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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 to Mid-Michigan Emmaus!

Please welcome the new pilgrims to our community who made recent walks at Tawas UMC in Tawas City, Michigan. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

The men from walk #39:

Frank Apsey	Oscoda
George Aultman	Mt. Pleasant
Ken Bennett	Midland
Ralph Boudreau	Tawas City
Thom Burbridge	Oscoda
Ken Clouse	Glennie
Herb Deming	Clifford
Marty Fransted	Acme
Mark Frasad	Sterling Heights
John Jankawski	Bay City
Greg Kreuger	Memphis
Marcel Lamb	Mio
Howard Pawley	Oscoda
Rob Pelton	East Tawas
John Rollins	Au Gres
Dean Royal	Hemlock
Justin Schott	Vassar
Ernie Stoddard	Sand Point
Larry Williams	East Tawas

The women from walk #40:

Jodie Arthur	Hope
Vickee Balsler	Tawas City
Marlyn Barnard	Bay City
Marge Baughman	Comins
Terri Boudreau	Tawas City

Mandy Braeutigan	Saginaw
Deb Brune	St. Louis
Marcy Capen	Breckenridge
Elaine Dively	National City
Jamie Dycus	Saginaw
Janene Fields	Roscommon
Tammy Geeck	Coleman
Jennifer Gertz	Whittemore
Brenda Gleason	Elkton
Betty Greening	Breckenridge
Judy Hanca	Oscoda
Tina Harrand	Kingsley
Pam Katona	East Tawas
Brenda Klacking	West Branch
Cheryl Leesch	Au Gres
Monica Lytle	Roscommon
Melissa Miller-Cochran	Prudenville
Donella Neilsen	Coleman
Nora Olmstead	Long Lake
Sharran Pawley	Oscoda
Linda Putman	National City
Gayle Roelofs	Midland
Colleen Rollins	Au Gres
Dory Rose	National City
Nickie Short	West Branch
Janelle Thurlow	Gladwin
Joyce Tobias	Au Gres
Autumn Vanacker	Houghton Lake
Sally Voshell	Au Gres
Amy Williams	East Tawas

From the Community Lay Director

Fruit of the Vine

Read John 15:1-17. Did you really hear verse 2? "He (the Father) cuts off every branch in Me (Jesus) that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

That caught my attention. Jesus is pruned? Who are we not to be pruned?

There are two kinds of pruning. One is to be "cut off" from the vine; these will die. And the other is to be

"cut back" from vine so they will bear more fruit because of the pruning. When I think of some of the problems we have in our church from time to time, maybe God is cutting off some of our programs because they are not being fruitful, and they are infecting other programs that are bearing good fruit.

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Gatherings and Hoots

Chrysalis Hoot November 11

Hoedown at Auburn UMC

Community Gathering, Dec. 1

We'll be meeting at Sanford UMC at 6:00 p.m. for a Christmas potluck. Details to come.

Christmas Hoot

Save the date of December 3 for Christmas fun party.

For information about gatherings contact Kim Warner (limberkeys88@aol.com or 989-275-8889).

For information about hoots, contact Bethany Juen (BBGal622@yahoo.com) or Janelle Brown (goingbananas 0713@yahoo.com).

Winter BLAST Training Event

Saturday, January 13, 2007
Midland: First Baptist Church
See details on page 6.

Winter Chrysalis Flights

Auburn UMC

Girls' Flight #19

February 8-11, 2007
Bev Yorimoto, Lay Director

Boys' Flight #20

February 15-18, 2007
Bruce Pynnonen, Lay Director

Spring Emmaus Walks

Saginaw: W. Michigan Ave. UMC

Men's Walk #41

March, 2007
Ray Karr, Lay Director

Women's Walk #42

March, 2007
Karen Emery, Lay Director



Chrysalis Hoots Are a Hoot!

Hello fellow butterflies of Chrysalis! With the summer flights over and done, and the winter flights a few months away, it may seem that there isn't much action going on from the Chrysalis aspect of things. But there is! And quite a bit at that.

