

# Lansing Emmaus Community

# Footprints



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The year has gone by in a hurry, I can't believe it's nearly December already. Have you done all you planned to do this year? Did you keep your New Year's resolutions? Maybe your plan was not accomplished, but what about God's plan for you this year?

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Lansing Area Emmaus as the Community Lay Director for 2006. I have taken a look back over the past 11 months and wonder if I did all God wanted me to do this year in this Community. I don't think I can be an objective judge of that, I see things that I wish I could have done better, and more things I wish could have been accomplished by me personally, and by the Community as a whole. We did have 3 Walks where lives were touched and changed by God, despite our human faults and frailties. We have had increased numbers in attendance at our monthly gatherings. Our community seems to be stronger than it has been in years. I don't take any credit for that, all praise and honor goes to God.

I do know that we did our best to live up to the agreement we made with the Upper Room to present the Walk to Emmaus according to the Handbook. We have room for growth as we strive toward perfection. I do know that we were faithful in trusting God to provide for our needs. Thank you to those whom God used to provide financially for our new computer, and to those who have contributed to the trailer fund. Thanks to all the servants who gave of time and talent in various ways this year in our Community.

It is for a time and a season that we are called to serve, in seen and unseen ways. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this year. Thank you to so many who gave me words of encouragement (and hugs) along the way, your gifts of affirmation helped make the hard times easier to bear. And thanks be to God for all the wonderful blessings he has given me as I served this year. Let me be the first to say, Have a joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!!

In His Service, Elnora Wallin  
Community Lay Director, Lansing Area Emmaus

## PROGRESSIVE SERVANTHOOD IN THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY

My name is Judy McPherson and I serve the Community as the Team Selection chair on the Lansing Area Emmaus Board of Directors. I want to welcome new community members and explain how you might get involved in the future of this community. We are so excited to have you join us!

**One way that new community members can get involved after their walk is to join a reunion group, go to gatherings (second Friday of each month at Pilgrim UMC in St. Johns), take sponsorship training (offered after gatherings and at other times) and sponsor a pilgrim yourself, make agape and bring snacks for walks, serve on a committee with a board member, sign up on the community web page for prayer vigils, and come to candlelights and closings.**

Another important way to get involved is to work in the behind-the-scenes jobs, referred to in this community as auxiliary positions. There are two spring walks coming up – men's and women's, and there are openings in auxiliary in housekeeping, dining room, prayer room, mail room, kitchen, set up, tear down, carrying luggage for pilgrims as they arrive, working in snacks, etc. If you are interested in working the spring walks in auxiliary, please e-mail me at [mcpersonjudy@comcast.net](mailto:mcpersonjudy@comcast.net) I will put your name on a list so that the auxiliary heads can call you.

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM WALK # 65 !!!

Lay Director - Kim Duffield, Spiritual Director - Pat Skinner

Gina Abdella	Helen Bean	Susan Brockschmidt	Tami Campbell	Dot Caszatt	Dawn Clark
Kathleen Crosby	Richelle Deo	Chris Dodge	Janet Eichler	Sherry Garvin	Caron Hartsuff
Debbie Hawn	Mary Lou Kniffen	Lesley McCowan	Kimberly Nelson	Sharon Nierescher	Evie Orwig
Joyce Orwig	Peggy Pirhonen	Nancy Shepard	Carol Simons	Ruth Volz	Christie Williams
Cathy Wirth	MariJo Weatherwax				

### From the Registrar:

You know the Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board voted to hold only one Men's Walk per year unless the volume of Pilgrims registered increased and we had a waiting list. The maximum number of Pilgrims for each Walk is 36. In order to hold a Walk, we must have at least **20** Pilgrims registered **two weeks** prior to the beginning of the Walk date.

The Board is already planning for the Men's and Women's 2007 Walks. Watch future Newsletters for more information. **Remember, you must have Sponsorship Training before you can sponsor a Pilgrim.** It's never too early to take the training, and sponsor and register a Pilgrim. Get those registration forms in! Pam Wyrick, contact information: [ragdoll@voyager.net](mailto:ragdoll@voyager.net) (989) 224-2787

### "Why Can't We Do It Like Cursillo?"

By Aubrey Solan, Central Coast California

We understand your question. Many others have said the same thing. Emmaus shares fundamental aspects with the Cursillo tradition. There are, however, many variations within the Cursillo Movement itself. Sometimes people ask, "Why doesn't Emmaus do it the way it was done in Cursillo?" without realizing that Cursillo weekends vary from state to state and from country to country. While the fundamental structure is held in common, particulars in Cursillo often differ. As an international program, the Emmaus Office is trying to develop a standard program that prevents Emmaus from being remade after the likeness of the various leaders. When we rework the Emmaus Model, adding this part and removing that part, we increasingly diminish its potential for working as a whole toward communicating the Christian message on many levels. Most additions and changes in the model accommodate the team members, not the pilgrims (e.g. footwashing, Mananitas, etc.) The Walk does not need to include every meaningful religious experience or reflect every Cursillo variation, and it cannot address every need in life.

