

East Central Indiana

Emmaus/Chrysalis Community



Walk to  
Emmaus

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“And their eyes were opened and they knew Him”

## Next Community Gathering

**When:** January 9, 2015

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** Riverside UMC  
1201 North Wheeling Avenue  
Muncie, IN 47303

**6:30 pm 7:30 Fellowship, announcements and Fourth Day Talk**

**7:30 pm-8:00 Communion Meditation and Lord's Supper**

**Come and bring a family member, friend or someone or haven't seen at an Emmaus event in awhile.**

**Bring a snack to share**

Prayer, Worship, & Food



Join Us For Worship



**2015**

**ECI Men's Walk to Emmaus #36**

**October 15th—18th**

**Lay Director  
Mark "Ossie" Osbeck**

**Send-off:** Thursday Oct. 15th 6:30 PM

**RUSH:** Saturday Oct. 17h 7 PM

**Candlelight:** Saturday Oct. 17th 8 PM

**Closing:** Sunday Oct. 18th-4 PM

**2015**

**ECI Women's Walk to Emmaus #36**

**October 22nd—25th**

**Lay Director  
Kaylee Vannatta**

**Send-off:** Thursday Oct. 22nd-6:30 P.M.

**RUSH:** Saturday Oct. 24th-7 P.M.

**Candlelight:** Saturday Oct. 24th-8 P.M.

**Closing:** Sunday Oct. 25th-4:00pm

Folks who know me know I love to play games. Board games, card games, strategy games, silly games, it really does not matter. I play Words With Friends with a small group of regular opponents. In a recent game versus my associate pastor he played “Wagon” for a score of 21 and setting me up for a triple word score I thought would take the lead. I confidently played my word thinking this was going to be awesome: “God” ... for 18 points. No lead, nothing awesome, and the game went on.

I am not going to go into Words With Friends strategy and rules, but I must admit I thought to myself “How can God be worth less than a wagon?” And when I had that thought my mind jumped away from the game to ask another question: “How can God be worth less than anything else?”

I can admit that sometimes I have taken God for granted. There are times I have gotten so wrapped up in other stuff that I forget my relationship with Him should be the most important thing in my life. When this happens to me my “wagons” might fill my needs for a time. It does not take long though before the “wagons” become a little beat up, a little less shiny, a little less fun to play with, and leaving me a little less fulfilled.

God is not that way. When I make certain my relationship with Him is taking presidency over everything else my life goes better. Are there tough times? Yes. Do I always get my way? No. Do I always have fun? No. But I always have a Father who loves me, to fall back on, pick me up, dust me off, and set me back on my path.

My prayer for us all is to remember that “wagon” might be fun and it might take care of what you think you want for now, but God is going to truly take care of what you need. You are worth enough to Him that He sent His only son Jesus to die for your sins. How can He be worth less than anything else on Earth to you?

De Colores!

Scott Picha  
Community Lay Director

ECI Men’s Walk To Emmaus #11

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## The Snow from Heaven

My favorite passage in the Bible is Isaiah 55:8-11. This has been my favorite verse from the Bible since my sophomore year at Blackford County High School.

Isaiah 55:8-11, For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, but water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

In the winter of 1980 I enrolled in a botany class in school. I enjoyed growing things and knew some about gardening from helping my grandfather in his garden. As part of the class all the students were assigned a partner and given a plot of ground in the schools greenhouse in which they would plant and grow their projects. My partner was Colleen (whom I had a crush on, that's another story). Our grade depended on the health of our plants at the end of the grading period. I suggested to Colleen that we pray over our plot, telling her that we could use all the help we could get. She agreed and I read Isaiah 55:8-11 before we prayed. The plot soon began to flourish and we felt confident that we would get a good grade.

Then tragedy struck! The door of the greenhouse was blown open during a harsh winter storm. It happened over the weekend and school was cancelled that Monday. Three days of being exposed to the elements was more than many plants could bear. Many of the student's plants were completely ruined by the unfortunate incident. Our plot was near the door and many plots around ours had not survived the cold. However, Colleen and I were amazed to discover that our plot had not suffered the same fate of those around us. We had considerably less damage to our plants and those that were affected by the cold soon recovered to their former health. We had seen firsthand the answer to our prayers. Those around us were upset that the cold had adversely affected their plants and seemed not to affect ours. I told them that we had prayed over our plot and God had protected our plot. God had been faithful in His promise that His Word does not return to Him void.

My relationship with Colleen never flourished like our plot had (she began dating one of my friends, go figure). But, God has proven His faithfulness time and time again. This was the first of many examples I could give of God's Word accomplishing His desire. He brought forth the harvest, regardless of the snow from heaven.

Rich Taylor ECI Men's Walk #21, Table of Galilee  
Asst. Comm. Spiritual Director

God is good. This is my final official act as your 2014 Community Lay Director. I celebrate a year that gave us a successful Girls' Flight in February and Men's and Women's Walks in October. I also grieve for those who are grieving and pray that they will know the comfort of the **Great Comforter**. I also hurt for those who are dealing with health issues and pray that they will know the touch of the **Great Healer**. I also pray that we will all know the redemption of our sins provided by our **Atoning Sacrifice, the Savior**. I also pray that we will know, accept and walk in the dynamic power provided through the resurrection of the **Risen Christ**. Finally, may we all thank our **Abba Father God** for the best gift ever given, our hope, our future through **His Son, the Messiah, Jesus**.

