

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Emmaus Community:

To say the last year has flown by would be a serious understatement. It seems like yesterday I was beginning my term as Community Lay Director and now it is nearly a thing of the past.

The Bible tells us that if we are faithful in the small things God will trust us with more. When I was first asked if I'd be willing to take on this role, I wasn't sure if I could handle the responsibility. I wasn't sure if I was ready. I wasn't sure if I was as spiritually mature as I needed to be. I wasn't convinced I had taken care of the small things and therefore doubted I could handle something this big. I had tons of doubts and Satan reminded me of them often.

A year later, I can say with confidence that God knew what he was doing! That's not because I've done a great job, but because in every weakness I have (and there are many) someone serving with me on the board has that as one of their strengths. I sit in awe at board meetings as I look around the room and see how God has orchestrated His plan through this eclectic group of people; in much the same way as He does on the walk weekends. How can you throw a bunch of different ingredients into a pot, mix it up and come up with a dish that tastes good to everyone in the room? You can't, but God can. That's because He knows what my weaknesses are and He surrounds me with people who are strong where I am weak. He puts me in places where my strengths are someone's weaknesses.

So as I depart as Community Lay Director, I thought it would be appropriate to talk about the past three years and what lies ahead for the community.

One of the first things we were tasked with as new board members (Donnie Peacher, Kate Eames, Shell Law, Carol Shrewsbury and myself) three years ago was finding a new location for the walks because of the bat infestation at O'Bannon Woods. We settled on a new temporary home at Indian Creek Baptist Camp and outside of a few minor glitches we seemed to have the walks there down to a science. Just as we get comfortable with having the walks there I have it on good authority that we could be moving back to O'Bannon as soon as the fall of 2014. That's the target date anyway.

One of the biggest challenges of having the walks at Indian Creek was the unknown. No one had ever done a walk there, so there were things that team members just had to deal with as they came up. When we get back to O'Bannon, there will be people working those walks who would have never worked one there. So there will be some adjustments to that and dealing with unexpected things that come up at our old home.

When I was sharing the news about getting back to O'Bannon with a group of community members, one wondered out loud, "Why would we go back there; Indian Creek seems more suited to host the walks?" While that is true in some ways, in others, O'Bannon has its advantages. One of which is cost. Since moving, every walk has cost more to put on than the amount of money brought in. Doing that over the past two and half years has taken its toll on the community's budget. That's why our Community Spiritual Director, Tim Johnson, wrote in the last newsletter asking for people to make above their tithe contributions to the community. That is an attempt to help offset the shortfall of the past few walks. The board is still discussing other ways to address the financial shortfall the walks are leaving us with. One way is to go back to a place that's more affordable – O'Bannon Woods (though we don't know how much they will charge once we get back). Another way would be to raise the cost of the walks. The latter is not a choice any of us want to make, but it may be a necessity.

The location and money situation aside, there have been a lot of great things that have happened.

The one I am most proud of is the DaySpring Emmaus Community's recent partnering with Power Ministries. Power Ministries is a group that ministers the Gospel of Christ through handi-camps. They have one camp every year that is formatted much like an Emmaus Walk. They are like the REC in that they have their own board, their own money and budget, but they use the resource of our large community to draw people into their ministry. They draw them in to work, pray and contribute to what God is doing through them. For the board, working with this group was a no-brainer.

Another thing I am excited about is the fact that there are now monthly gatherings, which children are encouraged to attend each month. On the first Friday of every month there is a gathering at one of the churches in Southern Indiana. They start at 7:30 pm and usually consist of praise and worship, the sharing of testimonies, Holy Communion and then end with a time of fellowship and snacks. If you haven't been to one, I encourage you to check the community calendar on our website and make it a point to attend. It's a good way to stay connected and usually upcoming lay directors attend and have spots open on their teams. A friend told me, "George, I was praying, 'God I have three spots on my team I can't fill, please put the people you want to take these spots in front of me.'" Then I came to the gathering and I got all three spots filled!"

I could go on for days about the other positive things happening with and throughout our community.

I want to thank you again for the opportunity to serve you and wish Darcy Hollingsworth well as she embarks on an exciting journey over the next year.

Please pray for her and the board members whose only goal is to make decisions that glorify God and help to grow His kingdom!

Blessings, much love and DeColores,
George Browning
Community Lay Director
DaySpring Emmaus Community



The votes are in ... welcome new DaySpring Emmaus Community board members:

Frank Heinz
Stacy Kampschafer
David Riley
Tonye Rutherford
Mike Scroggins

Introducing our fall Lay Directors ...

