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Encouraging and Inspiring the Members of the Mid-Michigan Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities to "Go Forth" on Their Fourth Day

## Welcome New Community Members!

PLEASE WELCOME these new members of the Mid-Michigan Emmaus/Chrysalis Community!

From Boys' Chrysalis Flight #17:

Heston Glenn	Midland
Jordan Goka	Reese
Gary Hoggard	Beaverton
Garrick Hooper	Midland
Tyson List	Midland
Chris McFarland	West Branch
John Potts	St. Charles
David Sellars	West Branch

Brandon Smith Fairgrove  
 Randy Wilkins II Gaines  
 From Girls' Chrysalis Flight #18:

Autumn Biaz	
Tara Carlton	Chesaning
Ashley Carruthers	Pinconning
Katrina Crosson	Midland
Lizz Groendal	Midland
Allissa Hooper	Pinconning
Heather Lopez	
Taylor Maxwell	
Amber Peruski	Midland
Elizabeth Rohrer	West Branch
Allie Satkowiak	Midland
Abbi Schulz	Midland
Kami Shields	West Branch
Caitlin Warren	West Branch
Kourtanie Wilkins	Gaines
Alysha Wynkoop	Prescott

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1

From the Community Lay Director

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

ABOUT A MONTH AGO, my Dad gave me a prayer book from the Catholic Church. On the first page I found the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. I guess that shouldn't have surprised me because the Walk to Emmaus came out of the Catholic Church.

Would everyone please turn to page 48 in your purple worship booklets and pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit with me. (How many times have you heard that since you took your Emmaus Walk?)

A couple of times when I have been a table leader, a pilgrim has asked me what that prayer meant. I thought that was a funny question to ask but after some thought this is what the prayer means to me.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the**

**fire of Your love:** To be filled means to me that I will be filled to the brim. There will not be room for more! There is no end to God's Spirit; it goes on and on. We need to ask God to

kindle in us a fire so that we will not only use His Spirit through whatever gifts He has given

us, but we will do it often and boldly to the best of our ability. We need to empty ourselves of His

Spirit in order to be filled with more. When we are filled we can't receive more until we use what He has given.

**Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created:** When we go out and encourage others to

follow Christ, other sanctuaries will be created to be filled with God's Spirit, and on and on.

**And You shall renew the face of**



### Fall 2006 MME Walks

Tawas UMC  
 20 W. M-55, Tawas City, MI

#### Men's Walk to Emmaus #39

September 21-24, 2006  
 Larry Moe, Lay director  
 Candlelight: Sept. 23 @ 8:00 p.m.  
 Closing: Sept. 24 @ 5:00 p.m.

#### Women's Walk to Emmaus #40

September 28-October 1, 2006  
 Ele Hunt, Lay director  
 Candlelight: Sept. 30 @ 8:00 p.m.  
 Closing: Oct. 1 @ 5:00 p.m.

### Gatherings and Hoots

#### Community Gathering, Sept. 30

We'll be meeting at West Branch UMC. See story on page 3 for additional details.

#### Gathering Groups, October

Region 1: TBA  
 Region 2: TBA  
 Region 3: TBA

#### Gathering Groups, November

Region 1: TBA  
 Region 2: TBA  
 Region 3: TBA

#### Community Gathering, Dec. 1

We'll be meeting at Sanford UMC for a Christmas potluck. Details to come.

Contact Kim Warner,  
 limberkeys88@aol.com  
 or 989-275-8889, for updated information.



**the Earth:** Not us, but God's spirit through us, will renew the face of the Earth. It is God's Spirit working through us that gets others to accept His Spirit.

**O, God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful:** I can't be a Lone Ranger, I must work and be with others in the Body of Christ in order to be effective! After all, even Jesus got 12 men to be

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## The Blessings of Servanthood

*Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My father will honor the one who serves me.* —John 12:26

**H**AVE YOU EVER SERVED CHRIST with the intent of blessing others and come to the realization that you were blessed also? Well, that is what happens to me when I serve on Emmaus walks or Chrysalis flights. I feel Christ's gentle nudging to serve and bless others and in the process, I am blessed.

