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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 Trinity United Methodist Church, Sebewaing. 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 Walk #49

- Brian Breau
- James Curtis
- Robert Dicks
- Jeffrey Doud
- Chip Drake
- Kit Eagal
- Robert Gillespie
- Jeff Hemphill
- Dan Krueger
- Dennis Kundinger Sr.
- Craig Laszlo
- Bruce Malicoat
- Todd Partlo
- Jeffery Pulis
- James Rowe
- Jeramie Russell
- Brian Scramlin
- Anthony Silva
- John Simpkins
- Silas Smith
- Ronald Vandenberg
- Woodrow Wilson II

Women's Walk #50

- Lisa Bader
- Karen Baur
- Leann Blair
- Jackie Borsick
- Sherry Burk
- Florene Cook Burks
- Alina Doud
- Kerry Doyle
- Diane Eddleman
- Adela Facundo
- Renee Falter
- Fawn Glassford
- Penny Helfrich
- Consuelo Hernandez
- Michelle House
- Melissa Howard
- Katrina Jacques
- Tonya Krueger
- Dawn Kundinger
- Lisa Lagalo
- Jean Lester
- Melissa Linzner
- Bonnie McCauley
- Karla Mishler
- Carolyn Morrison
- Pamela Perez
- LaDonna Redman
- Lorraine Rickerman
- Kayla Russell
- Sandra Savin
- Kimberly Schell
- Stephanie Selle
- Tamara Weller
- Rita Wencel

Gatherings and Hoots

For more gathering information contact John Dwyer (989-426-0481 or jngdwyer@ejourney.com).

- **Friday, May 1** – Caro UMC at 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, June 5** – Midland: Aldersgate UMC at 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 11** – Gladwin UMC POTLUCK PICNIC (bring dish to pass) at 5:00 p.m.
- **Friday, August 7** – Chesaning: Trinity UMC at 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, September 11** – Hale: First UMC at 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 17** – Tawas UMC (in conjunction with Post Walk Gathering) at 4:00 p.m.
- **Friday, November 6** – Old Christian Outreach at 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, December 4** – Gordonville UMC CHRISTMAS POTLUCK (bring dish to pass) at 6:00 p.m. The Holy Walk will be held at Homer UMC. Plan to attend after the gathering.

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

Walks and Flights

MME Men's Walk #51
 September 24-27, 2009
 Tawas United Methodist Church,
 Tawas City
 Leonard Klineart , Lay Director

MME Women's Walk #52
 October 1-4, 2009
 Tawas United Methodist Church,
 Tawas City
 Sandy Davis, Lay Director



You Gotta Serve Somebody

Are you old enough like me to remember when Bob Dylan recorded the albums "Slow Train Coming" and "Saved"? Now they're referred to as his gospel songs. He released the song, "Gotta Serve Somebody," 30 years ago in 1979.

A couple of the verses go like this:

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*You may be an ambassador to England
 or France,
 You may like to gamble, you might like
 to dance.
 You may be the heavyweight champion of
 the world,
 You might be a socialite with a long
 string of pearls.
 But you're gonna have to serve some-
 body, yes indeed,
 You're gonna have to serve somebody.*

*Well it may be the devil, or it may be the
 Lord;
 But you're gonna have to serve some-
 body.*

E
*Might like to wear cotton, you might like
 to wear silk.
 Might like to drink whiskey, might like to
 drink milk.*

*You might like to eat caviar, you might
 like to eat bread.*

*You may be sleeping on the floor, sleep-
 ing in a king-sized bed.*

*But you're gonna have to serve some-
 body, yes indeed,*

You're gonna have to serve somebody.

*Well it may be the devil, or it may be the
 Lord,*

*But you're gonna have to serve some-
 body.*

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Dylan states a point of truth. We all have to decide who or what we will serve. Or as theologian Paul Tillich puts it, we have to decide what our "ultimate concern" is in life.

We need to examine our commitment to God as seen in our time serving and in our giving because those are two good indicators of our commitment and because "you're gonna have to serve somebody."

Chrysalis **really** needs your help as we are building teams for our summer flights. Would you consider serving God that way?

Blessings,

Paster Mark D. Miller

Mid-Michigan Chrysalis Community
 Spiritual Director

What Does Sponsorship Mean To Emmaus?

As I pondered this question, The Great Commission came to mind. As Jesus commissioned his faithful (even those who had doubts!), on that mountain in Galilee, He gave us directions that are *still* relevant today!