Men's Emmaus Walk #117
October 10 - 13, 2013
Jason Saylor, Lay Director

Women's Emmaus Walk #118
October 17 - 20, 2013
Mary Jane Hochstetler, Lay Director

Please be in prayer now as to whom God is calling you to sponsor. Log on to www.dayspringemmaus.org for more information regarding sponsorship and to obtain applications. More information will follow in the fall newsletter.

Welcome to the DaySpring Emmaus Community ...

<i>Pilgrims #115</i>	<i>Pilgrims #116</i>	
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Community Homecoming Picnic

Sat., August 17, 2013

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Silver Heights Camp

501 Camp Avenue, New Albany

Come and join us ... bring the kids as well as anyone who has not been on a walk ... for an afternoon of great food, live music, activities for the children and fellowship. Pulled pork BBQ sandwiches will be furnished.

What to bring? If your last name begins with:

A-C	Desserts	J-M	Chips
D-F	Salads/veggie tray & dip	N-S	Casserole/baked beans/vegetable
G-I	Fruit salad/fruit tray	T-Z	Soda/tea/lemonade

*** A big crowd is expected, so please bring ample food ***

September Gathering

Date: Friday, September 6, 2013

Time: 7:25 – 9:25 pm

Location: Sellersburg UMC

226 N. New Albany Avenue, Sellersburg



Please bring a dessert, snack or 2-liter to share



Power Ministries Walk #3 - New Purpose Retreat

September 20 - 22, 2013

White Mills Christian Camp

154 Old Kentucky 84, White Mills, KY

Jerry Van and Eloise Carlisle, Co-Lay Directors

Prior to the candlelight service, the DaySpring Emmaus Community is invited to attend a talent show presented by the campers. You won't want to miss this! You will be blessed by how the campers display their God-given talents through song, dance and skits. The talent show begins at 7 pm. The community will be dismissed to the chapel to begin the candlelight service at 8:15 pm. Candlelight concludes around a campfire near the entrance to the camp. For directions and other information regarding White Mills Christian Camp, visit their website at

www.whitemillschristiancamp.com. A group picture of Power Ministries Walk #2 (New Purpose Retreat V) can be found in the Photo Gallery section.

DAYSRING REC UPCOMING WALKS



July 12 - 14

Henryville Correctional Facility

Doug Thomas, Lay Director

Candlelight @ 6:30 pm

July 13 – Henryville UMC

113 S. Ferguson Street, Henryville

August 16 - 18

Harrison County Men

Leland Harbeson, Lay Director

Candlelight @ 6:30 pm

August 17 – Old Capital UMC

141 W. Heidelberg Road SW, Corydon

*** Must be on visitation list to participate in candlelight at Henryville. Email your name (as it appears on your driver's license) and your driver's license number to Doug Thomas at need4steam@yahoo.com ***

July 26 - 28

Floyd County Men

Ron Schad, Lay Director

Candlelight @ 6:30 pm

July 27 – New Beginnings Community Church

104 Wooded Valley Drive, New Albany
(off of State Street)

August 23 - 25

Harrison County Women

Betty Rudolph, Lay Director

Candlelight @ 6:30 pm

August 24 – Old Capital UMC

141 W. Heidelberg Road SW, Corydon

August 2 - 4

Floyd County Woman

Ruth Happel, Lay Director

Candlelight @ 6:30 pm

August 3 – New Beginnings Community Church

104 Wooded Valley Drive, New Albany
(off of State Street)

September 13 - 15

Clark County Men

Grant Belles, Lay Director

Candlelight @ 6:30 pm

September 14 – Ohio Falls UMC

917 S. Virginia Avenue, Clarksville

September 27 - 29

Branchville Correctional Facility

Bill Walsh, Lay Director

Candlelight @ 6:30 pm (Central) / 7:30 pm (Eastern)

September 28 – Branchville Correctional Facility

21390 Old State Road 37, Branchville

*** Must be on visitation list to participate in candlelight at Branchville. Email your name (as it appears on your driver's license) and your driver's license number to Bill Walsh at billwalsh2011@gmail.com ***



Chrysalis Flight #50

Lay Directors: Peggy Rumor and Art Longnaker

June 28-30, 2013

Candlelight: Jun 29 @ 8:00 pm

Closing: Jun 30 @ 4:00 pm

(For ages 15-18)