This is especially apparent to me right now. I am on such a high after just serving as a table leader on Girls' Chrysalis Flight #18. I went into the weekend physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally preparing myself for the great opportunities Christ was laying before me, as I was able to share my story during the talk on "Faith." What I didn't know or plan for was the response that Christ would send my way. I thought I was pretty humble before I came into the weekend, but Christ has a way of humbling us even more and showing us that He will use us in mighty ways.

I didn't think anything could replace my spiritual experience from my Walk to Emmaus. Boy, was I wrong. The experiences of this Chrysalis flight totally blew me away.

God showed me things in my life that I didn't even know were there. He guided me to just the right people and to say just the right words that would not only touch another life, but also touch my life. There were caterpillars/butterflies that blessed my life just by me listening to them. He sent these girls into my life for a very special reason and my spiritual life is fuller because of them.

I encourage you to help serve in some capacity for a walk or flight. If you don't feel comfortable serving during the weekend, pray for those attending. Prayer is the backbone. Without it, they would cease to exist. For those of you who are new butterflies who want to become involved in other flights, please fill out the volunteer information form that is in your packet of information and then send it in. If you were blessed by your recent flight—and I know many of you were—wouldn't it be great to bless other teens just like you were?

If you have an interest in serving on a Chrysalis flight, please get in touch with me. My e-mail address is [cathleenbrewer@hotmail.com](mailto:cathleenbrewer@hotmail.com) or call me at 989-585-3139.

Fly with Christ,

—Cathy Kelley  
MME #28

MMC Team Selection/Nominations

## Thanks Be to God!

**A**S THE SUMMER DRAWS TO A CLOSE, we praise and thank God for seeing the greater Mid-Michigan Chrysalis community through a successful set of flights. God was great and gracious and showed His loving kindness to all of those who were involved in any and all capacities. He truly is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

God truly did walk before us and clear a path. He moved mountains and allowed us to be servants of the Most High. God's glory was evident in the bright and cheery faces of the teams and the caterpillars turned into butterflies. It will now be time for others to pick up the torch God has lit and run the race He has before us to carry on this ministry.

Please join us in prayer for the upcoming men's and women's Emmaus weekends, the boards for Emmaus and Chrysalis, and the next set of Chrysalis flights in February 2007. Please also pray about being a team member on an upcoming flight. Contact a board member if you have interest, or be prepared if your phone should ring.

As we read in the Bible, the harvest is plenty, the workers are few, pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth workers. You might be that worker!

Fly high butterflies, because God loves you and so do we!

—Bob and Amy Bailey

## Don't Forget the Importance of Sponsorship

**W**HEN I VISIT CHURCHES, I like to pick up newsletters and bulletins to see what is going on, and how they do things. Sometimes I see ideas that I take back to my own church.

One thing that is exciting to see is an article or handout describing Emmaus or Chrysalis, along with some of the brochures. This helps familiarize those who have not attended such an event with these programs, and might make them more open to participation if and when they are asked. (Remember, there are no secrets about the program.)

Occasionally, however, the last line in such an article really rubs me the wrong way. It might say something

like "pick up an application in the church office" or "applications are available on the office bulletin board." Although well meaning, this kind of blanket invitation—whether done in writing or by an announcement during the worship service—bypasses the sponsorship system that is an integral part of the Emmaus method.

The sponsorship system is meant to ensure that those who attend a weekend are chosen by God through active prayer and discernment by the sponsor long before the weekend begins. And prayer continues to be a sponsor emphasis before, during, and after the weekend. One of the spiritual "nuggets" I remember from my weekend is:

"Talk to God about a person before you talk to that person about God." That's what *sponsors* do.

If you are moved to provide information about Emmaus or Chrysalis through your church's communication channels (and I hope you are!), please refer people to a potential sponsor rather than to the church office or bulletin board. Include something like "ask (your name here) for more information." That way, when someone inquires, you can set aside time for prayer before you talk to them personally (and their spouse if they are married) about Emmaus or Chrysalis.

God Bless!

—Jim Birch  
Table of Peter, LVCCM #8

## Community Gathering Planned

THERE WILL BE A GATHERING for the entire Emmaus/Chrysalis Community on Saturday, September 30, 2006, from 4:00 to 6:00 at First United Methodist Church in West Branch. This is the same day as the candlelight for women's Emmaus Walk #40, which is just down the road in Tawas. Hopefully, this will make it easy for people to attend both events. Please bring your name tag and a snack or beverage to share and come and enjoy fellowship and food.

