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

## Chrysalis Board

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 Prayer Vigil - **OPEN**

Interested in joining the Chrysalis Board? Please contact Michelle Aultman at 989-737-7621, or Rev. Mark Miller at 989-430-0954. Thanks!

## A CHALLENGE

Are you spending time with God each day? If not, are you willing to make that commitment?

Consistency is one of the sustaining forces of a relationship! God wants us (his people) to exhibit consistency in our relationship with him. God invites us to come before him,



listen, seek and call upon him. (Isaiah 55:1-3). Not only will we benefit greatly, but also those we bring to God in prayer may experience a new life. Doing devotions and praying consistently can be difficult—we tend to let other things take precedence but the rewards of having a consistent time with God can be life changing. So even if you think you are too busy to take time for God in prayer and devo-

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## Gatherings and Hoots

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

- **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.

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## Walks and Flights

**Chrysalis Girls Flight**  
 July 16-19, 2009  
 Aldersgate UMC, Midland  
 Sue Bridges, Lay Director

**Chrysalis Boys Flight**  
 July 30 - August 2, 2009  
 Aldersgate UMC, Midland  
 Cary Kessler, Lay Director

**MME Men's Walk #51**  
 September 24-27, 2009  
 Tawas UMC, Tawas City  
 Leonard Klineart, Lay Director

**MME Women's Walk #52**  
 October 1-4, 2009  
 Tawas UMC, Tawas City  
 Paula Smith, Lay Director



## Have you read me?

To some the thought of actually sitting down and spending some time reading is just incomprehensible. Others couldn't go a day without picking some book up and reading a little. We have many excuses, we don't have the time, don't have the patience or just plan don't know where to begin in choosing something to read. I think we have all had that friend or relative that says you should read this or pick that book up. The question at gatherings or meetings "Hey have you read the new..." we just shake our head

and say "I have just been too busy" or "I don't read".

I truly believe that there is a book out there for absolutely everyone whether your soul searching, searching for healing, searching for answers or just plan looking for a good clean laugh. I challenge you, Emmaus Community to pick up one book this month and read it from beginning to end. Don't just pick up any book you walk by, choose something that is thought provoking for you and eye catching to your soul. Curl up on the lawn chair outside

with your favorite beverage and slip into a world of your choosing. It isn't fair to tell a child how many adventures he/she can have by just picking up a book if we don't follow our own teachings.

*Feed your Mind,  
your Heart, and Soul.  
Read a book!*

Michelle Kart  
Walk #44  
Table of Shiloh  
Literature Chair

## Share This with a Teen You Love

Do you want to dramatically improve your relationship with God? Are you somewhere between going into your sophomore year of high school, and your freshmen year of college? Are you put-off by me annoyingly asking you question after question?

To inform you of my purpose, yes, I am advocating a Christian retreat. However, I'm not Great Aunt Aggie, and/or out of touch with the world as we know it. I'm eighteen years old and fresh out of high school. The retreat I'm speaking of is called Chrysalis. It is called this because over the three major days any attendee spends at the retreat, they metaphorically transform from a caterpillar, to a cocoon, to a butterfly; thus, the



Chrysalis process. The weekends that are local to Mid-Michigan this summer will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, in Midland. The girls "flight" is from July 16-19, and the boys is from July 30-August 2 (Thursday night-Sunday afternoon). I took my flight (#18) in August 2006.

I soon after joined the Chrysalis Board and have been serving on it ever since. I have also joyously served on team for the two flights we've had since my flight. For you see, my flight truly gave me what I needed to "fly with Christ". On my flight, the people serving on team shared unconditional love for me- even though they barely knew me. The light of Christ shined through them and gave my life

purpose. I now know that my purpose on this Earth is to share God's love with others- and I have never been happier. I pray that if you fit the above criteria (stated within the first two questions,) you prayerfully consider attending Chrysalis this summer.

I want you to experience the same unforgettable change I did: to make new friends, to know what it feels like to be filled with the Holy Spirit, have TONS of fun, and to be surrounded by people who love and care about you. Please visit <http://www.midmichiganemmaus.com/chrysalis.php> to get more information about the summer flights and print out an application.

