

Lansing Emmaus Community Footprints

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SPRING WALKS ARE COMING SOON !!!!!

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S LETTER

As everyone, hopefully, by now knows, the Spring 2008 walks are fast approaching. The Men's Walk is scheduled for February 7-10, 2008, and the Women's Walk is scheduled February 21-24, 2008. The walks will be held at Ionia First United Methodist Church, in Ionia.

Please remember that, in an effort to improve our sponsorship of Pilgrims, the board had changed the cut-off dates for applications to Walks. The cut-off date to reach the minimum of 20 Pilgrims is 1 month before the Walk. This means that we have to have at least 20 applications no later than January 7, 2008 for the Men's Walk, and no later than January 21, 2008 for the Women's Walk. Once we hit that minimum, applications will continue to be accepted until the Walk is full or until 2 weeks before the Walk, whichever comes first (FULL!)

Please note that we have expressly opened this Walk to the Grand Rapids community, so we expect it to fill quickly. If you have a pilgrim who is interested in this Walk, I highly recommend that you get your application filed quickly so your Pilgrim does not have to wait! I understand that there were 17 people who took sponsorship training at the gathering November 9. It looks to me like God is blessing this community with people who have Pilgrims in mind for the upcoming walks (I know I do, and expect to have my Pilgrims registered by the time this article is published!)

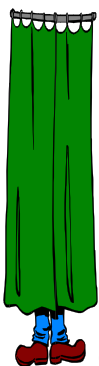
The Walk Lay Directors are Renee Hahn and Dave Bass, and they are moving forward with their preparation for the Walks.

God Bless and Keep You

Andy Sass, CLD



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ELECTION RESULTS

Hi! My name is Kathy Wilson and took Walk #17. I am writing this article as the Assistant Community Lay Director to let the community know about the election results.

It is officially November and the ballots have been counted. The results are in. All of those whose names were up to be voted on have been elected. Many of the individuals are returning but there are some new faces. They have been elected based on the following below.

For 1 Year: Michelle Gillison (**new**), Clare Taylor (**new**), Judy Hazle

For 2 Year: Terrie Eisenmann, Russ Fries, Harry Wallin

For 3 Year: Troy Bongard (**new**), Becky Green (**new**)

On behalf of the Emmaus Board of Directors I thank all of you who voted and participated. I welcome all returning members and the new members. God's blessings to you all.

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to find.

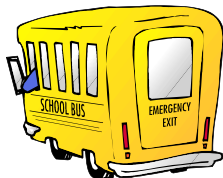
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LANSING AREA EMMAUS BOARD 2007

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Janet Ball	Secretary Agape Coordinator	(231) 972-7335	ljball6@hotmail.com	2007
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Terrie Eisenmann	Registrar	(989) 561-2578	terrieblue@power-net.net	2007
Russ Fries	Sponsorship, Candlelight, and Closing Coordinator	(810)625-5296	R.fries@mi.ftpd.us	2007
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Rev. Becky Morrison	Asst. Community Spiritual Director	(517) 645-4526	pumcpastor@cablespeed.com	2005
Andrew Sass	Community Lay Director	(517) 627-0452	to4cc2me@comcast.net	2008
David Stinson	Gathering Coordinator Prayer Vigil Coordinator	(517) 886-3753	stidvd@hotmail.com	2007
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BONTRAGERS ON MISSION TRIP



To reach the Bontragers in Guatemala:

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We are getting many things ready so we can leave for Guatemala on November 10. The weather had been exceptionally warm this fall and therefore we have been busier than usual the last part of October and early November. We had been planning on leaving on the third, but due to several circumstances we have put it off until the tenth.

On the way we want to stop in Chicago to visit a church, and also another church in Houston, before traveling to the border at McAllen, TX to visit friends before crossing into Mexico. Then we want to visit other missionaries in Tampico besides other friends before crossing into Guatemala. We expect to be on the road for a couple weeks, and trust God's protecting hand on us, and special favor with the authorities and at border crossings.

We have sold our diesel-powered motor home to someone in Texas. Since we have the bus to travel to Guatemala there is no need to also have the motor home. After advertising it on the web, someone purchased it to use for transporting people to and from the airport on the U.S. side to his bass fishing resort in Mexico. We will be driving it to Texas for him.

Praise the Lord, our new passports arrived early! It's interesting how we all applied for renewals at the same time, but the new ones were sent to us over a period of several weeks.

We were very blessed by many people coming alongside and helping in various ways. Most importantly we really appreciate the many of you that are praying, and also those that have donated many needed items such as new children's shoes, clothing, baby quilts, etc. Many poor people in Guatemala will be very thankful for your generosity.

