



WALK TO EMMAUS

THE UPPER ROOM®



FALL 2015

Jackson area Emmaus community

Fall Walks fast approaching

The fall men's walk is scheduled for October 1-4 at the Marshall United Methodist Church, and the women's walk follows close behind on October 22-25 at Heart of the Lakes Brethren. Please note that this is a location change.

Applications are coming in, but there is still lots of room for more.

Who do you know that would receive a blessing from God by attending this walk? Have you approached them about it yet? Why not do it right now?

Sponsorship training will be available after the monthly gathering on Sept. 12th and Oct. 10th.

Applications are available at www.jacksonemmaus.org or

Registrar, at (517)262-3333

The fall men's walk conference room team includes:

Pastor Tom Burgett SD, Pastor Chad Parmalee ASD, Pastor Vince Bridge ASD, Frank Drechnowicz LD,

Jim Kitchen ALD, Al Vasaris ALD, Vern Updike ALD, Rob Wight TL, Paul Blann TL, David Sweet TL, Ron Avers TL, Bert Furman TL, Ron Holmes ATL,

Bob Rowilson ATL, Merrill Kauffman ATL, Terry Montgomery ATL, Dean Page ATL, Brent Boyd Music Director, Dan Cole Assistant Music, Steve Monroe Assistant Music, Chuck Tuckey Board Rep

The women's walk conference room team includes:

Pastor Craig Adams SD, Pastor Sue Trowbridge ASD, Pastor Tim Pucket ASD, Mary Ellen Loar

LD. Karen Heffelfinger ALD, Dawn Sebesky ALD, Linda Boos ALD, Karen Glaser Music, Jane Case Music, Joyce Huntington Board Rep, Sindy Bradley TL, Lanay Watts TL, Kim Miller TL, Robin Brigham TL, Laura Battle TL, Jan Austin TL, Doreen Cook ATL, Wendy Harsh ATL, Mary Coffey ATL, Lacy Conelly ATL, Michelle Coats ATL, Connie McNeil ATL

Leading the auxiliary teams are Chuck Tobias (517-740-9659)

and Roxanne Updike for the men's walk, and Sheilla Fowler McEldowney (517-250-0633)

for the women's walk. If you can donate a few hours to help out at one of the walks, please get in contact with them—or just show up and someone will put you to work!

JAE Faces Financial Crisis

Emmaus Communities are designed to be self-sustaining organizations. Most of our money comes from WALK REGISTRATIONS and this is enough only when we have full walks of 36 PILGRIMS. Our finances are strained by our having had less-than full walks. So we are unable to meet the yearly financial needs and our current walks' needs.

Self-sustaining means we cover yearly bills of Liability Insurance, Upper Room essentials, a Facility Donation, food & supplies for the walks, etc.

We NEED to collect about \$2,000 a year more than the receipts from walks of 20 pilgrims to pay these bills.

Our next gathering on September 12th is going to be a "Concern and Correction" gathering. A question/answer and information session will be held. **Please** be



Brookside United Methodist Church, 4000 Francis St. in Jackson. Potluck supper begins at 5:00 p.m.

If you would like to make a donation, you may bring it to the gathering or write a check payable to Jackson Area Emmaus and send it to: Jim Justin (Treasurer), 5295 Timbercrest Trail, Jackson, MI 49201.

- Jeff Sweet
Community Lay Director

Let's all be in prayer for God's provision during this time of testing!



From our Music Director Bea Furman

I will never forget walking into the candlelight service on my walk and hearing all the beautiful voices raised in song singing "Jesus Jesus." I will never forget crying with my tablemates when we opened up the invitations to the wedding feast of the lamb. And, I will never forget hearing myself and other pilgrims at closing saying how their lives were touched.

I have had the pleasure of being the music director three times, a table leader and an assistant table leader once apiece. In all five walks, I remember watching the pilgrims' faces and voices in awe of the fact that the community was there for them in a special candlelight service. I

remember watching my tablemates both times cry when they opened up their invitations to the wedding feast. I remember listening to the pilgrims saying how their lives have changed.

Each walk is different, and that's how it is supposed to be. You can't have the same people as music directors. You can't have talks with no personal experience embellishing the talk. So, it goes without saying that every time you hear a talk as a team member, it's as different as the talk you heard as a pilgrim. What stays the same is people's lives change as a result of the walks, and it doesn't matter if it's the pilgrims or the team. Lives are

touched because the Lord visits each walk, just as he did the first one.

I hope that each and every one of you sits and thinks about what happens on a walk. How were you changed? IF you sponsored a pilgrim how were they changed? Do you want to continue seeing changes in people's lives? Reach out today and offer someone who has been an influence to you or someone you're praying you can impact and give them the gift of God's Love. Invite them on a walk.

If you want to help the community to continue, give what you can to help, whether it be financial or the gift of your hands and feet and heart.

