

Lansing Emmaus Community

Footprints



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In preparation for composing this newsletter article, I reviewed several past editions of the FOOTPRINTS. Once again, I was struck with wonder on how quickly things change. For example, the location for the 2005 Fall Women's Walk has changed! Walk #62 will be held at **Mason First UMC**, October 13 – 16, 2005. The Lansing Area Emmaus Community is grateful for the warm reception we have received at **Mason First**! Perhaps Walk #62 will afford you the chance to see the extensive, beautiful additions and reconstruction that has been completed at **Mason First UMC** recently.

While the **Mason First** facility will be totally accommodating and comfortable for the Pilgrims and the Conference Room Team, we predict that there will be some auxiliary sleeping area shortages. However, the Walk #62 Auxiliary Heads, Deborah Fennell 517-676-1887, and Scott Lobert 517-663-0104, do not see this as a problem. The Auxiliary Team is already being formed, and most of the Auxiliary Team will seek off-site sleeping accommodations. Likewise, **New Hope UMC** in Mecosta is beautiful and accommodating, but like **Mason First**, there will be a shortage of sleeping areas for the Auxiliary during the Spring Walks in 2006.

It is important to stress that while both facilities will be wonderful Walk sites, we will no longer be able to accommodate drop in workers for sleeping areas or meals. The Auxiliary Heads will build their teams, and the Community is encouraged to contact them now to volunteer to work. The Auxiliary Heads will also create a list of Community volunteers who, if called, will come and work as needed. In other words, we are asking people not to just show up because they want to be there, but to come to **Closing** and **Candlelight**. If you have a Pilgrim you will need to be at the Walk site Thursday night as well. *We will no longer be able to house or feed folks who have not signed up to work.*

Walk #62 Lay Director, Doris Valentine Edgar and the Conference Room Team have had two of their team meetings at **Mason First** already. Please prayerfully consider someone to sponsor, and send their completed application and deposit to our Registrar soon to assure that they will be a Pilgrim on the next Walk!

Another change for our Community will be the new Board of Directors for 2006! Yes, it is time to elect new Board members to take over for those who will be leaving as their term ends. I would like to thank everyone who prayed about serving on the LAE Board of Directors. Special congratulations to those brothers and sisters who felt God's nudge and said **YES!** Praise God! You will find the 2006 ballot in this newsletter. **Be Sure To Vote!**

Be sure to mark your calendars and remember that there will **not** be a Friday Gathering at Pilgrim UMC in OCTOBER, but we will have a Candlelight Gathering at Mason First UMC on Saturday, October 15th. I hope to see you about 7:30 PM. Bring a snack to share as you meet and greet your Emmaus Brothers and Sisters. Change is an understatement for the folks who were in the path of Katrina. Please keep all of the people who experienced this record setting devastation, as well as the folks who are helping them in your prayers. By the time you read this, weeks have gone by since Katrina hit. Remember that most of the clean up and reconstruction has only just begun. The full impact of this hurricane has yet to be seen. Please pray, and do what you can to help. For more information, check out the website at <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/05/datrinaresp.cfm>

God bless and keep you. In His service, Roxi Bass, LAE Community Lay Director

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The 2005 Fall Women's Walk # 62
Will be held October 13 - 16, at the Mason United Methodist Church in Mason
Lay Director - Doris Edger, Spiritual Director - Kay Pratt
These Pilgrims are registered as of Sept 12

1 Christine Battiste	7 Renae Haviland	13 Shirley Watson	19	25	31
2 Cheryl Crum	8 Kay C Jones	14 Michelle Ehrlich	20	26	32
3 Lisa Flower	9 Roxanne Kudwa	15 Deanna Gundy	21	27	33
4 Becky Green	10 Carole Schrauben	16 Who will be here?	22	28	34
5 Nicole Gregory	11 Myra Lee Sparks	17 Who has God called?	23	29	35
6 Terri Harger	12 Kathy Starr	18	24	30	36

A Message From the Fall Women's Walk Lay Director

My name is Doris Edger, I took my Walk to Emmaus in May of 1991, at Holt UMC and sat at the table of Martha. I am now serving as Lay Director for Walk # 62, which will be held at the Mason UMC, in Mason on Oct. 13-16, 2005.