Please continue to pray for our ECI Community, the ECI Board, and your 2015 Community Lay Director, Scott Picha.

DeColores and Happy New Year

Lori Goff, ECI Emmaus 2014 Community Lay Director

Dear Lori

The East Central Indiana Emmaus Community and the 2015 Board of Directors want to thank you for your leadership and direction as you led our Board and Community in 2014.

Most of all we appreciate the love you have for God and that you always sought His direction in all things.

Thank you for a job well done!

*Thank You!*

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On behalf of the East Central Indiana Emmaus Board of Directors, please join us with a warm and heart-felt thank you to those community members who have devoted their time and energy by serving our Emmaus Community as ECI Emmaus Board Members.

**Those leaving the board as their term ends December 31, 2014 are:**

Kendala Parkinson - Registrar  
Anna Spencer - Communications/Media Tech.  
Kent Trehearne - Sponsorship  
Kaylee Vannatta - Community Development  
Jason Maitlen - Ex officio  
Fran Bullock - Community Spiritual Director

**We also would like you to join us in welcoming our newest board members who will begin their term as of January 1, 2015.**

Dave Abernathy - Walk Team Selection  
Anna Spencer - Communications Media Tech.  
Sue McCammon - Registrar  
TBD - Supplies  
TBD - Newsletter  
Tony May - Sponsorship  
Darrell Borders - Community Spiritual Director

Please keep your ECI Board of Directors (as well as your ECI Community) in your daily prayers as they seek God's direction on how best to lead, strengthen and grow our community.

**We still have two (2) open Board Positions that we need to fill. Please prayerfully consider joining your ECI Emmaus Board of Directors and serving your community by volunteering to fill one of these open positions.**

## Short, Clean and Funny

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school waiting for the lunch line to start. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun penned a note and posted it in front of the apple tray which read: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving down the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A clever girl quickly wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

## Here's Your Sign



## **Who said that?**

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) New International Version says, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

## **Watch this! Look at this! Watch This!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPil9Br-5IE>

## **Here to Serve**

The ECI Emmaus Board is here to assist and serve you, our Community Members. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any Board Member.

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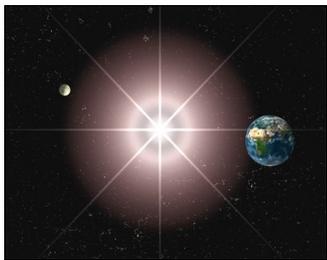
## **Your Comments Welcome**

Do you have any comments, suggestions or ideas for the newsletter? If you do, feel free to hit me up at a gathering or send me an email ([bill.denton@wmdenton.com](mailto:bill.denton@wmdenton.com)), I'd love to hear from you.



## Genesis 1:14 (NIV)

And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and



let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years,

*Robert Frost*  
*Mountain Interval*  
1916

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

## Psalm 16:11

**You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

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# 2015/2016 Upcoming Dates to Remember

January	6	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	9	Gathering, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">Riverside UMC</a>
	30	<b>Cut-off for Girl's Flight, 12:00 Noon</b>
February	3	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	6	Gathering, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">Center Chapel UMC</a>
	14 - 16	Girls' Flight @ <a href="#">Mt. Summit Christian Church</a> <b>Registration Deadline Noon Jan. 30th</b>
	15	R.U.S.H., 7:00 p.m. in Shelter @ <a href="#">Mt. Summit Christian Church</a>
	15	Candlelight 8:00 p.m. @ <a href="#">Mt Summit Christian Church</a>
	15	Closing 4:00 p.m. @ <a href="#">Mt. Summit Christian Church</a>
March	3	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	6	Gathering, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">Mt. Summit Christian Church</a>
April	7	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	10	Gathering, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">Yorktown UMC</a>
	28	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
May	1	Gathering, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">Selma UMC</a>
June	2	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	5	Gathering, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">TBD</a>
July	7	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	11	Annual Picnic Gathering @ <a href="#">Morrow's Meadows</a>
August	4	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	7	Gathering, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	20	<b>Noon Registration Deadline for Men's Walk #36 – Min. 18 — Max. 36</b>
	27	<b>Noon Registration Deadline for Women's Walk #36—Min. 18—Max 36</b>
September	1	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	4	Gathering, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">Desoto UMC</a>
October	6	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	15 - 18	Men's Walk 36 @ <a href="#">Shiloh Park, Marion</a>
	17	R.U.S.H., 7:00 p.m. in Shelter @ <a href="#">Shiloh Park, Marion</a>
	17	Candlelight, 8:00 p.m. in Conference Room @ <a href="#">Shiloh Park, Marion</a>
	18	Closing, 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room @ <a href="#">Shiloh Park, Marion</a>
	22 - 25	Women's Walk 36 @ <a href="#">Shiloh Park, Marion</a>
	24	R.U.S.H., 7:00 p.m. in Shelter @ <a href="#">Shiloh Park, Marion</a>
		Candlelight, 8:00 p.m. in Conference Room @ <a href="#">Shiloh Park, Marion</a>
	25	Closing, 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room @ <a href="#">Shiloh Park, Marion</a>
November	3	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	6	Gathering, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">Union Chapel</a>
December	1	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>
	5	Gathering, 6:30 p.m. @ <a href="#">The Garden At Gethsemane</a>