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God's blessing to everyone. I would like to take this time to introduce myself as the new Lansing Area Emmaus Community Lay Director. My name is Harry Coles Jr. and I took my walk in the Lansing Area Emmaus Community in March 2011, walk #79, in Charlotte and sat at the table of David.

The heart of your life as a Christian is contained in God's words to Abraham, "Walk in My presence, and you will be perfect." (Genesis 17:1) God's presence calms your spirit, gives you restful sleep, and quiets your mind. But you must give yourself completely to Him. It is my hope that being the Community Lay Director will help me further my 4th Day journey and become closer to Christ which will promote Him first and spark passion in others.

It does not take much time to love God, to renew yourself in His presence and to adore Him in the depths of your heart. The kingdom of God is within you and nothing can disturb it. When outward distractions and a wayward imagination hinder you from having a peaceful inner life, then you must, by an act of will, bring yourself before God. Not that you can force yourself into God's presence, but even the desire to come into God's presence is, in itself, a powerful aid to your spirit. Cultivate a pure and upright intention toward God.

The Community has several ways to renew yourself in His presence by volunteering to work on Walks and Gatherings, being a prayer warrior and participating in 4th Day events and Bible studies as well as joining the Emmaus or Chrysalis boards this year. We have several positions waiting to be filled on the Board; all you need to do is attend the meetings. The Upper Room has two new walk models called "The Journey to the Table and Face to Face" which will be introduced to the community this year.

If you would like more information, you can visit the Lansing Area Emmaus Community website or contact me by phone, email, or mail and I would be glad to share any information. If you know of someone that might be interested in attending a walk, the application is on the Emmaus website.

Blessings to everyone

Sincerely,

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Pastor Ted

Hebrews 11:1

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:6 says that without faith it is impossible to please Him, for when we believe we must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. Romans 14:23, tells us that whatever is not of faith is sin. I don't know about you, but I am trying to increase my faith. There are times that I have struggled to believe God will do things for me or others. But there are times that my faith has been unlimited. Most of the time we can have faith believing God for other people's needs, but fail when it comes to our own needs.



According to Hebrews 11:1 our faith needs to bring substance to the things we cannot see. We believe and trust that God is true and faithful to what he has promised. In this year of 2019, let us increase our faith, let us go to a higher ground. My faith is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus name. On Christ the solid ground I stand all other ground is sinking sand. Trust God and his word. When we do this we will be on solid ground, not sinking sand. Trust God and His word. My prayer for you and myself is that God would Superabundantly bless and help us in 2019. Blessings as we travel this journey together.

Pastor Ted

Group Fourth Day/Accountability Group

The Group Fourth Day reunion is one of the chief values of the Emmaus movement and one of the greatest measures the Walk to Emmaus contains. It is a way of persevering in the life of grace so that those things that are valuable to you during the weekend will not be lost when you return to your life in the world. The Group Fourth Day Reunion serves the life of the Emmaus community.

Sponsors are committed to their Pilgrim's Fourth Day. They know their responsibility for recruiting pilgrims and supporting them with agape as well as being present at candlelight and closing. They also know they are expected to help the pilgrims find or form fourth day group reunions, and take them if necessary to the first few events. Group Fourth Day events are held locally.

Following our walk to Emmaus, we are encouraged to see every day as an ongoing walk to Emmaus in the companionship of the risen Christ. Just as the eleven gathered together, the monthly gathering is for us a time to share our resurrection stories of how God became real to us on the road; with a friend, through a stranger, through scripture, in the breaking of the bread, or in the sharing of our love. Through singing and prayer, small groups, Fourth Day Talks and Holy Communion, we share our stories and help one another recognize the risen Christ in the midst of our lives that we may live more fully in his Presence.

The Gathering is a monthly event:

The St Johns gathering meets at the former Salem UMC @ 6:00PM on the second Friday of each month.

The Greenville gathering at the First UMC on the First Saturday of each month @ 4:30PM



Message from the Secretary

Greetings to all. As many of you will see there have been some changes to our 2019 Board. I am very excited to say that I am now the new Secretary for the LAEC Board.



As your new Secretary, it is my plan to make sure that all minutes are presented to the board in a timely manner. As always, once approved, the minutes will be available upon request by any community member. Please see our list of board members to view each position and what may still be available.

There is always an opportunity to have new members come on board and be part of the planning process. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact anyone on the board through our email, text if available or by phone. We will be happy to assist.

Blessings and prayers for a fruitful year,

Annette Coles, LAEC Secretary.

WOW! How time flies when you are praising God. This should be no surprise. After all things are done in His time not ours!

Agape time is not always on everyone's mind, but it is something that we should be thinking about for the future walks. Take the time to think about what it felt like when you got that little something placed on your bed pillow or at the table at meal times. What a joy it must have been to see what was left as an unconditional piece of love and support from those within the community. Many of which you may or may not have known.

