



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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Greetings Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community,

Hope you are all doing well. As I sit here on the 15th floor balcony overlooking the beautiful white beach and calm ocean in Panama City Beach my mind keeps reminding me FALL is almost upon us. And man, do we have a lot to be thankful for as a community. Almost full (if not already full) Walks are coming up in just about 4 weeks.

Let's all be praying for the teams as team training is getting under way and final preparation is an almost daily task now. Prayers for each Lay Director & Spiritual Director serving on our Fall Walks. Men's Walk 141 is Oct. 22-25 and Women's Walk 142 is Oct 29-Nov. 1st at Camp Lakeview. I want to remind everyone that Candlelight for BOTH walks will take place at Central Christian Church in Seymour (behind Seymour High School). I encourage all community members to try and make Candlelight, if possible, to show our support to all the pilgrims.

REMINDER - 4th day/Pitch-in meal and November Gathering will be held November 20th at 5:30 pm at Cornerstone Community Church in Seymour. Please make every effort to attend. We will welcome new community members and nominate and select next year's Emmaus Board. I encourage anyone interested in stepping up and being an ACTIVE participant on the Board to reach out to Meme Anderson, myself, or any current or past Board member with any questions you may have.

Our next Board meeting is Oct. 10th at 8 am at Ogilville Christian Church. Anyone is welcome to show up if you would like to ask questions in person. Remember, like all things, if you want to have an active role or make sure your voice is heard, you can't sit at home on the couch. As I mentioned in the September Gathering, I would like each month at the Gathering to take a moment of silence to remember community members we may have lost between gatherings. As a community if you realize someone from our Emmaus Community has passed away, please let a board member know so their name can be read at the next Gathering.

As I sign off, let me leave you with something to think about, homosexuality! These next statements and thoughts are my own, not ALL will feel the way I do. I just want to say brothers and sisters, we live in a world that's not perfect. A community where things are accepted that not all agree with. And in fact, even on an Emmaus Walk someone is

going to show up as a pilgrim or team member that their views and their lifestyle are different than the majority. No one will ever hear ME say homosexuality is ok! And we have a responsibility to the parents and youth on a Chrysalis Flight to be very, very responsible to who attends and serves in each and every role. But what I'm trying to say is this: as adults on an Emmaus Walk, again it may not always be everybody's ideal situation of who's there, but as Christian's it really at times doesn't have to go much farther than reading the story of the Good Samaritan!!

As Christian's our job under ALL circumstances and situations should be to share the message of Jesus Christ! Whether at the job site, church, family gathering, or with our neighbors. Or on an Emmaus Walk. We each have witnessed some amazing life transforming things take place on Walks. Don't ever underestimate what our GOD can do or where his mission field may take each of us. You can never tell people God's best for them, or God's design for them if you're not with them. And although it is not the ideal situation, I personally have witnessed a person attend a Walk with a court issued ankle bracelet, the alcoholic whose last drink was less than 2 hours prior to Send Off, and an individual have to call their probation officer each evening!!! Yes, this is why GOOD sponsorship is very important. But the fact is, team members stepped up to the plate and loved those people like JESUS and lives were transformed even if just for 3 days. As we ALL know a lot can happen in 3 days!

DeColores,

Cody Mosier
Community Lay Director



They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32

Greetings from our Community Spiritual Director,

By now you should have heard that the Fall Walks are a GO. I want to encourage all of us to not stop here. Rather, the work is still at hand. I ask each of you to be in prayer both for the pilgrims and the teams and families who will be serving. It is now when the enemy is most likely to attack, wanting to cause division and to keep us from standing strong in Christ to do the work God has called each of us to do.

Secondly, I would likewise encourage those of you who have been sharing and discipling others to start thinking about the Spring Walks. I know I spoke with Cindy, our Registrar, and she mentioned just this week, (at the time of writing this), that if all applications were approved some would be on the waiting list. This is an answered prayer. We as a Board and as a Community have been praying that God would work in bringing both sponsor and applicants a year in advance. So, I commend you all for your faithfulness to the mission at hand. May our LORD strengthen each of us to be bold in our proclamation of Who He is and what He has accomplished for His creation.

