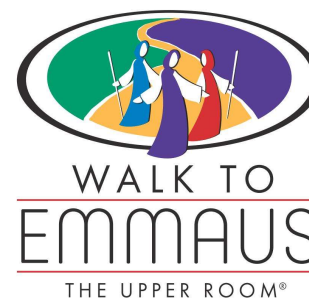


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Dear Community,

What an outstanding feeling it is to see Women's Walk #97 off and walking. The event is the result of a lot of prayer, patience, and hard work by a number of members of the LAEC Community.

I would like to take a moment to extend a big "thank you" to all of the members of the community who served as members of the conference room team, the BTS (Behind the Scenes), and many other roles in getting ready for this walk.



Also, I hope to see everyone at the upcoming Gathering in April. Remember, due to the date of Good Friday, the gathering for April will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the former Salem UMC. I hope you will plan to attend and welcome the new members of our LAEC.

Prayers and Blessings,  
Ray Francis  
Community Lay Director

## Community Spiritual Director



God said in Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me and I will answer". In the Gospels, Jesus teaches us the great prayer. In this prayer God tell us that He wants His kingdom to come unto Earth as it is already been done in Heaven. Are we calling on God for only the big things? Do we rely on Him for everything? You can answer these questions for yourself! I believe God is interested in all aspects of our lives, mental, physical, spiritual, and financial. God is on our side. In the gospels, we are told to ask, seek, and knock. Are you doing these things? When we do, for all who ask it will be given, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened unto you. If your earthly father gives you good things, how much more will your Heavenly Father give you. Let us be intentional in beginning to believe God and His Word the precious Bible.

Pastor Ted Orwig

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## The Greenville Gathering

The gathering in Greenville is a small group but we are looking to get much bigger. The idea of having a gathering in west Michigan is so that the pilgrims who live in this area have an alternative for going to a gathering without having to travel to St. Johns on a Friday night. Also, pilgrims from West Michigan and Kalamazoo Emmaus Communities now have a place to come as well. We need to get the word out to all these pilgrims. We are not meant as a replacement but as a more convenient place to come to meet with other pilgrims for those living over here. We are looking to grow and expand, so please, come to Greenville and check out our gathering if you can't make it to the St. Johns gathering. The gathering is at 4:30-we eat at 5:00 and worship follows. Sponsorship training is always available afterwards.

Ed Massar



Hello to all you adventurous young adults and young at heart. Have you participated in a scavenger hunt; mystery dinner event; wagon ride; game night; fellowship; potluck supper and/or worship service? These are some of the activities that have taken place at a CHRYSALIS RUSH.

If you have not participated, **WE INVITE YOU** to join us at a **CHRYSALIS RUSH**. If you have participated in the past, we look forward to your joining us again.

Young adults, from age 13 up, are welcome to join us at the RUSH. It is not necessary to have attended a Chrysalis Flight or Emmaus Walk to participate in a RUSH. (Adults are welcome to attend).

**RUSH'S are May 13; June 10; August 12; September 9 and October 14, 2017**  
**RUSH'S are from 5 – 7 pm at Zion UMC, 423 W Washington, Ionia.**

There will be fellowship, activity, worship service and a potluck supper (please bring your own table service and dish to pass).

Chrysalis focuses its attention on our youth, as it attempts to inspire, challenge, and equip them for Christian action in their homes, churches, schools, communities, and daily lives. Chrysalis is a way to connect and reconnect with Christ in an amazing way. Participants begin their journey as a caterpillar as they begin to grow, change through the chrysalis process, and ultimately live a Christ-focused life as a butterfly.

Grow You. Change Attitudes. Live intentionally.

If you are a Young Adult age 13-18, please consider a **Chrysalis Flight**. It is three days of singing, learning, laughing, loving, worshiping, reflecting, praying, rejoicing and experiencing God's abundant love. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by youth; adult laity; and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

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Visit our website at [flightofhope.weebly.com](http://flightofhope.weebly.com) for additional information about Chrysalis, Rush's, Flights and to download Flight applications. Please feel free to contact Peggy Pirhonen at 989-307-5816 or [flightofhopeclld@gmail.com](mailto:flightofhopeclld@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer to assist with Chrysalis events.

