

FOOTPRINTS

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From the Community Lay Director

There's no way we can do everything we're capable of doing. There is just not enough time. That's why we have to have a vision and a focus – that way we spend our time in the area of contribution. Many Christians fail to study themselves believing that what they do well is simply a gift of God.

I am convinced we have spiritual gifts, but we have skills, and talents, as well. And all of them are given to us for development and practical use. I don't believe we are to go to God, ask for a script, and then perform as an actor in the play. I think He gives us the responsibility of our vision, focus, and contribution. But, He has editorial rights, because He has the ultimate say. God wants us to be mature in our focus, vision, and contribution.

I have found this to be shown throughout many scriptures. One place being, I Peter 4:10, "Each one should use whatever gift He has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

We are planning for Fall Walks and these are the tentative dates;

- Men's Fall Walk – September 26–29, 2019
- Women's Fall Walk – October 17–20, 2019

Location:

New Life United Methodist Church
 6584 W. Howard City Edmore Rd,
 Six Lakes, MI 48886

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As soon as we have more details about these walks, we will communicate them to the entire community. As a Board, we have decided that there **won't be a minimum** of Pilgrims to make the walks a GO. We hope this will help everyone know, that as a board, we understand how important these walks are to keep our Lansing Area Emmaus Community viable.

In addition, we, as a Board, have made a change in our monthly St. John's Gathering location. At this time we will have a gathering at the Pilgrim United Methodist Church on Parks Road on May 10th at 6:00 pm. Starting June 1st we will no longer meet in St. Johns. However, the Greenville gathering will continue and be our only gathering to make our community united. This takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 4:30 pm along with the Flight of Hope Chrysalis Community. All are invited to attend and enjoy fellowship with adults of all ages.

I would also like to bring to your attention our monthly Board Meetings. The LAEC board meets at 7:00pm, the second Tuesday of each month, at Pilgrim UMC in St Johns. All community members are welcome. We have a few open positions within the Board. If you are interested in joining the Board, please come to the meetings.

Monthly Community Board Meetings

Second Tuesday of **every** month at

Pilgrim UMC

2965 W Parks Road
St Johns, MI 48879

Meeting begins at **7:00pm**

Monthly Community Gatherings in Greenville

First Saturday of **every** month at

Greenville UMC

204 W Cass St
Greenville, MI 48838

Gathering starts at **4:30pm**

Potluck begins at **5:00pm**

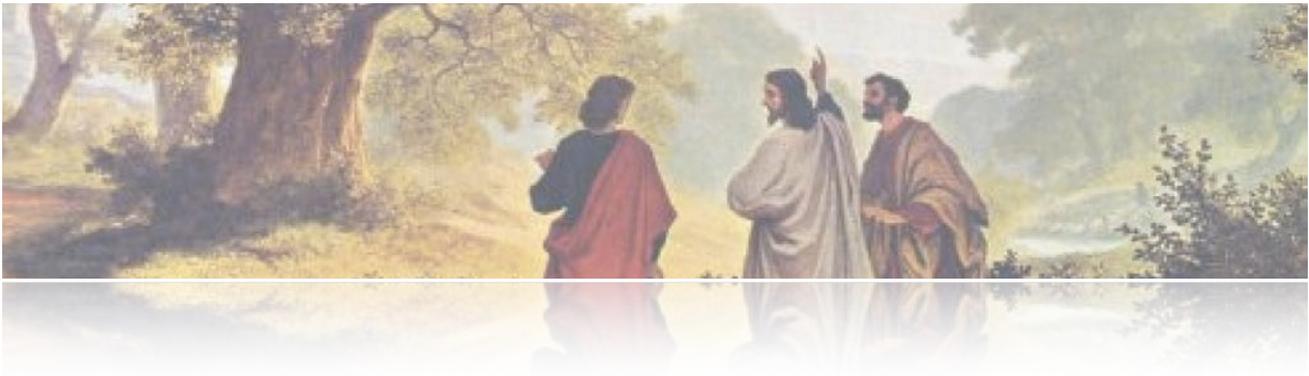
We look forward to seeing you throughout the year at our Monthly Gatherings, Candlelight events, and our Board Meetings. If you would like to share your thoughts, ideas, and wishes, you can come to the Board meetings or drop me an email and I will help in any way that I possibly can. Check out the Lansing Emmaus web site for more information about events happening in our community. <https://lansingemmaus.org/>

Blessings,

Harry Coles Jr.

