



January, 2019

Mid-Michigan Emmaus Newsletter

Happy New Year to All:

I would like to thank all that worked on the Walk #82 and welcome the newest members into the Mid-Michigan Emmaus Family! We are hoping that your weekend was wonderful and that you are enjoying the new perspective that Emmaus gives to your life. We would like to help you to find a fourth day group in your area if you have not joined one. Please let us know on Facebook or call Robin Taylor, 989-326-3797. The fourth day group is important to keeping your walk alive. We would also like to hear from you if you would like to work on a future walk or if you have a gift or talent to share. You could be a blessing to those next pilgrims signing up for a walk! Please contact any of the board members listed on the last page.

Remember to share your smiles and your heart for God. . .
God loves you and so do I.

Sandi Moe, Community Lay Director

January Gathering

Join us at Markey Church in Roscommon for a January Gathering. It should be fun with food, fellowship, and maybe even some games. Bring a dish to pass and friends.

This is a great opportunity to introduce family and friends to Emmaus. You can also see the location for the next set of walks.

6:30-8:30 p.m.

*If you cross-country ski or would like to try it out, Ski Headquarters has groomed trails and is real close to the church. You may want to make a day of fun out of your trip to Roscommon.



Spring Walks

Location:

Markey Church
4736 N. Flint Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653

Men's Walk
March 28-31,
2019

Women's Walk
April 4-7, 2019

Post Walk
April 13, 2019

Chrysalis Events

Partnering with Southeast Michigan



Dear Mid-Michigan Emmaus Community,

Some of my favorite Scripture verses that have refreshed me during my morning devotions are found in the book of Psalms. For example, *“He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters..... but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me. (Psalm 18:16-19) Or how about this one? “The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.” (Psalm 16:6) Then there's Psalm 31:7-8 which reads: “I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and near the anguish of my soul. You have not handed me over to the enemy but have set my feet in a spacious place.”*

I love those phrases: “delightful inheritance,” “pleasant places,” and “a spacious place.” Can you just feel the fresh air?! The relief?!

During these past two years our Mid-Michigan Emmaus Community experienced a period of being in the valley of inactivity. It was hard to get momentum going again. However, last spring we had both Women's and Men's Walks and then a fall Women's walk. Both the pilgrims and the Community found these to be inspirational experiences.

I believe our momentum has been regained. We are now on the verge of entering into “pleasant places.” I was recently informed that we have secured the Markey Baptist Church in Roscommon as host site for Men's Walk, the last weekend of March as well as Woman's Walk, the first week of April. Furthermore, Bob and Lisa McCormick have agreed to serve as our Lay Directors for those walks. Lee Rhodes is on board to serve as our Men's Walk Spiritual Director. For our Women's Walk, Lisa Kelley has agreed to serve as that Walk's Spiritual Director.

So we are off to a great start going into 2019. Furthermore, the membership of our Mid-Michigan Emmaus Board has been experiencing an infusion of new blood.

Thank you very much for all who have persevered in both prayer and service in being faithful during the “dry season.” We praise God that the rain is beginning to fall. Please be in prayer as to serving on the upcoming walks, as well as sponsoring pilgrims. Personally, I am praying that we completely fill the spring Walks so that there is significant momentum that will to our have both Women's and Men's Walks, come fall of 2019. We already have a church interested in hosting the fall walks.

Blessings,

Dave Stewart
Spiritual Director
Mid-Michigan Emmaus Community

Opportunities to Serve

Community, please help! God has gifted us each with interests and abilities. If you are interested in helping prepare for upcoming walks in any area such as auxiliary, supplies, agape or gatherings, etc. please message, call or email a board member to let us know. If you're interested in learning more about an area let us know so we can help include you where you are interested as these areas prepare. There are always things to do far ahead of a walk and after a walk and more hands/willing hearts make those jobs lighter. There are always ways to be involved with Emmaus and there are blessings in helping each other in the tasks. You can call/text a board member or send email to midmichiganagape@gmail.com

Pati Weingartz

Sandi Moe, Community Lay Director

Book Corner

Book Recommendations

Here are a couple books you might want to consider:

***Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman**

This book asks you to consider the following question: Are you a fan or a follower? Go ahead, think honestly about your relationship with God . . . but don't answer too quickly. In fact, you may want to read this book before you answer at all. *Not a Fan* asks you to consider your relationship with God. You may indeed be a passionate, fully devoted follower of Jesus. Or, you may be just a fan who admires Jesus but isn't ready to let him cramp your style. Then again, maybe you're not into Jesus, period. *Not a Fan* calls you to consider the demands and rewards of being a true disciple.

***The Jesus I Never Knew* by Phillip Yancy**

This book peels away popular stereotypes to present a brilliant and challenging portrait of Christ. Yancey provides a probing look at Jesus Christ - his teaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection, and ultimately, who he was and why he came. You will be pressed to see beyond the traditional picture to uncover a Jesus who is brilliant, creative, challenging, fearless, compassionate, unpredictable, and ultimately satisfying.

Calling All Gently Used Books

Do you have books on the shelf that are looking for a new home? Please consider donating any Christian-based book to the Emmaus Literature table. Contact Trisha Wiegerink at junebugslug@hotmail.com for more information.

Sponsorship/Literature Table

Next time you sponsor a pilgrim for a Walk, you might want to consider leaving \$10-\$20 at the Literature table for your pilgrim to spend on books. It would make a great act of Agape!

Musically Yours

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

By: Daniel March

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the master calls you;
Rich reward he offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I. Send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus;
You can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all,

With your prayers and with your
bounties

You can do what God demands;
You can be life faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying
And the master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calls you,
"Here am I. Send me, send me!"

Hymn # 318 from **Lutheran Worship**

Author: Joseph Barnby

Tune: Galilean

1st Published in: 1869

Submitted by Pati Weingartz

Board Agape Chairperson

Database Changes

Our community will be changing to a new database hopefully in the next month. It is important for members to log into the system and check your information for any needed updates. To do that:

1. Use Internet Explorer.
2. Go to mme.inetmember.com
3. Enter your login information.
4. Choose *You* at the top, then *All About You* on the drop-down menu.
5. Use the second blue menu bar to choose each item and check your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Banning at dbanning@chs-mi.com.

Board News

- We welcome Bob McCormick to the board as Assistant Community Chairperson, Jeff Bader as our new Music Chairperson and Dawn Banning as our Database Chair.
- We also welcome new committee members for special areas: Keith Reinhardt, Facilities/Site Selection; Donna Clark, Training and Cathy Kelley, Prayer Vigil

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 the Mid-Michigan Emmaus Community*