Also, changes by independent-minded team members set a dangerous precedent. While their innovations may "work", future teams may want to claim their right to be creative as well and to try out their own ideas.

Changes become tradition overnight because new pilgrims believe their experience represent the way Emmaus should be. Traditions build upon traditions. The Emmaus manual serves as the plumb line that prevents traditions from developing and keeps each Walk centered on the prescribed program.

While this was a little long I hope it helps you understand why we are asking you to do Walks in line with the Emmaus Model. Remember too that the pilgrims don't know the difference. Other communities have run a week-end per the Emmaus Model and the pilgrims had a great experience.

Pastor Rick Warren summed in up very nicely in the first sentence of this book 'The Purpose Driven Life':  
*"It's not about you."*

*The purpose of Emmaus is the renewal of the Church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of church members as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus*

I would like to thank Ned and Karen Weller for their work on the Team Selection and Nominating Committee the last 3 years. Ned also served the community by providing the training for new board members, lay directors, and sponsors and served as the candlelight and closing coordinator last year. Ned and Karen will be concentrating on serving in their church now in Ithaca. Thank you, Ned and Karen for your dedication, vision, hard work, and willingness to serve the Emmaus Community selflessly. Judy McPherson, Team Selection

Continued from pg. 1      You must be signed up ahead of time in order to work. After all the auxiliary positions are filled, there will be a backup list will be prepared of those willing to come and fill in if needed.

According to the Emmaus handbook that our community has committed to follow, there is a process called progressive servant hood that is followed. This process ensures that each person gains the experience in different areas so that they can confidently serve in increasingly complex positions on the Emmaus weekends. It is a leadership training method as well as ensuring that the walks run smoothly with trained volunteers that results in a good experience for pilgrims and team members alike.

All community members must serve 72 hours (the length of an entire walk weekend) in the auxiliary or behind-the-scenes positions before progressing to the conference room. You do not have to work an entire weekend all at once. It is good to work a few weekends in these positions to understand how everything fits together, but not mandatory.

Once you have served in auxiliary positions, you are eligible to work first as an assistant table leader. You normally would not give a talk in this position. There are also music positions available after you have served as an assistant table leader once. There are 3-4 mandatory meetings required to prepare to work in the conference room. If you are not able to make all the meetings, which are essential for team formation, training, and bonding, then this is probably not the walk for you to work. If you receive a call to work and get a message on your machine, please call back with a yes or no answer – this is very important so that we may move on to other names and not delay the recruitment process!

Please also be in prayer whenever you are asked to work in auxiliary or conference room to see if you are able to clear your calendar to work. After being an assistant table leader, you are eligible, if you are suited for the conference room, to be a table leader. Normally table leaders give talks. You may work as a table leader a few times to prepare you for the next level, or you may be ready after working once.

You may be eligible to be an Assistant Lay Director after being a table leader. In order to be a lay director of a walk, each person must serve twice as Assistant Lay Director (ALD). Not everyone is suited for the conference room, and some enjoy being an assistant table leader, but aren't interested in serving as a table leader or other positions or giving talks. Serving at one level in the conference room does not guarantee you will progress to the next level automatically. Remember though, that sometimes you need to stretch yourself to grow!

You must also serve in a lead auxiliary position to be a walk lay director. These would be one of the following: auxiliary head, assistant auxiliary head, co-auxiliary head, head cook, co-head cook, or assistant head cook. The auxiliary and the conference room work together to ensure a smooth walk, and working in these lead auxiliary positions helps potential future walk lay directors see how everything fits together.

Team Selection Committee, made up of several community members and the Community Lay Director, make decisions on conference room positions based on experience, suitability, and spiritual maturity of individual community members through the discernment process and recommendations from past walk lay directors and the board. They also train the lay directors and provide support for them during the team formation process and are also responsible for assigning talks and for recommending auxiliary lead positions and kitchen heads.

So, to sum up, new (and old) community members first serve in auxiliary and can continue to work in auxiliary for years to come. Once they have served 72 hours they may qualify to be an assistant table leader, a table leader, an assistant lay director twice, an auxiliary head or head cook, and then a lay director.

