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Encouraging and inspiring the members of the Mid-Michigan Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities to "Go Fourth" on Their Fourth Day.

Community Lay Director

As the planning continues for the fall walks in West Branch, I look forward with excitement and confidence that the Lord will fill "His Team" and identify the pilgrims who will attend these walks. One of the first things we learn through Emmaus is "not to anticipate". I know it is sometimes difficult not to anticipate; however, as we wait on the Lord to build "His Team", it is comforting to know that He will provide! The pilgrims and the team will be used to grow leadership and fill the needs in their respective churches. It is awesome to see God work in ways we could never understand. I suppose that is why we should plan, but shouldn't anticipate.

The Emmaus Community is aware, God prepares each of us to use the gifts and talents we are given. We are called to use these talents to not only benefit our local churches, but to expand our Emmaus Community.

During our weekend we learn of Agape love. What a great gift! One such act of Agape is to prayerfully consider sponsoring a pilgrim. This is no easy task but it forms the backbone of our community because without pilgrims, walks will not occur.

In 1 Corinthians 12, the Apostle Paul teaches that the spiritual gifts we have been given are special gifts that God has given each of us and we must use them to further His Kingdom. You may think "what can I do?" We have all been given a gift, each different and unique, but they all come from the same Holy Spirit who is the source of these gifts. As we read further in 1 Corinthians 12 we learn that the community is like a body, one body, many parts...you know the passage. It is now as we plan for the walks that we need individuals to use their gifts to build a stronger community. Each of us can help by learning more at community trainings, serving on a team, committing to sponsor a pilgrim, giving Agape gifts for the weekend, or by providing a financial gift to the community.

We are called to serve, called to use our God given gifts and talents to benefit the Kingdom of God. We are given the direction in Matthew 28:16-20 "the great commission".

As Community Lay Director, it is my prayer that each community member will find a way to serve, using God's gift to grow this community and use their talents to expand the Kingdom of God!

Remember, God loves you and so do I! Kevin Wolfgang

Gatherings and Hoots

For more Gathering information, contact Emerson Sitts at 989-842-3496.

For Hoot information, contact Alissa Hooper at hoopera3@msu.edu.

Walks and Flights

Fall

MME Men's Walk #59

September 22-25, 2011

West Branch: Ogemaw Hills Free UMC
Lay Director: Monte Montei

MME Women's Walk #60

September 29 - October 2, 2011

West Branch: Ogemaw Hills Free UMC
Lay Director: Lisa Kelley

Summer

MMC Girl's Flight #29

July 21-24, 2011

Saginaw: West Michigan Ave UMC
Lay Director: Cathy Kelley

MMC Boy's Flight #30

July 28-31, 2011

Saginaw: West Michigan Ave UMC
Lay Director: Jim Birch



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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

Flying With Christ

Greetings, from the Mid-Michigan Chrysalis Board. We have had a great year since our last set of flights in July of 2010 and are thoughtfully praying for the flights to come this summer. Flight numbers 29 and 30 are off the ground and will happen at West Michigan United Methodist Church in Saginaw. The girls flight dates are July 21-24 and the boy's flight dates are July 28-31. Please see registration and sponsorship information on the website under midmichiganemmaus.com and click on the Chrysalis link. The lay directors for these flights are Cathy Kelley and Jim Birch and we are so grateful that they have answered God's call to serve. Now the push comes to get caterpillars signed up and pray about the journey that they will take, but as usual, a caterpillar cannot become a butterfly without a sponsor to send them on this journey. Please consider sponsoring a young person who is a sophomore in high school through a freshman in college.

In an effort to increase the number of Butterflies and their friends who attend the monthly "Hoots", the youth hoot representatives have outlined the next five months worth of hoots. Please take a look at these and start planning ahead to join us or use this material to inform the youth in your church. July 9th, 12:00pm-3:00pm, Camping Hoot at Mueller's Buffalo Ranch in Bentley, August 6th, 2:00pm-5:00pm, Post Flight Hoot at West Michigan UMC, September 10th, 1:00pm – 2:30 pm at the Midland Ice Arena, October 22nd, 5:00pm – 10:00pm Halloween Hoot at 9621 W. Belle Ave St. Charles, MI. 48655. If you are interested in more information or want to see who is attending check Chrysalis out on Facebook.

