



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

## Letter to the Community:

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Random thoughts...

As I sit pondering things on my mind for this newsletter, various things seem to come and go from my thoughts. For one, I wonder where the enthusiasm seems to have gone for our Community Fellowship. For many years, our monthly Gatherings were very well attended. We had what some might call crowds. We saw many of our friends at each one as well as those with whom we had shared weekends. Now it seems for sometime, our Gatherings are very sparsely populated. I wonder why.

Is it a lack of interest; too many competing activities; content of Gatherings not being “interesting” to enough people; people forgetting dates, or not getting communications from our Community? Or, some or all of this? As a “leader” of the Community currently, I wonder what we as a Board can do to bring folks together more frequently. When we look at the size of our Community, seeing 50 or 60 at a Gathering is disappointing. Do we all know that the Music Praise teams spend time before the Gathering picking and practicing music for us to enjoy? Do we know they go early and often transport equipment so we’ll have a time for lifting our voices in song? When someone answers the call to do a Fourth Day talk at the Gathering, is everyone who might benefit from their faith story hearing it? If you have ideas, your Board would like to hear from you.

Speaking of Gatherings, at the last monthly Board meeting, we voted to eliminate child care at Gatherings beginning next year. This was prompted due to constant search for willing care providers, as well as low attendance. We have been staffing two care persons with anywhere from 0 to 4 children present. We pay both of those “sitters”, so it did not seem a wise use of our limited funds. Most people find child care if they want to go to dinner or a movie, so we are hoping this to be true for Emmaus attendance.

This also leads into Community Finances. I don’t want it to sound like we are always asking for money. That is not my point. I just want everyone to know that we have expenses we must meet.

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### Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

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| Chrysalis Flights #37 & 38 | September 4-6, 2010    |
| Men’s Walk #77             | October 21-24, 2010    |
| Women’s Walk #78           | October 28-31, 2010    |
| 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    |

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Being in a “liability prone society”, we must carry liability insurance for our Emmaus & Chrysalis functions. This is not inexpensive. We must pay camp fees for walks and flights. As you all know, many supplies are a part of each walk and flight. Those must be replenished. To use published music, there are royalty fees.

All Board members are volunteers, as are all team members. But we still have overhead.

Emmaus’ stated purpose is for you to support your local church. We ask only that you also consider your Emmaus experience, and if it was meaningful in your life, you help as you can. Passing the “basket” at Gatherings reaches the same few individuals. So, here are some other ways to help if you so choose.

If you go to our web site, [www.columbusinemmaus.org](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org), you will find that you can now contribute via PayPal. Also, this fall many of you may be approached by your employer and asked to support **United Way**. Do you know, you can help your employer’s UW goal and also help Emmaus? Simply designate the **Columbus Area Emmaus** as your charity of choice. United Way does not deduct any fees from your contributions, so they all come to us. We had two families employed by Cummins contribute to us this year in this way. What a blessing.

Finally, as I wrap up some of my “thoughts”, as you read this, Flights will be a part of history. But, watch for these excited new Butterflies at future events and welcome them. Emmaus Walk Teams are meeting, or will have finished their training meetings. Teams will be dedicated at the Sep 17<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Columbus Community Church. Mark your calendars for Send-off and Sponsor’s Hour. The larger numbers attending, the more meaningful it can be for those new Pilgrims. You don’t have to be a sponsor to attend.

Mark your calendars to pack Asbury for the Saturday eve “event”. Remember how you felt when you walked into that candle glow? And, while you’re at it, mark your calendars for closing. I suspect some of the closing stories will move you to blink away a tear or two, as you hear how some of these Pilgrims witnessed God moving into their lives in a way they had never known. And...one more thing, mark your calendars for November 19, to show up at St. Peter’s Lutheran in Columbus with your covered dish, as we greet the new Butterflies and Pilgrims and welcome them into our Community.

Will we see you at the next Gathering? Wishing you God’s continued blessings.

A.C.

### **Help Is Needed**


It is time to nominate interested individuals for positions on the Emmaus Board for 2011.

The only qualification is a willingness to serve. The Emmaus Board is a working board.

If you are interested or know a good candidate, contact Carolyn Pool at  
cpool@columbusinemmaud.org or call 812-376-2780.

**2011 Fees to Increase**

At the June Columbus Emmaus Community board meeting, one item of concern that was addressed was the financial health of our Emmaus Community. Increased expenses made it necessary for the board to take action. It was pointed out that other communities in the area charge \$85-\$200 for a weekend. So with a unanimous vote, the board voted to raise pilgrim and team fees to \$100.00 per weekend effective with the Spring 2011 walks. Scholarships are available for those who cannot pay the fee. The board also clarified that any individuals on the waiting list from 2010 would not be subject to the raise.



**Reminder**  
**Chrysalis Flights 37&38**

Location: Asbury UMC, Columbus, IN

Candlelight—September 5, 2010 8PM  
 Closing—September 6, 2010 5PM



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**Hilltop Flight Tear-Down**

September 8, 2010-5:30 pm  
Hilltop Christian Camp

**September Emmaus Board Meeting**

Saturday, September 11, 2010—9 am  
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church  
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

**September Hoot**

Sunday, September 12, 2010—2 pm  
TBD

**September Chrysalis Board Meeting**

Tuesday, September 14, 2010—6 pm  
Memorial Baptist Church  
2320 7th St., Columbus, IN

**September Gathering**

Friday, September 17, 2010—7 pm  
Community Church of Columbus  
3850 N Marr Rd, Columbus, IN  
K-Z Bring Refreshments