Also we had people help us make more improvements on the bus, which are a great blessing. The interior of the bus is now totally redone and the outside also has a new paint job.

Please continue to pray that we can be instruments of God that can glorify Him. I will try to give an update once we get to Guatemala.

Love and blessings to all,
Henry Bontrager

Many of you remember Pastor Carl Litchfield, formerly active with both the Lansing Area and Grand Rapids Emmaus Communities. Here is some news of his mission activities.

Rev Carl Q Litchfield Pastor of the Litchfield United Methodist Church

160 Marshall Street POB 472 Litchfield MI 49252-0472 Phone: (517) 542-3366

Saturday, November 10, 2007

Dear Friends:

This letter is to let you know that I have felt a call from the Lord to make a second mission trip to the Nation of Bangladesh in 2008. This past January we were able to see three churches planted, witnessed over 500 new Christians baptized, ministered to 305 pastors at the two day Pastor's Conference, and taught 29 Pastors for the new Pastor's School. We need to teach these pastors because they cannot afford Bible College or Seminary Training—their annual income is less than \$300.00 per year.

With God's help Pastors Jan Baderstadt, Mike Murray, and I will return this coming January to continue teaching the large Pastor's Conference and to teach the original leadership core of pastors in a second year of Pastor's School. We also intend to begin a new class at the Pastor's School and re-teach the first year courses. Last year's courses were Genesis, Judges, the Gospel and Epistles of John, Galatians and Pastoral Care. This year we intend to add Psalms, Mark, Acts, Philippians and Stewardship/Tithing with Entrepreneurial Initiatives. Our goal is to train a core group of pastors, who, at the end of a five-year training program, will train the other Bangladeshi Pastors.

Moreover, we will continue to minister to the 42 girls at Hope House Orphanage in Keshapbur, Bangladesh. We also want to help Pastor Christopher Sarkar, President of the Bangladesh Free Baptist Churches, to help find additional funding to feed and educate these precious girls. Because of the heavy monsoon rains, the girls at Hope House Orphanage have been living on the roof of the orphanage since July. They will be there until some time in December, when the ground is finally dry.

The dates are January 9—January 24, 2008 for this mission trip. The cost of \$4,200.00 includes visa, airfare, all transportation in country, our lodging at the Bangladesh Free Baptist Church, as well as food for all the students and us. Please pray for the success of our mission. I also invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial donation. I have about a month to raise the first \$2,500 for the plane ticket and visa. God is good. With everyone's help last year, the whole project was funded in one month.

If God is leading you to help toward the cost of this trip, checks can be written to Renaissance Outreach Ministries. Any funds raised beyond the cost of the trip will go to help the ministry of the Bangladesh Free Baptist Churches and Hope House Orphanage. Thank you for all you can do.

Serving joyfully,

Carl Q. Litchfield

- *Please Pray!*
- *If you can give financial support, make checks out to: Renaissance Outreach Ministry.*
- *Please mail your donation to me so I can keep track of progress. I will return thanks to God, to you and then send your gift on to ROM.*

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS AND CARDS

Bruce and Keith Hug are recovering from surgery and would love to receive cards and letters. Keith donated a kidney for his father the week of November 4.. They expect to leave St. Mary's hospital in Grand Rapids by the time this newsletter is out. Father and son are doing well. Please send cards and letters to

Keith Hug (son)
P.O. Box 32
Fairgrove, MI 48733

And

Bruce Hug (father)
116 Delaware
St. Louis, MI 48880

Please also continue to keep them in your prayers. Visitation is limited for the next two months as Bruce's immunities have been lowered to ensure his body will not reject the kidney.

YOUR EMMAUS BOARD

Here are the minutes of the last meeting of your Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board of Directors. Please take the time to read it over. Come join us at our next meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 11. Board meetings are always open to any Community member who wishes to attend. Do you have concerns? Call or e-mail Andy Sass, our Community Lay Director, or any Board member and we'll be sure you get included in the agenda. Please prayerfully consider being a member of one of the Board Committees. Most Board members have committees to help them do the work. There really is much more than one person can do. Join us in service.

Guests: Michelle Gillison and Dave Gillison

Opening prayer and devotion: Prayer was led by Andy Sass.

Secretary: Janet Ball. Minutes of the September 11 meeting were read. Harry Wallin moved to approve the minutes, Kathy Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Lyle Ball. Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,067.98. Lyle had written a check for \$2,000.00 for the new trailer. The amount owed is \$1,500.00. Janet Ball moved to accept the treasurer's report pending audit, Harry Wallin seconded. Motion carried.