It is with **great joy** that I write to you and tell you that I am serving with a great team! Everything is going well, even though there have been a few bumps in the road and I am sure there will be more. But nothing can stop a note to all of you, **Sponsor! Pray and Sponsor!** We know the Lord has already laid it on the hearts of the pilgrims that will be on this Walk. Remember our mission is to build up the Church. Continue to pray for the team, the auxiliary, and the pilgrims. Praise God for all of you. DeColores! Doris

The 2006 Spring Men's Walk # 63
Will be held Feb 23 - 26, 2006 at the New Hope UMC in Mecosta
Lay Director - Bruce Hug, Spiritual Director -

1 Who shall I send?	7	13	19	25	31
2 Is it I Lord?	8	14	20	26	32
3 Send Me Lord!	9	15	21	27	33
4 Who will you sponsor?	10	16	22	28	34
5 Who has God called?	11	17	23	29	35
6 Who should you sponsor?	12	18	24	30	36

The 2006 Spring Women's Walk # 64
Will be held March 9 - 12, 2006, at the New Hope UMC in Mecosta

1 Who shall I send?	7	13	19	25	31
2 Is it I Lord?	8	14	20	26	32
3 Send Me Lord!	9	15	21	27	33
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DeColores!! All the bright colors! Fall colors, changing seasons, magnificent sunrises and sunsets, untold numbers of sparkling stars in the clear night sky, thunderstorms, birds grouping on the wires for their flights south....so many things to remind us that our awesome God is in control! He has a plan for each of us and He loves each one of us because He made us JUST THE WAY WE ARE!! Do you take time out of each day to spend with your Friend, Jesus?

Fall also means an opportunity to sponsor a pilgrim for the Women's Walk to Emmaus. Sponsorship is a serious undertaking and it is your responsibility to not just find any ole warm body! Make sure that you explain the Walk and what it means-- personal growth in your walk with Christ & as a leader in your church! And, what it does not mean—a cure for what ails us emotionally, a new 'church' for a person fumbling with their faith, a social outing etc. Also, remember YOUR promises to your pilgrim!! You will: take them to/from the walk; pray for them; help to free them from concerns at home during the walk if needed (kids, pets etc); attend the Candlelight & Closing; help them get into a Reunion Group. Each one of these is an important aspect of being a Sponsor!!

The NEW application form is available on the LAEC website or if you cannot get one that way, please let me know so I can mail you a form. The new form does contain a few differences: we are now requiring that the pastor from the pilgrim's church sign the application; and, sponsors will initial various points of THEIR commitment to the community and the pilgrim!! IF you use an older application form, please remember you must add a line for the pilgrim's pastor to sign just as a confirmation that this pilgrim is ready.

Applications should be sent in NOW for the Fall Women's Walk to Emmaus is at Mason First UMC October 13-16!! And it's never too soon to be in prayer about sponsoring a pilgrim for the Spring Men's Walk February 23-26, 2006 at New Hope UMC in Mecosta!! We are accepting applications for both walks at this time!!

May He continue to bless each one of you! Hope to see you at the next Gathering and the next Walk!!
pam wyrick, Registrar

The following was written by David DeVinney, Lansing Area Emmaus Walk #1, Table of Timothy.

While driving in East Lansing the other day, I missed my turn and pulled into a business lot to turn around. As I waited for traffic to clear, a pickup in the turn lane across the street stopped, holding up traffic behind him. Impatiently, I murmured, "What's he stopping for? Come on!" Well, he was stopping for me. Apparently he had seen my situation and decided to stop and let me in. Quickly, I accepted the opportunity and was on my way. Being so wrapped up in my own agenda, I nearly missed this bit of kindness directed my way.

A couple weeks earlier, while following a service van that was signaling to change lanes, I witnessed a driver in the adjacent lane suddenly speed up to keep the van from merging in front of him.