Another way that you can serve your community after some experience is serving on your board of directors becoming part of the decision-making process for the community. I hope to hear from you soon! We are putting together the spring lists right now, so please consider how you might participate in the community – whether you are an old-timer or new member. Judy McPherson, Team Selection Chair

2007 Spring Men's Walk March 1-4, 2007 at the United Methodist Church in Mason,  
Lay Director - Jeff Schultz, Spiritual Director - Mike Loenshal

2007 Spring Women's Walk March 15-18, 2007 at the United Methodist Church in Mason,  
Lay Director - Mary Hammond, Spiritual Director -

A full Walk has 36 Pilgrims. Get those registration forms in!

Directions to some of the churches that Lansing Area Emmaus functions are held.

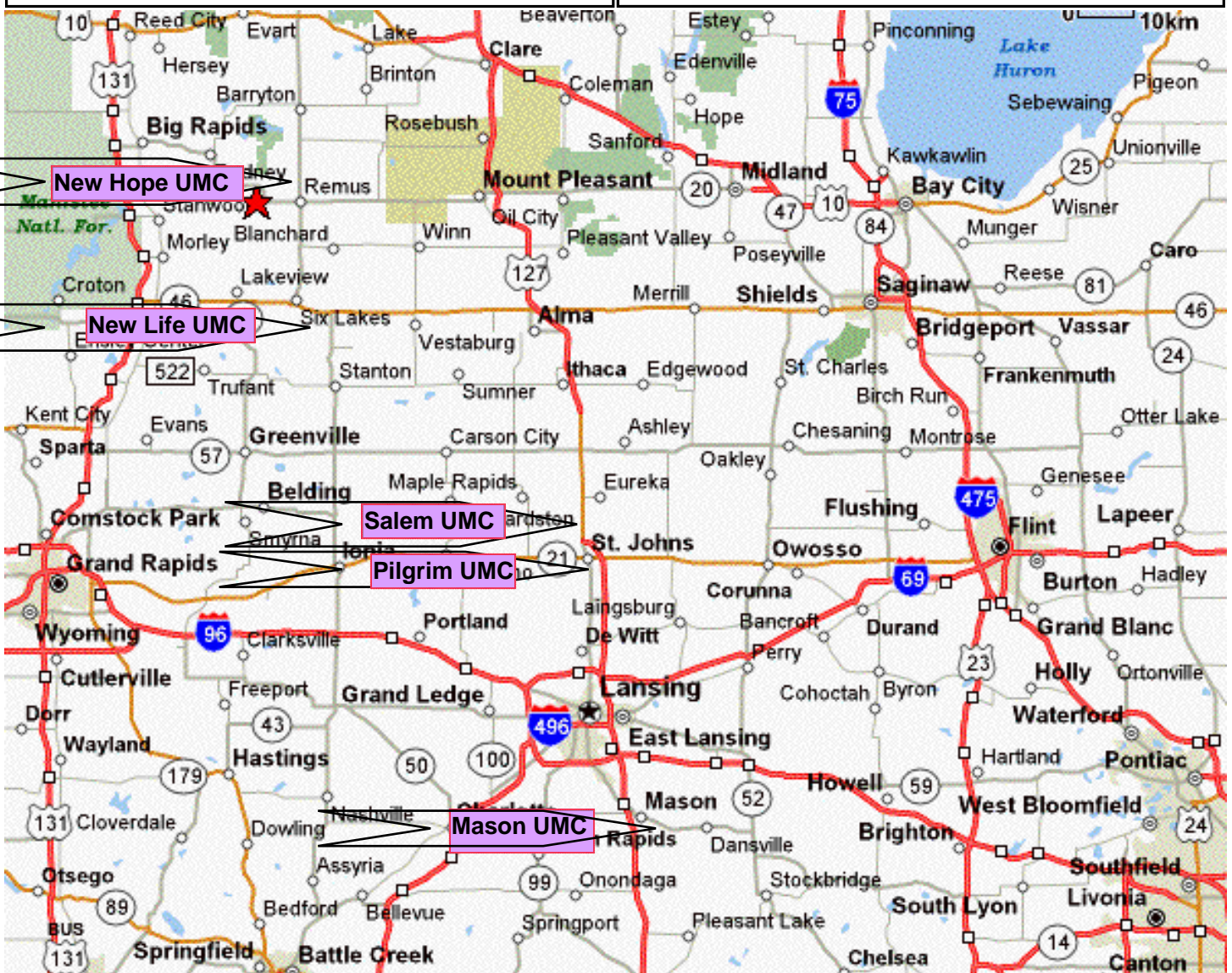
*New Life, 6584 Howard City - Edmor Road, Six Lakes*

*New Hope UMC, 7296 9 mile Rd, Mecosta, MI*

*Salem UMC, 2307 W Maple Rapids Rd., St. Johns, MI A few miles north of St. Johns*

