



Summer 2014

website: www.midmichiganemmaus.com

From our Community Lay Director

It is summer and we are all outside enjoying the warmth and green grass. Summer will be gone before we know it and fall will be upon us. We need to be thinking of fall now for our upcoming walks. We need you to be a sponsor and sign up new pilgrims for the walks. An application can be found on line or call one of the board members to get you one.

We also need to remember to



continue to participate in our Fourth Day groups. You can help us to connect

others in your group if you would email me or one of the board members with the day, time and location of your group. My email is gmjr51@yahoo.com.

I hope all of you have a safe and fun summer and hope to see some of you at the walks this fall as a sponsor.

GLYASDI,
Jerry Mumford

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2014 Michigan Leadership Development Event

Two events:

One for clergy (Friday)

One for Laity (Saturday)

Friday Sept 12th, 2014 (Clergy)

12:00 am – 4:00 pm
(Lunch provided)

Saturday Sept 13th, 2014

Registration/coffee 8:30- 9am,
Leadership Event 9 am – 5 pm.
(Lunch provided)

Location: Aldersgate UMC
2206 Airfield Lane
Midland, MI 48642

To register, email your personal information (name, address, phone numbers), and let them know you are part of the Mid-Michigan Emmaus/Chrysalis to Cathi Eberly at myagape2u@juno.com

If you have questions, please contact a board member.

Find us on Facebook

Have a question or want to find out what's going on now? Maybe you have a story to share with others..... Check us on out on Facebook: Mid-Michigan Emmaus

Walks and Flights

Chrysalis Events

The summer Chrysalis Flights have been postponed. Please keep the tremendously powerful weekend opportunity in your prayers and be prayerful about a teen you can sponsor!

Fall Emmaus Events:

Tawas United Methodist Church
20 E M 55
Tawas City, MI 48763

MME Women's Walk #72

October 23-26, 2014
Lay Director – Julie Mischler

MME Men's Walk #71

November 6-9, 2014
Lay Director – Greg Kelly

Emmaus Post Gathering:

Saturday, November 22

Please register pilgrims soon!

The Emmaus board has set a deadline of having 12 pilgrims for each weekend by August 29th.

UPCOMING GATHERINGS

Caro UMC - Coming Soon
If you would like to host a Gathering at your church, please contact Bob Bailey robert.g.bailey@dowcorning.com

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COMMUNITY TRAINING

September 12-13
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
See sign up information to the left.

New Emmaus Community Members

Men's Walk # 69

Matthew Birdsall
Jose Pantoja
Ken Snider
Bill Kennedy
Bruce Gardner
Ty Colling
Scot Henry
Dave Spencer
Terry Madick
Tony Jameson
Armando Guardian
John Vennev
William Malett

Doug Ford
Mike Forster
Perry Zeilinger
Ken Sjostrom

Women's Walk #70

Tami Compton
Beverly Damm
Laura Lambert
Sharada Seuryneck
Cindy Rose
Lana Vohwinkle
Lisa Gillespie
Brenda Hull

Jane Walker
Susan Ford
Yvonne Sherman
Elizabeth Bashore
Lorie Guardian
Michele Miller
Rachael McKay
Deborah Russell
Elena Horne
Marsha Boyd
Tammie Farner
Susan Preston
Stacy Sesler
Helen Alford

Kristine Ropp
Cindy Curvin
Lori Inbody
Carla Long
Bonnie Jameson
Kate Carnahan
Irma Marr
Laura Hill
Kathy Morris
Kendra Bailey
Torrie Walters
Sherrie Hickman



Introducing Board Members

Gatherings: Hi, my name is Bob Bailey. I took my Walk to Emmaus, Detroit Conference #72, in October of 1995 in Gladwin, Michigan and sat at the Table of Joshua. My wife Amy and I had been active in Mid-Michigan Emmaus and Mid-Michigan Chrysalis until we moved out of state in 2007. We returned to Michigan in 2011 and have been active at our local church. I was able to serve on the last Men's Emmaus Walk #69 in Coleman during March and recently joined the Mid-Michigan Emmaus Board filling to role for

Gatherings. Amy and I have three children between the ages of 18 and 14. We look forward to seeing many of you at future Emmaus weekends and Gathering events. God Loves You and So Do I.
Bob Bailey

Trailer & Supplies: My name is Sandra Moe and I am pleased to be serving on the Emmaus Board. I have been married to a wonderful man, Jim Moe, for 43 years. We have been blessed with four adopted children. They are Mark 35, Amber 30, Christopher 25 and Casey 24. Jim and I have been retired for a year and a half and are

adjusting to a more quiet life. We lived in Midland for 55 years and now live in Merrill where we are enjoying our farm with our horses, goats, chickens, cats and our dog. We enjoy being with our children and friends and are active with a variety of activities at Poseyville Methodist Church in Midland.