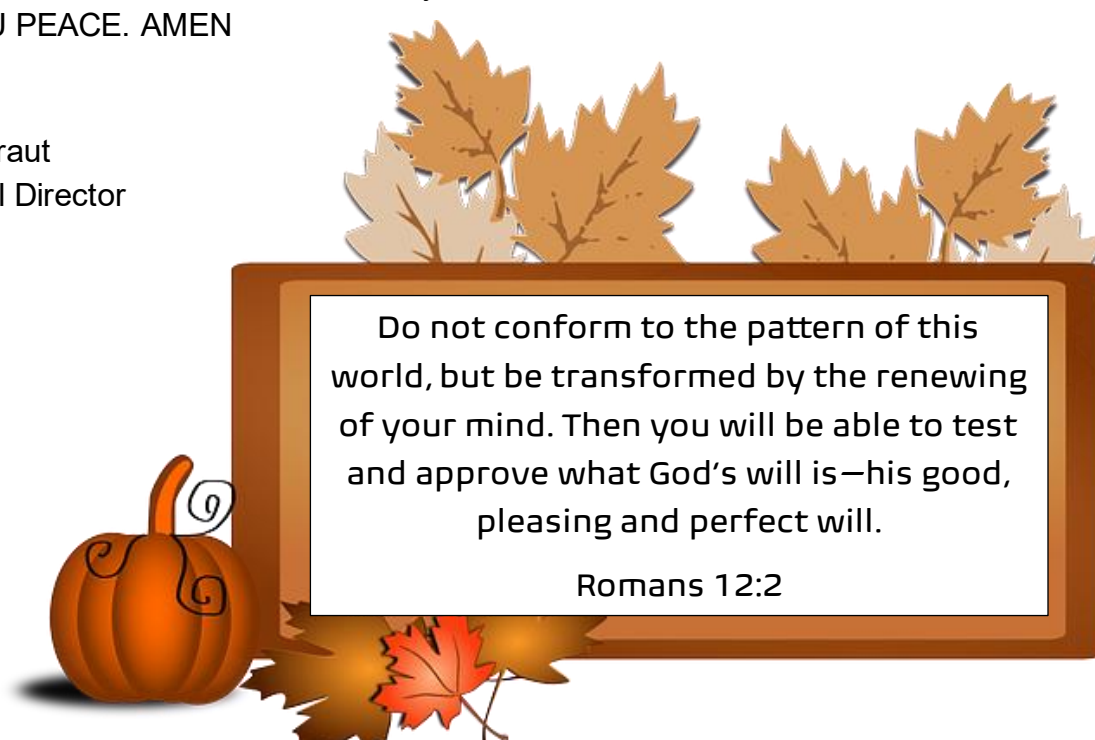
Lastly, I want to once again challenge each of us to step outside our comfort zone and seek for Jesus through His Holy Spirit, to teach us and equip us to lead others daily. We are called to love one another. The world will know that we are His Disciples by our Love. This is not the definition of love that the world gives. This is defined by God in Who He is and in His Word. This LOVE is an action. It does not compromise on The TRUTH. It does not affirm sin. It does not fear man. This LOVE is what brings change in lives. Do not be conformed to the image of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

May our LORD KEEP YOU and BLESS YOU, may HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU, and MAY HE GIVE YOU PEACE. AMEN

DeColores,

Brother John Weintraut

Community Spiritual Director



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2



From our Chrysalis Community Lay Director -

Some months I don't have much to report beyond thanking you all for your faithful support, asking for prayers or reminding you that we need your sponsorship.

This month I have a flight to write about! Flights 97 and 98 were carried out quite well over the Labor Day weekend by two strong teams who served 13 boys and 22 girls. Jeremy and Shanty Morrow were the Lay Directors and the Holy spirit moved quickly through the flight. The community supported the flight very well through the prayer chart, Agape letters, the Candlelight service, closing etc. Big House (teens not on team) directly supported sendoff, served the Agape meal, attended Candlelight and closing. The Agape provided in so many ways, clearly communicated the love of God in a powerful way and it was very clear in the closing comments. The speakers and devotions were very effective. I can say the Caterpillars took some big steps in their faith formation. Here is a sample of the comments made at closing:

These three days have meant the world; I'm chosen and truly loved. I want to serve the Lord in every aspect of my life.

