

Lansing Emmaus Community

Footprints



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While I realize that you will be receiving this newsletter in February, it is still mid January as I write this message to you. The New Year is less than two weeks old, and many changes have already taken place in the Lansing Area Emmaus Community. The Community is always welcome at the Board meetings that are held at the Alma UMC in the even months, and at Trinity UMC, Lansing in the odd months, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Just last weekend, the Board of Directors had their annual retreat – an overnight stay at a local host church, where after discussion, prayer, and Communion the Board members choose or are elected to one of the many positions that help the Community maintain and grow. This selection process is very exciting, and usually surprising! (Surprising, because you might end up with a job you did not expect, and it is very interesting to see what other folks are interested in.) Our focus is to always ask the Lord to be with us and guide our all of our decisions, from who will cover each Board position, to every discussion or decision we make during our monthly Board meetings.

It is interesting to note that only six of the 24 Board members stayed in the same position. The second day of the retreat is devoted to learning about our responsibilities, setting goals for the new year, and getting to know one another.

Some of you got to meet the new Board for the very first time during the beautiful Commissioning service that was presented by our Community Spiritual Director, Becky Morrison, at the January Gathering.

For excellent opportunities to meet Emmaus friends and talk to Board members, please remember our monthly Gatherings that are held at Trinity UMC the second Saturday of each month. We start to assemble around 4:30 p.m., and the pot luck begins at 5. About 6 p.m. we move into the Sanctuary for worship, including

singing, a message or performance (or both!) and Communion. I know the new Gathering Coordinators will have lots of wonderful surprises in store for us. Come and enjoy them with us!

There is a new 2004 Lansing Area Emmaus Board Member roster included in this newsletter. Please place a copy near your phone, your desk, on your bulletin board, or your refrigerator and call or email us when you have an idea, concern, praise, problem, need directions or want to serve on a committee. There are lots of new committees forming right now, so, Fear Not! and get on board! We need you!

This writing would not be complete without thanking all the departing Board members who lovingly gave of their time and talents to the Lansing Area Emmaus Community. Thank you, **Garnet Chappell, Deborah Fennell, Bruce and Diana Hug, Holly Richardson, Trina Roe, Ned and Karen Weller.** Good and faithful servants all. Serving with you has been a wonderful blessing. Our Community has benefited greatly from your service. Thank you!

Finally, an important, heartfelt request from me to YOU. Please **PRAY** for your Emmaus Community. Pray for the Pilgrims and Teams for the upcoming Walks. Please pray for each member of your Board of Directors. Especially pray for our three Spiritual Directors (yes – we now have **THREE, PRAISE the LORD!**). God has blessed, and will continue to bless this Community. We need to be in constant communication with Him! Amen? **AMEN!**

In His service,

Roxi Bass

Walk 28, May of '96, Deborah

Community Lay Director

Lansing Area Emmaus Community

HELP!!!

Trailer haulers are desperately needed!

We need someone to haul the trailer to and from the walks. Contact Bonnie Williams or Roxi Bass.

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Lansing Area Emmaus Board 2004

Name	Position	Phone	E-mail	Expires
Beverly Bailey	Gatherings	(989) 224-4018	Beverlyj@voyager.net	2006
Roxi Bass	Community Lay Director	(517) 676-4495	rrb323@yahoo.com	2005
Carrie Bloom	Member at Large	(517) 646-8076		2004
Michele Childs	Data Manager	(517) 627-8121	childsm11797@msn.com	2006
Deann Dobbs	Assist. Community Spiritual Director	(517) 655-1466	djd32@msn.com	2006
Michon Felton	Gatherings	(517) 669-5687	msfelton@pplant.msu.edu	2005
Kelly Jo Freeman	Music	(517) 543-0810	litjo13@yahoo.com	2006
Cheryl Galloway	Treasurer	(517) 882-5595	gallowayg@acd.net	2004
John Lord	Sponsors hour, Candlelight, Close	(517) 676-0595	jalord1@juno.com	2005
Leon Martin	Site Selection	(517) 332-4816	leonhm@juno.com	2006
Judy McPherson	Assist. Community Lay Director	(517) 627-2712	judym@acd.net	2006
Becky Morrison	Community Spiritual Director	(517) 645-7701	revrkmor@msn.com	2005
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Bob Pena	Kitchen	(517) 482-7358	penar@michigan.gov	2005
Andy Raymond	Book Table	(517) 663-6361	raymonda@michigan.gov	2004
Gordon Ross	Co-Auxiliary Head	(517) 646-6139		2006
Bill Schmidt	Newsletter	(989) 682-4153	bjschmidt@core.com	2005
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Pat Skinner	Assist. Community Spiritual Director	(517) 676-1529	pskinner9@aol.com	2006
Darlyn Turner	Fourth Day	(989) 386-3704	darlynt@hotmail.com	2004
Elnora Wallin	72 Hour Prayer Vigil	(517) 566-8452	owltalker@centurytel.net	2006
Harry Wallin	Co-Auxiliary Head	(517) 566-8452	owltalker@centurytel.net	2004
Bonnie Williams	Supply (Trailer)	(517) 694-9765	geochardan@yahoo.com	2004
Pam Wyrick	Registrar	(989) 224-2787	ragdoll@voyager.net	2006

