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## Some Jazzed-Up Disney Songs

By Pastor Greg Buchner, Community Spiritual Director

I'm sitting here listening to a new CD I just bought while the family and I were in Lansing. It takes a bunch of Disney songs and puts them through some serious jazz interpretations. Some of them I like...some I don't. But here's the point...they're all amazingly well done because they are the artist's interpretation of the song.

My name is Greg Buchner, and for 2012, you're stuck with me as your Spiritual Director! For the past few years I have served as one of your assistants, and although the last thing I need right now is another responsibility, I've agreed to step forward because I believe in Emmaus. I've seen it change lives. I've seen it bring life to dying churches. I've seen the Spirit alive and well in our midst. You are a part of something much bigger than just yourself and you are making a difference!

Now, there are some people out there spouting that they may not like the arrangement, almost like they know the answers before anyone has asked a question. Let me be clear...the authors of Emmaus know what they are doing, and your Emmaus board loves this community, loves God, and loves one another.

Don't listen to the nay-sayers! We have had to make some difficult decisions at times, but in my time on the board, everyone has been given equal opportunity to live up to the responsibility that comes with it. We operate in grace. We operate in love. We mess up sometimes and we then ask for forgiveness. And then we keep moving forward so that the Lansing Area Emmaus Community can be all that God wants it to be.

Over the next year, God is going to be doing an amazing work in you and me. But just like the Disney CD, that amazing work won't happen unless we allow the artist to put His spin on our lives... His love...His grace...can make all the difference!

I will be in touch with you through this newsletter. If you want to contact me, feel free to use my [pastorgreg@unitedchurchofovid.com](mailto:pastorgreg@unitedchurchofovid.com) email address or give me a call at 989-621-7782.

May God be in your head and in your understanding. May God be in your hands and in the work you accomplish for Him. May God be in your feet so that you will feel the joy of dancing with the Holy Spirit. But most importantly, may the God of grace and love, found in the example of Jesus Christ, be found in your heart.

Christ is counting on us...we are counting on Christ.

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## Kitchen Update

By Peg Pirhonen, Kitchen Board Chair

The Kitchen Team is working to make the Kitchen, Dining Room, and Snack area a fun and efficient experience for the volunteers.

Procedures are evaluated regularly and we make modifications as needed to improve the process for our kitchen, dining room and snack areas.

Suggested menus have been prepared to help the Kitchen Head prepare meals for the walk.

While it is important to fuel our bodies with food, it is also important to fuel our bodies and soul by continuing our growth with GOD.

Daily study of the Bible, devotionals, and/or participating in bible studies can do a lot to help us grow closer to GOD and others. It can help provide the energy and outlook we need to have a fantastic and positive day.

They can help us more quickly recognize opportunities provided to be the hands and feet of GOD.

If you have read a devotional, article, participated in a Bible Study or event that you felt greatly enriched your journey to be closer to GOD, please share it with others.

## Data/Newsletter Update

By Karen McLendon, Data/Newsletter Board Chair

Thanks to the "Places To Plug In" event at the December 2011 Gathering, several volunteers signed up to help with the data entry of gathering and candlelight participants. There will be a meeting in February 2012 to have IMS data entry training and distribute the lists that need to be entered. An e-mail with the meeting date, time and location will be sent out shortly.

A meeting with Larry Deel is scheduled to enhance the IMS system so the Behind the Scenes volunteer information can be extracted from the database into a report. The report will then be exportable to an excel spreadsheet. This information will be used by the Facilities Board Chair and the Kitchen Board Chair when putting the volunteer list together for potential Behind the Scenes volunteers.

Please visit the IMS System web-site and make sure your contact information is updated.

## Upcoming 2012 Spring Walks

### Men's Spring Walk

March 1-4, 2012

First United Methodist Church

209 West Green Street

Hastings, MI 49058

**March 3, 2012** – Men's Candlelight Service  
Gathering 7:30 PM, Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

**The minimum requirement of 20 registered pilgrims has been met and the men's walk is a go! Praise God!**

Applications will still be accepted for the men's walk if received by February 16, 2012

### Women's Spring Walk

March 15-18, 2012

First United Methodist Church

209 West Green Street

Hastings, MI 49058

**March 17, 2012** – Women's Candlelight Service  
Gathering 7:30 PM – Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

