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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 Tawas United Methodist Church. 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.

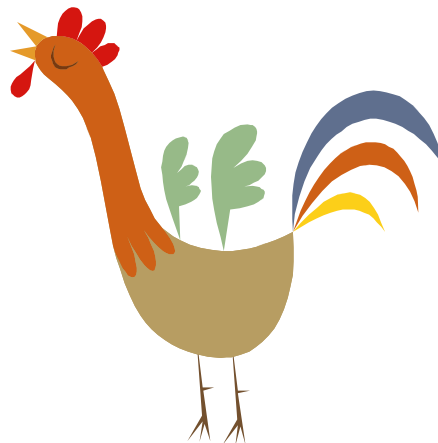
Men's Walk #51

Tom Booth
James Braun
Scott Clark
Bill Colosky
Ken Cunningham
George Fishel
Don Flentje
Colby Heenan
Rick Hegenauer Jr.
Tom Hindman
Val Kostrzewa
Ivan Lewis
Bill Lucio
Ralph Marshall
Ed Nagy
Tony Perez
Dave Shipley
Dick Simmons
Cliff Warr

Women's Walk #52

Sue Booth
Linda Brozowski
Joann Bullard
Connie Butler
Charee Clark
Janet Fishel

Sharon Hasse
Nieves Hernandez
Theresa Indreica
Sue Jones
Sue Lauer
Lynda MacAlpine
Carolyn Maksimowicz
Carrie Marsh
Darlene Marshall
Joan Morrow
Brenda Newman
Sara Jayne Olson
Cheri Porter
Beth Roe
Lorie Rousseau
Betty Rowe
Kathy Schattilly
Meredith Sgambelluri
Susan Shankel
Karen Sitts
Ellen Smith
Jeanette Taylor
Darla Williams
Ester Winchell
Melinda Wood
Kathy Yarnell



Gatherings and Hoots

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

- **Friday, December 4**—Gordonville UMC CHRISTMAS POTLUCK (bring dish to pass) at 6:00 p.m.

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

Walks and Flights

Chrysalis Girls Flight

July 15-18, 2010

More Info To Come

Chrysalis Boys Flight

July 29 - August 1, 2010

More Info To Come

Spring

MME Men's Walk #53

March 4—7, 2010

Aldersgate UMC, Midland
Lay Director: Bob McCormick

MME Women's Walk #54

March 11—14, 2010

Aldersgate UMC, Midland
Lay Director: Dawn Banning

Fall

MME Men's Walk #55

September 23—27, 2010

Frankenmuth UMC
Lay Director TBA

MME Women's Walk #56

September 30 — October 3, 2010

Frankenmuth UMC
Lay Director TBA



Caterpillars - Aldersgate UMC, Midland

MMC Girl's Summer Flight #25

Jamie Binder
Autumn Burl
Jackie Dicks
Joanne Dicks
Rachael Dicks
Helen Diller
Alex Egner
Shannon Fick
Amanda Kennard
Hannah Mize
Elena Nash
Emilee Shuler

Chantel Skinner
Jama Tobey
Brianna Weber
Leandra Weller

MMC Boy's Summer Flight #26

Derek Camilleri
Johnathon Conklin
Stephen Conklin
William Conlkin
Michael Curtis
Steven Curtis
Tom Duke
Evan Eurich

Daniel Garrett
David Garrett
Dustin Garrett
Chase Guerin
Robert Hill
Patrick Hillman
Sam McWethy
Joel Morrison
Ryan Price
Gabe Purtell
Cory Smith
Jordan Smith
Josh Sincissen
Robert Surbrook
Stephen Szuiech

Joy

I'm sure you've heard it before ... you'll find **JOY** in life when you order it this way – **J**esus, **O**thers and then **Y**ou. Kind of sounds like the Priority talk (Emmaus) or the Ideals talk (Chrysalis), doesn't it?

What a blessing and joy my experiences with Chrysalis and Emmaus have been and continue to be in my Fourth Days. How about you?

Experiencing love and care from others through my walk and then, working walks and serving with others has brought such joy. What fun and laughter when we know the **JOY** of our Lord and put Jesus first ... laughter is an expression of joy.

Jesus
Others
You

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart that grows through daily study, deepens because of a consistent prayer life, and finds expression in actively living as a Christian disciple (did you catch the three legs of the stool?). I know real **JOY** through companionship with fellow Christians, and serving others to bring glory to God ... that's what it's all about, isn't it?

I don't know who to give the credit, but someone said, "Enjoy life! This is not a dress rehearsal." I like that. Psalm 126:3 says, "*The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.*" C'mon, put a smile on your face. Remember, life is not measured

by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Thank you dear Emmaus and Chrysalis sisters and brothers for giving **JOY** flesh in my life!

My prayer is that you will enjoy a great smile on your heart this Christmas season as you rediscover the Jesus of **JOY**!

