

Missouri East Walk to Emmaus
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Missouri East Face to Face

JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



March Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and events to be included in our November newsletter will be **March 19th**. Please email articles and calendar information to our editor, Ken Cieslak, at kjcieslak@gmail.com as soon as you set a date for any activities, including gatherings. Please be sure to include contact information with your submission.

UPCOMING DATES

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:00 am

Missouri East Chrysalis Board Meeting

Church of the Shepherd UMC, St. Charles MO 63304

Contact: *Robin Byron*

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10:00 am

Missouri East Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

Church of the Shepherd UMC, St. Charles MO 63304

Contact: *Al Kremer*; bigalkremer@charter.net

Thursday-Sunday, March, 15-18, 2018

Missouri East Emmaus Men's Walk #157

Pinecrest Camp, Fredericktown MO 63645

Contact: *Al Kremer (BA)*; bigalkremer@charter.net

Thursday-Sunday, April 5-8, 2018

Missouri East Emmaus Women's Walk #158

Pinecrest Camp, Fredericktown MO 63645

Contact: *Sue DiPiano (BA)*; sdipiano@aol.com

Thursday-Sunday, April 19-22, 2018

Kairos Prison Weekend #16

Potosi Correctional Center, Mineral Point MO 63660

Contact: kairospcc@gmail.com

Friday - Sunday, April 27 - 29, 2018

Kairos Outside Weekend #31

All God's Children Camp, High Ridge, MO 63049

Contact: KOEastMO@yahoo.com



Missouri East Walk to Emmaus
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A Message From...

Al Kremer, MoEast Emmaus Community Lay Director

Hello Community! I haven't written to you for quite some time, and for that I'm sorry. I hope you all will accept my apology. I'd like to bring you up to speed on a couple things we're working on with the Emmaus Board.

One, we had a terrific opportunity to begin the Face-To-Face Encounter process in November, with four new members added to our Community. The Encounter experience, with its unique format, provides some options for us going forward, with alternate scheduling making the three-day experience more easily accessible to people who otherwise can't commit to a 72 consecutive hour format. I'm not saying that the Walk To Emmaus will be offering an alternate schedule anytime soon, but I'd think it certainly should give the Upper Room something to think about. We will be discussing what to do from here in upcoming Board meetings.

The board would also like to reach out to Emmaus folks who have possibly "fallen by the wayside", feeling like they have nothing more to offer, can't easily serve on Walks anymore, or simply haven't been asked in a while, to consider this as a way to return to an active status in our Community. Many of us who can no longer serve on Walks, except in limited roles, can now return to a role that is more easily committed to and served out. Please go to the Emmaus page at <http://www.mochrysalis.org/>. There you will find the team/pilgrim lists for upcoming walks, as they become available. You can also update your participation in any Upper Room event (Emmaus, Chrysalis, Face-To-Face, Kairos) (<http://www.mochrysalis.org/forms/update-participation-or-service/>) . You can also update your contact information (<http://www.mochrysalis.org/forms/update-contact-information/>) so we can keep you up to date on what's going on in our Community.

**We Want
To Hear From You!**

A Message From...

Robin Byron, Chrysalis Community Lay Director



Greetings: As we approach 2018, we pause to meditate and pray, to reflect upon the year that is drawing to a close, and to hope, and plan, for the New Year that is coming into being. To the sponsors, to the team members, to the Butterflies, and to the supportive Community, thank you all for making Flights 58 & 59 happen! God was glorified, caterpillars gained new skills, knowledge, and the life changing opportunity to know God in a much more personal way.

As we transition into the New Year, we as a Chrysalis Community, have areas of concern, which will require our combined, and diligent efforts, and prayers.

First and foremost, we need everyone's help in the area of Sponsorship. Remember what it was like to go on your Pilgrim or Caterpillar Flight? Is there a youth or Young person you know that would benefit and be blessed to attend a Flight? If you haven't had the opportunity to serve on a Chrysalis Flight please sign up or update your registration. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve and see God change lives. Scholarships are available.

The Young Men's Flight #60 will be held in June 27-30, 2018 at La Croix Church in Cape Girardeau, MO and the Young Women's Flight #61 will take place at All God's Children Camp July 12-14, 2018 in High Ridge, MO. We are moving to a Thursday, Friday and Saturday format in order to move back into the local churches and welcome the community to be more involved.

Today, with snow on the ground, and wind chill temperatures hovering around freezing, June seems like a long way off. But, we all know how quickly time flies! So, while Lay Directors are assembling, and training their teams, let's fill our Flights with Youth eager to become the next group of Christ's servant-leaders in Missouri Region. Steve Wallace is our Registrar, and if you have any questions about sponsorship, please contact Steve at moregistrar@mochrysalis.org.