I've been able to worship and praise and really open up to God

I thought this was going to be like summer camp, but it was anything but. I am now a firm believer that God is real.

I've always believed - but not taken Jesus seriously. This has changed me. I know there are a lot of people that love me.

If you have not served on a Chrysalis flight, I highly recommend it. If you are skeptical about the next generation, serving on a flight will erase those concerns. Our teens have a thirst to know more about God. If you would like to be considered for service on the next Flights, you can register online at this link [Flight Team Application](#)

I was excited to announce at Closing that Bethany Lewis and Dale Guse will be Lay Directors for the Spring Flights 99 and 100 April 16-19, 2027. We are very excited for a team selection meeting in the next month or so and for the team formation process. Please add Bethany and Dale to your prayers as they prepare to start the planning progress.

There is a lot to be excited about right now. I want to welcome Cheryl Motosicky to the Chrysalis board in the role of Secretary. Thank you to all who serve on the Board.

It's not too early to start praying for who the Lord has put on your heart to sponsor. You can find the Flight application on the Emmaus website here [Flight Application](#). If it's been a while for you, members of the Chrysalis Board would be happy to assist. You

can contact us at the Chrysalis Board tab of the Emmaus website here [Chrysalis Board tab](#) .

As always, we are blessed to have all the support from the Emmaus community. Without it, none of our young people would have the opportunity to participate.

DeColores and Fly With Christ!

Mark Kelly
Chrysalis Community Lay Director
mkelly@columbusemmaus.org



From our Chrysalis Flights #97 & #98 Lay Directors

It is difficult to fully put into words all that God did during Boys Flight #97 and Girls Flight #98.

Jeremy and I entered the weekend hoping and praying that these young people would encounter Jesus in a real and personal way. What we witnessed was more than we could have asked or imagined. God showed up in the quiet moments, the laughter, the worship, the tears, the prayers, the conversations, and in the hearts of so many people who were willing to say, "Yes, Lord, use me."

Our scripture for the Flights was Romans 12:2:

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

That verse became so much more than words on a page. We watched young people begin to understand that they do not have to be defined by the expectations of this world, by their past, by their mistakes, or by what others think of them. In Christ, they can be transformed. They can walk away knowing they are chosen, loved, forgiven, and created for a purpose.

One of the things that touched us most happened during worship.

Anyone who has served on one of these weekends knows there is a schedule, and there are many things that must happen in a short amount of time. Yet there were moments when worship was so powerful and God was so clearly moving that we stopped worrying about the clock. We did not want to rush what God was doing simply because the schedule said it was time to move on.

And every single time, somehow, God kept us right on time.

That became a beautiful reminder for us. We may have our schedules, our plans, and our timelines, but God has His own perfect timing. When we gave Him space to move and stopped worrying about our time, He took care of the time.

We never had to rush His presence. We simply trusted Him, and He showed us again and again that His timing is always perfect.

There were moments throughout the weekend when you could almost feel God saying, "This is why you are here."

Watching these young people open their hearts, encourage one another, worship freely, pray for one another, and allow God to meet them exactly where they were is something we will never forget. The beautiful thing is that it was not only the youth who were changed; God worked in us, too.

He reminded us that sometimes we spend so much time trying to make everything go according to our plans that we can miss what He is doing right in front of us. This weekend reminded us to make room for Him, trust Him, and let Him lead.

We are incredibly thankful for every person who helped make these Flights possible. Every prayer, meal, letter, piece of agape, song, talk, ride, donation, and unseen act of service mattered. So much of what happens on a Chrysalis weekend is done quietly by people who may never know the full impact of what they gave.

But God knows.

Our prayer now is that what began on these Flights does not stay there. We pray these young men and women carry what they experienced back into their homes, schools, churches, friendships, and everyday lives. We pray that when the world gets loud, they remember what God spoke to their hearts that weekend.

They are loved.

