



The Emmaus News

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From our Community Lay Director....



In the blink of an eye, in the middle of a pandemic that does not seem to want to slow down, it is November. November is the time, every year, that we start thinking about being thankful.

Ingratitude and thanklessness are far too common. Common courtesy is scorned. We take for granted the ways that others help us. Above all, we fail to thank God for His blessings.

My blessings have been ten-fold this week and I was able to watch God work before my eyes with the power of prayer. Even when life may be difficult, we should thank God for all that He does. I spent much of the past week on my knees in prayer along with family, friends, and some great prayer warriors and in my heart, I know that I witnessed a miracle.

May I never forget on my best day that I still need God as desperately as I did on my worst day.

God has blessed us and we should be thankful for each small blessing and stepping stone.

Thank God for the Material Blessings that He gives you.

Thank God for the People in your life.

Thank God for His continued Presence and Power in your life.

Thank God especially for His Salvation in Jesus Christ.

2020 has been a difficult year. The Emmaus community has missed the fellowship and worship that is so needed in our daily lives.

Please stay active and join or start a small group.



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At the November Gathering, the Emmaus community conducts a business meeting along with praise and worship. It is time to say thank you to board members who have fulfilled their commitments to the board and thank them for their wonderful service in our community and to welcome new board members for 2021 as well as welcoming the newest members of our community.

The November Gathering will be conducted by live streaming and not face to face because of the continuing concern of COVID in our communities. Please see page 4.

The Emmaus Gathering is Friday, November 20th, 2020 at 7pm. The gathering will be live via on line streaming and we encourage everyone to participate in the worship.

Blessings,

Venetia Green, Community Lay Director



From Our Community Spiritual Director...

The season is coming to an end! All of the name-calling, mud-slinging, accusations & denials of this four-year political ritual are ending. Can I get an "amen"?

Whether we believe that our country will be great again, or will begin down a new path, I suggest that we consider accepting two tasks beyond our voting. First, we Christians should set the pace in seeking common ground among those who might disagree with us. For we are called to be "ambassadors of reconciliation" in every aspect of life. Our Flights and Walks have been great examples of that unity that Christ can create among us.

And secondly, we should often return to the very ground of our hope. While we ought to be concerned and involved in building better communities, our peace and confidence is ultimately found in that perfect community we await in heaven. Hopefully next year, Emmaus and Chrysalis will be able to continue building stronger disciples of Christ, rooted firmly in the grace of God.

Friends, it's our time to be reconcilers, unifiers and hope-givers! In doing so, we will prepare well for this upcoming Advent season. For in Advent, we'll honor the God who, through the Son, became our reconciler, unifier and hope-giver!

DeColores,

Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director



Don't Forget The Silence

Today we needed lots of time to talk, to plan, to use our words. All very necessary to share our work and thoughts and come to consensus. But sometimes, we are called to be quiet or even silent, to give the Holy Spirit an opening. As busy as an Emmaus Walk can be with the much sharing that is essential, there are quiet times and times of silence.

Coming together on the Thursday night of a Walk when our emotions are all over the place, our first silence is unexpected and a little shocking. Some feel a reprieve not having to chit chat with strangers, others are uncomfortable not to be able to say "Thank you" or "Pardon me". But when the lights are turned out, the stirrings of the Holy Spirit are heard. He sets our course. He begins His Walk. In the silence He reminds us of where we have been and prepares a fertile field for where we might go and the seeds He will plant.

Silence is called for after each talk before the table discussion begins. God wants to speak to you about what you have just heard. He might want to say, "Withhold judgment here, there is more to come on this matter." He might want you to soak in what your ears have just heard. The silence is not a time-filler. It is an opening for the Creator of Heaven and Earth to speak His thoughts for you, to you.

We have other occasions of silence. We have Examination of Conscience and guided silence with The Emmaus Road Experience. We are silent sometimes as we move from place to place.

Dying Moments is a quiet time. It is a time that calls for a quietness like no other on the Walk. I wonder....if our eyes could see the spiritual warfare going on in that room if we would even be able to sit upright, let alone utter a word. I have at times removed my shoes during this time knowing I was on holy ground.

I was distracted by words being sung during the times of dying to our past. We must remember that Someone is already speaking. The still small voice will not compete. He alone transforms in that moment.

Our breaks on Friday and Saturday afternoons are essential also. A freedom to not take in anymore new thoughts. Maybe just a time to think through our recent thoughts. These times are not likely silent or quiet, but they are essential.

Maybe at our Emmaus board meetings, along with our prayers and devotions, we should turn our chairs from our tables and have a time of silence. The Holy Spirit might tell us something He wants to discuss today.

With that, I think I will take my own musings to heart and be quiet now.



DeColores,

Renee Kasting, Community Trainer



November Gathering!

You're Invited!



Friday, 11.20.20



at 7:00 pm

We need YOU to praise and worship the Lord together! Our gathering will be held virtually with a link on our Facebook page. A link will also be emailed to you. This is also our Annual Business Meeting and important stuff is waiting to be shared, including our new board member candidates. After this Gathering/ Business Meeting, another email will be sent to you with a ballot for your votes on our new board members. Come one,



come all as we sing,
pray, worship and
serve our awesome
Lord together!

From our Sponsorship/Reunion Groups Board Member...

Happy Harvest & Thanksgiving! We are currently in an upswing in virus cases so once again I'm eager to encourage us all to be in touch with our Reunion Groups! Being in community with other faith believers who have experienced similar faith-growing events such as an Emmaus Walk is very important. And when we have to social distance & wear masks or stay at home because of health issues or age or both, our faith community is so much more important. Sunday worship alone is not enough; never has been. So how is your group?

When Kim Bieker & I first put out the Survey re: Reunion Groups, I had the idea of 1) being able to provide info regarding groups to new members in order to help them get into a group more easily & quickly. 2) It is hoped that this information can also help long-time members mentor newer members, 3) long-time groups who have dwindled in numbers find new members who are not currently in a group & 4) to gauge how many of our community are actually in a Reunion Group as Emmaus Walk International encourages us to be. But this won't happen if very few people take the 2-3 minutes it takes to fill out the survey. Please see our Columbus website for the link. OR: Please click [here](#)

Thank you!

Marsha Rodenberger

Sponsorship & Reunion Groups

An announcement from Brenda Stoner, Data Coordinator...

The board has recently revised the Walk application. You will find it posted on our website. Please discard any previous copies you may have pre-printed and use this [new form](#) going forward. This is a great time to revisit the sponsorship covenant and begin praying for your future pilgrim.

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...

November Gathering/Annual Business Meeting
Friday, November 20th, 7 pm ~ Virtual meeting
via Facebook link and/or via community email

Spring 2021 Flights & Walks

Chrysalis Flights #77 & #78 ~ March 27 ~ 29, 2021

Emmaus Men's Walk #119 ~ April 8 ~ 11, 2021

Emmaus Women's Walk #120 ~ April 15 ~ 18,
2021

Board Meetings

Chrysalis - Tuesday, November 3rd, 6:00 pm

Via Email

Emmaus - Saturday, November 14th, 9:00 am, via
zoom



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7



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