Special Notes: *Our Candlelight/sponsors hour Coordinator is looking for musicians to play their guitar or other instruments for both flights Saturday evening candlelight times. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested please contact Kenneth Cunningham at klc20071989@gmail.com . Also, the prayer vigil sign up sheets have begun and we need your help to be praying for the team and caterpillars who will be part of this summer's flights. If you would like to sign up please see New Database instructions on page 3 of this Going Fourth issue. Lastly, if you have any literature, manuals or handbooks designed specifically for Chrysalis, we ask that you would please make arrangements to get those back to the Chrysalis board through the Community Lay Director, Angie Irish. Angie can be contacted at angvocal@yahoo.com or by phone at 989-615-2800. Thanks for your assistance in getting this much needed material back for others to use. Thank you and God Bless. *Angie**



Recipe Corner

Do you have a recipe from Emmaus that you would like to find? Maybe you have a favorite snack you like to bring that has been well received. Please send in your request or items to share. maryeerie@gmail.com This will be the recipe corner for sharing ideas.

This letter's question: Does anyone have the recipe for the Emmaus baked oatmeal?

The New Database System is Here !!! CHECK IT OUT!!

Website address - <http://mme.inetmember.com>

Sign in – your email address that is in the system.

Password - mmemme

If you don't have an email in the system your sign-in is

Firstname.Lastname - no space

eg. John.Doe

NEXT STEPS

Update your system information

- * Click – You
- * Click - All about you
- * Click – Information
- * Click – Contact and Credentials
 - o Make sure all information is correct, CHANGE IF NEEDED
- * Click – update my information or my information is correct
- * Click – Home tab (next to information)
 - o This tab will give you instructions on the options available in the YOU section. Take a few minutes to explore

NOW YOU'RE READY TO SEE WHAT THE SITE HAS TO OFFER

1. Do you want to Sign up for a Prayer Vigil? – It has never been easier

- * Click – Community (top ribbon)
- * Click – Prayer Vigil
- * Confirm information and
- * Click – Select Walk
- * Click – Magnifying Glass for the walk you want
- * You can now select the day you want to pray from the drop down menu
- * Click – Green plus sign for times you want your name will apply
- * Prayerfully consider singing up for 2 half hr time slots = 1 hr.
- * Thank You ☺

Best Part – If you have an email in the system you will get a Reminder notice with a list of Pilgrims and Team Members along with Candle Light information sent to you the week of the walk/flight. WooHOOO

2. Calendar of Events – What's Happening in Emmaus/Chrysalis Communities? Wouldn't you like to know?

- * Click – Community (top ribbon)
- * Click – Calendar browse through the months to see what's coming
 - o Want more information on that event
 - o Click the event details will show on Right side of screen
 - o

3. Interested in Serving on future Team Walks/Flights

- * Click – You
- * Click – All about you
- * Click – Team Sign ups
- * Click – New
 - o Click – Green plus on chosen walk
- * Please understand that this puts you on a list of people interested in serving this does not automatically put you on the team. The Lay Directors, along with the assistance of the board, prayerfully consider every applicant with the intent of putting together the team God has chosen. He may have a different walk already chosen for you.

More on the New Database!

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DON'T FORGET TO SIGN OUT. If you don't sign out appropriately as a security feature the system will lock you out of this site for a 20-30min time period. If this happens you will only see a blank white screen for this web address.

Having difficulty logging into the system or navigating around please email me at
Banning489@yahoo.com

Many Blessings and Happy Days,

Dawn Banning
Mid-Michigan Emmaus
Vice Chair
Data Base Administrator

CHRISTIAN ACTION

Have you stepped out of your comfort zone lately? Or at all? I have found that as you grow in your relationship with the Lord, He shows you a little at a time, things that need to change in your life and reveals more and more as you desire to become closer to him. We must ACT on these responsibilities he has revealed to us. Many of you know that I work at Old Town Soup Kitchen. With that comes a responsibility of my job, doing everything as I can as a "Christian" to represent the Lord to my co-workers and volunteers. I must also be a witness with God's Agape love to the people who I come in contact with as clients, or just in everyday life like with my family. I am responsible to act not just with the people who are easy to love on, but also to those who may not be so easy to love. Everyone has issues in their lives whether they know the Lord or not. We are called to love them ALL just as Christ loves us. For a class we are taking, we were instructed to ask 4 people 2 questions-If

you were to die tonight, do you think you would go to heaven? And if you arrived at the pearly gates, and God asked you why should I let you into my heaven, what would you say? That took me "OUT" of my comfort zone. One man said yes. He was saved, he has cancer and had been going to his sister's church and had asked Jesus into his life and was recently baptized. Amen! The second was slightly younger and told me no, because he had a lot of life to live and he was going to "live it". I tried to explain it was a free gift. He knew all that; but in his mind, he felt like he had to change his life too much. We talked some more, and I told him he just needed to think on it a bit. Yes, I was way out of my comfort zone, but I was so blessed by talking to those men. Take a risk, step out. You're not alone, remember, the Holy Spirit is with you. God loves, love others as he loves us.

