Pitch-in Dinner to Welcome New Pilgrims***

***All invited to bring a dish to share !***

Friday, November 16, 6:30 pm

St Peter's Lutheran Church, 719 5th St., Columbus

Childcare provided for children ages 6 & younger

**Special Hoot-Service Project**

Saturday, November 17, 10 am to 4 pm

Hilltop Christian Camp, Weather permitting Lunch will be a Campfire

Cookout. Anyone from the Emmaus or Chrysalis Community that is interested is welcome to come and help!

**No Gathering in December**