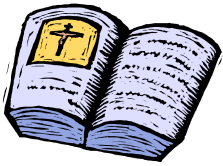
**The deadline for the minimum of 20 pilgrims is February 14, 2012**

Once the minimum number of 20 applications has been received, applications can be accepted for the women's walk if received by March 1, 2012

Applications for the walk can be downloaded from

[www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com](http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Bongard at (989) 529-5745 or by e-mail at [bongard@voyager.net](mailto:bongard@voyager.net)



## Christ is Counting on You!

By Mike Walker, Community Lay Director

*The following article was found in a different Emmaus Community newsletter – author unknown, but I felt it was a very good article so I am sharing it with you.*

The second most important commandment from Jesus: "love your neighbor as yourself." Psychologist Erich Fromm proposed that loving oneself is different from being arrogant, conceited or egocentric. Instead, loving oneself means caring about and respecting oneself. When we care about ourselves we strive to meet our needs. Jesus tells us to love and meet the needs of others as we would for ourselves. God has known the needs of people since time began and we see His remedies in the Bible constantly. A human, Maslow, proposed a progression of human needs that is still in popular use. We all need the basics first: water and food. Personal safety is next - providing shelter, clothing, and righting oppression. There are over **2000** Bible references to caring for the poor and bringing justice for the oppressed! Emotional needs follow and we find scriptures on visiting the sick and imprisoned, and providing comfort and support for one another. After this, all people need love and a sense of belonging. Jesus taught us how to love each other -- even our enemies. He also emphasized strong families and worshipping God together. At the "top of the pyramid" is "self-actualization" -- achieving our full potential. We are called to learn God's word, to use ALL of our gifts, to heal, to teach, to preach and to share the gospel and help others to do the same. At this stage we are part of the priesthood of believers and disciples who step out to follow Christ's lead and to lead others in the way of peace and salvation for our world. Jesus said..."I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

I pray that things are well in "your fourth" day and in "your Church". May God continue to Bless and Keep you.

## Gathering Update

By Jean Bond, Gathering Board Chair

Gatherings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month except for March and October. Gatherings are held at Pilgrim United Methodist Church in St. Johns, MI, unless otherwise indicated. Fellowship starts at 6:00 PM, Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM, worship at 7:00 PM, and Sponsorship training following worship.

Please put the following upcoming Gathering Dates on your calendar:

**February 10, 2012** – First Congregational Church, St. Johns, MI, 48879

**April 13, 2012** – "Places to Plug In" Event

**May 11, 2012**

**June 8, 2012**

**July 13, 2012**

**August 10, 2012**

**September 14, 2012**

**October 12, 2012**

**November 9, 2012**

**December 14, 2012**

If you are interested in serving on the Gathering Team, please contact Jean Bond at (989) 640-0115 or by e-mail at [jeanmbond@netzero.net](mailto:jeanmbond@netzero.net).

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## Emmaus Store Update

By Peg Pirhonen, Emmaus Store Board Chair

Please feel free to stop, visit, and purchase your favorite Emmaus items at the Emmaus Store. The Emmaus Store will be open during the monthly gatherings.

New items will be introduced and some of the old favorites are still available.

If you are interested in helping at the Emmaus Store, please contact us at the gatherings, call 989-292-0156 or send an e-mail to [pjtravel@hotmail.com](mailto:pjtravel@hotmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support.

## Meet the Newest 2012 Emmaus Board Members

### Julie Anderson

My name is Julie Anderson. I took my walk to Emmaus in October 2007 in Charlotte, walk #68, and sat at the table of Anna. I am excited to serve God as your Agape Board Chair. My husband Doug and I have five grown children and 2 granddaughters. Professionally I work as a Radiographer and CT technologist at Eaton Rapids Medical Center.

Doug & I enjoy coordinating Financial Peace University as a way to reach out to our congregation and community. When I have free time I enjoy geocaching, camping, reading and quilting.

Please feel free to contact me at [janderson624@gmail.com](mailto:janderson624@gmail.com) or by calling 517-663-4264.

### Darlyn Turner

My name is Darlyn Turner, I was on walk #28 at Trinity UMC in Lansing (1996) and have served in the Lansing Area Emmaus in several capacities since that time, including a previous term on the board. I serve the community now as the Leadership Development Board Chair and with God's guidance and the help of leadership training resources used by previous board members I am anxious to start "developing".