Calling all Prayer Warriors

We have an Emmaus Email Prayer Chain. If you have a prayer concern, send it to:

Jackson.emmaus.prayer.chain@gmail.com

If you wish to join the Emmaus Prayer Warrior team, let us know and we will add you to our group.

- Don and Jo Jensen



Auxiliary Training for Upcoming Walks

For those who will be working Auxiliary, or if you are interested in working Auxiliary, we will be having a short training at the Saturday, September 19th Team meeting in Marshall where the Men's Walk will be taking place. Please plan on attending. If you have

never been to a Team meeting, they start at 8:30 a.m. with fellowship—and of course food. We then go to the Sanctuary for prayers, praises and communion. After that, the team goes into their meeting and we will meet for a brief training and then maybe work on

Auxiliary Agape for the Walks. Again, please plan on attending. I hope to see you all there.

- Deb Spicer, Auxiliary Board Representative.

Agape —It is more blessed to give than to receive

One of the many ways pilgrims are blessed on the Walk to Emmaus is by receiving Agape gifts...little reminders of God's love.

Providing enough Agape gifts for the pilgrims as well as the conference room team and spiritual directors can be challenging...but as the old saying goes "many hands make light work."

It's time to start those Agape projects, if you haven't already done so. Plan to provide enough items for each pilgrim for pillow Agape, or enough for the pilgrims and conference

room staff for meal Agape (about 55 -60).

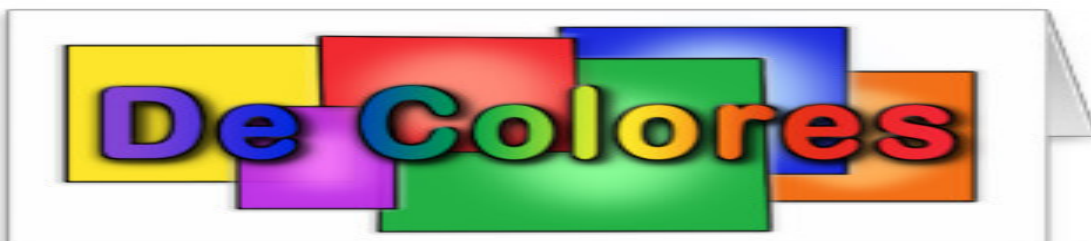
You may work on Agape at the upcoming team meetings (Sept. 12 and 19), or do them at home and bring them to the walks on the first or second day of the weekend. Please do NOT bring them on Saturday night—as there will be



extremely limited opportunity to deliver them before the walk ends.

If you are doing Agape as a church group or 4th Day Group, you may put the name of your group on the gifts. Because Emmaus is about bringing glory to God for His provision and not about getting individual recognition, please do NOT put your name on the gifts.

If you have any questions about the Agape gifts or need more specific information, contact Arla Leininger at (517) 474-8019 or arlanj@hotmai.com



72 Hour Prayer Vigil

Kathryn Ames, our Prayer Vigil Coordinator, has been busy preparing the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil chart for the upcoming Fall walks. You may sign up at the gathering on Saturday, or give Kathy a call at (517) 262-1014. Her email address is: nurseames@hotmail.com

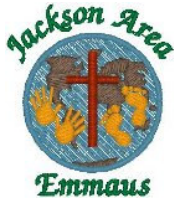
Wouldn't it be wonderful to have so many people signed up that we'd need to put more than one name per line? Together we can do this!



Fall Elections

There are currently three positions open on the Jackson Area Emmaus Board.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on the board, or would like to nominate someone to serve, please contact: Jeff Sweet, Community Lay Director at (517)565-3259 or email: jeffsweet83@yahoo.com







Christmas is coming, and Emmaus clothing makes a great gift! Order yours today. A portion of the proceeds go to Jackson Area Emmaus. So get your Christmas shopping done early and support the Emmaus community at the same time. It's a win-win!

Each clothing item is embroidered with the Jackson Area Emmaus logo (pictured on the left)

Name: _____
Street: _____

Phone: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

ITEM DESCRIPTION		COLOR (Circle One)	SIZE (Circle One)	QUANTITY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
	Women's Polo Shirt Material is 65/35	Red	S M L XL		\$19.00	
		Banana	2 XL		\$20.00	
		Black	3 XL		\$22.00	
		Light Blue	4 XL		\$23.00	
	Men's Polo Shirt Material is 65/35	Red	S M L XL		\$19.00	
		Black	2 XL		\$20.00	
		Banana	3 XL		\$22.00	
		Light Blue	4 XL		\$23.00	
		Red	LG & XL TALL		\$21.00	
		Black	2 XL TALL		\$22.00	
		Banana	3 XL TALL		\$24.00	
Light Blue	4 XL TALL		\$25.00			
	Crewneck Sweatshirt Material is 50/50	Ash Grey	S M L XL		\$18.00	
		Black	2 XL		\$20.00	
		Maroon	3 XL		\$21.00	
		Light Blue	4 XL		\$21.00	
	Hoodies Material is 50/50	Ash Grey	S M L XL		\$21.00	
		Gold	2 XL		\$24.00	
		Black	3 XL		\$25.00	
		Purple	4 XL		\$26.00	
				SUBTOTAL		
Add \$6.00 per item shipping for home delivery only. <i>You may also choose to pick up your merchandise.</i>					SHIPPING	
					TOTAL DUE	

Emmaus and Church Leadership.....