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Pastor Ted

God is wanting to reign over our lives, but He will not force his will on us. He has given us free will. We choose whether to give God full reign in our lives. When we do this God will send many blessings our way. If we don't do this, then His blessings are hindered from coming to us.

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us that we need to:

1. Trust in the Lord with our whole heart
2. Lean not on our understanding
3. In all our ways acknowledge Him

When we do this God directs our paths. God wants to be in our whole life. Mentally, physically, financially, and spiritually. If we allow Him to be Master and Lord, then He will reign over us His supernatural blessings.

Let us endeavor to live in a way, that all the blessings God has for us, will come to us.

May God bless and help you.

Pastor Ted Orwig

Leadership Development

Sponsorship training is available after every Gathering. Please feel free to hang around and we will get you trained on sponsoring pilgrims for the Walk. Remember, it is important to get your pilgrim's application in as early as possible. Send them as soon as your pilgrim is ready to participate.

Behind BTS training will be held prior to the walk. If you have been called to work behind the scenes in any position for either the men's or the women's walk please plan to attend this training. It is very important as we do a walk through of the church and understand the layout of where everything will be prior to the walk.

If you have an interest in being on the committee for Leadership Development, please contact me and I will gladly discuss any question you may have.

Gatherings and 4th Day events

If you are looking for a 4th Day group or gathering location to be involve With, please feel free to email me at dorishshaw@gmail.com for information.

Doris Shaw
Outreach & Newsletter Chair
Have a wonderful 2019



HIS timing

*Sometimes we wonder
And impatiently wait
For the Long- coming answer
That seems to be late*

*We question our God
With fears crowded in
Our faith this wavering
From doubtings within.*

*He desires we believe
That his timing is right. . .
To walk on in faith
And not by our sight*

*We'll find that his timing
Is perfect. . .soo trust
Our Lord sees the end. . .
From the beginning, for us.*

Leonne Whittum

AGAPE LOVE

As many of you may have read in the Community Lay Directors page, walks are not going to be cancelled. This means get your creative juices going and start up the crafting vibes. We have some walk Agape to prepare.

Agape gifts come in many forms and many disguises. It could be as simple as a pack of gum telling a pilgrim how “EXTRA” special they are. Or it could be a package of Kleenex with a clever message. A handmade scarf with a verse stating, “they are warmed by God’s Love”. Even a Chocolate Frog is good for the spirit to let us know how we can “Fully Rely On God”. Maybe your gifts or talents lay in more extravagant styled gifts or maybe it is something simpler. No matter what it is, it is welcomed with open hearts. The only thing we ask is that we as a community understand that there will be times when an allergy or sensitivity to an item may not allow some things to be handed out. If we know this in advance, the allergy or sensitivity will be given to the community as quickly as we can. Some items we have dealt with in the past have been lavender, peanut, and other nut allergies. For a safe rule, please avoid these items. If at any time you have any questions about your agape gift being able to be handed out, please contact me and I will help in any way possible or find someone who can. 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?”. 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



Message from the Secretary

“Renew a steadfast Spirit with in me” Psalm 51:10. What these words do for me is hard to explain. For a long time, I avoided the call to sit on the board for LAEC. I made excuses and found other things to occupy my time. I did not come to events as I should and missed out on a lot of things in the time I lost. Now there are no more excuses and no more things to get in the way. I have answered the call and challenge others to do the same.



