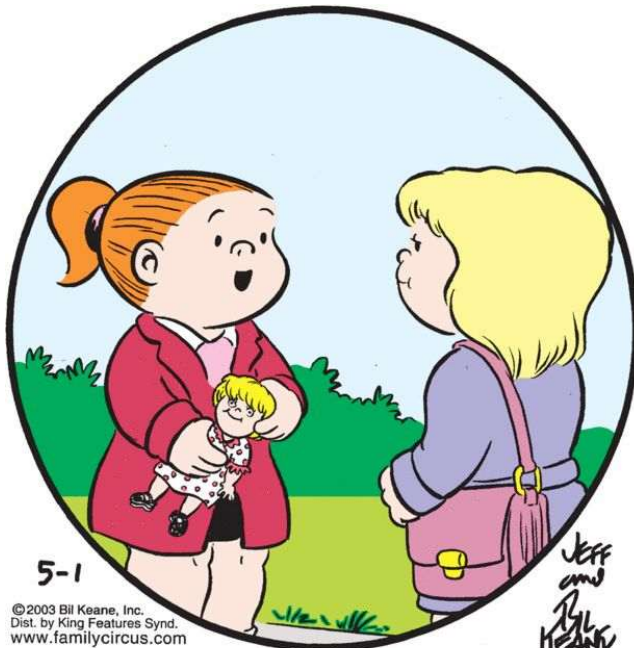




May 2025

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! Please send any new or corrected e-mail addresses to [Carla Long](#). Thank you for your help.



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"If I have any daughters, I'll name them after flowers — Rose, Lily, Snapdragon ..."

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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 May meeting. Some highlights:

- Fall 2025 Walk Planning is underway. 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:
 - June 2025 Gathering – **Friday, June 20, 2025** – [Mark & Teresa Camilleri's home – 1299 S. Nine Mile Rd., Midland](#) – 6:00-8:00pm; hot dogs, condiments, paper products and plastic ware will be provided; please bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair; hope to see you there!
- THANK YOU, THANK YOU to [Bill Cromwell](#) who has graciously agreed to serve as our Board Chair for Music. We are excited to have you! Please welcome Bill to the Board and consider if you're being called to serve as our CSD Vice Chair (our last open position). Board Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at [Aldersgate Church in Midland](#). REMINDER - we are a friendly bunch of folks and don't bite! 😊

GLYASDI,

[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...

INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL GATHERING – If you were unable attend the International Virtual Gathering but would like to view, you may do so at the following link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ujTbhalrK8>

2025 REGIONAL GATHERING AND CELEBRATION– Are you signed up? This is a great opportunity to connect with other Communities around the US.

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 tuned 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 SDs 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

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 CT/8:00 pm ET.

1. If you have a Chrysalis Community, or are interested in starting up a Chrysalis Community, these are monthly zoom sessions to help connect you with other people who are starting back up Chrysalis too! (And EMIO staff to support any questions or concerns you have)
 - a. First Tuesday of each month: Chrysalis Start-Up Chats @ 7:00 PM CT
 - i. For New Communities or Communities starting back up; register here - <https://upperroom.zoom.us/meeting/register/lxwPYK5QQf683izRWz3KsA#/registration>
 - b. Second Tuesday of each month: Committee Specific Chats @ 7:00 PM CT
 - i. For Chrysalis Communities to connect with committee specific needs; register here - <https://upperroom.zoom.us/meeting/register/iCOpZMPgT6SUDJV4YLeNoA#/registration>
 - i. June 10 – Clergy
 - ii. July 8 - Team Selection
 - iii. August 12 - Fourth Day
 - iv. September 9 - CLDs
 - v. October 14 – Agape
 - vi. November 11 – Registrars
 - vii. December 9 – Clergy

A Message from the Past...

The photo below was provided to Teresa Camilleri from Karen Chappel (when Teresa was recently Lay Director) written by her husband, Lynn. Lynn was a pillar in the MME Community...

The Walk to Emmaus is an adaption of the Roman Catholic Cursillo (pronounced cur-see-o) Movement. In 1978, The Upper Room of the General Board of Discipleship adapted the program for a primarily Protestant audience, and began to offer it under the name The Upper Room ~~Walk to Emmaus~~. Cursillo (pronounced cur-see-o) In 1981, The Upper Room made further ~~adaptions~~ adaptations and changed the name of the program to the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus. Rev. Lynn along with about 30 other men took the "first" Emmaus Walk at Port Huron Campgrounds in 1981. There were people from Decatur, Illinois (Emmaus Walk) that started the Emmaus Walk with the help of Cursillo (cur-see-o) in Mich.

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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