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him – but some of them doubted! Jesus came and told his disciples, *"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:16-20

So how can we demonstrate discipleship today though Emmaus? The first step is by choosing,

with discernment, individuals with leadership capabilities that will love and serve others and continue to sustain the community. It is through our sponsorship and mentoring that we establish relationships with these leaders helping them along their "Walk to Emmaus". Propping them up when they have doubts, encouraging them when they are discouraged and helping each pilgrim we sponsor to walk closer with the Lord.

At this point you may be thinking: "How can I identify a leader? What special skills do I have that enables me to make this type of judgment?" Relax and remember that each of us has been given talents and abilities which are aligned to what God wants from each of us! Often all a person needs from a sponsor is the affirmation that their talents need to be exposed and used to advance his kingdom! What an important act of agape

that is!

As you contemplate sponsorship, remember it is the "life blood" of Emmaus. To be an effective sponsor, individuals need to consider the responsibility of the commitment carefully and prayerfully. Otherwise the potential to dilute the effectiveness of the sponsor is a real possibility.

In summary:

1. Assist others on their walk. Help them recognize develop and use their talents for the Lord.
2. Understand the commitment and the responsibilities required. Be a mentor!
3. Recognize that sponsorship is critical to community and leadership development. Be a sponsor!

Click [HERE](#) for Pilgrim/Sponsor Forms

Kevin Wolfgang

Emmaus Board Training Chairman

SLATO'S SPINNING: Christianity Is A Community Effort

Grace and Peace to all the saints who unite hearts, minds, bodies, and energy to make this Mid-Michigan Emmaus Community a vital part of the world-wide Emmaus Movement and the Body-of-Christ-Faith Community.

For years I have written these brief pastoral letters for a variety of parish and movemental newsletters under the nom de plume of *Slato*. As a spider weaves a web, I seek to weave a web of words to catch the hearts and minds of those who read.

It was a privilege to serve as the weekend Spiritual Director on the recent Men's Walk. I am impressed with the quality and readiness of the pilgrims that were sponsored for this event. It is worth quoting our Community Lay Director, Dan Smith, to remind us that "without sponsorship, we don't exist".

Sponsorship is not the same as recruitment. Sponsorship is more of the nature of "Make a friend - Be a friend - Invite a friend". Yet the invitation phase only begins with getting a pilgrim to a weekend and enabling that in all the proscribed ways. "Invitation" continues after the weekend to help that wide-awake and energized Christian to enter and be assimilated into some form of 4th Day Group. "Invitation" also lengthens out to the joint effort of the 4th Day Group to train itself in sound sponsorship practices, participation in gatherings and community training events, and volunteering to enable other Emmaus or Chrysalis events.

The question was asked again in that wonderful Saturday "Question and Answer" time fol-

lowing the "Means of Grace Talk" and the "Dying Moments Communion:" **Does a person have to belong to some group to be Christian?**

My answer is "Yes". Let's leave for another time the discussion of the size or form of that Christ-group. For now let us just say that a self-identified "Christ follower" person may be a spiritually awake and/or morally sensitive and ethical person as a solitary. Yet the seductive voices of an increasingly secular "me-centered" society (the direct result of over 500 years over-emphasis on the individual) can quickly let the ego take back over and distract the God-consciousness of any person. Human beings are social beings, community creatures. We are just beginning to relearn the we-aspect of personhood from some

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of the old tribal cultures. Further, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all grow from the same spiritual roots that recognize, embody, and celebrate the community nature of our God-given humanness.

To be even more specific, a Christian is by definition a follower of Christ, who was not a Lone Ranger but a community builder. In fact, Lone Ranger is a misnomer, because said hero of the old west had Tonto as his "true friend" and partner, and together they worked in concert with the forces of law and order for human justice. Sticking, however, to our key thought, the bible tells us that every one of us self-identified Christian folk have one

or more of the spiritual gifts exhibited by Jesus the Christ. Maybe it is more correct to say that we have the capacity of the same God-consciousness and giftedness of Christ, but because of genetic predisposition and environmental circumstances, we have each developed and become more skilled at one or a few of these. We lead with our strengths.

None of us are equally skilled in all the gifts and graces. Our task is to discover which ones are most dominant in us and use them as effectively as we can for the glory of God. Yet, here is the catcher. It takes all of us using our most dominant gifts and graces together to fully re-present Christ to our current generation. We need to be in community, because steel sharpens steel and working together we most effectively fulfill

our calling and become instruments of the Holy Spirit. Or use St. Paul's body imagery. Each of us is only one limb or organ of the Christ body. Our efforts and energies are only complete and useful as they cooperate in a total body effort. None of us should feel unneeded, and none of us should treat any of the rest of us as if they don't need us. We are in something that is bigger than any of us and all of us. That is our human, God-given contract.