We have the opportunity each day to bless another person, or to ignore them or to curse them. In fact, I'm learning that blessings not given, grace not extended, can become a curse, not only to the other person but especially to the one who withholds the blessing. What do you think -- which driver described above was blessed by his actions toward another?

It is never too early to begin to think about those special Agape gifts for the next walk.

It is vital that people count their blessings to appreciate what they possess without having to undergo its actual loss. -- Abraham Maslow

Because of your donations and wonderful help, we are **NOW 1/2 way towards the GOAL** of having enough money to replace our sleeping mats. I'm sure everyone will have a better night's sleep on our upcoming Walks when the old mats are replaced. We still need your help to reach the finish line! To those who have already made contributions to this special fund we say **Thank you!** You can make a tax deductible check out to Lansing Area Emmaus & send it to our Board Supply Coordinator, Cori Feldpausch, 517-627-6957.

2006 Board Nominations, Submitted by Nomination Team Chair, Judy McPherson

This year, after analyzing Emmaus and life experience, and after prayer and discernment, the nominating committee (which consists of 5 community members, me, the community lay director (ex officio) and the community spiritual director) selected over 30 people to ask to run for six board positions that begin in January of 2006 and serve for three years. Of those that were asked, only three committed to running for board. There were several others that initially committed, but had to drop out for various reasons. Many have said they would like to run next year.

For this reason, once again, positions on the Lansing Area Emmaus Board will be combined to get all the work done with fewer people. (Sounds like my State budget analyst job!) In 2005, the board functioned with two vacancies. Our current Community Lay Director, Roxi Bass, will stay on as an extra person in an advisory capacity to the next Community Lay Director, as outlined in our by-laws. So we will function with the same number of board members in 2006 as we had this year.

While only 10% said yes to running, I am confident that these are people who will do an excellent job, and most importantly, that they are each called to be in these most important positions. Please vote for those you feel would be good candidates.

Barb Moss – Barb took her Walk in May of 2000, Walk #44 at Charlotte. She attends Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing and is in two 4th day/reunion groups. She is the outgoing ruling elder, is a deacon and participates in music and choir at church. Her other qualifications include past experience as President and Secretary of her Kiwanis Club, Lt. Governor for Division 18 of the Michigan District of Kiwanis and she was in the Air Force as an auditor and logistics planner. She has worked as church camp cook and is a level III assessor. Barb has served Emmaus in auxiliary four times and in the conference room three times. She is looking forward to using her experience to serve her Emmaus community in a formal way on the board of directors.

Andy Sass – Andy took his Walk to Emmaus in September of 2002 at Mt. Hope UMC and has served on various walks since that time. He has been a server, worked in the dining room and has been a floater. He belongs to an active 4th day/reunion group and is often seen at Emmaus functions. He is a terrific cook, by the way. Andy currently is serving in his local church (Wacousta UMC) as Ad Council Chair, member of Trustees, building, and finance committees, and is a youth group leader. He's a very happy guy, which is helpful when you are involved with youth! Andy is corporation counsel for Community Resource Management Company (CRMC), a privately owned real estate management company. Andy prayed about running for board, and when he heard "Whom shall I send," he replied, "It is I Lord, I will go where you lead me." Good call, Andy.

Lyle Ball – Lyle is a partner in a 1200-acre dairy farm, has served on the Mecosta County Farm Bureau Board as Young Farmer Chairman and as President. He is currently serving on the Mecosta Conservation Board as chairman and served on the Lakeview School Board for 12 years. He was active in 4-H and Dairy Boosters with his children. He is a member of New Hope UMC in Mecosta and is Mission coordinator, certified lay speaker, sings in a praise team, and serves as a worship leader. He is a member of the Ad Council and is a Stephen Ministry Team leader.

Lyle took his Walk in Buchanan with the Kalamazoo Community in April of 2002. He has worked in the dining room, served Saturday night at 2 women's walks, and has been on the prayer vigil as often as possible. Because of his bout with staph infection, and further surgeries, he has not been able to do as much as he would have liked. He has sponsored pilgrims and has attended Candlelights and Sponsor's hour and closings. He is looking forward to getting more involved with the Emmaus community and feels that God is calling him in that direction. He is anxious for others to find the God that he found while on his walk.