*Pilgrim UMC, 2965 W. Parks Rd., St. Johns, MI one mile south of St. Johns (on the corner of Parks and Dewitt Rds)*

*Mason UMC, 201 E. Ash St, Mason, MI*





### The 2006 Lansing Area Emmaus Board

Position	Name, Telephone & E-Mail Address	Class Of
Community Lay Director	Elnora Wallin (517) 566-8452 owlalker@centurytel.net	2006
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Treasurer & Supply Trailer	Lyle Ball (231) 972-7335 Ljball6@hotmail.com	2008
Assist. Comm Lay Director & Logistics	Andy Sass (517) 627-0452 to4cc2me@Netscape.net	2008
Assist. Spiritual Director	Charlie Farnum (989) 773-6934 charlie.fnum@yahoo.com	2008
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Registrar	Pam Wyrick (989) 224-2787 ragdoll@voyager.net	2006
Outreach (4th Day/Reunion Group)	Kathy Wilson (989) 862-5693 kw543210@yahoo.com	2007
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Data Manager & Newsletter	Michele Childs (517) 627-8121 childsm11797@msn.com	2006
Emmaus Store	JoAnn McCrum (517) 468-3480 mccrumjl@michigan.gov	2007
Former Comm Lay Director, Advisor	Roxi Bass (517) 676-4495 rrb323@yahoo.com	2005
Music, Sponsor's Hour/Training, Candlelight, & Closing - Ned Weller (989-875-4202)		

**TEAM SELECTION:** CONTACT THIS E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK ON UPCOMING WALKS IN AUX OR CONFERENCE ROOM. Team Selection

You can get more information on the Lansing Area Emmaus (LAE) Web site: [www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com](http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com)



December 2006

#### Christmas greetings from the staff members of the Emmaus and Chrysalis offices.

We thank you for all you have done, are doing, and will do for the glory of God. Your steadfastness and perseverance are a testimony to the love of Christ that is in you.

The hustle and bustle and never-ending rush of holiday activities takes each of us by surprise, especially since last year we vowed we wouldn't let that happen this year. Perhaps we should take a long deep breath and reflect on the admonition of the Psalmist as found in Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God."

As you plod through the days ahead, may you march forth with a smile on your face and a very warm sense in your heart. May your countenance, your words, and your actions reflect the love of Jesus to each person you encounter.

May your Christmas season be fun-filled, food-filled, fellowship-filled, and Christ-filled. May this be a time when the wondrous words of Luke 2:10-11 "...Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today ... there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." are indelibly etched on your heart and take deep root in your soul.

In the New Year, may you be showered with wondrous blessings from God. As you confront the opportunities and challenges placed before you, may you go forth adorned with the full armor of God as described in Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil."

Thank you for your partnership with us in this ministry. Blessings on you, your family, and your ministry.  
*Metral Smith, Laura, Feliciano, Edna Vaughan, Victor Perez, Jean Johnson Green, Wayne Ingle and Dick Gilmore*

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**The Walk to Emmaus** is a three-day retreat designed to enhance leadership and spiritual development within the Christian community. Men and women attend separate Walks.

**The Keryx Walk** is designed for those who are incarcerated.

For more information go to *the Lansing Area Emmaus (LAE) Web Site*: <http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com>

**Chrysalis** is for young adults and the retreat is called the Journey. And for those in high school we offer three-day Flights, for information go to: <http://www.flightofhope.com>

### Upcoming Events

Be sure to check the LAE Website for possible date changes and other information.

Board Meetings and Gatherings are held at Pilgrim UMC, 2965 W Parks Rd, St Johns, MI., unless otherwise noted.

**Board Meetings** (are held the second Tues of each month at 6:30 unless otherwise noted)

**Jan. 6 LAE Board Retreat, from 8am-4pm at Pilgrim UMC, Board Members only**

Jan 9  
Feb 13  
March 13  
April 10  
May 8

**Gatherings** (are held the second Friday of each month unless otherwise noted. Fellowship 6:00, Potluck 6:30, Praise, Worship, Prayer, Communion & Sponsors Training after dinner.

Jan 12, Salem UMC,  
Feb. 9, New Life,  
March 9, Pilgrim UMC,  
April 13, Pilgrim UMC,  
May 11, New Life,

### The Spring Men's and Women's Walks!

March 1-4, Men's Walk, MASON UMC  
March 15-18, Women's Walk, MASON UMC

### The Flight of Hope Chrysalis

The Upper Room(R), Walk to Emmaus Website address is <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/>  
You can download the Emmaus Fall 2006 Newsletter at (1.5 MB):  
<http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/downloads/emmausfall2006.pdf>