

**Elizabethtown Emmaus
Newsletter
January 2004**

DeColores,

From the Chairperson

I have been considering for quite some time just what I should write in the first newsletter as your new Community Lay Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

First, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve. I covet your prayers and your help in the year ahead as we (the board) face many exciting issues and probably some difficult decisions.

Emmaus is very important to me. I have been involved in the Elizabethtown community since its beginning and have witnessed many changes through out the past nineteen years. Some of the changes have been necessary in order for the community to grow and serve. Some of the changes were made because we believed the walk needed to be improved or fixed in some way.

On Saturday December 6th, many board members attended a training session with Scoofer Jordan, a representative from the Upper Room, who instructed us on the requirements of following the "Emmaus Model" for the three day walk as it is designed by the Upper Room. He reminded us that we sign a contract, a covenant, agreeing to carry out the walk under that design.

I tell you all of this because your board faces many difficult hours of evaluating the "Emmaus Model" and implementing changes as required. We need your prayers, your understanding and your support as we begin this awesome task. I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am as we begin this journey together. The "we" I refer to is each of us as we walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I remember so well the day the Emmaus cross was put around my neck and the words were

said, "Christ is counting on you" and I responded that I am counting on Christ. I pray that each member of the Elizabethtown Community will recount those words when you are asked to serve, to give support or to pray. Remember, Christ is counting on you more every day and your response will make a difference.

In closing, I pray that each of you will have a wonderful new year and that your personal walk with our Lord will find new depths and that God will bless you in all that you do to serve him.

DeColores,
David Dozer, Walk #1

Board Business

During the December 2003 meeting of the Elizabethtown Board of Directors a motion was made that requires a change to the Community's By-Laws.

This motion, by its very nature, is required to be announced to the entire Emmaus Community via this newsletter. The motion that was made is as follows: "Make the Chrysalis Chairperson a voting member of the Emmaus Board of Directors."

The Chrysalis Community Charter requires that the current Chairperson of that Board of Directors be in attendance at all Emmaus Community board meetings. The Chrysalis Community is affected by many of the policies made and adopted by the Emmaus Board. Certain Emmaus Board members felt that in light of this the Chrysalis Chairperson should have a voice in the decisions, policies and changes made by the Emmaus Board.

If you have any concerns, objections or input about this change to the Community's By-Laws please contact a member of the board via telephone or by visiting our website at www.etownemmaus.org. When you get to the website click on the "Contacts" button then select the board member that you'd like to e-mail your comments to, click their name and send them your comments.

Emmaus Calendar

JAN 3 @ 7:00 p.m. - Gathering - CHUMC
FEB 7 @ 7:00 p.m. - Gathering - CHUMC
February 14 - 15 - Chrysalis #33
March 6 @ 7:00 p.m. - Gathering - CHUMC
March 11 - 14 - Men's Walk #90
March 18 - 21 - Women's Walk #91
April 3 @ 7:00 p.m. - Gathering - MUMC

CHUMC = College Heights United Methodist
MUMC = Memorial United Methodist Church

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If you want to receive the newsletter there are two different forms (e-mail and regular mail) and several different ways to do this. 1 - fill out the form attached to this newsletter and mail it to PO Box 2070 Elizabethtown, KY 42702. 2 - Visit the website and click on your choice in the third section down from the top about the newsletter. If you would like to receive the e-mail version just fill out the attached form and hand it to any member of the board at the next Gathering. Please note that the subscription period is January through March. If you are currently receiving this in the U.S. Mail your subscription will run out after the March newsletter is sent - so act fast so there are no interruptions!

Please note that Pilgrims whose walk was in 2003 receive the newsletter at no cost for the first year. After that time you will need to decide on your preferences.

Inspirations from the Editor

I got this off the web, somewhere – some time ago.
It blessed me in its words and the heart of its
meaning and I pray that it will bless you also.
Enjoy – ed.

My First Christmas In Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees,
Around the world below.
With tiny lights, like Heaven stars,
Reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular,
Please wipe away the tear.
For I am spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs,
That people hold so dear.
But the sounds of music can't quite
Compare with the choir up here...

I have no word to tell you,
The joy their voices bring.
For it is beyond description,
To hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,
I see the pail inside your heart.
But I am not so far away,
We really aren't apart.

So be happy for me, dear ones,
You know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift,
From my heavenly home above.
I sent you each a memory
Of my undying love...

After all., love is a gift
More precious than pure gold.
It was always most important,
In the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other,
As my Father said to do.
For I can't count the blessings
Or love He has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas
And wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year...

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