



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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From our Community Lay Director...

Well, where in the world did August go? Just yesterday the kids were going back to school and vacations were in the memory books.

Speaking of “memory,” I recall saying when I became a Christian, “there are three things I will never do.” Those were 1) teach a Sunday School Class,

2) lead a Youth Group, and

3) speak in public.

It “just so happens” (divine intervention) I have done all three.

In 2003, I lost the sight in my right eye. The short version is my arteries were clogged with plaque and I was a walking stroke/heart attack waiting to strike.

I told God if He would get me through this, I would do whatever He asked.

He did and guess what three things He asked me to do. You know it! Be assured God will equip those He calls and not always call the already equipped.

When I finish writing this I will be packing my duds for the upcoming Chrysalis Flight to serve another group of young people. Come see how we are doing at the Sunday night candlelight at Hilltop Camp.

Fly with Christ, Dave Goodner

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Heb 13:20-21)

De Colores!

Dave Goodner,
Community Lay Director



From our Community Spiritual Director...

I enjoy watching the activity at our birdfeeder. As I reflect upon all the varieties of birds which choose to eat there, I see some common aspects with all who attend the Walks and Flights.

First of all, all of the birds are eating the same food. Those dark sunflower seeds are one source of life for them. And likewise, all of the pilgrims and caterpillars are feasting on Christ during their weekends. He is their source of life!

And our birdfeeder draws in a wide variety of birds, of various sizes and colors. So too these upcoming weekends will draw in a wide variety of people, of different ages, occupations and church backgrounds.

I've noticed that some birds won't keep eating at the feeder when other birds arrive. That choice reminds me too much of ourselves. How often do we create boundaries and restrictions, even with Holy Communion!

And finally, I've seen some birds prefer to eat the seeds that have fallen to the ground beneath the feeder. I can't help but think of the foreign woman who sought Jesus' help, and humbly declared that "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." I wonder how many pilgrims and caterpillars will arrive with that kind of attitude, of an unworthiness to receive God's best.

So in this glimpse of Creation at work, I see something of God's hopes for those attending a weekend this fall. They will be given the opportunity to feast on Jesus. There will be such beauty in the variety of those who attend. And of course, all will be welcome and have a place at Christ's table!

De Colores!

Pastor Mike Seaney,
Community Spiritual Director





From our Chrysalis Community Lay Director...

Chrysalis is excited about the upcoming flights with Lay Directors Jonah and Brittany Sullivan this (Labor Day) weekend. Team training using the brand new three day manual went great and we anticipate God will amaze the team and caterpillars during the flights.

We would ask the community for their support with prayer for the flights this weekend. We would love to see you at candlelight Sunday evening (September 3rd at Camp Hilltop 8pm) or at closing Monday afternoon at Garden City Church of Christ starting about 5pm.

Through generous donations from the Emmaus community, each caterpillar will receive a new hardback study Bible. Of course we are always open to all forms of agape (food, letters, or other items). There will be about 100-110 people at camp for the flights (between team and caterpillars).

Thanks again for your continued support of the youth in our community. We appreciate each of you.

***Fly with Christ,
Sean McAlister***



AGAPE

From our Agape board representatives...

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Summer is winding down and the Fall Walks are right around the corner. God is already at work forming teams and calling His pilgrims. As the Body of Christ, we all have a part to play in His plan.

One way you can help is by providing **Agape gifts** for the Walks. Reminder: if you're providing for pilgrims only, we suggest 36 pieces for each Walk; for pilgrims and team, we suggest 90. Please label your contribution with how many pieces. This helps the Agape team in distribution.

Another way you can help is by manning and supplying the **Snack Table** for each Walk at Send Off. Those dates are Thursday, October 26 for Men's Walk # 129 and Thursday, November 2 for Women's Walk #130. The Snack Table is a simple offering of cookies and drinks. If you, or your reunion group, would like to help in this way, please contact Kathy Rudolph at the number below.

A third way you can support the Pilgrims God is calling to these Walks: **PRAY!** Watch the website for the **Prayer Chart** and sign up for a time on the 72-hour Prayer Vigil. A hard copy will also be available at Gatherings prior to the Walks.

In Galatians 6:10 we read *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."* Please consider these ways you may show the love of Christ to the Pilgrims in Walks #129 and #130! Blessings to you all from your Agape Co-Chairs,

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Due dates for pilgrim applications are approaching fast, so let me know if you have applications close to deadline, so we can make arrangements to drop them off instead of mailing them.

Contact our Emmaus Registrar, Cindy Massey at 812-525-8954

*We need a minimum number of 20 men by September 28th.
The final deadline for men is October 12th.*

*We need a minimum number of women by October 5th. (We have over 20)
The final deadline for women is October 19th.*

We will have clown make-up and skit training on September 9th and October 7th. If you are interested in joining us to learn about serving as a clown, or if you have been part of the Emmaus clown ministry and would like to help in any way, please contact

Amy Cooley at 812-569-5602 for details.

Registration is required so that we have enough supplies for training.

Please note the dates and locations for the upcoming Gatherings

(Gatherings begin at 7 pm unless otherwise noted)

**September 15th ~ Garden City Christian Church
(A-M bring snacks, N-Z bring drinks)**

NO GATHERING IN OCTOBER DUE TO WALKS

**November 17th ~ First Christian Church Columbus
(Pitch in ~ community brings food and drinks to welcome new members)**

Community Gatherings

September 15th ~ Garden City Christian Church at 7pm
3245 Jonesville Rd., Columbus, IN 47201
 (A-M bring snacks, N-Z bring drinks)

Chrysalis Flights #85 and #86

September 2-4, 2023

Men's Walk #129

October 26-29, 2023

Currently accepting applications until October 12th
 We need to have 20 confirmed by September 28th

Women's Walk #130

November 2-5, 2023

Currently accepting applications until October 19th



Board Meetings

Chrysalis ~Tuesday, September 5th at 6 pm at

The Rock 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN 47203

Emmaus ~Saturday, September 9th at 9 am at

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September!



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