

Lansing Emmaus Community Footprints

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THE MOST IMPORTANT PART?

What part of the Emmaus weekend is the most important? That's what I heard during the board training a few months ago. Needless to say, I was surprised at the question. I thought, "Who would ask such a question?" During the session it was pointed out that we as a community place so much emphasis on getting back into the conference room that it can appear that's the focus of being involved with Emmaus. During the lecture Cathi Eberly, The Upper Room's Regional Representative for our community, explained that the whole weekend is a team effort. We can't succeed with just part of the team. She used an analogy that we could all understand, football. Now she had my interest! Cathi said that the conference room was like the offense, and the auxiliary was defense. Both parts make up a great team. Both offense and defense can score points against Satan. God calls the play, someone passes the ball in the conference room by giving one of the talks, and the pilgrims receives it. Then they run on to their fourth day and gain the ultimate reward. On defense God calls the strategy and the auxiliary rushes to pray for the pilgrims or holds the line fast. Everyone has their particular job on the field whether it is cleaning toilets and serving dinner or asking the pilgrims important questions that will help them focus the rest of their lives. It takes both parts to be a team to win for God!

What position would you like to play on offense or defense. There are openings for both. After the current Women's Walk, the next game is only a few months away.

In His Service,

Russ Fries

WALK 74 IS GOING AHEAD!

Our Community Lay Director, Russ Fries announced at the Gathering Friday evening at United Church of Ovid, that we officially have the 20 Pilgrims we need for the Walk to go ahead. What we want to do now is to FILL THAT WALK!!! We have until September 24 to submit further applications for Pilgrims. The papers need to be in the Registrar's hands by September 24, a full two weeks prior to the Walk. That will allow sponsors to complete all their responsibilities before bringing their Pilgrim to the Walk. If you know of a woman you want to sponsor on a Walk to Emmaus, now is the time to act. Check our Website for the list of Pilgrims who have already registered, and give them more fellow Pilgrims.

NEXT NEWSLETTER COMING SOON!

Because of the timing of Women's Walk #74, there will be another issue of the newsletter out at the beginning of October. If you have any contributions, please contact Harry Wallin, Newsletter Coordinator, by September 30.

Also included will be the biographies of Board candidates and the ballots for next year's Board.

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LANSING AREA EMMAUS BOARD 2009

| Name | Position | Phone | E-mail | Expires |
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| Rev. Terri Bentley | Asst. Community Spiritual Director | | | 2009 |
| Rev. Greg Buchner | Asst. Community Spiritual Director | | | 2009 |
| Terrie Eisenmann | Registrar | | | 2009 |
| Ray Francis | Sponsorship, Candle Light, Closing, Gatherings, Music | | | 2011 |
| Russ Fries | Community Lay Director, Team Selection | (810) 625-5296 | r.fries@mi.ftpd.us | 2010 |
| Scott Lobert | Auxiliary, Kitchen, Site Selection | | | 2011 |
| Sue Neff | Member-At-Large, Outreach | (989) 386-7633 | sgneff@chartermi.net | 2009 |
| Ed Nierescher | Treasurer (on leave) | | | 2009 |
| Rev. Susan Poynter | Community Spiritual Director | H (989) 427-3289 W (989) 427-5575 | susepoy@yahoo.com | 2009 |
| Andrew Sass | Immediate Past Community Lay Director | | | 2009 |
| Roger Silverthorn | Asst. Comm. Lay Director, Supply Coordinator, Acting Treasurer | | | 2010 |
| Barb Tyler | Secretary, Agape | | | 2010 |
| Elnora Wallin | Team Selection | | | 2009 |
| Harry Wallin | Data Manager; Newsletter Coordinator | (517) 566-8452 | owltalker@centurytel.net | 2009 |

Please Note: Our Spiritual Directors are members of the Board one year at a time, and are eligible to continue on the Board .

YOUR EMMAUS BOARD

Come join us at our next meetings at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 13, and Tuesday, November 10, at Pilgrim UMC. Board meetings are always open to any Community member who wishes to attend. Do you have concerns or suggestions? Call or e-mail Russ Fries, 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. All Board members have committees to help them do the work. There is more than one person can do. Join us in service.

EMMAUS PASTORS

Emmaus Pastors are always busy. We often don't think about all they do outside of the Conference Room, but they have "another life." Here are just two examples of how our former Community Spiritual Directors serve the Body of Christ in the world.

Pastor Charlie Farnum (current Director of Wesley@CMU) has started a blog on the Scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary for each week. Although written primarily for college students, anyone interested in the lectionary is encouraged to take a look. Check it out at lectionary.cmuwesley.net or lectionary-cdf.blogspot.com.

Pastor Andy Croel, now pastor of Carson City United Methodist Church, has established a web site, titled The Pulpit-tee. (<http://thepulpit-tee.com/>). He uses this web site to help people in his congregation and community to keep current with his sermon series and Bible Study Classes. Check out the web site for podcasts of his teaching.