Community Spiritual Director: Rev. Andy Croel No report.

Assistant Community Spiritual Director: Rev. Becky Morrison. No report.

Assistant Community Lay Director: Kathy Wilson. Ballots will go in the next newsletter. They are to be returned by October 25 or hand-delivered to Candlelight on October 27. Russ Fries moved to have the ballots sent to Andy Sass, Judy Hazle seconded. Motion carried. The LAE Board retreat will be held at Pilgrim UMC on January 4 & 5, 2008. Laurie Randall will be the facilitator.

Community Lay Director: Andy Sass. Andy has had communication with possible walk directors for the up-coming walks, Team Selection, Karen Weller, potential board members, Bill Jenkins regarding auxiliary training and with community members.

Training: Elnora Wallin. No training due to the absence of Elnora.

Agape – Janet Ball: The mailroom is set for the October walk. Janet has updated the manuals with suggestions from the past mailroom heads.

Auxiliary / Kitchen – Judy Hazle: Judy will write a training article for the newsletter. Auxiliary is ready for the fall walk, kitchen area is set. Bill Jenkins did a good job with the auxiliary training. He emphasized the importance of following the Upper Room Emmaus Handbook. Harry Wallin moved to modify the direction for men's apparel for the Saturday night servers to read "light colored dress shirt" instead of "long sleeved white shirt." Lyle Ball seconded. Motion was amended by Harry Wallin to read "light dress shirt and tie with solid dark dress slacks." Lyle Ball seconded the amendment. Motion as amended was defeated.

Data Manager / Newsletter – Harry Wallin: The newsletter is ready to go with the ballots included. Russ Fries is working on a new system (Access) to get the community data base to work in a much friendlier way. It will eliminate duplicates and make it possible to get information much faster. ***The next newsletter deadline is October 31st.***

Emmaus Store – Joann McCrum: No report.

Gatherings / Prayer Vigil – Dave Stinson: The attendance at the last gathering was small, but enjoyed by all those that attended. Michelle Gillison presented some new ideas for gatherings that will be implemented next year. The prayer vigil for the October walk is almost full.

Outreach – Kathy Wilson: Kathy will set up some 4th Day, Re-union group testimonies for the next couple of gatherings.

Sponsorship / Candlelight / Closing – Russ Fries: Russ has everything set for the walk weekend. Candlelight times were discussed. We will follow what is on our website:

- **Sponsorship training – 7:00 pm**
- **Gathering – 7:30 pm**
- **Candlelight Service – 9:00 pm**

Registrar – Terrie Eisenmann: Terrie has 29 Pilgrim registrations in hand and is expecting one more. She turned in \$1,350.00 in registration fees and donations to the trailer fund.

Supplies / Site – Lyle Ball: The new trailer is about ready to go. It is longer, taller and wider than the old one. Russ moved to sell the old trailer with a price of \$1,000.00 (or best offer). Terrie Eisenmann seconded. Motion carried. *Lyle is checking into Alma UMC for fall 2008 and with Trinity UMC in Lansing for the spring 2009 walks.*

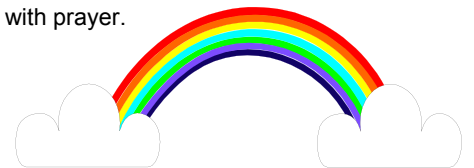
Team Selection – Elnora Wallin / Judy McPherson: Calls will be made for spring Walk Lay Directors.

Other Business: None.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

In Christ's Service,

Janet Ball
Secretary



SUPER AGAPE

It was wonderful working in the mailroom this past walk! What SUPER AGAPE!!!! The community – YOU – came through again. We had everything from candy kisses to magnets to bookmarks to fables and even a description of what the Bible held in its pages for us to find. I know that the Pilgrims were blessed with each gift because each one represented love from you to them.

It's not too early to get started on agape for the February walks. I believe that you can't have too much agape brought it – it adds so much to the love that is spread on the weekends. Remember to mark your agape with your group names, no individual names, please. Agape is given with no "thank you" expected in return.

In Christ's Service,
Janet Ball
Agape Coordinator

SPONSORSHIP – AGAIN

Once again I am writing about sponsorship. This community obviously takes sponsorship seriously! This is evident from a number of facts, including:

- ✦ The number of people who have attended sponsorship training – at the November gathering there were 17 people who took sponsorship training;
- ✦ The quality of the Pilgrims who have taken Walks – leaders in their churches who are being renewed and going back to their churches and out into the world to serve God and His kingdom;
- ✦ Pilgrims who took their Walks as recently as the Spring 2007 Walks in Mason have been contacting me and others on the Board about working on Walks, and a number have already served in Auxiliary this Fall;
- ✦ A number of community members who have taken their walks within the last 3 years have already served over 72 hours in Auxiliary, and some have been in the conference room as assistant table leaders.