Secondly, our Chrysalis Community Board has encountered difficulties for the last few years filling vacancies on the Board, and in having Community members working with Board members as committee members. We are a working Board. Most Board members are chairpersons of a working committee, which means, the entire Board, and Community functions best when all Board positions are filled, and Community members are working with Board members, as functioning committees.

This is a major goal for 2018, to fill all Board vacancies, and then to bring in Community members to work in cooperation with Board members as part of functioning Committees. We are still working toward this goal, as we head into the New Year. Serving on the Board, or serving as a committee member, is a very important way to serve the Chrysalis Community, and to support our mission. If you are interested in serving as a Board member, or a committee member, please contact myself or another board member.

Lastly, I would like to thank God, the Mo East Chrysalis Community for the opportunity I have to serve as Community Lay Director. I appreciate so much the spirit of cooperation, and your prayers. I thank Rev. Sue Biggerstaff for agreeing to serve a Community Spiritual Director and existing board members for their steadfast support. Together will continue to move forward, and accomplish great things for Christ, and His Kingdom.

A Message From...

Bob Vallely, Emmaus Community Musician

ATTENTION EMMAUS MUSICIANS



As the Missouri East Board of Directors continues to update and consolidate our database, we want to make sure that all musicians' information is current and complete. If you would, please take a moment to provide the following information:

Name, address, phone number, instrument(s) proficient on, voice capability(lead, harmony or both) and style(traditional, contemporary or both).

You may email the info to me at nvallely53@aol.com or feel free to call me at 314-691-9073 with any questions. I thank you and wish all God's blessings for you and yours this new year.

De Colores!

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More From...

Al Kremer, MoEast Emmaus Community Lay Director

We are looking at some possible options for upcoming Walk weekend facilities/locations. All God's Children has been very handy for us, providing an option quite close to the St. Louis area, making it easy to attend events there, and working with us to make our Walks the best they could be. However, since being purchased by a church, and being used as such, the scheduling has become more difficult, making it inconvenient for us to work around their schedule. We have decided to look at some other possible locations, hoping to reach into Central Missouri to accommodate a quite loyal Community of Emmaus folks. If that can't be worked out, we also plan to be in contact with Pinecrest. These are for this fall, only. Once that is done, we will look for more long-term options, with Central/North Central Missouri as our most highly desired area.

As I begin my second year as Community Lay Director, I am excited to see what will come with this year's Walks. I will be serving as the Board Advisor for the Men's Walk in March(15-18), which will be led by Steve Wallace. Sue DiPiano will be the Board Advisor for the Women's Walk in April(5-8), which will be led by Mitzi Brammer. Please lift these teams in prayer as both begin team meetings in preparation for their respective Walk weekends.

One more thing. I'd like to thank the following people who have rotated off our board as of the end of 2017: Gary Biehl, Craig Clark and Cindy Patterson, humble servants of our Lord who did great work during their time on the board. I will greatly miss working with each of them.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to serving with you all in the future! De Colores!



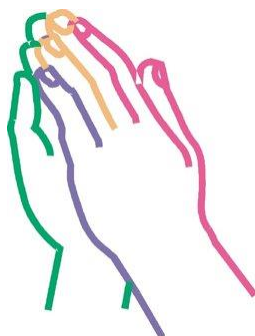
A Message From...
The Face to Face Steering Committee



Our first Face to Face Encounter in Missouri East was held last November at Church of the Shepherd. We only had four pilgrims, but the spiritual and physical benefits of the Face to Face adaptation were abundantly upheld in the experiences of the pilgrims and team members. Like all new beginnings, Encounter #1 had lots of rough edges, but the power of the Holy Spirit could not be denied. Because of the unique differences in schedule and format, team selection was difficult and the community support could have been much stronger, but valuable lessons were learned.

The Face to Face Steering Committee will meet in February and will undertake a thorough evaluation of Encounter #1 and make recommendations to the Emmaus Board in March for the continuance of Face to Face in Missouri. This adaptation of the central weekend experience holds great promise in energizing and revitalizing the spirit of Emmaus among a whole new group of potential pilgrims and members of the Emmaus community who have served and are looking for opportunities to serve again in new and exciting ways.





Men's Walk to Emmaus #157 – Team Formation

LINK TO 72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE WEEKEND:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14261&commid=632>

Women's Walk to Emmaus #158 – Team Formation

LINK TO 72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE WEEKEND:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14262&commid=632>

Kairos Prison Weekend #16 – Team Formation

Prayers for the Emmaus and Chrysalis Boards and the
Face to Face Steering Committee

Prayers for our country and its elected leaders

(You may email prayer requests of an ongoing nature to kjcieslak@gmail.com, to be included here, but please remember that our schedule is to publish every other month. If the prayer need is more immediate, please notify our Community Lay Director Al Kremer; bigalkremer@charter.net about the possibility of doing an email blast.)