Now look deep into your heart and see how you would like to pass that on to others. Some may think, "I am not sure what to do?" or "how to get started".

If you would like to help but have no idea what to make, please give me a call and I will be happy to pass on an idea or two. If you already have an idea and want to drop off what you have done, you may drop it off at one of the gatherings or call me and I will be happy to make arrangements for a pick-up time.

Agape is a self-sacrificing love which is given to others in many forms. You may want to bake a batch of sugar cookies for a friend, sweep off a sidewalk, or clean out a gutter for a neighbor. Additional ways to give agape gifts may be to pay for another pilgrim to go on a walk, sign up on the prayer vigil, write a letter to a pilgrim, friend, or loved one, or make a set of small gifts for a new set of pilgrims who are starting a new journey with God during their walk. Anyone of these make a difference to the one who is receiving the gift of love.



As always, we are always looking for people to work behind the scenes in many capacities. If you are interested in more information or if there is ever a time when you would like to work in the agape room or need information on an agape idea please feel free to contact me via email, phone or text and I will be happy to assist in any way I can. My information is listed on the 2019 Board contact page.

God's blessings and prayers for everyone,

Annette Coles, Agape Chair

Community Lay Director - Chrysalis Board

Greetings from the Flight of Hope Chrysalis Board. We have lots of exciting news to share with you! We voted in a new board, which includes new faces! I Karen Mater was voted in as the Community Lay Director, and I pray that I can do all that is necessary to help our youth experience a closer walk with Jesus through our upcoming Flights and Rushes. I can be reached at cld.foh@gmail.com. We have a great group of people on the board and a couple of past board members are helping, this makes the transition easier.

We decided to move our board meetings to the Greenville First UMC Greenville Community Gathering. Our meeting will begin just prior to the Greenville Gathering. The next board meeting will be on Saturday March 2, 2019 at 3:30pm. These board meetings are an hour long and anyone is welcome to attend!

New address:
204 W. Cass
Greenville, MI 48838

The RUSH's are also moving to Greenville First UMC, just prior to the Greenville Community Gathering. This will allow the parents who drive the youth to a RUSH to enjoy the fellowship of the adults! The next RUSH will be on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 4:30. It will be a fun activity that will be done in time to join the rest of the community at the potluck with the Emmaus Gathering at 5pm.

3:30 4:30 Board Meeting
4:30 5:00 RUSH FUN activity
5:00 6:00 Potluck
6:00 6:30 Worship
6:30 or 6:45 (following worship) Sponsorship Training

We have both a Girl's and Boy's flight coming this summer. The Boy's flight will be held on June 21-23 at Mason UMC and the Lay Director is Andy Sass. The Girls Flight will occur from July 12-14 also at the Mason UMC and the Lay Director is Kathy Thwaites. Pray for successful flights and start talking to the youth at your church and in your family about participating.

May God bless you in your endeavors,
Karen Mater

His Redeeming Love

*I wandered away, oh so lost...
And did not know what it would cost!
Too late, I knew I knew the sorrows of
Disobedience, and it's pain thereof.*

*I cried unto the Lord, my God
for mercy under the chastening rod
In waywardness, I sought his face...*

*It is good to quietly wait
Although my heart, felt it would break.
My very life on him, depends...
His faithful love never ends.*

*His mercies, every morning new
Afresh, with sweetness of the dew.
My hope is found in Him alone...
His grace to me, again is shown.*

Leone Whittum November 25, 2014

*...For you have redeemed my life
Lamentations 3:58 NLT*

*The faithful love of the Lord never
Ends! His mercies never cease.
Lamentations 3:22 NLT*

Lansing Area Emmaus Community 2019 Board

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Music Chair	Open Position		



New Life Men's Fellowship

Second Saturday of the Month
Contact Bill Besemer for Details

Men's Bible Study

Every Wednesday @ 8:00 AM
New Life United Methodist Church

Prayer Team & Care Team

Every Wednesday @ 10:00 AM
New Life United Methodist Church

2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month @ 10:00 AM
The Terrace in Lakeview

New Life Emmaus 4th Day

1st Tuesday of the Month @ 6:00 PM
New Life United Methodist Church
Bring a Dish to Pass

Greenville Gathering

1st Saturday of the Month @ 4:30 PM for social;
5:30 PM for potluck
Greenville First United Methodist Church
204 W. Cass Greenville MI, 48838

LAEC Gathering

2nd Friday of the Month @ 6:00PM
St. Johns at the former Salem UMC

Listen to Andy Hollander

Sunday @ 6:30 AM on FM106.3 WGOM
& 10:00 AM on AM1380

2019 Rush Dates

March 2nd
April 13th
May 11th
Candlelight in Mason: June 22nd & July 13th
Reunion for Flights: August 10th
September 14th
October 12th

5:00PM - 7:00PM @ Zion UMC
423 W. Washington Ionia, MI

2019 Chrysalis Flights

Boy's Flight: June 21st - 23rd

Girl's Flight: July 12th - 14th