The above people are your Board of Directors for the upcoming year. They are in these positions, not to do all of the work, but to see that all the work gets done and to lead a team of people. **They need your help!** If you feel the Lord calling you to help out in some way, please contact one of the Directors and tell them you would like to join their TEAM. We would love you to join us in completing our appointed tasks for this year.

A View from Auxiliary

Hello, my name is Cori Feldpausch and I took my Walk in October of 2000 and sat at the table of Ruth. On the next Women's Walk (April 22-25) I will have the pleasure of serving as Co-Auxiliary Head with Gordon Galloway. For just a moment I would like to take you back to your walk and look at it from an "Auxiliary view".

On Thursday the Auxiliary **set-up crew** started around 3 pm to transform all the Sunday school rooms into dormitories for sleeping. The small Emmaus trailer that holds A LOT of supplies was unloaded and all our belongings were moved into the church so that by the time you arrived, it looked as if we had been there forever!

Around 8 pm the **kitchen crew** arrived and began setting up and cooking for the entire weekend. The kitchen was a very busy place and cooking went on from 5 am to midnight every night. It is also what I call the "hub" of Auxiliary, as this is where most of the crew gathers off and on during the weekend. Many hours were spent in the kitchen talking, laughing, joking around and often praying. Everyone knows this is my favorite place to be!

Over in a very small room was the **mailroom crew**. It was their responsibility to get the computer set up, start sorting through Agape, letters to the pilgrims, and pilgrim information. All weekend people were in and out of this small room and much was accomplished here.

"Lurking" around all over the church was the **house-keeping crew**. They were "lurking" because they were in and out of the pilgrim area often and didn't want to be seen! They have very strange hours because the bathrooms have to be cleaned when no one is using them and that can be quite a challenge. Remember when you saw all those cute notes stuck on the mirrors and bathroom stalls? That was the housekeeping crew telling you how much you are loved. And do you ever remem-

ber seeing any full trash bins or messy tables? The housekeeping crew strikes again!

The creative members of our team worked in the **dinning room**. Remember when you walked into every meal and saw something different? How about Saturday night, had you ever seen a simple fellowship hall transformed into such a beautiful banquet room? Many hours of work and love were poured into making sure the room looked wonderful for each and every meal!

Who could forget those short little "breaks" where an array of **snacks** was laid out before you? The people assigned to snacks were to make sure you didn't go hungry, ever!

Then we had the **Sunday morning crew**. They arrived at the church very early and the minute you were all packed and out of the "dormitory", they went to work. Before long the rooms were once again magically transformed into Sunday school classrooms and no one would have guessed you had ever been there!

The last crew to arrive was the **take down crew**. To be honest, they did not have a fun job. It's sad to pack things up and end such an enjoyable weekend, but someone has to do it!

There is SO MUCH MORE to Auxiliary than what I could ever write in a few paragraphs. Since I took my walk I have served in Auxiliary almost every walk. I really enjoyed being in the conference room but in Auxiliary I found my true calling. Here is where I see Jesus in action and it takes my breath away each and every walk! But to get things done we need HELP. If you would like to experience an Emmaus Walk from the "Auxiliary" side, please contact **Renee Hahn** for the Men's Walk and either **Gordon Galloway (517-882-5595 gallowayg@acd.net)** or myself **(517-627-6957 coriskids@aol.com)** for the upcoming Women's Walk. I look forward to serving with you, together we can accomplish anything God sets before us.