We also have a very special performance planned. The Flashlight Puppet Ministry will be performing. The puppets are a unique ministry of First United Methodist Church of West Branch under the direction of Cindy Gibbs, who is active in the Emmaus community. In addition, two of the puppeteers recently attended a Chrysalis flight.

We hope to see you there. It will be a wonderful time to see old friends and make a few new friends, too. Please call Melanie Nolan if you have any questions: 989-345-8058 (evenings) or 989-345-0110 (daytime).

### Prayer, from page 1

with Him. He didn't "go it alone."

**Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations:** When we use God's grace to the best of our ability, we will be "compensated." We will receive our just rewards. We don't need to be a Billy Graham or Mother Teresa to be effective. When we do our best, in God's eyes, it won't get any better!!

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

This is how I think of the prayer to the Holy Spirit. Others may think differently. God made each and everyone of us different (thank you, God) and gave us our personalities. Others may have different meanings to the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

*John Dwyer*  
Community Lay Director

## Chrysalis Board of Directors Says 'Hi!'



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## Teams Prepared for MME 39 and MME 40

THE TEAMS for MME #39, under the leadership of Larry Moe and Lynn Chappell, and MME #40, under the leadership of Ele Hunt and Pete Crawford, have been training for several weeks and will be fully prepared



to serve the pilgrims on the upcoming weekends.

Please keep each and every member of the teams—and the pilgrims—in your prayers in coming weeks. Show your support by attending the candlelights and closings.

Lay director	Larry Moe (14)
Spiritual director	Lynn Chappell (7,12)
Assistant lay directors	Steve Boyer (3), Matt Groendal (1), Jeff Steele (15)
Assistant spiritual directors	Duane Thon (9), Dorothy Thon (4), Reed Swanson (2)
Board representative	Matthew Price
Table leaders	Jim Darling (6), Don DeShone, Jim Gray, Glen Keyworth (5), Dan Smith (11)
Assistant table leaders	Bob Bauder (13), Tom Byron (10), Ted Fuhs (8), Rob Loomis, Gary Obey
Music director	Open
Auxiliary director	Jim Birch
Auxiliary team	Ron Bassi, Keith Reinhardt, Jim Smith, Dennis Warner
Kitchen director	Kim Cronkright
Kitchen team	Paul Aultman, Scott Cronkright, Chuck Hamilton, Marcia Letson, Bill Milliron, Mark Montei
Snack team	Bill Keyworth, Don Hall
Agape room	Randy Hock, Don Moser
Prayer chapel	LaVern Dittenber, Jerry Letson

Numbers in parentheses indicate talk to be given.

Lay director	Ele Hunt (14)
Spiritual director	Pete Crawford (7)
Assistant lay directors	Sandy Davis (1), Pat Gruber (15), Ruth Merrick (3)
Assistant spiritual directors	Dorothy Thon (2), Ken Kohlmann (4,9), Tom Anderson (12)
Board representative	Karen Emery
Table leaders	Vicki Baker (13), Ann Ennis (10), Mary Lou Kersh (6), Sarah Klopf (11), Cindy Latocki (8), Sue Lazell (5)
Assistant table leaders	Roma Bassi, Rose Cowden, Jean Grabowski, Carolyn Lazarowicz, Barb Obey, Janet Smith
Music director	Patty Sawicki
Auxiliary director	Ray Baker
Auxiliary team	Kay Crawford, Al Davis, Ken Kuhlman, Jean LaViolette, Shirley Tamplin, Melene Wilsey, Chuck Hunt (PT), Linda Lujan (PT)
Kitchen directors	Martie Lange, Gregg Lange
Kitchen team	Audrey Clouse, Pat Doll, Marilyn Gibson, Mary Hilderbrand, Rose Kuhlman, Audrey Russell, Maryann Yehl (PT)
Snack team	Kathy Erickson, Doris Eshelman, Donna Williams
Agape room	Jan Hill, Sue Thumma
Prayer chapel	Nancy Turbin, Pat Visscher

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