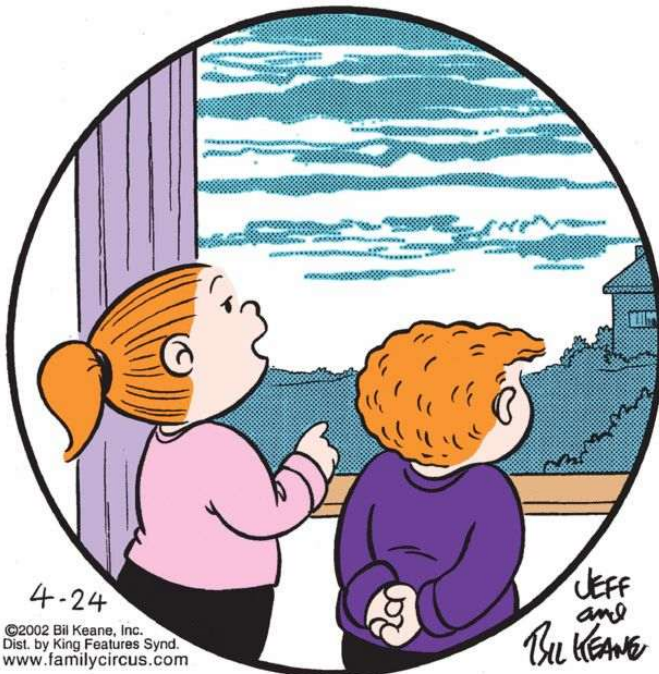




April 2025

Mid-Michigan Emmaus Newsletter

Please share this newsletter with any of your Emmaus friends. Your help is needed to share what's happening and ensure our database is up-to-date! Any new or corrected e-mail addresses can be sent to [Carla Long](#). Thank you for your help.



"Know what? The days get longer at the same time the nights get shorter."

Find us on [Facebook!](#)

Men's Fall Walk (Walk #97)

October 9-12, 2025

Lay Director: [Dean Jacques](#)

Women's Fall Walk (Walk #98)

October 23-26, 2025

Lay Director: [Tabitha Reinhardt](#)

Location:

[Tawas Methodist Church](#),
Tawas City, MI

Information:

<https://midmichiganemmaus.com>
register4mmewalk@gmail.com

A Message from the Community Lay Director...

Your MME Board of Directors recently met at [Aldersgate Church](#) for our March meeting. Some highlights:

- Confirmed Fall 2025 Walk dates are: Men's: 9-12-Oct, Women's: 23-26-Oct. Location: [Tawas Methodist Church](#), Tawas City, MI
- Work continues related to [MME Website](#) updates. More to come later this year.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - May 2025 Gathering – **Friday, May 16, 2025** – [Aldersgate Cardinal Square \(6030 Bay Rd., Saginaw\)](#) – 6:00-8:00pm
- Board Positions – [as previously mentioned and noted below](#), we have several open positions on the MME Board. **CALL TO ACTION** – we need YOU to prayerfully consider if you can take one (or more) of the positions to lighten the load of your brethren. Please contact any member of the Board if you have any questions or are interested in serving. Board Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at [Aldersgate Church in Midland](#). I promise, we are a friendly bunch of folks and don't bite! 😊

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[Dave Warner](#)

Mid-Michigan Emmaus Community Lay Director

A reminder about the Ecumenical Nature of Emmaus...

Our work is ecumenical in nature and, as a result, Emmaus Ministries communities are in partnership with a multitude of local churches and denominations that hold various positions on various issues. Because of differing views on a number of issues, when the Emmaus Ministries community gathers, we seek to maintain a healthy ecumenical environment in which all are welcome. The one caveat is that we do not seek to impose, or win others over to, our views on any divisive subject.

When we come together, we not only seek to maintain a healthy ecumenical environment but, we seek to focus on those things that we hold in common – the love of God for the whole of humanity, the desire to see everyone grow in the image of Christ, and the desire to contribute to the development of strong local churches that can impact their environment.

From the Region 5 Emmaus Newsletter...

2025 REGIONAL GATHERING AND CELEBRATION:

August 29-31, 2025 - Nashville, TN

Next year's Regional Gathering and Celebration will be held in the Nashville, TN area.

This event will have special activities for members of Chrysalis Communities. Also, it will be a great opportunity for Emmaus Ministries community leaders and members to meet The Upper Room Emmaus Ministries staff, deepen their understanding of our overall mission and its implications for their ministry, network and share best practices, and receive further training in specific aspects of the work of Emmaus Ministries. Stay tune for more details in future eNews.

Registration Link: <https://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/events/regional-gathering>

CLERGY CHAT:

Emmaus Ministries Spiritual Directors are invited to attend one Chat per year. This is a time when Emmaus Ministries SD's come together to pray with each other, and to have conversations around matters of concern to them. There are 5:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM CT sessions.

Links to all 2025 sessions:

- 5:00 AM sessions: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
- 11:00 AM sessions: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
- 1:00 PM sessions: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

CHRYSALS Start-Up Meetings:

- First Tuesday of each month: Chrysalis Start-Up Chats @ 7:00 PM CT
- Second Tuesday of each month: Committee Specific Chats @ 7:00 PM CT

CHRYSALIS Upcoming Chats (7pm Central/8pm Eastern):

May 13th - Registrar

June 10th CSD/Clergy

You are invited to a monthly gathering of leaders in Chrysalis Communities who are serving in different roles areas in their local community. We will discuss together best practices, where we are, where we are going, and how to do this ministry with excellence so we can transform lives and build the Kingdom of God. These Zoom meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm Central/8:00 pm Eastern time.

COMMUNITY TRAINERS:

June 16th, 2025 - @7:00 PM CT

Registration link: <https://upperroom.zoom.us/meeting/register/blo2qGMwS66xRSe4ibNvEw>

THE CARIBBEAN VILLAGE ENCOUNTER:

We have decided to combine TVE Primer and the Caribbean TVE for the month of June where we will have more availability in terms of team members.

Orientation: Thursday, Jun 12 5:00 – 7:10 Central Time

Session 1 – Evening of Friday, June 13, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Central Time

Session 2 – Morning of Saturday, June 14 6:00 – 10:30 a.m. Central Time

Session 3 – Evening of Friday, June 20, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Central Time

Session 4 – Morning of Saturday, June 21 6:00 – 10:45 a.m. Central Time

Session 5 – Evening of Friday, June 13, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Central Time

Session 6 – Morning of Saturday, June 14 6:00 – 10:00 a.m. Central Time

Mid-Michigan Emmaus Community Board of Directors

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Literature 2025 Fall Women's Walk Lay Director	Tabitha Reinhardt	989-254-9046	tabitha.reinhardt73@gmail.com
Site Selection	Ty Black	989-390-8982	tyblack@charter.net
Supplies & Mattress Trailer	Dave Hickman	989-709-9355	hickmandavid84@yahoo.com
BOARD COMMITTEES			
CSD Vice Chair Role Description: Support the CSD elected each year by the Board of Directors to provide spiritual guidance to the Board. The CSD contacts and makes arrangements for clergy to serve at all community events and on each Emmaus Walk.	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Music Role Description: Works with the Lay Directors and Candlelight and Gathering Chair as needed to provide suggestions for Music and entertainment. Keeps the list of musically gifted community members and always watching for and developing new talent.	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN