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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 and God Bless!

Please extend a warm welcome to these new pilgrims from the recent walks at West Michigan Ave. UMC, Saginaw. Keep them in your prayers, and if one or more of them live near you, consider inviting them to attend your reunion group or other Emmaus activities.

### *Men's from MME Walk #48*

Chris Bones - West Branch  
 Ken Emery - Hale  
 Daniel Ortega - Saginaw  
 J.B. Ayala - Saginaw  
 Bill Osborne - Caseville  
 Dave Gray - Burt  
 Johnny Cox - Bay City  
 Michael Tuch Sr. - Manton  
 Doug Weible - West Branch  
 Brian Meier - Millington  
 Kevin Frazier - Midland  
 Dean Noack - Midland

### *Women from MME Walk #47*

Marion Belanger - Saginaw  
 Nikki Roberson - Midland  
 Carol Dittenber - AuGres  
 Diana Slough - Millington  
 Lori Moyer - Sandusky  
 Sandra Leffler - Saginaw  
 Genna Tuch - Manton  
 Marjori Reist - Pigeon  
 Janet Young - Fairgrove  
 Kristen Hunter - Saginaw  
 Mary Jo Jordan - AuGres  
 Linda Gray - Burt  
 Susan Peterson - Harbor Beach  
 Mary Jo Cherry - Saginaw  
 Kelly LaFontaine - Bay City  
 Vivian Osborne - Caseville  
 Loree Bones - West Branch  
 Lori Ozerajtys - Saginaw  
 Melissa Foote - Bay City  
 Arlene Hammock - Hemlock  
 Mary Ellen Noack - Midland  
 Cheryl Carlevato - St. Charles

## Caterpillars - First UMC, Midland

### *MMC Girl's Summer Flight #23*

Della Keyworth - Lay Director  
 Erin Laverty - Bay City  
 Kelsey Thornton - St. Charles  
 Kim Scribner - Midland  
 Tina Foote - Snover  
 Brigitte Schulz - Midland  
 Jillian Schwall - Bay City  
 Jessica Hitsman - Bay City

Laura Breier - Oakley  
 Amanda Allen - Millington  
 Tiffany Smigiel - Essexville  
 Nicole Carey - Weidman  
 Megan Smith - Fairgrove  
 Courtney Brown - Bay City  
 Ali Francisco - Midland  
 Megan Price - Weidman

## Oops!

Unintentionally omitted from the last newsletter was the name of a new member of Mid Michigan Emmaus. That was Angela Walter from Bay City who attended Walk #46 in Ros-

common. Welcome to the community and our sincere apologies Angela for the error.

## Gatherings and Hoots

For more gathering information contact Kim Cronkright (989-799-2174 or kmcright@charter.net).

- **Friday, December 5** – Gordonville UMC at 6:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
- **January TBA** – Frankenmuth UMC at 6:00 p.m. WINTER BLAST – COMMUNITY TRAINING DAY
- **Friday, February 6** – Freeland UMC at 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 28** – Trinity UMC, Sebewaing, at 3:00 p.m. POSTWALK & COMMUNITY GATHERING

For hoot information, contact Michelle Aultman (989-737-7621 or paultman@ejourney.com).

## Walks and Flights

### **MME Men's Walk #49**

March 5-8, 2009

Trinity United Methodist Church,  
 Sebewaing  
 Ty Black, Lay director

### **MME Women's Walk #50**

March 19-22, 2009

Trinity United Methodist Church,  
 Sebewaing  
 Wendy Orzel, Lay director

### **MMC Girls' Flight #25**

July 16-19, 2009

Tawas UMC

Lay director to be announced.

### **MMC Boys' Flight #26**

July 30-August 2, 2009

Tawas UMC

Lay director to be announced.



## Going to Prison

There is a weekend much like out Emmaus weekend that goes on behind the razor wire of a prison called Keryx. A Keryx by definition is a messenger from the king, there job is to deliver the kings message and never change the message. That is what our group of 28 women and 2 men did.

The goal of a Keryx weekend is to Christian-ize the compound. Unlike Emmaus where we grow spiritually ourselves to go back to our local churches to lead, the girls who made the Keryx weekend were going back to their compound, and for most they would not be seeing the outside for many years. Some would be there forever. So as Mike sends us out of church on Sunday to make a difference in our neighborhood, the girls were sent out with a bit stronger message and that was to win their neighborhood for Christ.

My table was much like my neighborhood. White, Black, Hispanic, Indian and mixed. Ages varied. We didn't come to know why they were there but we did find out what they had left behind. Mom's, grandma's and aunts. Some with very good careers, most with years and years of horrible abuse. The new song from Casting Crowns says it a "slow fade", most of these girls had grown up in the church. I went knowing that God left me no choice about going but really unsure what it was I was going to do.

What we did is the only thing any Christian really can

do, we showed love. Agape love, true love, authentic love, we were ourselves and we went to love whoever God sent to us.



It showed me what it really meant to be light in the world. Because prison and the path that most of these girls had been on was a really dark place. Our little flicker of light moved hearts in a big way.

Mistrust is a big thing in prison, no one trusts anyone else and when we went in the girls didn't trust us. We had to be real, to not be someone we were not because we would have been spotted. In prison when all you have is yourself it is easy to spot a fake. We didn't dare be fake if we were God would not have been able to use us. Our team training concentrated on being authentic Christians, most of our time was spent in the bible with study and examining our motives for being there. We prepared to be ourselves. And it paid off in a big way.

Huron Valley #3 had 25 women accept the cross on Sunday. (In prison you can only have one piece of religious jewelry) On the weekend we had a handful of women accept Christ for the first time and many times there was a list of women waiting to speak with a Spiritual Director to rededicate their life and

to cleanse there hearts in confession. We went from a table full of attitude with arms crossed on Friday and most of Saturday, to keep the world and us out. To open heart on Saturday afternoon and evening to accept us and Christ in. On Sunday there was talk about how they could meet weekly for 4<sup>th</sup> day. No one misunderstood the mission that they were being sent out to do. There was active planning going on about organizing 4<sup>th</sup> day groups, bible studies, prayer meetings for the Chaplin, correctional officers (especially those who were saw as the ones to avoid) to who in the yard really need God to change their heart. I saw the effects of what a little light in the darkness can do.

I don't know if I will serve another Keryx only God knows that but I do know that I came out of prison with a mission in my heart. I got to hear and see what put these girls there. And I see girls in my neighborhood who are just a few steps away from wearing prison cloths. I need to let my light shine more brightly in my neighborhood. God has opened my eyes and now I need to follow Mike's Sunday send-off and that's to go make a difference. These weren't just city girls, many were from small home towns, so take a look open your eyes, He'll show them to you.

*Lisa Kelley*

MME #24, Keryx HVW#3

## The After Walk

Most of you who are reading this have been on a Walk to Emmaus. I would just like you to take a few minutes to remember your Walk. Almost every one has the same reaction the first night, "what did I let my sponsor get me into?" After the second day we all start to feel like we fit in with the group a little better. By the end of the third day most of us are liking where we are at for the week end, and most people I have found by Sunday night, are very thankful for what their sponsors have given them the opportunity to experience on the "Walk to Emmaus".

Pretty well everyone is in agreement that the 72 hour experience of the Walk to Emmaus was a great experience for them. But what about your "Fourth Day"? What have you been doing with your experience on the "Walk to Emmaus" in regards to every day since? The Walks have been called a Three Day Short Course in Christianity. That is what I believe it is suppose to be. It is an opportunity to look at living every day following the weekend more focused on a Christian Life.

Are you meeting with a Fourth Day Group? If you are, you are keeping the Spirit of the weekend fresh in your mind. If you are not, this would be a good week to start. Get a hold of your sponsor, fellow Emmaus Community members, your Pastor or a friend from your Sunday School class that you can meet with on a regular basis to discuss what is going on along your Fourth Day experiences. Those that you meet with do not have to be some one

from the same Walk you took, they don't even have to be some one who has taken a Walk, just as long as they are a Christian, some one you can feel comfortable sharing your week with. I would recommend that your group be made up of 2 -6 individuals that are not there to catch up on the local gossip, but rather individuals that you can share your highs and lows of the past week with. These people will become more than friends, they may be people you only see once a week for an hour, but they will become the people you count on the most in your life.