Many butterflies, and friends of butterflies, have been having a blast every month at the hoots. These hoots have been wonderful times of fellowship and fun, keeping Chrysalis friendships alive and thriving, and keeping the spirit of the flights fresh in everyone's minds. Every month has been something unique and different, and they all have been incredibly fun! These are awesome times you don't want to miss.



The August hoot was for the post-summer flights. Everyone was very excited to see each other! And with all the energy and excitement, it was a perfect day for playing Ultimate Frisbee outside. Those who didn't feel like running after a little plastic disk were sitting on the green grass, walking and laughing through the park, fellowshiping with one another and just enjoying the beautiful day. Some even made a stop at a little water park for a cool down after the hot afternoon sun.



The September hoot was a scavenger hunt, planned for the end of the month, to catch the colors of the autumn trees. Running around downtown Midland and at the Tridge all day gave everyone quite an appetite, so we finished the day off with a bite to eat, along with some very amusing moments around a big table loaded down with pizza and ice cream and surrounded by butterflies.

The most recent hoot was the one in October, this was our Harvest Hoot! There were costumes, sloppy joes and hot dogs, and a hayride with a stop mid-ride for a run about a cornfield. Later on, three adults judged the costumes, and prizes were awarded to the most humorous, most authentic, most scary, and most creative, though all the costumes were awesome and highly amusing. The evening finished off with a game of freeze tag, and other way fun group games. We thank God for the beautiful weather He provided for us on the days of the hoots. These have been wonderful times for us teens! They have been a time to have fun, laugh, play, be serious at times, talk, bond, and create memories we will remember always and friendships that will last a lifetime.

So, as you can see, hoots are awesome fun, and if you aren't already coming to them, you should! There hasn't been a better time to jump into the wonderful monthly tradition of meeting your Chrysalis friends who you miss and who are missing you at the hoots. They are for young and old, adults are more than welcome! They are also for potential future butterflies, because hoots are a great chance to introduce friends to Chrysalis.

Since the February flights are only a few months away, get your mind thinking of sponsoring!

The next hoot coming around the bend is on November 11. Being tentatively planned at Auburn, we are going to have a hoedown! It is going to be very, very much fun. So mark your calendar and plan on coming! Something cowboyish, (say, a bandana, a cowboy hat, cowboy boots, or a big belt-buckle, etc.) is recommended.

A December hoot is also in the works—we have our sights set on the afternoon of December 3 for a Christmas-fun party. So, bring a snack, a friend, and be ready to have a blast with your Chrysalis friends!!

If you are not already getting updates and reminders for the hoots, you can e-mail me at BBGal622@yahoo.com.



com or Janelle Brown at goingbananas0713@yahoo.com. We would be happy to answer any questions about upcoming hoot events, or add you to the list for e-mails.

G.L.Y.A.S.D.I.! Fly with Christ.

In His name,

—Bethany Juen

MMC #14, Chrysalis Board

Don't Forget!

INFORMATION FOR "GOING FOURTH" should be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to publication. For example, information and articles for the January/February 2007 issue will be due by December 15th.



Candidates for MME Board of Directors

(Vote for 6, space is available for your vote, your spouse's vote and others who are members of the Mid-Michigan Emmaus community at this address)