Let us be an effective Emmaus Movement, and Community that remembers and embodies the true nature of our Christ calling and consciousness. Christianity is a community effort.

Grace and Peace,
Slato (Harold J. Slater)

Yes! You Can Volunteer *Anytime!*

When I was elected to the Emmaus Board back in January, I was given the "duty" of being in charge of the Supply Trailer. I thought, "This is easy enough, I pull a trailer around to different churches in different towns." *Wrrrrrong!* I quickly learned, however, that there is more to it than that. I have to sort out totes, replenish supplies used on the previous walks, unload, load, carry their contents into each church, wash and fold mattress covers, etc. It is, however, truly a labor of love. I really enjoy it! I have had a lot of support from others which makes the job even more enjoyable.

On another note, I have heard people say that they would like to help at a walk, and would like to be called to work. You are in Luck! You

don't have to wait for the phone to ring. There is a lot to do before the Pilgrims arrive on Thursday and on Sunday throughout the day.

"Volunteer" or you also can just simply show up at the church on Thursday around 1:00 p.m., and we'll put you to work. The same things holds true for Sunday afternoon. Just ask a Board Member or give me a call. We have fun doing "the Lord's work," and you will too.

Also, if anyone has any Team Training Manuals left over from the last set of walk, could you please see to it that they get returned to me, please? Thank you

GLYASDI
Dean Royal, Supplies Chair
989-642-3284

We have just gone through both the Men's and Women's Emmaus weekends. They were both exceptional weekends. We had 2 women from our church on the walk. One of them gave a testimony of how her life was changed. Hallelujah! We always pray that lives will be changed for the good of the individual and on into the church and community.

GLYASDI
Ervin Letson
Kitchen Chairperson

M.A.D.

Greetings to all,

We have just finished our first set of Walks for the year. I would like to send out a big thank you to Wendy, Ty, and both of the teams for doing such a great job. Thank you also to the community for your support at the candlelight services and the closings. They were all very well attended and this helps make the Walks be the best they can be for the pilgrims.

Welcome to all the new Emmaus community members. It was very evident that the Walks were very special for you. By the way, how is your 4th day going? Did you find a fourth day group to help you along in your 4th day? If there is any way that we can help please call or e-mail your table leader or sponsor or anyone on the board.

In the last Newsletter that was sent out I shared about a study that I have been doing. One thing that I failed to mention was that because a very special person in my life passed

away. Pastor Ken Christler, lived a life of legacy. Ken was an inspiration for this study. Ken loved our Lord with all his heart and lived his life that way. Thank you Ken for being an inspiration to many others and myself.

At work a couple of weeks ago I ran into and heard about another person that has left a legacy. I don't know her name but she also passed away at an early age, I think she was 46. I heard about her through her husband, he is a produce manager at a store that I just started covering. One of the first times that I met him, I usually begin by asking how things are going. After he shared with me some of the work issues he began to share about some things that were happening at home. His wife passed away suddenly from a heart attack. She also left behind a 16-year-old daughter. This man said he was having a hard time even going home. One day a couple of weeks after his wife passed away he got up the courage to get into his wife's van. What

he found changed him. In the van was a bunch of gifts that did not get passed out at Christmas. His wife had gone out and bought a bunch of food for some needy families and she had passed before they got passed out. Also in the van was a list of the family's names and addresses. This produce manager replaced some of the food and preceded to finish the job that his wife had started, he also said that he was going to make sure that he kept doing it every year in her name.

As we go out and live our lives for our Lord, as we live out our 4th days, remember to take time listen to who or what God is laying on your heart to, go M.A.D. (make a difference) in others lives.

GLYASDI,

Dan Smith
Walk #72
Table of Jonah

Mid-Michigan Emmaus Reunion Groups

Please check this list of Reunion Groups to see if the information is correct. If you have a group that you would like to add please e-mail me at jngdwyer@ejourney.com. This list is given to new pilgrims, is used at Gatherings, etc for those looking for a group to join. *John Dwyer*

AuGres Area

Men: Mon., 8:30 am - AuGres UMC
Contact Person: LaVern Dittenber
 (989) 876-8860 ldittenber@charter.net

Bay City Area

Women: Pray by the Bay
 7:00 pm 1st and 3rd Thursdays
Contact Person: Linda Lujan
 (989) 893-5746
lindatexmi@sbcglobal.net

Caro/Fairgrove Area

Men: Wed. 6:00 am - Monte's home
Contact Person: Monte Montei
 (989) 673-6940
montei@centurytel.net