Gather with the Lansing Area Emmaus Community

Lansing Area Emmaus **GATHERINGS** are held on the **second Saturday** of each month. Community members are encouraged to attend to meet new pilgrims and renew friendships. So, **bring a dish to pass, your table service, and beverage of choice. Coffee, tea, and water will be available.** Childcare will be provided. Family members are invited to attend even though they may not have attended an Emmaus Walk.

The **GATHERING** convenes at **5 p.m.** (people start arriving around 4:30) at Trinity United Methodist Church, corner of St. Joseph Highway and Canal Road (7533 West St. Joseph Highway), Lansing. An evening of music, fellowship, and devotion will follow dinner.

Upcoming dates are: February 14, 2004, March 13, 2004
April 3, 2004 (*note change due to Easter*)

You are seen!

You are known!

You are loved!

See You There!!!

Invitation to Serve

I am thinking back about a year ago to a very special Emmaus candlelight dinner I was privileged to be a part of. I was the Music Director on the walk at Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, and, as such, was seated at the Leaders table. As I watched the men's faces, I was struck by the number of ways there were to experience this event. This particular instance marked the second time I had been there as Music Director. There was, of course, the unforgettable experience of my own walk (sept '00, table of Peter). There was also the time I served at a women's walk (Central Free Methodist) in downtown Lansing. Some other thoughts came to mind.

I couldn't help but enjoy the faces of table leaders and assistant. Table leaders as they watched men they were bonding with enjoy the experience. While family circumstances now dominate my time and priorities (talk #1), I hope to someday experience that for myself. There were also countless people behind the scenes that were contributing in ways too numerous to mention them all. I got a closer look at that during the Women's walk in Mason, and I also look forward to being in that situation someday.

The long and short of my story is this: If you've been on your walk, thought it was wonderful and have left it at that, you are sorely cheating yourself. While it is true that the musical abilities that God has gifted me with do indeed lead me into some unique opportunities, it is a willingness to serve others that will truly open the storehouses of heaven to you. There are many ways to be involved in the Emmaus experience. Help is always needed. Don't forget, Emmaus is to

equip leaders, and those who would be leaders. As a result, many (including myself for the time being) are called away from Emmaus and into service in their own local churches. That leaves many opportunities for service among those of you who experienced life changes on your walks, and are eager to further that experience in any way possible.

Many are eager for a return trip to the conference room (I don't blame you), but the key is service. Serving others. You let God work mightily in your life during your walk. GREAT!! Now take it a step further. Let God show you the joy and rewards of serving others. If you think you were floored, blown away, awed, (name your term) by your own walk, try doing something that will further someone else's. Don't have a whole weekend? Be a sponsor. A recent men's walk had to be postponed due to lack of applicants. Surely you know of a man who would benefit from what you went through. Sign up for a prayer vigil. Prayer works. Period. Scrubbing toilets and handing out Agape may not sound glamorous, but just ask anyone who has done it about the experience. You may have trouble getting them to stop.

I'm really not sure how to end this. Maybe it's because God's service to us never ends and he keeps putting suggestions in my head. All I can say is, don't let your own walk be the end of your Emmaus experience. God is Good. All the time. Chances are real good you let Him show you that during your walk. Don't be afraid to ask Him and explore what else he has for you .

GLYASDI. In Christ, Dave Tucker

Now Is The Time!!!!

Now is the time to sign up for the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil for the upcoming Men's (March 25 - 28) and Women's (April 22 - 26) Walks. Remember how good it felt when you saw all those names filling the 72 hours covering your Walk?

This gift of agape costs you little, just an hour or so of your time, but it means so much to the pilgrims who are experiencing their Walk. You can pray at the Walk site, or you can pray at home or work, in your car or wherever you are. You may sign up for the Prayer Vigil:

- ✚ By contacting Elnora Wallin at owlalker@centurytel.net,
- ✚ by going to www.3dayol.org
- ✚ by calling 517-566-8452, or
- ✚ by coming to the gatherings in February, March and April and signing up in person

If you have any questions about the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil you may contact Elnora Wallin at the e-mail or phone number listed above. This gift of agape is just one way we can show Christ's love, please join in the gift.