Author: Kim Cronkright



Notes from a Chrysalis Lay Director...

Hello everyone. I hope you are being blessed in your Fourth Days. God has truly been blessing me. I have the privilege of serving as the lay director for Girl's Chrysalis Flight #29 that will be taking flight July 21st-24th. I have been leaning on him as the team comes together for service to the girls who will be attending our flights. It has been amazing how He has brought together the exact people for each position and the timing of it. In the process, God has provided wonderful godly people that will uphold this team to make Him the center. I could not be more humbled and thankful.

I encourage you to sponsor a teenager to come on the weekends if you feel God leading you to do so. You will never forget the joy that comes out of the experience. There is nothing like leading a young person to Christ and seeing them "shine for Jesus."

You also have the opportunity to share in agape love during the weekends. These teens love to get the agape gifts just as much as adults. Usually a good number for agape is 75 for the whole team. Other ways to show your agape love are to sign up for the prayer vigil, come visit the prayer chapel during the weekend, attend candlelight and even attend closing. Teenagers love to feel loved. They need to see that they are loved. The world is constantly telling them about a "fake" love. God's love is never "fake" and so much better than the world's view.

Finally, I come to you in request of prayers for the weekends as both the boys' and girls' team continue to train and recruit servants. I believe that prayer is the foundation to any weekend and we can never have too much of it. Please pray for the caterpillars that will be asked or have already been asked to come experience God's unconditional and unending love for them. I know they will feel that love just as the team will also feel it.

Fly with Christ,

Cathy Kelley

Simply Good Advice

- Pray
- Go to bed on time.
- Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
- Say "No" to projects that won't fit into your time schedule or that will compromise your mental health.
 - Delegate tasks to capable others.
 - Simplify and unclutter your life.
- Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
 - Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
- Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
 - Take one day at a time.
- Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
 - Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
- Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
- K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
 - Do something for the Kid in You every day.
- Carry a spiritually enlightening book with you to read while waiting in line.
 - Get enough rest.
 - Eat right.
 - Get organized so everything has its place.
- Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
 - Write down thoughts and inspirations.
 - Every day, find time to be alone.
- Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
 - Make friends with Godly people.
 - Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
- Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good 'Thank you Jesus.'
 - Laugh.
 - Laugh some more!
 - Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
- Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
 - Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
 - Sit on your ego.
 - Talk less; listen more.
 - Slow down.
 - Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.
- Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before.

So you've gone on your walk... Do you remember the two questions?

- What did the walk mean to you?
- What do you plan to do with it?

How about serving on a walk? Pray about it first. Get involved if God directs you. Contact Wendy Orzel at eworzel@att.net or one of the board members to let them know your interest. Names and contact information can be found on the website.

Do you have a story to tell or a poem to share? Has God helped you through something that could give encouragement to someone else? Consider writing for this newsletter. Submit your ideas to Mary Wheeler at mwheeler@gmail.com.

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Join us for some fun at the next Gathering! It will be different than any other we've had.

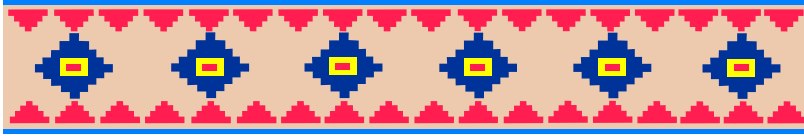
*It's a picnic at **noon!** Bring a dish to pass. Following this, there will be an auction! Emmaus memorabilia will be auctioned. We're cleaning house. How about you? We will also accept good used items as donations for the auction. Proceeds will help with future Emmaus Walks.*

Date: August 27, 2011

Location: Ogemaw Hills Free UMC
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West Branch, MI 48661

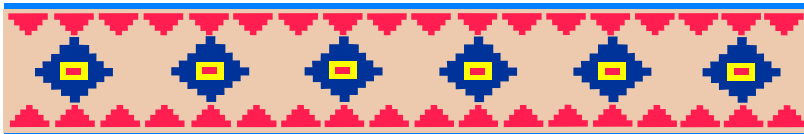


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**"Time is a temporary tool God uses to bring us into
forever"**

Jon Walker



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