I enjoy camping, kayaking, backpacking, traveling, Special Olympics and I have a special place in my heart for persons with disabilities. I took my walk #54 in 2010 at Aldersgate UMC.

Training: Sponsorship

What is sponsorship? It is a type of discipling. You make yourself responsible for the spiritual and physical preparation of a disciple so they can best experience the Walk To Emmaus. It takes prayer, thoughtfulness, planning, and follow-through. Choose someone whose developed leadership can help strengthen and renew the church.

The Emmaus experience is passed on from person to person as your gift of agape reflecting how God reaches out to people through people.

Pray. Release the process, desires and expectations to God. Just as Jesus prayed in the garden (Matt. 26:41-42), so we must pray for God to work through us. *Lord help me to be the obedient servant you wish me to be, for your glory.*

Be Open to God. Become God's instrument by being open to see God at work. Listen, receive God's instruction, be sensitive to His Spirit. *Lord guide me and give me the wisdom to be a sponsor for the servant you are calling.*

Call by Name. Call by name the individual you are praying for and asking to become a pilgrim. Jesus called each of His disciples by name to join in the spiritual adventure. *Lord guide me to the individual you are calling and help me to humbly ask to be their sponsor to an Emmaus weekend.*

Be a Wise Sponsor. Pray before, during, and after. Check the dates and sponsor someone well in advance. Present the opportunity to the potential pilgrim family (the experience can be enhanced if both husband and wife go, and even more

so if a youth can also attend Chrysalis), answer questions truthfully but try not to spoil the agape surprises, share your experiences, and leave an application. Help the pilgrim fill out the application (the pilgrim fee is \$80, \$30 required with registration) and send it in with your Sponsorship registration. Collect agape letters (you will be sent sponsorship information for this and duties after the Registrar has received your form). Provide encouragement to the pilgrim before and after the walk. Attend the weekend events, take the pilgrim to the location and stay for Sponsors Hour, be there for the Candlelight, and be there for the closing and bring the pilgrim home. Cover or be sure any needs the pilgrim has during the walk are covered at home.

Fourth Day continue to encourage the disciple and accompany them to the Post Walk Gathering, Fourth Day Group and gatherings. And finally, assist them to sponsor someone else.

Be a Sponsor now. Pilgrim spots are filling up.

Training: How Do I Manage My Time? Or How Can I Manage My Time?

Overwhelmed? I don't have enough time to do this! There are too many good things I should be doing! Do any of these thoughts stress you? Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-6 about *There is a time for everything....* But..., there is not a time for everything right NOW.

Jesus had people clamoring for his time. He had a mission. He had a life. He knew his priorities and limitations (self imposed to teach us and redeem us). When you study his life for how he managed his time, you can see the same principles that effective modern managers and leaders use: study, prioritize, plan, act, manage.

The Walk To Emmaus weekend has some time management factors built in to assist the walk Lay Director. Besides the weekend schedule model provided, the Mid Michigan Emmaus Board provides team selection assistance and resources, training schedule, resource material, and assistance if needed. This experience is transferable to your home church, work, and daily life. Time management in your service to the Lord is a good 4th Day witness.

If you are feeling there is not enough time for everything, first review how you spend your time during a day or a week. Make a journal or diary then review it with a friend. Look for what you are effective in and when, and when you are ineffective. Review your habits then practice effective habits like the following.

STUDY—Jesus knew what he was getting into with His Father's plan: *John_12:47 "If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world."* The situation was studied and known. Know your tasks and what they may demand of you. Take stock of your skill, time, tool, and help resources. Also pray to know what God desires. Sometimes when we take stock,

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*This article is reduced from
Sponsorship, by Richard and Janine
Gilmore; an educational booklet for the*

we fall short and are challenged to depend upon God's promises and His strength and His resources.

PRIORITIZE—Jesus was sometimes among the crowds, sometimes alone with his disciples, and sometimes alone to pray or have one-on-one encounters. Could he have done more by just staying with the crowds, or staying with his disciples, or in effective one-on-one encounters? The big mission was broken down into parts. Each part was effective as the best way to accomplish his mission, maintain his fellowship with Abba, raise up and teach effective disciples, and maintain his own body to last the mission. There are many "good" things you can do. They will exhaust you, your resources, and your witness. Pick the **best** things that will maintain you and your service to God as His witness. Make a list. The "big" items or most important need to be first. "Smaller" items can then be fit around them. Filling your time is like filling a jar with rocks and sand. Put the larger rocks in first, then the smaller, then the smallest, and finally the sand. If you fill your time with the smallest items first, you will not have time for the larger items. Limit your activities and tasks so you can do them well and be well.