Just remember, what is said in a Fourth Day Group stays at the table there, if you need to talk to some one about what was said there, talk to God about it as you pray for those people from your group. Also, with up to 6 individuals in you group you can always meet even if 1 or 2 are out of town for the day.

Another way to keep the Glow of your Walk burning is to fill out a form (yearly) to let the Board know that you are willing to serve on a weekend. The Team Selection works very hard at getting every one who would like to serve on a weekend the opportunity to do so. If you think your experience on the Walk was great, come on back to be part of the Team, it just keeps getting better. Serving on a Walk is a learning experience. This is not to make you a better Emmaus Junkie, it is to help us understand how we can serve in our own Churches and community more effectively.

The Mid-Michigan Emmaus Board does hold Monthly Gather-

ings so we can reconnect with our new and old friends from the Community. The locations for the Gatherings are posted on the web site at

[www.midmichiganemmaus.com](http://www.midmichiganemmaus.com)

If you choose to think of your Emmaus experience as a nice weekend you had a couple of months ago, or 20 years ago and you are content with that, I am happy for you. But as you think about your Walk to Emmaus and want to relive that weekend experience over again it is possible to keep the fire burning. Continue with, or get yourself into a Fourth Day Group, Sign up to serve on an Emmaus Weekend, and join us at Monthly Gatherings. As a Community Member you are welcome at the Board Meetings, and if you feel led, you can throw your hat in the ring to serve on the Mid-Michigan Emmaus Board.

Take time to think about your Walk, think about a Christian friend who's life would be richer by attending a Walk. Start praying for that person now. When the Holy Spirit lets you know that the individual is someone who could grow in their Christian Life from the Walk to Emmaus, ask them if you could sponsor them.

Remember, The Walk to Emmaus is not designed to be a wonderful weekend experience, it's purpose is Spiritual growth and leadership in our Churches and community.

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MME Board Chair, Monte Montei

## The Harvest is plenty, but the workers are few. (Luke 10:2)

It is almost the end of 2008 and there are 5 Mid Michigan Emmaus board members who's service is coming to an end. For those of you who don't know how our board operates, there are 15 members on the board. Every year 5 members go off the board, and 5 new members come on the board. Most of the time, a board member serves for 3 years. This year we have 5 members going off the board, but only 1 application for new members to serve. Therefore,

we will not be putting a voting ballot in this issue of our newsletter. If you or someone you know would be willing to serve a 3 year term on the Mid Michigan Emmaus board, please send a short bio to one of the email addresses at the end of this article. The board will go over the applications and carefully consider all of them. The board meets once a month, on the second Thursday, at 7:00 pm. Right now the meetings are held in Bay City, but this is decided by the

board and is subject to change. Please, prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve in this way. I know that God already has the board members in place, they just don't know it yet, so listen....."is it I, Lord?" Send your bio to one of the following:

*Karen Emery*  
[klemery@centurytel.net](mailto:klemery@centurytel.net)

*Monte Montei*  
[montei@centurytel.net](mailto:montei@centurytel.net)

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## Equipping Our Timothy's

It has been a great pleasure to be able to serve on the Chrysalis board the past 3 years. I have learned so many things about how Christ works through our lives to bring us in a closer relationship with him. I have also learned about how much teens have to offer the church.

When I was growing up as a teenager, my church thought very highly of the youth and their involvement in the church. They listened to the youth and respected their opinions. Some of the youth even held positions in the church. Does that still happen today? Do you treat the youth in your church as a part of the church commu-

nity? Do you include them or their opinions when making decisions? Does your church support the youth?

As I thought about these questions, Timothy came to my mind. He was a young man when he was called in to

preaching God's word. Timothy was shy and felt unprepared as a youth to preach God's word. Paul shares this message about Timothy in I Timothy 4:12, "Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

I hope these questions caused you to think. If you answered **no** to these questions, I hope and pray that you can do something about it. The teens of today are our church of tomorrow. What better way to equip them to run the church in the future than to include them in the decisions of today. Isn't that what Emmaus and Chrysalis are all about, equipping leaders to build up the church. Do you know of a Timothy in your church? Help them to be all Christ would have them to be.

God loves you and so do I, fly with Christ...

