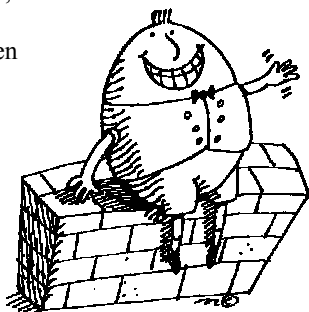


GARNET'S GEMS

One morning last week the devotional message in the booklet *The Upper Room* reminded us of the nursery rhyme about Humpty Dumpty. You remember, of course, that Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, fell off, and broke into millions of pieces. All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty together again.

The message to us as Christians was to always remember that we serve the KING. The King we worship and serve CAN and DOES put things back together again. The King we know is the one who honors and uses our efforts to reach out to others with the good news that we

are greatly loved. When we are obedient, He can prepare servants for a Walk weekend, even in the face of family illness, death, last-minute changes in plans, broken refrigerators and dishwashers, and all kinds of other things we might first see as problems. All we need to do is work and pray



and trust that God will work His will in our world, and He does! Those who participated in Lansing Area Women's Walk #54 saw it again – PRAISE THE LORD!

Thanks to Joel Todd and Wendy Stanley, Charlie Farnum, Janet Richardson, and all the members of their teams for their faithful service on our behalf in the presentation of the Walks just completed. Welcome to all the newest pilgrims who join us on this journey, a continuing walk where we try to recognize Christ with us, and apply his teachings in our lives. We look forward to the on-going excitement of learning and working together in this community.

Grace and peace to each of you!

Garnet

MEN'S WALK #53

Hello family, friends, and Emmaus Community,

It is my joy to say "Thank you!" As lay director for Walk #53, it was my pleasure to serve with the team on that Walk. This team was not just the conference room, it was all who helped in any way – serving snacks, cleaning toilets, working in the kitchen, praying, setting up and tearing down, serving dinner Saturday night, and any number of jobs I didn't specifically mention. No matter what you did or where, you became part of God's Team: the team to share His love. You really became a blessing!

What a joy it is to serve our God, not only here with my Emmaus Family, but also in my home church! Remember the purpose of the Emmaus Movement is to build up strong leaders in your home church. During your Walk, you were, at some time, encouraged to go home and call your Pastor and ask where you could help him or her. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to, now. You will bless your Pastor and your church family in ways you can't possibly anticipate, because it is in our service that others see Christ in us. I thank God for our time together.

God Loves You and So do I
Joel Todd

GATHERINGS!

Hi! My name is Carrie Bloom. I took my walk in Kalamazoo in 1988 and sat at the table of Elizabeth. I am your Gathering Coordinator. The October Gathering was Saturday, October 12th at Trinity United Methodist Church. At this Gathering, we had special music from the Ithaca Men's Choir. If you missed it, you missed out on an awesome worship and praise experience. They said they love singing for Emmaus groups, so we may be able to

talk them into returning some time in the future, so please watch for them and don't miss them again (if you did this time).

Gatherings are typically from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fellowship time is from 4:30 to 5:00. From 5 to 6 is the Pot Luck with announcement time. Please bring a dish to pass and your own tableware. Worship and devotions are from 6 to 7. Child Care will be provided.

Please put these dates on your calendar: Saturday, November 9th. We will be looking at the 4th Day Group

and how you can live out your 4th day. Saturday, December 14th. It will be a time of singing carols and a Talent Show. If you have a favorite song to sing, skit, a poem to share, or what ever talent you would like to share. Call me at (517) 646-8076 to let me know and I will put you on the evening Talent Show list.

Remember God loves you
and so do I.

Carrie Bloom

NEW FOURTH DAY CONTEST OPEN TO ALL

Our first 4th Day Contest was such a great time of fellowship that we are now going to have a contest open to the entire Lansing Area Emmaus Community. Forms will be available at the October and November Gatherings. All forms must be returned to Bill Schmidt no later than Monday November 11th. The winner will be selected on Tuesday November 12th at our monthly Board meeting. The dinner is tentatively scheduled for Sunday December 1st. The first place entry group will get a terrific dinner served "Emmaus style" The second place group will have the honor to serve the winners and then have an opportunity to enjoy a fabulous meal. Don't wait, enter early. If you are not currently in a 4th day group, then this may be the incentive that you need to join one. If you need a form, please contact Bill Schmidt (see on page 2 of this newsletter) and we will get you one.



Bill Schmidt, 4th Day Coordinator