Chrysalis Journey #17

Lay Directors: Meagan Risinger and Mike England

August 2-4, 2013

Sendoff: Aug 2 @ 8:30 am

Candlelight: Aug 3 @ 8:00 pm

Closing: Aug 4 @ 4:00 pm

(For ages 19-24)

All Chrysalis events are held at the Flaget Center, 1935 Lewiston Place, Louisville, KY

To sponsor a young adult on a Chrysalis walk or for more information
please visit the website: www.cornerstonechrysalis.com

Any southern Indiana area church desiring to host a "Rush" (similar to an Emmaus Gathering),
please contact a Chrysalis board member

Faces in the DaySpring Community



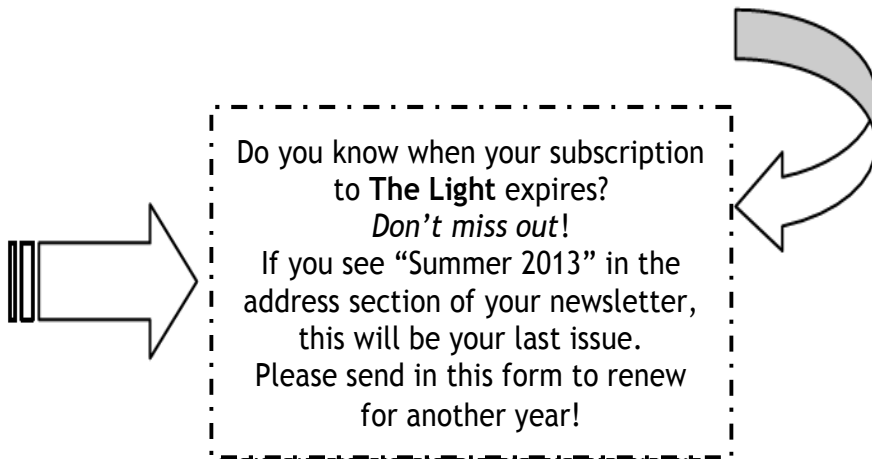
Cindy Kanning and her husband, Jim, attend Wesley Chapel UMC. Cindy went on Louisville Walk #4 at St. Thomas Retreat Center in the spring of 1987, and sat at the table of Lydia. Cindy and Jim are blessed with a daughter, Jennifer, who is married to Rev. George Wasson and they have two children, Kate (age 6) and Brianne (almost 3). Their son, Todd, and his wife, Julie, live outside Austin, Texas, with Ainsley Elise (age 9), Lauren Anne (age 7½), Harrison James (age 5½) and William Todd (age 4½). They also have international family members. They remain very close to their Norwegian "exchange student son" from 1987-88, Trond Olsen. He and his wife, Jorunn, have Reidun Marie (age 10) and Mathias (age 8).

Cindy recalls how the waiting list was so long for Louisville walks, it was voted that Southern Indiana should create its own board and walks. In 1990, the first board of DaySpring Emmaus was elected on this side of the river to serve several counties. Cindy served on that board and did the newsletter for those first three years. After selecting the community's name and then praying and planning for a year, DaySpring hosted the first set of walks in 1991 with Jim Miles and LeAnn Abbott as the first lay leaders. Cindy served as lay leader on Walk #5 at non-air-conditioned Mt. St. Francis, when a horrible summer storm's torrential rains caused roads to be closed, keeping people from coming to pray with speakers one afternoon.

A couple of her favorite memories from her walk was when she mentioned to the lay leader, Mae Croft, that she was really tired and was going to go to bed ... it was Saturday night after the skits. Mae, of course, could not let that happen, as candlelight was next! The next morning, as the pilgrims filed down to the lower level cafeteria for breakfast, Cindy cried to see the team waiting at the bottom, waving palm branches and singing "Hosannah!" It had not occurred to her that it was Palm Sunday. So her first Sunday back in her own church after that Emmaus Walk was Easter. She recalls that it was so very emotional as it was then that she realized how much her faith had deepened because of the closer walk with Jesus on her weekend. That was only the beginning!!

When asked if she could sit down and talk with any Biblical figure, she chose Nehemiah. "I love --and espouse in my work as a management consultant--the powerful leadership and management principles in that book, and those truths apply today in all areas of our lives. I would ask Nehemiah about specific ways his teams responded to those wise instructions and how they interacted in the process."

In her spare time, Cindy likes to study the Bible, entertain, cook, design note cards, write, lead seminars, meet new people, relax and spend time with her husband, family and friends.



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