Rev. Mark D. Miller
Pastor, Midland: Aldersgate UMC
Mid-Michigan Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director



P.S. I am going to Haiti for a mission trip the first 2 weeks of January and I covet your prayers.

Mid-Michigan Emmaus Board

I was born and raised in AuGres and was baptized and confirmed in the St. John's German Congregational Church. I graduated from the AuGres-Sims High School and Arenac County Normal School for teacher training. I am married to my lovely wife Alvina for 51 years and have three daughters, and six grandchildren. I retired from teaching after 42 years and have served on the city council as councilperson and as Mayor.

Alvina and I joined the AuGres United Methodist Church in AuGres in 1994. We have both since served in many capacities where the Church could use us. I am currently Lay Leader and a certified Lay Speaker. I took Mid-Michigan Emmaus Walk #1 in Oscoda and sat at the Table of John. I have since served on many Walks and did serve on the Emmaus Board. I served as Lay Director for Walk # 41. The Emmaus Organization has had a great impact on my desire and willingness to serve my church in any way I am able.

I would be honored to serve again on the Emmaus Board and serve as best I can to promote its continued success.

Thank You.

God Loves You And So Do I,

LaVern Dittenber



I'm **Jennifer Gertz**, and I was on the Mid-Michigan Emmaus Walk #40, in Tawas, MI. I sat at the table of Mary, and like most of you, experienced the wonders of agape and witnessed God's angels among us in action during the Walk.

I currently divide my time between Grand Blanc, where I work for the Detroit Annual Conference in Flint, and my hometown of Hale. I attend both the Hale: First and Grand Blanc United Methodist Churches.

When Teresa Camilleri asked me to serve on the Emmaus Board, my first thought was "No, I've got too much on my plate. Besides, I already help out with the newsletter." Giving it more time and prayer, I realized God put much in my life—family, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ—to help me serve Him. Through the Emmaus Board I can continue to focus on what's important. It would be a great blessing and honor to serve and use the gifts and graces God gave me to help connect the community through communications.

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Jennifer Gertz



Hello,

My name is **Cathy Kelley** and I took Mid-Michigan Emmaus Walk #28 in Oct. 2003 in Saginaw. I live in St. Charles with my husband Greg and our three children Emily, Aidan and Gabriel. I attend Gordonville UMC where I teach High School Sunday School with my husband.

I have served previously on the Chrysalis board for 3 years and was a past Community Lay Director for Mid Michigan Chrysalis. I have enjoyed serving on Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights. I believe they are a great tool for equipping servants in the church body. I am eager to serve on the Emmaus board and help give my service and input to continue to serve Christ and build HIS church.

Cathy Kelley



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My name is **Matthew Price**. I took Mid-Michigan Emmaus Walk #19 at Markey Baptist Church in September 2001 and sat at the Table of Phillip. I live in Bay City and attend First Baptist Church in Midland . I have worked on several walks from the conference room team to the auziliary team. I also served a full term on the Emmaus Board from 2006-2009. I feel called to again serve our Emmaus community. It is my commitment for our community to nurture dedicated servants of Jesus Christ.

Matthew Price



My name is **Emerson Sitts**. I was born in and have lived in Wheeler Michigan all of my life. I have been married for 45 years to my wife Pat. We attend Countryside United Brethren in Breckenridge.

We have two children and six grandchildren. My hobbies include attending my grandchildren’s baseball, football games and tennis matches. I also like to golf. I golf almost every day.

I took my walk to Emmaus #27 in the fall of 2003.

I want everyone to experience the warm close feeling of being in “God’s Presence” and all of the love that I felt on my walk!

The reason I want to serve on the Emmaus Board of Directors is because it is another way for me to serve God!

Emerson Sitts



My name is **Mary Wheeler**, I took my walk to Emmaus in the fall of 2004 at Eagle Ridge Church in Midland where I sat at the table of Peace. I attend Hopevale Church in Saginaw, teach at Alma High School and reside in St. Charles. My family consists of me, my 3 grown sons and two future daughter-in-laws.

When asked, I said yes to serving on the Mid-Michigan Emmaus Board. Emmaus has had a great impact on my life and many others. I am passionate about the effectiveness of Emmaus and how it shows the love of God through the community. We are the hands and feet. I hope to do my part in helping this great organization continue with integrity doing God’s work.

Mary Wheeler



Did you know this about Emmaus Walks...