- My name is **Michelle Aultman**. I took MME walk #34 in the spring of 2005 at Markey Community Baptist Church in Roscommon and sat at the table of Abigail. I cannot begin to tell you what all the Emmaus Community has done for me and my husband. I truly believe in this movement and believe we are bringing souls to Christ by showing pilgrims the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The Christians I have met in this community are absolutely amazing. I have met people that I am sure I will be in contact with for the rest of my life. It would be an honor and privilege to give back to the community. If there is a position on the Emmaus board that needs to be filled, I'd be happy to help out in any way I can. Thank you for your consideration.
- De Colores! My name is **Bob Bauder**. I attended Lutheran Via de Cristo of Central Michigan weekend # 19 in March 1987, and I sat at the table of Phillip. My wife Anita and I live in Midland and attend Homer United Methodist Church. I have been privileged to serve on several Via de Cristo and Emmaus weekends here in Michigan, and also on Emmaus walks in Alabama. I am also involved with Gideons. I am a retired electrician. I would count it a blessing to be given the honor to serve on the Mid-Michigan Emmaus board.
- I am **Kim Cronkright**. I took MME walk #32 in the fall of 2004 at Eagle Ridge Church of God in Midland and sat at the table of the Helmet of Salvation. I am married to my wonderful husband Scott. We have four grown children and are blessed with three granddaughters. We live in Saginaw and belong to Old Town Christian Outreach Church where I am also a lay minister. The church is a growing, spirit-filled, vibrant church. I am involved in our church's soup kitchen-which is a food, clothing, and household ministry-and our geriatric ministry. I am currently employed as an home health aide.
- My name is **Erv Letson**. I took Detroit Conference Emmaus walk #72 in Gladwin in 1995, and I sat at the table of Luke. I have been an assistant table leader, a table leader, and worked as a kitchen servant twice. I attended Gilford United Methodist Church until it closed in June 2006. Right now we are looking for a new home church. I am retired from GM Powertrain in Bay City. I am a lay speaker in the United Methodist Church.
- My name is **Nicholas Bailey**. I took MME walk #3 in 1996. I have served as a table leader twice, ALD twice, assistant table leader, and in auxiliary twice. I attend Caro United Methodist Church.
- Hi! My name is **Dennis Warner**. I took MME walk #23 in September 2002 and sat at the table of Paul. I have been a member of Markey Community Baptist Church since May 2004, but have been attending Gladwin First UMC since February 2006, where my wife, Kim, plays the piano. We have three sons aged 29, 25, and 20. I have been a church trustee, treasurer, bus driver for Sunday school, choir member, vacation Bible school helper, vocalist, small group member, and Sunday school assistant teacher and have helped in the handicapped ministry. I have served on auxiliary for two Emmaus teams. I would like to be on the Mid-Michigan Emmaus board because I believe I can make a contribution. De Colores!
- Write in candidate name: _____
- Write in candidate name: _____

Proposed Change in Bylaws to Define Relationship between Mid-Michigan Emmaus and Mid-Michigan Chrysalis

- Article IX: Establishment of a Mid-Michigan Chrysalis Community**
- The Mid-Michigan Emmaus community (MMEC) has established a standing committee (known as the Mid-Michigan Chrysalis (MMC) committee) for the purpose of conducting Chrysalis Flights.
- In establishing this standing committee, the MMEC must approve the operating policies and procedures for the MMC committee. The MMEC will ratify those operating policies and procedures to allow the MMC to operate, providing that they have a current Letter of Agreement on file each year with The Upper Room International offices.
- Although the MMEC and the MMC standing committee have the responsibility to encourage and support each other, they must adhere to their respective Upper Room model.
- The MMEC board of directors will have a representative on the MMC standing committee, and the MMC standing committee will have a representative on the Michigan Emmaus board of directors. These representatives are ex-officio members who have both voice and vote.
- Both the MMEC board of directors and the MMC committee will have treasurers who are responsible for their respective funds. At the end of the fiscal year, the MMC standing committee treasurer will submit a written report to the MMEC board treasurer regarding income, expenses, and balance for MMC for the fiscal year. This information is incorporated into the MMEC's form 990 that is filed annually with the IRS.

When you have completed the ballot, please fold it in thirds, place it in an envelope, and mail it to Mid-Michigan Emmaus, P.O. Box 1024, Midland, MI 48641-1024. Ballots will need to be mailed by December 1, 2006.

Gathering Survey

Attendance at gatherings has dwindled despite good efforts to expand them. Let us know your thoughts. How can we improve attendance?