This is awesome! Anyone who was at the November gathering witnessed first hand the fruits of good sponsorship training. Those in attendance filled all of the round tables available, and several rectangular tables that were hastily set up in order to seat everyone; Among those present were pilgrims, sponsors, and team members from the October Walk,

and those preparing for the February Walks; The singing was an amazing praise to the Lord; There was fellowship, praise, an inspiring service, and of course, we broke bread together and shared Communion.

I would ask that we go an extra mile in our sponsorship. One of the big jobs of the sponsor is the family who has not been on a Walk. Please pay special attention to these family members and make the Walk experience positive for them as well – it will make the Walk, and the 4th Day, that much better for your Pilgrim.

Make sure to spend time with the families during the Walk weekend. Answer any questions that they may have. Help them get things done that their spouse would otherwise have done. Report back to them on Sunday before closing, letting them know that you have seen the Pilgrim Saturday night and how they are doing. Follow up with them after the Walk to see how things are going, and if there is anything you can do to support them.

Remember, it is impossible for a sponsor to do the sponsor's job right and well while working the weekend, whether in the conference room or auxiliary. We want the Pilgrims to truly see God's Love, and the sponsors have a large part of presenting that vision. Thank you for your willingness to serve God and His people in this manner!

God Bless and Keep You

Andy Sass, CLD



DECEMBER GATHERING



Our December Gathering at pilgrim United Methodist Church is Friday, December 14. If you have never attended our traditional Christmas gathering, you are in for a great treat. Any individual or group that is willing to share a seasonal song, skit, reading or other talent is encouraged to e-mail Michelle Gillison, davegillison@hotmail.com, or call Dave Stinson at 517-886-3753. After another delicious pot-luck meal, we will gather in the sanctuary for this annual sharing of fun, song and meaningful Christmas praise.



PLAN TO ATTEND!
Gathering begins at 6:00 P.M.
Dinner begins promptly at 6:30
Be sure to bring your Christmas Spirit!



BONTRAGER UPDATE

Since the Bontrager newsletter arrived, Henry sent an e-mail just before they were going to cross into Mexico. We received it the morning of November 15. For those of you not on his e-mail list, here it is:

PRAISE THE LORD!

We are expecting to be at the Mexico-USA border town today. Our trip went well. We left our house on Saturday evening and stopped for church services at Chicago on Sunday. At Houston we stopped at a church and picked up some items they wanted to send along to Guatemala. Then we stayed at

a friends house for the night. Last night we stayed at another friends house and had the joy of worshipping with them at their Wednesday evening service.

So now our last stop before crossing the border will be McAllen, TX where we want to meet with friends before crossing into Mexico.

Thank you all for your CONTINUAL PRAYERS FOR SAFE TRAVELING.

LOVE IN CHRIST

Henry Bontrager



Upcoming Events

Dec 11 *Lansing* LAEC Board Meeting at Pilgrim U.M.C., 6:30 P.M.

Dec 14 *Lansing* Christmas Gathering at Pilgrim U.M.C. 6:00 P.M., Potluck at 6:30

Jan 4-5 *Lansing* New & Continuing Board Members' Retreat, Pilgrim U.M.C. 6:30 PM Jan 4 - 2 P.M. Jan 5

January 7 *Lansing* MEN'S

WALK DEADLINE!!! We need 20 Pilgrims by this date for the Walk to go ahead.

January 11, 6:00 PM *Lansing*
(meal starts at 6:30) Community Gathering at Ionia First UMC.

January 21 *Lansing* WOMEN'S

WALK DEADLINE We need 20 Pilgrims by this date for the Walk to go ahead. **Also last day for Men's Walk registration!!**

February 7 *Lansing* Last day for Women's Walk registration

February 7-10 *Lansing* Men's Walk, Ionia First UMC.

February 8 *Lansing* NO GATHERING TONIGHT. Gathering is tomorrow night at Candle-Light.

February 9 *Lansing*
7:00 Sponsorship Training
7:30 PM. Men's Candle-Light at Ionia First UMC.

February 21-24 *Lansing*
Women's Walk, Ionia First UMC.

February 23 *Lansing*
7:00 Sponsorship Training
7:30 PM. Women's Candle-Light at Ionia First UMC.



Newsletter Deadline for Next Issue

December 11, 2007
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