Gladwin Area

Men: Wed. 7:00 am - Coach Lamp Restaurant
Contact Person: John Dwyer
 (989) 426-0481
jngdwyer@ejourney.com

Women: Monday pm - Gladwin FUMC

Contact Person: Michelle Aultman
 (989) 465-6328
paultman@ejourney.com

Women: Monday 12:30 - Gladwin FUMC

Contact Person: Caren Chappell
 (989) 426-2698
chappell_2@charter.net

Men: 6:00 am Tuesday, Second Mile Reunion Group - Blue Ribbon Bakery

Contact Person: John Dwyer
 (989) 426-0481
johndwyer@ejourney.com

Women: 8:00am Saturday, Early Bird Reunion Group - Blue Ribbon Bakery

Contact Person: Gladys Dwyer
 (989) 426-0481
jngdwyer@ejourney.com

Women: 1:30 p.m. 1st & 2nd Monday - Gladwin FUMC

Contact Person: Nancy Oliver
 (989) 539-2167

Hale Area

Women: Monday 11:00 am - Plainfield Twp Hall

Contact Person: Karen Emery
 (989) 728-6087
klemery@centurytel.net

Men: Mon. 6:30 & 7:30 pm - Hale FUMC

Contact Person: Ray Baker
 (989) 469-2489
rabaker@centurytel.net

Women: Wednesday 8:00 am - Sharri's Restaurant

Contact Person: Rita Seeburger
 (989) 257-5235 rita@m33access.com

Men: Wed. 8:00 am - Hale FUMC (April - December)

Contact Person: Jerry Fritz
 (989) 257-2330
fritz@m33access.com

Women: Wednesday 5:15 pm - Hale FUMC

Contact Person: Sandi Helms
 (989) 728-2843
helms65@centruytel.net

Oscoda Area

Men: Wednesday 6:00 am - McDonald's (September - May)

Contact Person: Chuck Hunt
 (989) 739-8179
cahunt59@sbcglobal.net

Women: 10:00 pm - Oscoda UMC

Contact Person: Ele Hunt
 (989) 739-8179
cahunt59@sbcglobal.net

Women: Wednesday 1:00 pm - Grace Comm. Church
Contact Person: Audrey Clouse
5700audrey@centurytel.net

Women: Thurs 6:00 pm (in homes)
Contact Person: Cheryl Gueldezopf
 (989) 362-4541 czopf@charter.net
Contact Person: Chuck Hunt
 (989) 739-8179
cahunt59@sbcglobal.net

Midland Area

Men: Saturday 8:00 am - Homer UMC

Contact Person: James Birch
 (989) 835-2856
jamesbirch@editech-mi.com

Men: 6:30 am - Big Boy Restaurant

Contact Person: Ira Thumma
 (989) 832-7522
thumma@northwood.edu

Women: 7:00 am Shirlene's in Midland or 8:00 am - Rumor's on M-30

Contact Person: Judy Page
 (989) 689-3420
baandjpage@centurytel.net
 or Carolyn Bacon (989) 689-3806

Sanford Area

Women: Wednesday Mornings Morning Reflections Group

Contact Person: Donna Clark
 (989) 465-03254
clarkdonaw@aol.com

Saginaw Area

Men: Monday 7:00 - West Michigan Ave. United Methodist Church

Contact Person: Mike Kelley or Harold Slater
 989-792-4689

Shepherd Area

Women: Thursday 7:00 pm - Reunion Sisters' Homes

Contact Person: Sue Thumma
 (989) 832-7522
thumma@northwood.edu

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Chrysalis for Summer '09 is Underway!



We are looking forward to some awesome flights this summer with our lay directors in place and our team selection meeting out of the way. Our girl's director is Sue Bridges and the flight will be July 16-19 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Midland.

Our boy's lay director is Cary Kessler and the flight will be July 30 - Aug 2 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Midland.

Phone calls are being made now to be a part of the team, please prayerfully consider being a part of this awesome ministry for teens if you are contacted. For more information, see our website. If you have a teen that would love to spend a weekend getting closer to God, the website contains the registration forms and we would certainly hope that you would consider being a sponsor.

Thank you!

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) and get out of the boat, take that step of faith.

THANK YOU and
GOD thanks you.

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Tawas Area

Women: 12:00 pm at Different - Blend Coffee Shop

Contact Person: Sandy Davis
(989) 362-6561 alsandy@earthlink.net

Women: Thursday 6:00 pm - In home alternating

Contact Person: Cheryl Gueldenzopf
(989) 362-4541 czopf@charter.net

West Branch Area

Women: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - West Branch UMC

Contact Person: Melanie Nolan
(989) 345-8058
msnolan67@yahoo.com



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