They have a purpose.

They do not have to conform to this world.

And most importantly, may they always remember Whose they are.

Jeremy and I are humbled and incredibly grateful that God allowed us to have a front-row seat to what He was doing.

We may have gone into the weekend hoping to help these young people grow closer to Christ, but we walked away changed too.

God showed up.

God was faithful.

God kept us in His time.

And God is still transforming lives.

With love and gratitude,



Shanty & Jeremy Morrow

Emmaus Communities in Mutual Prayer – How Exciting!!!

Hello, Columbus IN Area Emmaus Community Members! In August I was able to connect with the following Emmaus Communities to say hello, but more importantly to let them know two things – One - We would love to pray for them and ask them to please pray for us – and – Two - We would also love to exchange community Agape Letters with them to show our support. It has been an eye and heart-opening experience to say the least!

I've spoken with wonderful people that love the Lord and love Emmaus! I was able to connect with six of these communities and send our Agape Letter to them. So far, we have received five Agape Letters that will be shared by a member of the Clergy with the Pilgrims on the Fall Walks during the Justifying Grace Talk.

Please join our Emmaus Board in earnest prayer for these fellow Emmaus Communities – that the Lord will help them and their Pilgrims to hear His Voice, be aware of His Presence, to discover His amazing love, and to know the overwhelming JOY of His people as they journey through their Walk to Emmaus. It is our privilege and delight to lift these fellow Emmaus Communities up to our AMAZING Lord in prayer:

- Greater Indianapolis Area Emmaus – Indiana
- Greensburg Area Emmaus – Indiana
- North Indiana Emmaus, Wabash – Indiana
- Great River Emmaus, Quincy - Illinois
- Illinois Heartland Walk to Emmaus- Illinois
- Northern Kentucky Emmaus Ministries, Covington, and Kentucky & Greater Cincinnati Area Emmaus Community – Ohio (combined communities),

These three following communities have been contacted, but I had to leave a message and need to reach out again to make a good connection with them. Please also include these communities in prayer as well:

- Ashland Area Emmaus - Kentucky
- Grace Emmaus of the Bluegrass, Lexington - Kentucky
- Quad Cities Emmaus , Silvis – Illinois

DeColores,

Debbie Raynor

Secretary, Columbus IN Area Emmaus Board



Dear Columbus Area Emmaus Community,

I don't think it is a surprise to anyone that we struggle time after time trying to fill in the 72 hour prayer chart for the Walks. I see and hear this not just in Emmaus, but REC and churches that try to get commitments from believers to pray. I could maybe understand if it was the overnight slots, or one specific time of the day or night, but that is not the case. So, is the issue the fear of committing to surrendering this time, or could it be that people don't know what to pray about for 30 minutes? Either way it hurts my heart, not just for us as individuals and our Emmaus Community but for our local churches and the Church. I found this quote that I think most would agree with.

"Prayer is the pulse of the soul. As we judge the state of our bodily health by our heart and pulse and appetite, so we may test the health of our soul by our prayer life."

And if you don't agree with the quote..... hopefully you will agree with this scripture:

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 1 Peter 4:7

1 Peter 4:7 serves as a poignant reminder of the indispensable role of prayer in the life of a believer. The spiritual life we need will always be stunted if we are not communing regularly with our Father. Therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

I thought maybe if I offered a list of things to pray about that it might help some feel more comfortable signing up for a half hour slot. I would love to hear from you all on reasons why the prayer charts don't fill up and things that we could do to make it easier to sign up. I will be honest, I am praying that Holy Spirit makes our Emmaus Community one of prayer. That we once again become a strong community that is involved and serves in roles behind the scenes. I pray that the fire and conviction felt on the weekend isn't extinguished on Sunday, that it infects all aspects of our lives and leaves us thirsty for Him and His transformation.

List of Things to pray for during 72 hours of prayer

Our Emmaus Community

- The Board
- Members
- Gatherings
- Future walks

Other Emmaus Communities

- Greater Indianapolis Area Emmaus – Indiana

- Greensburg Area Emmaus – Indiana
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Pilgrims on this Walk: (list on Emmaus website)

- Open minds – to receive what God has planned for them on the weekend
- To hear Holy Spirit – His calling and convicting
- Their return to normal life – perseverance, endurance, boldness
- Their families and friends – they can witness and encourage growth on what was started during the weekend.

