



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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Letter to the Community:

God is all around us as summer draws to a close and autumn sets in. Can you feel His presence?

I'm still basking in His glow as I write this on Saturday August 17, the day after the Gathering. The focus was on Chrysalis and the upcoming Flights. My good buddy, Phil Miles, took over the reins for most of the evening. His easy going manner and keen humor set the tone. Too bad he doesn't have any snazzy dance moves!

Thank you to the music team for honoring God and making us feel like we were at a concert. I could have listened to you all night. Chance Petty gave our Fourth Day talk and Chrysalis Butterflies helped out from Communion to our Chrysalis icebreaker. What great young people we have in our Community!

By the time this is printed the fall Flights will be behind us. I hope both guys and girls were full. Speaking of that, get those applications in for the Fall Men's and Women's Walks October 17-20 and 24-27. Remember, the deadline is one month in advance for a minimum of 20 Pilgrims. That puts us at September 17 for the men and September 24 for the Women. Please continue to pray for those God would have you sponsor and send them in TODAY.

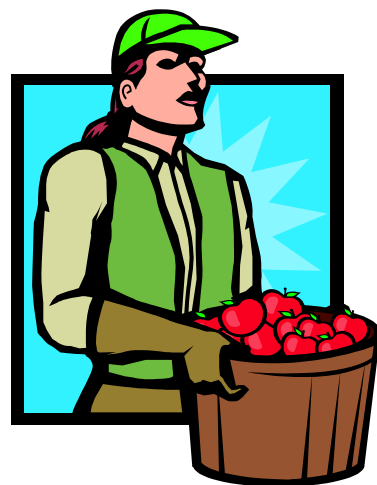
Thank you to all the Columbus Community Members who helped make the second ever Alarga Stroll August 1-4 at the Franklin UM Community such a success. 19 senior citizens saw God in many smiling faces from Columbus and Indianapolis.

We have another opportunity coming up you'll hear more about soon. Our neighbors from Dayspring Community talked to us about a REC (Residents Encounter Christ) Walk taking place beginning of November at the Jennings County jail. More information to come in the newsletter and online.

May you continue to see the face of God as the pumpkins ripen and the kids go back to school.

Blessings,
Melanie

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights	
Men's Walk #89	October 17-20 2013
Women's Walk #90	October 24-27 2013



SUGGESTIONS FOR SPONSORS

Here are a few suggestions to help you share God's grace as a sponsor.

1. When talking to a married person, we suggest you talk with both husband and wife. We want both husband and wife to make the decision together. Their applications should be turned in together.
2. Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. These three days cannot rectify every problem marriage, enthruse every disenchanted church member, cure disturbed persons, or make saints of sinners.
3. Feel free to share with a potential applicant what Emmaus meant for you, as fully as will help, realizing that all explanations will fall short. It's not that we are not allowed to tell what went on, but that it is difficult to explain.
4. Don't assume the person you are sponsoring will experience the same things you did. Each of us is at a different place on our spiritual journey.
5. Assure the applicant that you are personally interested in their attending by making plans to bring them to the Emmaus site for Send-Off.
6. During the weekend, do something special for the Pilgrim's spouse to let him/her know that you love and care for them.
7. Pray for your pilgrim during the weekend and write him/her letters of prayers. Ask others, especially those who are closest to him/her to do the same. Support him/her with your presence at Candlelight and Closing.
8. After the Walk, stay in contact and support your pilgrim during their Fourth Day. Take them to their first gathering and Fourth Day meeting. Help them become involved in a Reunion Group as soon as possible.

— adapted from "Suggestions for Sponsors" on www.columbusinemmaus.org

Change of Information

If your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address has changed, then please let us know. Email your change to addresschange@columbusinemmaus.org or contact any Board member.



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Emmaus Information Page (for community members):
www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members
User name: columbusemmaus **password:** 4thday



Agape & Prayer

We need agape items for Walks 89 & 90. You can help by creating 90 pieces of agape for the pilgrims and team members, or if you prefer, 70 items for conference room only.



Don't forget to sign the prayer charts and the snack agape charts available at the next Gathering. You may also sign the prayer chart online at www.columbusinemmaus.org.

Are You Board Material?

The search has begun for new board members to serve on both the Emmaus and the Chrysalis Community's Board of Directors for the years 2014-2016. You can help by nominating someone to serve! Please note the following minimum qualifications:

- Completed an Emmaus Walk
- Must agree to serve on the Board (talk to them before submitting their name)
- Must agree to accept a job assignment on the Board

Nomination does not guarantee a position on the board. A balance of members representing our community's denominations and both genders must be taken into consideration, among other factors.

Here are a few notes of interest:

- This is a working Board. All members do work and are assigned tasks to do.
- All members are expected to attend monthly Board meetings and support the Community by attending monthly Gatherings and participating in Reunion/accountability Groups.
- Clergy can serve on the Board.
- You can nominate yourself.

Please submit your nomination by face-to-face conversation, phone call, email, or letter. Please include the following information with your nomination:

- Name
- Phone number
- Walk experience
- Church membership

Send Emmaus nominations to Chris Hime at chime@columbusinemmaus.org or 530-6130.

Send Chrysalis nominations to Arnie Elmerick at aelmerick@columbusinemmaus.org or 342-8421 or 343-2391 (cell).

Please pray for discernment and start sending your nominations now. As a community, we will decide who will serve on our Board at November's Gathering.

Thank you!

United Way

Fall brings the annual United Way Fund drive in Bartholomew County. Please remember that you can designate the Columbus Area Emmaus Community as one of the charities to which you donate. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this giving opportunity.

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September Gathering - 7pm

Friday, September 20, 2013
First Baptist Church
3300 Fairlawn Dr., Columbus, IN
A-M bring snacks and drinks

Board Meetings

The Rock - 3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN
Chrysalis - Tuesday, September 10 at 6 pm
- Tuesday, October 1 at 6 pm
Emmaus - Saturday, September 14 at 9 am
- Saturday, October 12 at 9 am