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From the Community Lay Director

Perseverance will continue to make things come to realization. The word **Perseverance** means "the persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success". It is my belief that God teaches us to persevere in everything which we try to accomplish.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

"Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

As we move forward as a community and hold walks to strengthen our Churches, we need to stand firm understanding that everything will happen in God's time. We all become weary, disgruntled, and upset when things do not happen the way we expect them to be. Taking the time to take a deep breath and remembering that God has a purpose for us, can allow us to connect with God and know that He has things under control. Letting go is the most difficult thing we can do. However, it must be done to allow room for god to work within us and for His purpose.

Therefore, I'm pleased to announce that we have a location and Walk Lay Directors in place for our Fall Walks. Please consider being a servant of God when called upon to work the Walks.

Men's Fall Walk - September 26th-29th, 2019
Location- New Life UMC, Six Lakes - WLD - Denny Wissinger
Women's Fall Walk - October 17th-20th, 2019
Location- New Life UMC, Six Lakes - WLD - Kim Wall

As a Board, we have decided that there **will not 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.

The Greenville gathering takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 4:30 pm, dinner at 5pm 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 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month at Pilgrim UMC in St Johns. All community members are welcome. We currently have open positions within the Board. If you are interested in joining the Board, please come to the meetings or talk with a past or current Board member for more information.

In addition, there are several Board members who have fulfilled their current term obligations. If interested and willing to serve in a one to three year capacity please consider and contact Doris Shaw, Harry Coles Jr., Annette Coles, or Kathy Wilson for more information to be added to the ballot. Please consider joining the Board to help continue God's work.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year at our Fall Walks, Monthly Gatherings, Candle Light events, and Board Meetings. Check out the Lansing Emmaus web site for more information about events happening in our community. https://lansingemmaus.org/ 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 be happy to help in any way possible.

Blessings,

Harry Coles Jr. Community Lay Director

Spiritual Guidance from Pastor Ted

Our world is not getting any better. People are blinded by the events of these end times. The New Testament tells us to be aware of the times and seasons. We may not know the exact day of Jesus return, even He does not know the exact day, only the Father knows. The Fact is that Jesus some day soon will split the Eastern skies. Some days I look forward to that day more than other days. There are days I Hope His return is not that near. There is a lot of work to get done. Preaching the gospel to the lost and undone. I want to see my grandchildren grow up to see what kind of individuals they become. Jesus said I am going to prepare a place for you, so that where I am you can be also. So lift up your heads and trust God. Believe his Word! Jesus has gone ahead of us to show us the mansion He has prepared for us,

May God bless, guide, and strengthen you all.

Pastor Ted



Kim Wall Director for Walk #103

Peace, love, hope and JOY to my Emmaus family and friends,

My name is Kim Wall and I will be the Women's Emmaus Walk Lay Director for walk #103!!

I am so humbled, excited and nervous to represent the Lansing Area Emmaus Community as the Lay Director for this walk. I took my walk in the spring of 2004 at the First United Methodist Church in Holland, MI as part of the Grand Rapids Area Emmaus Community and I sat at the table of Esther.

My faith journey began as a child at Settlement Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Gowen, MI. I married my best friend in 1987, Ken Wall, (aka Moose). We have one son, Kody, who is 27 years old now and we are blessed with 2 wonderful grandchildren, Alaster (6) and Kaisyn (3).

I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve in many different capacities over the years-Sunday School and VBS teacher, Kid's Club and Youth Group leader, lay speaker, church planting, Chrysalis and of course, Emmaus. The church plant landed us in a new congregation, Lakeview Community Church.

I am privileged to have a vocation that allows me to minister to at risk pregnant women, children and families in my home community. One of my favorite quotes is "preach the gospel everywhere you go- when necessary use words". God uses us wherever we are at in life- Bloom where you are planted!!

My Emmaus walk was a life changing experience for me that can best be explained by my husband's reaction a few weeks after I returned home. "I don't know what they did to you there, but I want some of that". He went the following spring and Emmaus has transformed our lives and our marriage!!

My heart was set on fire, my mind was renewed, and now I pray for others to be set free from whatever chains hold them back from experiencing the freedom of a loving relationship with God through the power of the Holy Spirit and knowing Jesus as not only their savior, but as their best friend.

Prayer is fundamental to the success of Emmaus. As you are praying for the upcoming walks, please be intentional to pray for sponsors, pilgrims, conference room, spiritual leaders, behind the scenes, and the Emmaus board. Prayer is communication and good communication involves both speaking and listening.

Please have an open mind and an open heart. Listen to see if God is calling you to be part of His Emmaus team. God does not call the equipped, he equips the called and He is building an amazing team of faithful servants!!

We often hear people say that they didn't get called to work- don't wait to be called!!! It's okay to call and volunteer!! There is a process that needs to be followed to maintain the integrity of the Emmaus experience for the conference room team and it begins working as part of the behind the scenes team.

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In the fall of 2004, I didn't wait for someone to call me... I called around until I found the right person to sign up and volunteered. My first behind the scenes job was dining room. I was so blessed by the experience and the time spent with wonderful people, that I just kept coming back. I'm so glad that I did!! God has blessed me through my original Emmaus Walk and the various teams I have been a part of-the opportunity is there for you too!!!

If you are interested in serving on the Men's Weekend, September 26th-29th or the Women's Weekend, October 17th-20th please call Harry Coles, our Community Lay Director at 231.912.0894.

Decolores!!!