117 Weekends

in 24 States and 2 Countries

27 Women's Weekends and 90 Men's Weekends



Source: <http://upperroom.com/emmaus/>

Reunion Group Directory

Men's Reunion Groups

AuGres Area

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

Fairgrove Area

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

Gladwin Area

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

Tue., 6:00 am @ Northern Espresso
Contact Person: Andrew McMillian
Andrewmcmillian911@hotmail.com

Hale Area

Mon., 6:30 & 7:30 pm @ Hale: 1st UMC
Contact Person: Ray Baker
(989)469-2489 rbaker@centurytel.net

Wed., 8 am (Apr-Dec) @ Hale: 1st UMC
Contact Person: Jerry Fritz
(989)257-2330 fritztes@M33access.com

Midland Area

Sat., 8 am @ Homer UMC
Contact Person: James Birch
(989)835-2856
jamesbirch@editech-mi.com

Wed., 6:30 am @: Big Boy Restaurant
Contact Person: Ira Thumma
(989)832-7522
thumma@northwood.edu

Mon., 10 am @ Messiah Lutheran Church
Contact Person: Cathy Kelley
(989) 585-3139
cathleenbrewer@hotmail.com

Oscoda Area

Wed., 6 am (Sept-May) @ McDonald's
Contact Person: Chuck Hunt
(989)739-8179 cahunt59@sbcglobal.net

Saginaw Area

Time: Mon., 7:00 @ W. MI Ave. UMC
Contact: Mike Kelley or Harold Slater
(989)792-4689



Women's Reunion Groups

Bay City Area

1st and 3rd Thu., 7:00pm
Contact Person: Linda Lujan
(989)893-5746
lindatexmi@sbcglobal.net

Gladwin Area

Mon., Afternoon @ Gladwin: First UMC
Contact Person: Michelle Aultman
(989)465-6328 paultman@ejourney.com

Mon., 12:30 pm @ Gladwin1; First UMC
Contact Person: Caren Chappell
Chappell_2@charter.net

Hale Area

Mon., 11:00 am @ Plainfield Twp. Hall
Contact Person: Karen Emery
(989)728-6087 klemery@centurytel.net

Wed., 8:00 am @ Largent's Restaurant
Contact Person: Rita Seeburger
(989)257-5235 Rita@M33access.com

Wed., 5:15 pm @ Hale: 1st UMC
Contact Person: Sandi Helms
(989)728-2843 helms65@centurytel.net

Midland Area

Wed., 7:00 am @ Shirlene's or Wed.,
8:00am @ Rumor's
Contact person: Judy Page (989)689-
3420 or Carolyn Bacon (989) 689--
3806 bandjpage@centurytel.net

Oscoda Area

Tue., 12:00 pm @ Oscoda UMC
Contact Person: Ele Hunt
(989)739-8179 cahunt59@sbcglobal.net

Wed., 1 pm @ Grace Community Church
Contact Person: Audrey Clouse
5700audrey@centurytel.net

Saginaw Area

Tue., 6 pm @ Old Town Christian Out-
reach Center
Contact Person: Kim Jacques
(989)295-9206 Naturenut80@charter.net

Sanford Area

Morning Reflections
Wed., Mornings @ Sanford
Contact Person: Donna Clark
(989) 465-0324 clarkdonaw@aol.com

Shepherd Area

Thu., 7 pm @ Reunion sisters' homes
Contact Person: Sue Thumma
(989) 832-7522
thumma@northwood.edu

Tawas Area

Tue., 12 pm @ A Different Blend
Contact Person: Sandy Davis
(989) 362-6561 alsandy@earthlink.net

Thu., 6:00 pm @ In home alternating
Contact Person: Cheryl Gueldenzopf
(989) 362-4541 czopf@charter.net

West Branch Area

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm @ W. Branch UMC
Contact Person: Melanie Nolan
(989) 345-8058 msnolan67@yahoo.com

Listening Love

One way to show God's love is to truly listen. Listen to what someone is saying without thinking about a football game that's coming on soon



or without sharing every time a word triggers your own vast knowledge. Listen without diverting the subject. Listen prayerfully. Listen as if this person is Christ himself.

This kind of love will bless your marriage, your parenting, your workplace and also your service at Emmaus Walks.

If you try too hard to "make" conversation, you will not get to know the other person. People today are carrying around a lot of burden and they also have many wonderful assets if you will take the time to listen. Children especially need to be listened to as much as taught. Then you can love them right where it matters most to them.

Sandy Karls
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Emmaus for "Dummies"?

Have you ever thought about serving on an Emmaus Walk in some way, but didn't know how to do it. Join us in January for a half day Emmaus Community training.

Like any "Dummies" book or training there will be short, interesting and informative topics presented such as Sponsorship, Agape (gifts and snacks), Prayer Vigil, Team Experience, Table Leader training, tips on giving a talk and a time for Questions and Answers. This training is for both the Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities.

Saturday, January 9, 2010

9 am - 12 pm at Aldersgate United Methodist Church
2206 Airfield Lane, Midland

Find Us Online

This issue and past issues of *Going Fourth* are available at www.midmichiganemmaus.com. Click on "Newsletter".

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.

Changes of contact information can be made on our website, www.midmichiganemmaus.com/contactus.php

Please enter your changes along with the required information. In the Comments field, enter "Change of contact information."

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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