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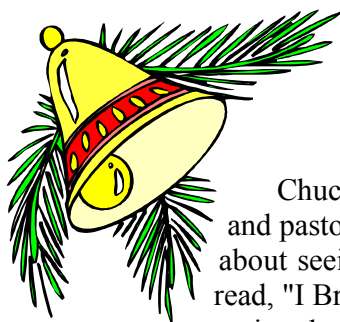
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ELECTION NEWS

Going off the Board at the end of this year are 6 people who have served our Emmaus Community well, and we want to extend our gratitude. They are leaving because they have completed their terms. Don Beck has been coordinating the Book Table, and nobody knows how many orders he has placed, or how many boxes he has hauled – except, of course those who were so loyal in assisting him. Sue Neff has been World-Wide Agape Coordinator. She has been responsible for sending letters expressing our love and support to other Emmaus Communities around the world, and receiving those letters so many of us remember seeing on the walls at our Walks. Bruce Nichols has been Site Selection Coordinator, and has located the churches at which our Walks have been located, and fought uncounted “brush fires.” Joel and Julie Todd are retiring as Team Selection Coordinators. Despite their family health challenges, they have continued to assist the Lay Directors of the Emmaus Walks to find the right members for God’s Team.

Several people filled positions that were left vacant, or from which people needed to resign during the year. JoAnn McCrum filled the position of Kitchen Coordinator for this year. She has done a tremendous job of revising and replacing the Kitchen Manuals that have turned up missing. She chose not to run for a full three-year term. Roxi Bass served as Mail-Room Coordinator; Michon Felton served as Prayer Vigil Coordinator; Bill Schmidt served as Fourth-Day Coordinator, and Jodi Schmidt served as Board Secretary. All four chose to run for full three-year terms, and they were all elected. New members of the Board for three-year terms are the following: John Lord, Bob Peña, and Trina Roe. Andy Raymond was elected to a two-year term, and Leon Martin was elected to a one-year term. We welcome all new and returning members

Several of the new members of the Board attended the December Board Meeting to see what they have gotten themselves into. The Board Meetings are also open to any Community member who wishes to attend. At the January Board Retreat, the Board as a whole will discern, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who should be in what position for the coming year. Stay tuned for further developments...

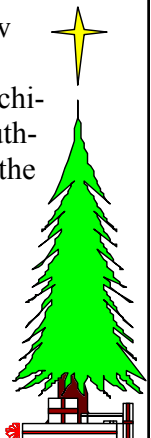


BRAKE FOR CHRISTMAS

Chuck Swindoll, a popular author and pastor, wrote in one of his books about seeing a bumper sticker that read, "I Brake for Christmas." I am guessing that since Swindoll's church is in southern California, he saw this bumper sticker in his home state. What kind of weather does southern California have in December? A bit of rain, but probably lots of dry asphalt roads. What kind of weather do we

have in Michigan now? Cold winds and snow flakes are flying everywhere. What do you think? I think it is a lot harder to brake in Michigan with the icy, snowy roads than it is in southern California and all the warmer climates in the the U.S.. Do you agree?

I am going to speculate, though, that what is keeping us from braking easily is not the weather. We have shopping, cooking, cleaning and visiting to be done! Who will put up that Christmas tree and wrap the packages? How can I work enough overtime to pay for Christmas? Help!



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