Love

Encourage

Appreciate the hard work of others

Do things with/for your family; friends; church and community

Blessings,

Peg Pirhonen, Chrysalis Community Lay Director



## Store Chair/ Music Chair

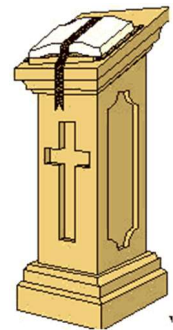


My name is Denny Wissinger, and I took my Walk to Emmaus in November 2000, in the Loudoun Valley Emmaus Community at Front Royal, Virginia. I am now in my third year as a member of the Board. I served as the Treasurer during my first two years. I also served as the Music/Entertainment Chair my first year, and am serving in that position in my third year, along with

being the Store Chair. Serving the Emmaus community has been a very important part of my life over the past 17 years. Almost every year I have served in some capacity, both behind the scenes and in the conference room. Perhaps the most rewarding part of serving the community is in sponsoring pilgrims. I am truly looking forward to the remainder of this year coordinating music and operating the store.



Listen to Andy Hollander as he shares the Agape love of God and announcing upcoming event for the Emmaus community on WGLM 106.3 at 6:30 am on Sunday morning or on 1380 AM at 10 am on Sunday mornings.





Emmaus 4th Day Event

March 7, 2017

A group gathered at the New Life UMC to experience the Emmaus 4th day event. The sharing began with a delicious pot-luck meal. Once everyone had feasted on wonderful comfort food, they were relaxed and ready to share spiritually. This 4th day event was the second part of discussion centered around our walk with Jesus and our ability to know when we are in his presence, led by Andy Hollander. Great music was provided by Niles Thompson.

**We invite you to join us at New Life UMC on April 4 at 6pm for a potluck meal with fellowship.**

Think of this as an evening of nurturing both body and soul.

God bless you all

Connie Andrews

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**Pilgrims who participated in Women's Walk #97**

Pauline Buchner	First UMC of Alpena	Tina Carr	Ravenna Free Methodist
Mae Carter	River Terrace Church, E Lansing	AshLynn Chilson	Lake Harbor UMC
Dena Chilson	Lake Harbor UMC	Eleanor Dawson	First UMC, Mt Pleasant
Paula Dean	Muir First Christian Church	Kim Frisbey	First UMC, Greenville
Cari Godbehere	Bath UMC	Nancy Graham	Weidman UMC
Deborah Green	Crossroads Church, Lansing	Denise Jefts	First UMC, Big Rapids
Linda Johnston	Rosebush UMC	Rebecca Kegler	Holt UMC
Joan Long	First UMC, Mt. Pleasant	Laura Mater	Clare UMC
Merry McNally	LeValley UMC	Aleta Mineo	Trinity Church, Lansing
Jill Moon	Webberville UMC	Marsha Prince	Weidman UMC
Sarah Riggs	Oakbrook Community Church	Christy Slack	Carson City UMC
Michele Waldbillig	First UMC, Greenville	Beverly Wesche	First UMC, Big Rapids

# Upcoming

EVENTS

**Men's Walk #98:** September 21 - 24 at Lakewood UMC in Lake Odessa

**Women's Walk #99:** October 5 - 8 at Lakewood UMC in Lake Odessa

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Emmaus Family 4th Day Event - Methodist campground at Townline Lake further details and date to be announced.



## Just A Trace

Spring had come to her long awaited time.  
I watched her awakening with each subtle sign.  
The night air was fragrant and velvety soft,  
I could almost hear heaven's praises aloft.  
In the glow of the dawning al rosy and pink  
a sleepy bird peeps, while a dewdrop winks...  
sparkling like a solitaire suspended in space  
clinging to a gossamer web of fine lace.  
yes, just a trace, a whisper of Spring...



her secret revealed in this wondrous thing.  
Shyly it shines in the rising of the sun..  
her promise of hope of new things to come.  
Then all too soon she bids us farewell  
and leave but a trace of her misty green veil.

The warmth of the summer overshadows the Spring  
with the depth of her green and her days lengthening.

And so it is as the seasons pass by....  
nothing under the sun can ever satisfy  
but God who planted eternity in us  
makes all things beautiful from this time-frame of dust.

Now we see... but only in part  
just a trace of it all, what He put in the heart.

In the Eastern sky come a radiant glow  
with a brightness of glory, God's people shall know  
a wondrous thing... yet some will shun.

Just a trace of time left and Christ Jesus will come!



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Ecclesiastes 3:11 Amp. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He also has planted eternity in men's hearts and minds [a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy]



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