Yours in Christ, Elnora Wallin
Prayer Vigil Coordinator
Lansing Area Emmaus Walk #17
October 1993, Table of Elizabeth

Trinity UMC, Lansing, Michigan

WOMAN'S WALK

#57 -

LAY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Please welcome the Pilgrims of Walk #57! Norma Brien, Angie Cole, Bev Davis, Lisa Frizzell, Jane Pease, Susan Reed, Ruth-Ann Jones, Dena Durante, Fay Randall, Irene Travis, B.J. Underwood, Margaret Lott, Beverly Bailey, Jeanette Collins, Malinda Coss, Janice Huffman, Nancy Keeler, Janie Thompson, Laura Chin, Sherry Anderson, Chris Myers, RuthAnn Griffin, Cathy Larson, Darlene Ross, Laura England, Patricia Fancher, Mari Giffen, Tina Pakkala, MichelleT-

wichell, Regina Wood, Cindy Bailey, Diana Kerber, Joy Heinlein, Karen McLendon, Antoinette Torres-Tucker and Marge West.

My thanks to God and the Lansing Area Emmaus Community for giving me the honor of being the Lay Director for Walk #57! We had one awesome team that had two branches - the Auxiliary, under the guidance of Aux Head Bruce Hug, and a Conference Room Team that was truly prepared and ready to help nurture all 36 Pilgrims during our weekend together. Team attendance at all of the Team Meetings was outstanding, and the value of a well prepared team was evident throughout the weekend.

Many, many concerns were delivered to the Prayer Warriors stationed in the Prayer Room. Each concern was written on a

special card and placed on the altar. I believe that without the constant, sincere prayer coverage of the Prayer Warriors, the 72-hour Prayer Vigil, as well as the Team and Community prayers that were offered before and during that weekend, Walk #57 would not have been as wonderfully successful as it truly was.

Thank you to the Pastor and members of the Mount Pleasant First United Methodist Church who allowed us to use their facility, and to the Lansing Area Emmaus Community, Pilgrims, Sponsors, Team, and above all, to our Lord and Savior for this extraordinary experience.

Roxi Bass
Lay Director, Walk #57
Fall of 2003
Lansing Area Emmaus Community

Fourth Day

My name is Darlyn Turner, I took my walk in May 1996 (#28) and sat at the table of Mary. Today I am serving this community on the Board of Directors as your Fourth Day Coordinator.

This starts my second year in this position. Last year my goal was to connect people to an active fourth day group and to establish a list of existing groups, well I need help YOURS -please. I am looking for individuals in area churches that would help provide info to me of active fourth day groups or of those in need of finding a group. You would also help provide info to the members of our Emmaus community of active fourth day groups in your area and maybe even post information on the walks and gatherings as they are scheduled.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Won't you be an encourager My e-mail address is darlynt@hotmail.com, phone # 989-386-3704 (leave a message)

Feel hugged-as GLYASDI

Emmaus Prayer Chain

The prayer chain is a blessing for many people, a way to share concerns and learn of the progress of those who have been prayed for. If you are not already on the prayer chain and wish to be, please contact me at the e-mail address that follows. Concerns, prayer requests and praises are received by me via e-mail or by phone and sent out by e-mail daily (more or less often, as necessary). We have also used this prayer chain to remind the community of gatherings and board meetings. We will not give out names and addresses of the participants. My phone number is 517-566-8452 and my e-mail address is owltalker@centurytel.net. Please include the word "prayer" or "prayer request" in the subject line of the message when you send requests for the prayer chain.

Yours in Christ,

Elnora Wallin

Prayer Chain Coordinator

Trinity U.M.C.
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Upcoming Events

Mar. 5-7 Girls **Chrysalis** Hope UMC, Hastings, MI

Mar. 9 **Lansing** Emmaus Board Meeting, Trinity U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M

Mar. 13 **Lansing** Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm.

March. 25-28 Men **Lansing** St. Louis U.M.C. St. Louis, MI.

Mar. 26-28 Boys **Chrysalis** Hope UMC, Hastings, MI

April 3 **Lansing** Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm. (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

April 15-18 Men's #44 **Grand Rapids**

April 22-25 Women **Lansing** Lawrence Avenue U.M.C. Charlotte, MI.

April 22-25 Men's #61 **Kalamazoo** Three Rivers U.M.C. Three Rivers, MI.

April 29-May 2 Women's #62 **Kalamazoo** Three Rivers U.M.C. Three Rivers, MI.

April 29-May 2 Women's #45 **Grand Rapids**

May 8 **Lansing** Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm.

May 13-16 Women's #46 **Grand Rapids**

June 12 **Lansing** Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm.

July 10 **Lansing** Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm.

Aug. 14 **Lansing** Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm.

Sept. 11 **Lansing** Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm.

Sept. 16-19 Men's #47 **Grand Rapids**

Sept. 30-Oct 2 Women's #48 **Grand Rapids**