Hello, my name is Annette Coles and I took my walk in 2011, in Charlotte, sat at the table of Phoebe. I don't tell you my story to guilt you into stepping up for this or that which needs to be done. But to have you stop and listen to your heart and hear the words of God in your ear. Listen to what it is that He wishes for you to do. What He wants for you as you live out your 4th days on earth. There are several ways which you can get involved. Come to a gathering. IF not every month then on the months which you can. Make Agape for new pilgrims. Spend some time working behind the scenes (BTS) at a new walk. Join a 4th day group and help people in your community if you are not already doing so. In addition, you could join the Board. For me this was a huge step and a hard one to do. You do not do anything alone; God is always with you and so is the rest of the board to help guide you in whatever position you are taking.

Just because a position is available does not mean that is the position which you must take. Positions can move and have moved to help people grow with the gifts which they have been given by God. There is a place for you if this has been placed on your heart and; you believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord, you have been an active part of our community for at least three years, you are active in your local church, you participate or are active in a 4th day or accountability group, and are willing to attend monthly board meetings, gatherings and candle lights when held. The scriptures tell us to: “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38

Blessings and prayers for a fruitful year,

Annette Coles, LAEC Secretary.

Chrysalis

Greetings,

We had an excellent board meeting in April. If you didn't come to the Gathering in Greenville in April, you missed an incredible time. An Easter egg hunt had been set up, so everyone at the Gathering had the opportunity to participate in an Easter Egg hunt! How long has it been since you looked throughout a church for colorful, candy filled eggs? They were so cleverly hidden, that we missed a few, so I imagine s young person attending church got a wonderful, unexpected gift Sunday morning. Please, invite and/or bring your youth to RUSH; it is a lot of fun and it allows Butterflies to reunite, and future caterpillars to see what fun there is in being a Christian.

The upcoming flights are moving forward and both the boys flight team and the girls flight team have already been meeting to make sure this year's flights bring young people closer to God! We cancelled our May meeting, but will still have our RUSH just before the Gathering in Greenville.

Check out the updated Chrysalis website at <https://flightofhope.weebly.com>; it not only looks great, has a lot of useful information, but also has the Prayer Vigil for both flights. Please sign up so our upcoming caterpillars feel the love of the greater Lansing Emmaus community.

Here are the dates for upcoming Chrysalis events:

5/4/19 – RUSH/Gathering, Greenville First United Methodist Church, 4:30 pm

6/21/19 – **6/23/19**: Boys Flight # 50, Mason First United Methodist Church

7/12/19 – **7/14/19**: Girls Flight #51, Mason First United Methodist Church

8/3/19 – Flight Reunion (both flights), RUSH/Gathering

May the peace of God surround you in all you do!

Karen Mater

Chrysalis

As Spring arrives it is a reminder of new beginnings, beautiful things in bloom, and many great and vibrant colors showing up. A reminder that as we begin each day we have so much energy. We have a chance to use that energy to meet new friends, do great things, help others, begin new positive and wonderful habits. A reminder that we can change negative perspectives to positive ones by looking at things differently. A chance to be set free by letting go of old hurts and forgiving where needed. The chance to remove deadbolts that might be in place blocking **GOD's** great plans for us. It is time to trust **GOD** with all our heart as the **BIBLE** instructs.

Be sure to thank **GOD** for all the wonderful things He provides everyday. Especially all the things that we can easily take for granted including the **BIBLE**, which is full of many helpful suggestions.

Blessings,

Peggy Pirhonen

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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 / LAEC 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

Listen to Andy Hollander
Sunday @ 6:30 AM on FM106.3 WGOM
& 10:00 AM on AM1380

2019 Chrysalis Flights
Boy's Flight #50: June 21st – 23rd
Girl's Flight #51: July 12th – 14th
Flight Reunion (both): August 3rd

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