I would welcome anyone to this team who has a love of teaching and discovering gifts (for self and others) and how to use them to God's glory and purpose.

I attend Clare UMC and I am presently on staff there as Director of Youth and Children's Education, this following 37 years in nursing.

I have been married to Mike for 33 years (who is retired from CMU) and have 3 adult children (all CMU graduates) who have moved out of state. My interests include reading, gardening, walking, and traveling and I am very good at word games!

## Chrysalis Update

By Peggy Pirhonen, Board Chrysalis Liaison and Chrysalis Registrar

It was reported that there was a lot of laughter and maybe a couple tears shed during the Girls Chrysalis weekend.

Twenty-three young women participated in the Girls Chrysalis Flight held at Lakewood UMC in Lake Odessa.

Based on statements made at Closing and a request for additional Bibles and devotionals, the talks really touched these young women.

The support of the sponsors, parents, Chrysalis and Emmaus Communities was fantastic. Many people came to show their support during the Candlelight Service. It was wonderful to see the entire hallway and chapel filled with people lined up on both sides holding candles as the Girls made their way from the Conference Room to the Chapel.

I am sure it will be a memory the Girls will not soon forget.

Hopefully many new friendships were made and support groups formed during the weekend.

Continued prayers are requested for these young women as they continue their journey for a greater and more meaningful relationship with GOD.

If you know of a young man that is on fire and wants to build a stronger relationship with GOD, please consider inviting them to attend the Boys Chrysalis Flight.

It is tentatively scheduled for July 14 – 16 at Lakewood UMC, Lake Odessa.

Applications can be downloaded from the website and will be available at Gatherings. You may call 989-292-0156 or send an e-mail to [pjtravel@hotmail.com](mailto:pjtravel@hotmail.com) to receive an application as well.

### Community Reminder: Candlelight & Closing

Please keep in mind that according to *THE UPPER ROOM HANDBOOK ON EMMAUS* Candlelight & Closing are Community events. (Pg. 86 & 93) To be a member of the Community one must have attended a Walk or Flight or other sanctioned 4<sup>th</sup> day program. Please plan accordingly.

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### **Agape Board Chair Update**

By Julie Anderson, Agape Board Chair

As you prepare to make agape for the upcoming spring walks, please keep in mind the need to be very careful to not break any copyright laws when making and distributing Agape gifts to our new Pilgrims. For instance, perhaps a Reunion Group would like to use the famous "Footprints in the Sand" poem written by Mary Stevenson. The group may copy the poem and distribute it as part of their Agape gift however; this is an infringement upon the copyright held by that author and is punishable under the Copyright Law.

An alternate way for the Reunion Group to distribute this poem would be to purchase a bookmark and then distribute the bookmark as an Agape gift. This distribution of the poem is not a copyright infringement because the group has paid for the use of the poem. Please pay special attention to copyrights when making Agape. All Agape brought to future Walks will be carefully monitored for Copyright issues and any Agape that appears to be in violation of this law will be returned to the Reunion Group without being distributed to the Pilgrims.

Also, please be certain to bring enough Agape for a full Walk which is 65 pieces! Any leftover Agape will be returned to you at the end of the weekend. DeColores

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**June 8, 2012 Lansing** Gathering, Pilgrim United Methodist Church, St. Johns. Gather at 6:00 PM, Potluck at 6:30 PM, Worship at 7:00 PM, Sponsorship Training at 8:00 PM.

**June 12, 2012 Lansing** Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM Pilgrim United Methodist Church, St. Johns

**July 14-16, 2012 Boy's Chrysalis Flight** (ages 15-24) Lakewood United Methodist Church, Lake Odessa, MI

### Newsletter Deadline for Next Issue

If you have an idea for an article or would like to write an article, please let me know by May 1, 2012 and your article will be considered for the newsletter. Contact Karen McLendon at [karenlm06@yahoo.com](mailto:karenlm06@yahoo.com) or call me at 517-648-1221.

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**IMS Database:** Link from our Website using Internet Explorer.

LAE Community Home Page: Select "Community Access" and Log In to indicate your interest in volunteering to work a walk.

If you have any problems getting into the IMS Database System contact Karen McLendon at [karenlm06@yahoo.com](mailto:karenlm06@yahoo.com) or call me at 517-648-1221.