*Cathy Kelsey*

**Do you know of a Timothy in your church?**

## Team Selection

**It was a wonderful event that we were blessed with only once in our lifetime.**

We all remember our Walk to Emmaus. We learned the true meaning of Agape. We learned why we were being served. And we developed an entirely different thought-process about those who served us and why they did it.

Whether beside us at the tables in the conference room; creating cuisine du'jour in the kitchen; teaching new songs; endlessly laying out little snacks; cleaning and organizing behind the scenes; sneaking around quietly to deposit little gifts on our pillows when we weren't looking; or praying for everyone that was in that building... we were being served... all-weekend-long!!!

Have *you* ever thought of what it would feel like..? What it *could* feel like..? Wouldn't you like to have the chance to be a servant on an Emmaus weekend?

No one can ever get that exact same feeling back that they had on their Walk, but God gives us the opportunity to realize the next best thing. Serving on a Walk is a chance to give back some of what we were so blessed with on our week-



end. Christian servants are the back-bone of this organization and without someone to cook, clean, pray or organize, Emmaus weekends wouldn't happen.

If you were going to pick, what sort of position do you think that you would you be interested in? Are you musically-inclined or more comfortable in the kitchen? Would you like to be in the conference room or would you rather be incognito in Agape? Is God leading you to serve in the chapel for the weekend or would you rather help haul out the mattresses and help clean-up the kitchen on Sunday?

Lay Directors hold several training sessions prior to each Walk for everyone who joins a team, with lots of assistance to get everyone ready, team-building fun (don't forget to bring a snack!) and Christian worship. First-time servants are placed with those who are more experienced. We promise that we won't just toss you into the deep-end and expect you to figure it all out for yourselves.

If it sounds like something you might like to look into, the time to sign up is always now. Putting your name on a list is not an automatic commitment to any Walk. But it is likely to be the only way

we will have to know that you might be interested in serving sometime.

Leave the scheduling part up to God and don't worry about the weekend dates. If you are called and can't make arrangements to serve on the Walk that they are planning, God may have plans for you to serve on a different weekend. But how can His plans be fulfilled if you don't do your part?

**We need your name; a current phone number and the positions you'd like to serve in** on our team selection list to be able to ask you to join any team in the future.

Send an **email** to [mccormickrj@gotsky.com](mailto:mccormickrj@gotsky.com); **write** to Mid Michigan Emmaus, PO Box 1024, Midland, Mi 48641-1024; or **call** 810-387-3744 and let us know! You can also contact us through the website at [www.editech-mi.com/mme/](http://www.editech-mi.com/mme/). Team selection meetings begin months before each walk, so don't wait to sign up.

And if you have signed up in the past and haven't heard from us, please contact us again. Contact information changes; paperwork gets shuffled; people in charge get rotated; memories get muddled... please just remind us that you are interested in serving on an Emmaus team.

Let's show them...God loves them and so do we.

## Step Out

Have you stepped out of the boat? When we received our crosses, we were told "Christ is counting on you."

And we responded "And I am counting on Christ".

What has Christ been prompting you to do for

Him? What is your love or talent? Kids, the handicapped, seniors, the poor? Whatever it is ask God to show you how and where to start and then TAKE THAT STEP. Start anywhere, somewhere and trust that He will guide you to where He wants you. I started going to a senior home once a month, then helping to give out groceries and clothing once a week, and now I'm a cook at Old Town Soup kitchen in Saginaw, 4 days a week, some-



times more. I'm feeding God's lost and found children, bellies and spirits, showing God's love and being His hands and

feet. Who would have thunk it? Me, of all people, being used by God. If God can use me, with all I have

done and been thru, He can use you too. So, STEP OUT OF THE BOAT, TRUST GOD, GET STARTED.

*Kim Fronkright*

Walk 32

Table of Helmet of Salvation

## Information Update

Moved, changed phone numbers, or e-mail addresses in the last few years? It is so very hard to put together a walk, 76 hour prayer vigil, gathering etc., without current community information. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, update your information, with a board member.

Have pity on the Emmaus volunteers who are doing GOD's work to further His kingdom. Also get a volunteer form from the Mid-Michigan Emmaus Website ([www.midmichiganemmaus.com](http://www.midmichiganemmaus.com)) and get out of the boat, take that step of faith.

THANK YOU and  
GOD thanks you.

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