God Loves You and So Do I,  
*Alissa Hooper*  
Chrysalis Youth Representative

## DEAD OR ALIVE

The devotional theme for our Chrysalis training this summer is called: Dead or Alive. A Very Old Caterpillar named Cary had been afraid to become a "flyer" and therefore he has become the "Oldest Living Caterpillar." "Dead or Alive," of course, is referring to our faith. Whenever we are asked to do anything for the God's Kingdom on earth, it requires getting out of comfort zone and taking some risks. We have to rely on God.

When asked to be the Lay Director for the Girls' Flight, I asked family members what they thought, and ultimately sought God's will through prayer. When I came upon a box of name tags of the various walks and flights that I have worked I thought if not I, then who? On Ash Wednesday I called Cathy Kelly with my decision, "I will go, if you will go with me." Cathy agreed to be an ALD and took her own step of faith when she agreed to give the Marriage Talk with her husband, Greg.

I have been blessed through a dedicated Chrysalis Board determined to have successful flights this summer. Cary Kessler, the old caterpillar

I mentioned earlier is the Lay Director for the Boys' Flight. His outrageous and unswerving optimism has provided all the encouragement I need to "Fly with Christ."

The enthusiasm of the youth is always contagious. Our team is made up of experienced butterflies from Flight #1 up through and including newly hatched flyers from Girls' Flight #23; all giving God the glory as assistant table leaders, musicians, coordinators for snacks, kitchen, logistics, agape and the prayer chapel. Assistant lay directors, speakers, and "Spiritual Dudes," as Tracy Brooks refers to the assistant clergy, are supporting Chrysalis with their time and energy.

One by one, phone call by phone call, email by email, each servant for Flights #25 and #26, have said, "Yes, Lord, Send me." With only two team trainings remaining, we are still seeking prayers for the caterpillars, teams, sponsors, and community. It is not too late to get onboard and support Mid-Michigan Chrysalis this summer.

Cary and I, along with Spiritual Director, Mark Miller

would like to invite all team members to the Commissioning Service and to witness Part 3 of the "DEAD or ALIVE" series at Aldersgate UMC on Saturday, July 11. It has been three years since there has been a Boys' Flight, hence Cary, the oldest living caterpillar. Please sign up for the 76-hour prayer vigils for the Boys and Girls Flights and try to attend the community candlelight services on Saturday, July 18 and Saturday, August 1, 2009. Closing is also a special time to show support for the new butterflies on Sunday, July 19 for the Girls' Flight at 4:00 pm and Sunday, August 2 for the Boys' flights. It is not too late to sponsor a young person for the flights, although the early discount ends on June 25!

Aldersgate UMC will be buzzing with activity in the conference rooms, sanctuary and kitchen that weekend as we share joyful songs of praise, hilarious skits, and dine with our Heavenly Host, the "King of Kings" on Saturday night. Won't you join us this summer as we celebrate our faith that is "Alive in Christ?"

God Loves You and So Do I,

*Susan Bridges*

MME Walk #6

Lay Director for Girls'  
Flight #25

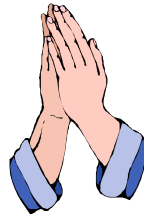
# Dead or Alive

## Prayer Requests

The Grand Rapids Emmaus community has felt lead to disband their Emmaus community. Prayers that their decisions are lead by the Holy Spirit and that the community will continue to seek God in their lives.

Continue to pray for the teams of the upcoming Chrysalis and Emmaus

weekends; the caterpillars & pilgrims God is leading to attend these weekends; and Holy Spirit's continued guidance of the Board of Directors of both Mid-Michigan Emmaus and Chrysalis.



## Spring Issue Online

The last issue of *Going Fourth* was not mailed and is available (with all previous newsletters) at [www.midmichiganemmaus.com](http://www.midmichiganemmaus.com). Click on "Newsletter".

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tions each day just try it until it becomes a habit. You may find that you really miss it when you skip a day.

I know from experience that staying on track is not easy but it is so worth it! It is a wonderful way to start each day on a

positive note. I have gotten off track many times but God is always there waiting patiently for us to return to him so all we have to do is begin again.

**Sandi Helms**

Mid Michigan Treasurer

## 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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