PLAN—*Mat 8:16-18 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee].*

Jesus followed a plan of teaching, preaching, healing, confronting, and communion on his way to redeem us. It was His plan that Jesus followed, not the smaller plans of the people. Set up expectations for your tasks. You need to

Emmaus Community.

You can also search the web for sponsorship information with "Walk to Emmaus sponsorship."

master your time, not let others decide for you.

How will you accomplish your tasks. What tools or help will you need and how will you use them and what is the timing for them. Line up or verify resources that you will need. How long do you expect it will take. Build in time for interruptions or difficulties. Remember to keep the important things first.

ACT—*John 2:13-16 [The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem for Passover and found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. So he drove them out.]*

Jesus did not put off or delay his tasks unnecessarily. He attended to problems as he encountered them. He did not procrastinate. Act on your tasks, get started, do not stop, do one at a time, deal with tasks and problems once and move on. Some problems may come up more than once such as in training but they are separate corrective tasks such as in the correction of habits. *Heb_1:1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,....*

Jesus did not do it all. He trained disciples. You do not have to do it all.

MANAGE—*Matt 26:40-41 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."--Jesus did not need to have the disciples awake but understood why they could not. Sometimes a task is not accomplished to the perfection we would desire, but the task is accomplished to the perfection needed. I once heard a statement that, "For ten percent more I could live like a rich man, but for ten percent more I would be broke." Do not put unneeded effort into tasks, keep to your plan.*

Large tasks may need to be broken up into smaller bits. Interruptions or dealing with obstacles can be managed more easily if you have already allowed time for them. Practice the routine of following a plan. Use your tools and resources. Be careful that your resources and tools do not occupy you, especially high tech tools.

One more thing about managing time. Be sensitive and serve others by avoiding squandering the time of others. They are trying to manage their time also. So stick to the plan, handle interruptions, and use physical and human resources wisely.

Make your to-do list. Organize it by priority and resources. Start your tasks and follow a plan. You will have more time

to have fellowship with God, your fellow servants, and those who need Him.

You **are** a time manager. God will help you save and multiply your resources.

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Find additional material by searching on “time management leadership” or try:

<http://christian-leadership.org/a-time-for-everything-10-time-management-tips-for-christian-leaders-2/>

<http://www.nwlink.com/~donclark/leader/leadtime.html>

<http://www.nwlink.com/~donclark/leader/leadtime.html#sthash.CBbUPF97.dpuf>

<http://www.leadership-with-you.com/learning-time-management-skills.html>

<http://www.leadership-with-you.com/organization-skills.html>

National Community Training – What it’s about? (by Kevin Wolfgang)

What is it and what is the purpose. In a single word: CONSISTENCY. Emmaus Regional Training sessions are held for the express purpose of assuring that Emmaus communities around the world are using the model which has been developed and so that each community member has the opportunity to learn about more about the Emmaus movement.

Have you ever wondered why things develop in a certain way during an Emmaus weekend? Have you considered the thought that went into the model that was developed? These questions along with many others will help individuals more clearly understand their role in our Emmaus community and how they can serve the community and gain a richer experienced during their service.

Leadership Development also provides our communities with a primer on “How to”. For instance if you have ever served as a volunteer, your time serving an organization is important and precious because you may be balancing multiple priorities. To make a difference, you want to be effective without spending endless hours in meetings. Our Leadership Development Events address how an Emmaus Board should operate, how committees are developed and intended to function, how long the meetings should be and the content of these meetings. Addressing these elements provides a local community CONSISTENCY.

The real meat of a Leadership Development Event is the main sections of the Emmaus model are dissected. Each year there are three topics identified and each is given its own concentration. For instance Sponsorship, Team Selection and Behind the Scenes may be addressed one year. Another year the topics discussed may be different. A common theme you will hear at all LDE’s is that the *Handbook establishes the “minimum” rules of operation!”

I encourage you to attend a Leadership Development Event because, as we all are aware, the largest threat to our community and to our churches is complacency. It is our greatest adversary as a movement as well.

When we attend leadership events we continue to improve our knowledge and understanding of the Emmaus movement and when we “MOVE” in unison with a CONSISTENT purpose...we are impactful to the kingdom to in which we serve!