Kim Hall Director for Walk #103



Music

Greetings! My name is Jeanneane Wood-Nartker and I am the new music board representative. I took my walk on Walk 80 at the Charlotte Lawrence Street UMC in 2011 and it is my honor to serve this wonderful Emmaus community. My responsibilities encompass organizing music for the monthly gatherings in Greenville and for each Emmaus Gathering weekend: Conference room, Saturday night candlelight, and Sunday evening closing.

I finished reading my morning devotions in Ezekiel 22:30 and read the following: "I look for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one." I sadly reflected and wondered how God could find no faithful people and thought, "This is what Emmaus is all about. We desire to build God's Kingdom on earth for Eternity in Heaven!" If you would like to join me and others in "standing in the gap" through music to make a difference for God in the world (and beyond), I would love to hear from you!

Blessings,

Jeanneane Wood-Nartker Music Chair 989-506-3640 wood1bj@cmich.edu

Emmaus Walks

The time is coming for the Fall Emmaus Walks to be held at New Life UMC in Lakeview.

The men's walk will be held on **September 26th-29th**. The women's walk will be held on **October 17th-20th**.

I remember when I went on my walk in 2011, #36 and I sat at the table of Esther. What a wonderful experience it was for me. It was a fun time, and I was emotionally full of joy to hear all the teachings, and learn that God loves me and you; even more than you could believe possible. It was great to be away from my world for three days and be in constant communion with Christ and other Christians in everything that we did. Having worked on two walks with my husband since our walks, I can tell you it is a real blessing to be a part of the walks serving others.

Take a moment to reflect back on your walk, and pray about being a part of this opportunity to serve Christ, Sponsoring someone to go on the walk, or working a walk in one of the many positions available. Let us make them a HUGE success.

Oleda Kellogg

Data Communications

Greetings to all. As many of you may have guessed, the CMA (communication management app) is NOT ready yet. Upper Room is still working to make things viable and ready for all communities to use with as little issues as possible.

Therefore, we are asking everyone to sign in to IMS and make sure that your information is accurate. If you find issues, please email me and I will be happy to help correct them as best as possible.



Furthermore, I would like to talk about the

communication avenue of e-blasting. As many may have noticed, this has not been reliable on sending in a timely manner. Which has brought the board to discuss other avenues of sending out communications to the community. We have set up three Gmail accounts from which you may have already received an email or two. These accounts are listed as laydirector1@gmail.com, laydirector2@gmail.com; or laydirector3@gmail.com

If you have not already, please take the time to add these to your email directory or check your spam folder for a test email. Feel free to reply so I know you have received and it is working correctly. I will reply to all which I receive.

These new emails will be our back up during the transition stages from IMS to CMA and when e-Blast is not working. So, please accept my apologies in advance if you receive multiple or duplicate messages. It is our way to make sure everyone is informed in a timely manner.

Thank you and blessings

Annette Coles Data Chair

AGAPE LOVE

I would like to thank those who have finished and given agape for the fall walks. What creativity you all have. For those thinking about doing some agape, please keep in mind any allergy situations which may arise from smells or air born scents, ingested allergens from foods like peanuts and gluten. We want to make sure all pilgrims get the opportunity to receive your agape love. However, this does not mean you cannot get or be creative and think outside the box.

Agape gifts come in many forms and many disguises. It could be as simple as a card written to a pilgrim, a bookmark with a verse or scripture written on it, an ink pen or pencil, paper clip, little chicken to remind them of DeColores, or a favorite homemade goodie. No matter what level of gift or talent you have, an agape gift to hand out will be welcomed with open hands and opened hearts.

Some of you may be thinking, "I am not sure what to do?" or "how to get started". Just give me a call, text or email and I will be happy to discuss an idea and help you figure it out.

As in the past, 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 please feel free to contact me via email, phone or text and I will be happy to assist. My information is listed on the Board contact page.

God's blessings and prayers for everyone,

Annette Coles Agape Chair



Chrysalis

Greetings from Chrysalis!

We have successfully completed another flight season! This year, we had to unfortunately cancel the boys flight; however, after a couple late additions we were able to have the girls flight with four caterpillars! The girls were a great group of young ladies and the weekend was a success. The flight was held at Mason First United Methodist Church the weekend of July 12–14. These four young lives were touched by many that weekend, and while I wasn't able to be there a lot, I was able to make Candlelight and closing, which are always two moving events. Lots of tears were shed and many hugs were given as we honored these young ladies and the people that couldn't be there with us this year.

Please join me in continued prayer for these young lives and their continuing journey to know Christ on a deeper level and have their lives reflect a love for him.

As a reminder, we have moved the Chrysalis to coincide with the Greenville gatherings starting at 4:30pm. The upcoming rush dates are:

September 7th RUSH/Gathering
October 5th Fall Fun Fest/RUSH/Gathering
November 2nd RUSH/Gathering
December 7th RUSH/Gathering

All events, dates, times, and other useful information can also be found on our website, https://flightofhope.weebly.com/.

As always, if you are interested in serving on the Board or at a future rush, please let any board member know!

In His Love,

Shelby Morley Assistant Community Lay Director

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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 UMC, Six Lakes

Prayer Team & Care Team

Every Wednesday @ 10:00 AM New Life UMC, Six Lakes

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

New Life Emmaus 4th Day

1st Tuesday of the Month @ 6:00 PM New Life UMC, Six Lakes 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

Listen to Andy Hollander

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

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