Team members serving on this Walk: (list on Emmaus website)

- Kitchen – strength, time to sleep, discussion in kitchen that makes the weekend an opportunity for growth and development for kitchen team members
- Agape – strength, timing, insight to needs, time to overhear talks and discussions that cause the agape team members to grow and develop as well
- Conference Room – ears to hear, answers and the words needed that are timed correctly and biblically based, ability to hold to schedule, bonding with pilgrims, speakers to deliver talks that have been prepared & previewed, singing of songs that lead to worship.

Scriptures to pray and expand on:

- Matthew 6: 9-13
- ⁹“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.
¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’
- Proverbs 3: 5-6
- ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart
 And do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him,
 And He will make your paths straight.

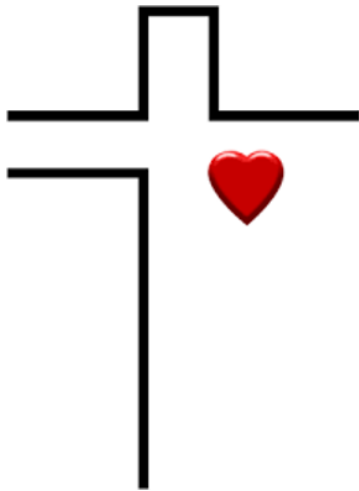
- Romans 12:2
- ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

I pray that you are spurred to go to the website and sign up for the prayer list, or click the links on this newsletter, but more than that, I pray that we each take a look at the health of our prayer life and see where we can improve. I love you all, and this is definitely not written as if my prayer life is perfect and I am here to convict you. I have been convicted while writing this on where I am lacking and where I need to take advantage of wasted time that I could spend in prayer.

DeColores,

Kenny Harrison

Past Community Lay Director



Pray with us

[Men's Walk #141 Prayer Chart Link](#)

[Women's Walk #142 Prayer Chart Link](#)

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20,21

Men's Team, Walk #141	
Chris Edwards, Lay Director	Jeremy Keller, Spiritual Director
Matt Bense, ALD	Bill Everhart, ASD
Bill Bergman, ALD	Tyler Griffin, ASD
Greg Johnson, Board Rep	Ross Pushor, ASD
	Jim Weld, ASD
Brock Clark, TL	Paul Stamper, ATL
Greg Hundley, TL	Craig Lee, ATL
Dirk Smith, TL	Greg Davis, ATL
Keith Skeeter Kinnick, TL	Derek Helton, ATL
Justin Amos, TL	Nick Jensen, ATL
Michael Tunge, TL	Kevin Weintraut, ATL
David McElroy, HM	Jamie Clark, HAT
Doug Prather, MT	Justin Holland, AT
Dustin Gallagher, MT	Chris Anderson, AT
David Maurey, MT	Richard Anderson, AT
Baylee Mosier, Media	Steven GORDO Penrose, AT
	Tony Luenebrink, AT
Jerry Blackerby, HK	Bob Toborg, AT
Roger Porter, KT	Tim Toborg, AT
Mike Hensley, KT	
Brian Woodall, KT	
Christian Thompson, KT	
Fred Wilson, KT	