BED-ROOM

Dear sponsors, please remember that it is your responsibility to provide a cot or bed or recliner for your pilgrim if needed. More and more people are bringing air beds to our walks. Because we usually have limited sleeping space please limit air beds to single (twin) size! Thank you!

Terrie Eisenmann
Lansing Emmaus Registrar

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, AND TRUST

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ,

This upcoming month is the Women's Walk (October 8-11). I hope each one of us are praying for the pilgrims, sponsors, and the team as they prepare, participate, learn and grow. I believe that God calls his people on these walks a time he chooses in order to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. I am amazed at the work of God's hands as he puts the team together, placing pilgrims names on the hearts of sponsors, and then as he calls the pilgrims. It is perfect. That is, unless we get in the way.

God knows what is needed, who is needed, and how the walk will take place. What a mighty God we serve! Do I hear an Amen?

We seem to get down to the point whether we are going to call the walk or not; depending on how many have signed up by a certain time. I am sure that is a realistic human thought, but I pray we will have faith and trust that God is in control. Please note that I am writing this before 9/10 when the deadline is due.

I want all of us, including myself, to keep our eyes on Jesus. I know many times I fail because my humanness gets in the way. When I turn my life and situations over to God then it becomes more manageable, fun, and of course peaceful. So, why does it take us so long to do that? We say we trust, yet we doubt just as much.

I remember my walk back in February of 1997. I came away feeling the love of the Lord, the joy and peace that God gives away through others, and a renewed hope for the future. I hope that each one of us will remember how it felt when we took our walk. Are we still participating in Emmaus through sponsorship, working on the team, going to gatherings, candlelight, and Fourth day? If not, why not?

Emmaus has had a wonderful impact on my life and I have heard others say the same thing. Therefore, I pray we will do all we can to make a difference in the life of the community and bring other brothers and sisters into the Emmaus Community.

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Rev. Susan Poynter,
Community Spiritual Director

A CALL TO SERVE

Serving the Emmaus Community involves more than just working in the conference room or on an auxiliary team. There are numerous opportunities to assist your Community Board of Directors in serving the community. The basic guideline for any person serving in any support role is to serve humbly, and selflessly, in so far as that is possible. These roles are exercises in anonymous servanthood that bring great personal satisfaction; the reward for these acts of service comes from the giving, and the reward is great.

Last month I made an appeal to persons interested in assisting with a kitchen team committee. The committee would help look at food preparations and procedures that we need to follow in the Emmaus kitchen. The committee would also work to develop a training program for workers and future kitchen heads. There is a lot involved but a team effort would lighten the load and improve the Emmaus experience for us all.

Along with the kitchen committee, we have need of volunteers who would like to be a part of the Site Selection Committee, selecting locations to hold future walks. This would be a committee that would evaluate what we need from a church as far as sleeping space, conference room sizes, room needs, and working with the kitchen committee, determine the kitchen needs for a walk. Then we would put together a package that we can take to churches that we are considering for future walks. If you have ever wanted to have some input into what churches we hold walks at and how we set up the church for Emmaus use please get involved with the site selection committee.

If you feel a call to be a part of either of these committees please contact Scott Lobert at scottylobert@yahoo.com, I will find a way to get you plugged in.

Thank you
Scott Lobert,
Kitchen, Auxiliary, and Site Selection Coordinator

Upcoming Events

September 24 Lansing Deadline for registration for Women's Walk #74.

September 24-27 Mid-Michigan Men's Walk at Tawas U.M.C.

October 1-4 Mid-Michigan Women's Walk at Tawas U.M.C.

October 8-11 Lansing Women's Walk #74, Holt U.M.C., Holt. **Jackson** Women's Walk **West Michigan** Men's Walk at Shelby U.M.C.

October 9 Lansing No Community Gathering at Pilgrim U.M.C. (See October 10 below)

October 10 Lansing (Saturday) Note change of date and location: Gathering at Women's Candle-Light. **Holt U.M.C., Holt.** Sponsorship Training 7:00 pm Gathering 7:30 C-light service begins 9:00

October 11 Lansing Women's Closing 4:30 P.M.

October 13 Lansing 7:00 Board Meeting, Pilgrim U.M.C., St. Johns.

October 15-18 Kalamazoo Men's Walk at Vicksburg U.M.C. **West Michigan** Women's Walk at Shelby U.M.C.

October 22-25 Kalamazoo Women's Walk at Vicksburg U.M.C.

March 4-7, 2010 Lansing Men's Walk #75, Carson City U.M.C., Carson City.

March 18-21, 2010 Lansing Women's Walk #76, Carson City U.M.C., Carson City

June 1, 2010 Lansing Deadline to have a minimum of 20 men registered for Men's Walk #77

October 7-10, 2010 Lansing Men's Walk #77, United Church of Ovid. This is the first time we are having a Men's Walk in several years. Be sure to sign up early!

October 21-24, 2010 Lansing Women's Walk #78, United Church of Ovid.

Newsletter Deadline for Next Issue

If you have an idea for a story, please let me know by September 30, 2009. Contact Harry Wallin (517) 566-8452 owltalker@centurytel.net

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