One of the things I struggle with when talking to people about the Emmaus Walk is focusing on what Emmaus is all about.

So many great and wonderful things happen on the walks that we tend to talk about them and we don't hear what changes are made in people when they return to their churches—so it is hard to share those experiences. But Emmaus is really about building church leaders. We are attempting to provide the pilgrims with knowledge and desire to go back to their home churches and take on more responsibility. As a matter of fact, if a pilgrim goes on a walk, goes back to their church, takes on a larger leadership role, and never attends another Emmaus event; Emmaus calls it a success.

In 1996 I was an Elder in my church and chair of the property committee. We had decided it was time to improve handicap accessibility in the building by building an elevator. As part of my responsibilities I was expected to get up in front of the congregation and sell the need for the elevator.

I am not a public speaker. I have never been comfortable in front of large groups of people. The idea of getting up in the pulpit on Sunday morning scared me to death. The first Sunday I made myself sick thinking about

it. The second and third Sundays were barely any better.

In 2005 I took my walk. One of the pieces of agape I received on the walk was a CD of contemporary Christian music. Prior to my walk I never listened to CCM, but I gave the CD a try and discovered that I really enjoyed it and completely changed what I listen to.

A couple of years later we had a music Sunday. As part of this worship several people were asked to talk for five minutes about music and their lives. The choir director, knowing my change of heart, asked me to speak and I did. While I did not feel it went great, I did move a few people to try my new found love of CCM.

Two years ago my pastor asked me to speak about the walk to Emmaus in hopes of sparking some interest in the walk. I had done this a couple of times in short talks but found it hard to do Emmaus justice in 2-3 minutes. So I suggested I take the pulpit and preach my first sermon. Nobody will be giving me any rewards for a great sermon, but I got the message across and sparked some interest in the walk.

This spring—two weeks before Psalm Sunday our pastor came to Sunday School very stressed out. He had done three funerals that week, had dealt with a couple of “church”

issues, was facing at least one more funeral, his father was having some serious health issues, and Holy Week was just around the corner. After hearing what he had been going through, I offered to take the whole service the following Sunday so he could go to Ohio and spend some time with his father. I honestly didn't think he'd take me up on it (so wasn't concerned about what I had offered to do) but sometime during worship it was laid on my heart to talk to his wife. I don't know how much pressure she put on him but Monday he called and took me up on the offer.

The good news for me was that I got to pick the Old and New Testament lessons—so my sermon was on something I felt compelled to share, but I had to write it from scratch. Ten years, lots of opportunities to speak in front of Emmaus events, a subject I feel strongly about, and a will to do good resulted in a passable sermon.

Emmaus is about building leaders. I doubt I would have ever offered to take over the worship service at my church if not for my experiences in Emmaus.

Who in your church needs some building up on an Emmaus weekend to help them discover how they can lead their church?

- Randy Herrick

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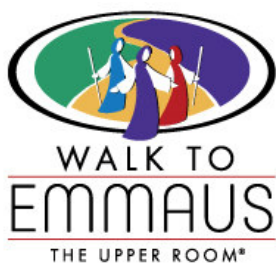
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DATES TO REMEMBER...

Emmaus Board Meetings

Tuesday—Sept. 29th, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday—Oct. 27th, 6:30 p.m.
Brookside United Methodist
4000 Francis St. Jackson, MI

Community Gatherings -

Saturday—Sep. 12th 5:00 p.m.
Saturday—Oct. 10th, 5:00 p.m.
Saturday— Nov. 14th, 5:00 p.m.
Brookside United Methodist
4000 Francis St. Jackson, MI

Sponsorship Training

Saturday—Sep. 12th, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday—Oct. 10th, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday— Nov. 14th, 7:00 p.m.
Brookside United Methodist
4000 Francis St. Jackson, MI

Team Meetings for Fall Walks

Saturday-Sept. 12th 8:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
743 W. Michigan, Jackson, MI
Saturday-Sept. 19th
Marshall United Methodist Church
721 Old US 27 N, Marshall, MI

Auxiliary Training

Saturday—Sep 19th 8:30 a.m.
Marshall United Methodist Church
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Fall 2015 Men's Walk

October 1-4
Marshall United Methodist Church
721 Old US 27 N, Marshall, MI

Candlelight—8:30 p.m. Saturday
Closing—4:30 p.m. Sunday

Fall 2015 Women's Walk

October 22-25
Heart of the Lakes United Brethren
7031 Jefferson Rd. Brooklyn, MI

Candlelight—8:30 p.m. Saturday
Closing—4:30 p.m. Sunday