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Luke 24:32



Women's Team, Walk #142	
Charlotte Hadley, Lay Director	Jane Noblitt, Spiritual Director
Beth Carter, ALD	Ann Thomas, ASD
Sheryl Grow, ALD	Robin Everhart, ASD
Meme Anderson, ALD	Marsha Habicht, ASD
Sandy Perry, Board Rep	Karen Hargett, ASD
Aimee Bense, TL	Dawn Casey, ATL
Barb Huser, TL	Brenda Fleetwood, ATL
Cindy Massey, TL	Christy Stormes, ATL
Peggy Ganus, TL	Diana Wells, ATL
Joyce Sword, TL	Myrian Fontanez, ATL
Amanda Edwards, TL	Diana Penrose, ATL
Laurel Wilson, HM	Sue Putterill, HAT
Shannon Miller, MT	Beth Johnson, AT
Karen Guse, MT	Addi Brock, AT
Ronni Robertson, MT	Michelle Bloomer, AT
Pat Franklin, Media	Jenny Davis, AT
	Carolyn Pool, AT
Trish Kelley, HK	Dianne Green, AT
Delcie Pace, KT	Christine Oltman, AT
Carol Bobb, KT	Christy Vogel, AT
Judy Scott, KT	Larissa Hartley, AT
Twila Romine, KT	Deanna Glick, AT
Annie Craig, KT	Carrie Henley, AT
Sarah Shoemaker, KT	
Shanty Morrow, KT	
Irene Thompson, KT	
Jess Bailey, KT	

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Luke 24:3



Dates for Upcoming Walks and Flights

Men's Walk #141

October 22-25, 2026, Lay Director ~ Chris Edwards

Send off ~ Thursday 10.22 ~ 7:15 pm @ Camp Lakeview

Candlelight ~ Sat. 10.24 ~ 8 pm @ Central Christian Church, Seymour

Closing ~ Sunday 10.25 ~ 4 pm @ Camp Lakeview

Women's Walk #142

October 29 ~ November 1, 2026, LD ~ Charlotte Hadley

Send off ~ Thursday 10.29 ~ 7:15 pm @ Camp Lakeview

Candlelight ~ Sat. 10.31 ~ 8 pm @ Central Christian Church, Seymour

Closing ~ Sunday 11.01 ~ 4 pm @ Camp Lakeview

Chrysalis Flights #99 & #100

April 16 - 19, 2027

Lay Directors ~ Bethany Lewis & Dale Guse

Hilltop Christian Camp

* Currently taking Caterpillar applications

* 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](#)





We need your Help!

Community!

We have a need for a couple of drivers to help us with transport for Candlelight. We have buses reserved from Cornerstone. If you can help, please contact:

Bill Bergman, Transportation/Facilities, 812-350-5627

Hey friends!

It's time to submit nominations for new members on the 2027 - 2029 Columbus Emmaus Community board. Do you have someone you'd like to nominate, or would you like to serve? If so, please contact me by email through Ministry Manager, or Facebook Messenger. Thank you!

Meme Anderson, Team Selection



Hello Emmaus Community!

I will be serving as the Board Rep for the Women's Fall Walk #142.

In recent Walks, as an Act of Agape, community members have provided donations to cover the expense for the Book Tables. This is a huge blessing to the Pilgrims. They were able to take 1-2 books with no cost to them furthering their continued discipleship (Leg of Study) on their 4th days. If you feel led to donate toward the books for either one of the upcoming Fall Walks or both, please contact me at 812-343-1869 .

Thank you so much for your generosity and Agape Love!

DeColores,

Sandy Perry, Walk #128, Table of Naomi

Community Events -



~ No Gathering in October due to Walks

~ Men's Walk #141 – 10.22 to 25, 2026

[72 Hour Prayer Vigil begins](#) – Thursday, 10.22.26, 7:00 pm

Send-Off – Thursday, 10.22.26, 7:15 pm, [Camp Lakeview](#)

Candlelight – Saturday, 10.24.26, 8:00 pm, [Central Christian Church Seymour](#)

Closing – Sunday, 10.25.26, 4:00 pm, Camp Lakeview

~ Women's Walk #142 – 10.29 to 11.01.26

[72 Hour Prayer Vigil begins](#) – Thursday, 10.29.26, 7:00 pm

Send-Off – Thursday, 10.29.26, 7:15 pm, [Camp Lakeview](#)

Candlelight – Saturday, 10.31.26, 8:00 pm, [Central Christian Church Seymour](#)

Closing – Sunday, 11.01.26, 4:00 pm, Camp Lakeview

~ Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, 10.06.26 – 6:00 pm

Sandy Hook UMC

1610 Taylor Rd., Columbus, IN



~ Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday, 10.10.26 – 8:00 am

Ogilville Christian Church

7891 W 450 S, Columbus, IN



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