1. Do you think we should continue to have gatherings?
 Yes No (If answer is no, do not answer questions 2–4.)
2. How often should we have gatherings?
 Monthly Quarterly Semiannually Annually
3. Where should we have them?
 Three regions at one church in each region
 Three regions, several churches take turns in each region
 All Mid-Michigan Emmaus meet at one church
 All Mid-Michigan Emmaus move between two churches
 All Mid-Michigan Emmaus move between three or more churches
 Other (explain) _____
4. Are you willing to help in any of these areas?
 Helping with set-up/clean-up
 Planning program
 Providing music, accompaniment
 Leading prayer time
 Helping with publicity
 Planning/serving communion
 Giving fourth-day talk
 Providing food/drink
 Contacting pastors
 Being a contact person for your church
5. What has kept you from attending gatherings during the past year?
 Friday night is a bad night for me. How about _____ night?
 Too far to drive.
 Didn't know about them, not enough publicity, forgot, etc.
 Content not interesting or helpful enough.
 Other (explain) _____
6. Any other comments or suggestions?

Name: _____ Male Female
 Clergy Laity

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Milestones

Have Something to Share?

Have a milestone you'd like to share with the MME/C community—birth, marriage, ordination, death? Write it up and send it in! Let your friends keep up with what is happening in

your spiritual life. If you have an immediate prayer concern, share it via e-mail at jngdwyer@ejourney.com. It will be shared with many prayer warriors.

Fruit of the Vine, from page 1

Jesus is the vine, God is the gardener. What better hands can we be in? Even when we produce fruit, we need to be pruned. Pruning hurts. It's cutting living flesh. But the pain allows us to produce more fruit. It's like a wound—it hurts when it is cleaned, but because of that cleansing we get better. We aren't only pruned by the gardener, we are nourished by Jesus the vine, because apart from Jesus we can do nothing.

Sometimes we feel that we are doing good, that we have it all together, that we are teaching Sunday school, we are on the Emmaus board, we work a lot of walks, we are on three committees at church, we are in three prayer groups, we are in a jail ministry. Our branches feel big and strong and healthy looking and our leaves seem bright green and shiny. We are so full



of ourselves that the Son-light can't get through. That's

when we need pruning. I'm talking about myself now, but maybe we have all walked that path.

Fruits are not just about saving souls—they are also joy, love, peace, ...Gal.5:22–24... Christ loved us so much he died for us. We don't have to die. There are other ways we can be fruitful, like showing our love for others – listening – helping – encouraging – giving. Do we let small problems in our church and in the Emmaus community get in the way of loving others? I sometimes do. Jesus commands that we love them, and He will give us the strength to do it. Christians get plenty of hatred from the world—from each other we need *love* and *support*.

Think of someone that needs loving and give them all the love you can, then try to give a little more.

God Loves You and So Do I.

John Dwyer

Community Lay Director

Chrysalis Seeks the Lost

... *Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness . . .*

—Matthew 19:18

We know that Jesus seeks the lost. And the Mid-Michigan Chrysalis movement has the goal to forward Christ's mission by developing, strengthening, and equipping young Christian leaders to carry out that mission of seeking and saving the lost.

But that isn't what I am talking about right now. To carry out the mission of MMChrysalis, we need the help of so many volunteers. But we also need our "stuff." Have you ever been amazed at how many things happen on an Emmaus Walk or on a Chrysalis Flight? Many of the experiences and events require the use of possessions. And to put it simply, many of Chrysalis' possessions are lost, misplaced, or gone AWOL.

We don't think anyone is "stealing" from Chrysalis. It is a simple fact that at the end of a flight, people are tired, but excited. We pack up the church site in a hurry, trying to be good stewards of the facility we have been entrusted with and trying to restore the church to the same or better condition as when we moved in on Thursday night. And sometimes our materials and supplies get put in the wrong box. Sometimes they aren't recognized as belonging to Chrysalis and they get left at the church facility.

Materials used in team training are loaned out to team members. After training, and after the flight, they can easily be put on the bookshelf or in the closet. And they get forgotten.

This isn't stealing. But we have gotten to the point where we are missing a significant amount of our materials, our "stuff." Which brings me to our appeal. We need your prayers that our materials be located and returned. We ask you to check your boxes, files, bookcases, etc., for any materials that might belong to Chrysalis. If you worship at any church where we have had a flight, please check your church for Chrysalis materials. If you find any Chrysalis material, please return it to any board member or bring to a hoot

or gathering, or put it in the mail.

