



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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As I write this, the Fall women's walk is about to start. The men's Fall walk had to be cancelled. That cancellation was due to an insufficient number of Pilgrims enrolled for us to hold the walk. Your Board anguished over that decision. We would like to conduct a walk for any who are being led to participate. However, we operate under a contract with the International Emmaus/Chrysalis Office. They stipulate that walks cannot be effective if fewer than 20 attend. They give the cut-off at two weeks prior to the walk date. This caused some last minute stress. Unfortunately, our Community has no set cut-off date. So, we are studying implementing a date that is more realistic for team training, sponsors and Pilgrims. (Hint: get your applications in early.)

Other Emmaus communities have faced this situation. It may be the result of complacency. In many cases, part of the cause for low pilgrim count may be the result of weak sponsorship. In some cases, and perhaps in many, it may be that the Equal Commitment Rule is being misused or not used at all. This is the rule that encourages married couples to make an equal commitment to participate in the Walk to Emmaus.

These evaluations come from the International Emmaus Office. So, in the weeks and months ahead, we will be trying to focus on "what is good sponsorship"? To get a head start, pull out your Day Four, The Pilgrim's Continuing Journey (it was in your walk packet), and look at the chapter on Sponsorship.

This is the November newsletter, and this is the month that our part of the world talks about Thanksgiving. As Christians, we can be thankful EVERY DAY, for we have been given so much. In this part of the universe, we are blessed in so many ways. God is in control, so let us thank Him every day. See you at the next Gathering.

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Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Men's Walk #79	March 31- April 3, 2011
Women's Walk #80	April 7-10, 2011
Men's Walk #81	October 20-23, 2011
Women's Walk #82	October 27-30, 2011



Former Pilgrims (both New and Old)

As Emmaus Community members, you are invited to continue your Walk to Emmaus experience by participating in future community events.



Columbus Emmaus Gatherings
Come the 3rd Friday of each month for worship, fellowship, and refreshments.
The November Gathering is at St. Peter's Lutheran Church and is a pitch-in dinner. Meal time is 7:00 PM. New pilgrims don't need to bring anything other than your name tag and cross. A Fourth Day meeting will be held at 6:00 PM.

Sponsorship
Encourage others to attend a Walk to Emmaus weekend. Help others to learn about God's love and ways to serve Him.

Send-Offs, Candlelights, Closings
As community members you can participate in future walks by coming to any or all of these walk weekend events. You can buy your own candle at the next candlelight for \$5.00.

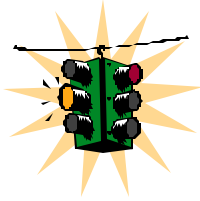
Fourth Day Meeting
Come and learn about Reunion Groups, and how to make your Fourth Days better.



Make or Supply Agape for Walks
Express yourself with some "crafty" items that help show God's agape love for the pilgrims and team members.

Serve on an Emmaus Team
Consider volunteering to be on a future team. Training will be provided. You can serve in the conference room, kitchen, or everywhere (Agape team member).

Pray and Write
Write agape letters for pilgrims and sign-up on the walk prayer charts.



Have you completed your annual **United Way** Sign-up yet??
If not, a reminder.....Or, maybe you hadn't heard.

You may designate Columbus IN Area Emmaus as a recipient of your United Way contributions. The amount you choose is a payroll deduction throughout the year, and then UW periodically sends your contribution to our Emmaus community. Nothing is deducted from your contribution amount; they send it all to us. It's a WIN/WIN. You participate in your Employer's UW Drive; our Emmaus Community receives much needed funds. Thank you for considering us.

Board of Directors Nominees for 2011

The Emmaus board has been in thought and prayer looking for God's choices for board members for the class of 2011-13. So far, the nominees for the Emmaus Board of Directors are:

Kevin Drerup, Karl Weichman and Chris Hime.

There are vacancies that need to be filled. If you are interested in serving, please contact Carolyn Pool at cpool@columbusinemmaus.org or 812-376-2780.

Please keep our nominees in your prayers and then vote for them at the election that will be held at the annual meeting during the November Gathering.

Did You Loose Something?

If you left something behind at the last Walk to Emmaus weekend, those items that have been found will be on display on a table at the next gathering.



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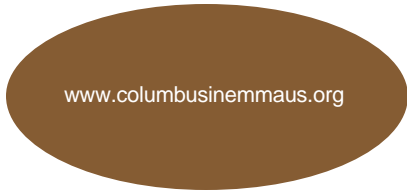
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November Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2010—6 pm
Memorial Baptist Church
2320 7th St., Columbus, IN

November Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday, November 13, 2010—9 am
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

November Hoot

Sunday, November 21, 2010—2 pm
location TBD

November Gathering

Friday, November 19, 2010
6pm 4th Day Meeting
7pm Pitch-In Dinner
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
719 5th St., Columbus, IN

NO DECEMBER GATHERING