I think you will agree that these three candidates are very qualified to be board members and I am proud to offer them as candidates for the Lansing Area Board of Directors for the next three years! Please send your vote of confidence in. Ballots must be received by November 1. DeColores, Judy McPherson, Nomination Team Chair

If your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address has changed, please write the change on a note and tape it inside your ballot.

GET OUT THE VOTE! GET OUT THE VOTE!! GET OUT THE VOTE!! GET OUT THE VOTE!!

The Fall 2005 Women's Walk #62 is coming up quicker than you know (October 13th). The team is meeting and preparing for the pilgrims that will be coming. Are you remembering that team in prayer? Are you in prayer about who God would have you sponsor? Prayer is one of the most important things you can be doing to support the team and this community anyone can do it. Everyone **can** do it!!!!

Remember how good it felt when you saw all those names filling those 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. The 72 Hour prayer vigil is a way that **you** can participate during a Walk, even if you can't go to the actual site of the Walk (although you may go to the Walk site and pray in the prayer room if you wish).

You may sign up for the Prayer Vigil by contacting Elnora Wallin at owltalker@centurytel.net, by going to www.3dayol.org, by going to our website that has a link to the prayer vigil, by calling 517-566-8452, or by going to a gathering 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 # 18, Trinity UMC, Lansing October 1993, Table of Elizabeth

P. S. There is also a **prayer chain** that is active through out the year for sharing the concerns of our community members. If you would like to be on the prayer chain and are not receiving the prayer requests now, or if you have a prayer request and would like to ask the community to pray for you, please contact Elnora Wallin at owltalker@centurytel.net

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Oct. 13-16 2005 Lansing Emmaus Women's Walk at MASON UMC
THE OCTOBER Lansing Candlelight Gathering
is on Oct. 15, 7:30 PM at the Emmaus Women's Walk in MASON
PLEASE NOTE:
Saturday night during a Walk, we call it a "Candlelight Gathering"
and it's held at 7:30 pm — no potluck.
'The Emmaus Store' (the former Book Table) will be open! Come see the LAE tee-shirts, sweatshirts and more! *After the last Gatherings, some of your picnic baskets, bowls, etc. did not go home with you. Please pick them up at the November Gathering.*

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 11 *Lansing* Emmaus Board Meeting
6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC

Please note: The October Women's Walk will not be held at the Eaton Rapids UMC. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE MASON UMC.

Oct. 13-16 2005 Lansing Emmaus Women's Walk at MASON UMC in Mason.

THE OCTOBER Lansing Candlelight Gathering is on Oct. 15, 7:30 PM at Mason UMC in Mason, the Emmaus Store will be open.

PLEASE NOTE:

When we gather together for Candlelight, on Saturday night during a Walk, we call it a "Candlelight Gathering held at 7:30 pm"— no potluck.

Oct. 28-30, 2005 Chrysalis Girls Flight (ages 15-18)
Nov 11-13, 2005 Chrysalis Boys Flight (ages 15-18)
Both Flights to be held at the Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo. The Chrysalis Registrar is Becky Wolfinger, 517-522-4165

Nov 8 *Lansing* Emmaus Board Meeting 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC
Nov 11 *Lansing* Emmaus Gathering 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC. And the Potluck Picnic Basket Pick up. Remember to take your stuff home!
Dec 6 *Lansing* Emmaus Board Meeting 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC
Dec 9 *Lansing* Emmaus Gathering 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC

2006

Write these dates down! Get involved!

Feb 23-26, 2006 *Lansing* Emmaus Men's Walk
Mar 9-12, 2006 *Lansing* Emmaus Women's Walk
Both Walks to be held at the New Hope UMC in Mecosta

GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE ! DECOLORES

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. -- C. S. Lewis

See more Emmaus, Chrysalis and Keryx dates, maps and other news at the Lansing Area Emmaus (LAE) Web Site: <http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com>