In particular, we are missing lots and lots of manuals:

- Kitchen coordinator's manuals (2 of them)
- Chrysalis cookbooks (2 of them)
- Spiritual director manuals (2 of them)
- Assistant spiritual director manuals (4 of them)
- Board representative manual (1)
- Team member manuals (coil bound ones)
- Logistics coordinator manuals (2 of them)
- Agape coordinator manuals (2 of them)
- Prayer chapel coordinator manuals (2 of them)
- Assistant lay director (ALD) manuals (4 of them)
- One communion set
- Emmaus music director booklets (5.5 inches x 8.5 inches)
- Tunes (Songs & Creations)—thick green book with guitar music
- *Easy Guitar Tunes* (maroon 3-ring binder with a few selected songs that most everyone knows, with an index in the front. There were about

10 of these in a cardboard box.)

- Two CD sets (green) with music from Songs & Creations collection
 - Three kitchen stools (white painted and varnished wood construction)
 - The "Prairie Chicken" meditation out of the spiritual director's manual
- You can contact me to discuss if something you have found be-

longs to Chrysalis. We have a "general amnesty" out on all of these items. We won't yell at anyone. But we do need our "stuff." It would be very expensive to replace what we are

missing. Please, if you have served on a Chrysalis team, check your closets, bookshelves, etc., for anything you might have forgotten about.

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God Loves You and So Do I,

—Bruce Pynnonen

Community Lay Director
Mid-Michigan Chrysalis

Please Serve and Be Blessed!

Plans are being made for the girls' Chrysalis weekend on February 8–11, 2007, and the boys' weekend on February 15–18, 2007. If you would like to serve or help in any way, please contact Bruce Pynnonen (989-631-1317 or e-mail pynnonen26@yahoo.com) or Bev Yorimoto (989-631-1296 or e-mail cyorimoto@chartermi.net).

You will be greatly blessed by the young men and women who attend this weekend. Please pray for the teams and the young caterpillars God has chosen for these weekends in February.

Fly with Christ,

—Bev Yorimoto
LVCCM #20

'Going Fourth' Welcomes Your Contributions

GOING FOURTH is your newsletter. We welcome articles about experiences that have helped you grow in piety, study, or action. What you share could inspire someone else who is struggling with similar issues. Just be sure your article is related to Emmaus/Chrysalis principles. Unfortunately, we don't have space to advertise events that are unrelated to Emmaus or Chrysalis.

Articles can be submitted as an e-mail attachment (preferred) or by mail on diskette or CD in most common file formats. Short typed or handwritten articles can be sent to P.O. Box 1024, Midland, MI 48641-1024. All articles are subject to editing for grammar, length, or content.

Please Vote

Page 3 of this issue is a ballot on which you can vote for candidates to fill the Mid-Michigan Emmaus (MME) board of directors, class of 2009. One of the persons elected will fill a vacancy on the class of 2008. Please vote for a total of six names. There is space provided if more than one member of your household is a member of the MME/MMC community, and there are spaces for write-in candidates.

At the bottom of the ballot is a proposed change in the MME bylaws that defines the relationship between the MME board and the Mid-Michigan Chrysalis standing committee. It is the MME board's oversight that this issue has not been addressed earlier. The language for this new section is consistent with both the Emmaus and Chrysalis handbooks.

There is a survey regarding gatherings on the back of the ballot. Please take a few moments to complete the survey so the board can better serve your needs for regular gatherings.

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☆ **Attention Emmaus Community** ☆

WINTER BLAST

Saturday, January 13, 2007

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Midland First Baptist Church

915 East Sugnet

Midland, Michigan 48642

Training will be available for all Emmaus community members. The focus will be on sponsorship, training for Chrysalis and Emmaus music leaders and more. A gathering will follow at 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars today and bring your nametag and a sack lunch.

For more information, call or e-mail Matthew Price, community training chair, 989-385-0679 or trimenes6@gmail.com.

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