



WALK TO
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THE UPPER ROOM®



WINTER 2015-16

Jackson Area Emmaus Community

Caroling, Caroling, Off we go—this Saturday!

With Christmas approaching, it's time to think about singing Christmas music, and giving to those who are in need or just plain lonely. Take the time to write a card for that special person who means a lot to you. Go visit a nursing home and spend time talking with the residents. Sing Christmas carols...

Did someone say Christmas carols? I guess I did!

We're going to do something a little bit differently this year. On Saturday (Dec. 12) instead

meeting after gathering and going to a nursing home (and catching people sleeping) we're going to meet at the nursing homes at 3:00 and go caroling. Then, we'll come to the gathering. We're also going to different ones this year.

Some will be going to Summit Park Assisted Living and some will go to Arbor North.



Instead of wandering around the halls distributing Christmas cards, we will be singing in their dining rooms.

Bring plenty of Christmas cards signed "Jackson Area Emmaus" and be prepared to maybe go to a few apartments, if residents choose not to come listen to Christmas carols. If you have leftover cards, then take them to nursing homes of your choice and distribute. Share your love this Christmas season!

Bea Furman, Music Director

Year End Reflections

God is Good—All the time!
And all the time—God is Good!

As 2015 draws to a close, we can't help but be mindful of the tragic events that have happened in our world over the past year. The violence and destruction in our own country as well as acts of terror being committed globally may cause us to ponder "where is God in all of this?"

The Psalmist David struggled with that question, and even Jesus, as he was dying on the cross, cried out "My God, why have you forsaken me?"

Because we live in a fallen world, there will continue to be violence and hatred and terror. Where is God? He is dwelling in you and me.

Just as He has used others in our lives to bring hope in the dark times, he wants to be the salt and light in this world.

You are His face, His hands, His feet. **You** are commissioned to bring hope and healing to others.

Christ is counting on YOU to make a difference in 2016!



In Memory -

This year, we've lost some members of our Jackson Area Emmaus Community, as they've gone on to their eternal home.

One of the latest losses is that of Jean Davis, long time member of the community and faithful prayer warrior. Jean spent countless hours in the prayer room at Emmaus Walks over the many years she was active.

A few years ago we lost another faithful servant, Harold McCorkle, and a scholarship fund was established in his memory. If you would like to honor Jean or any other member of the community, please consider making a donation to the scholarship fund. Send donations to JA Emmaus, c/o Jim Justin, 5295 Timbercrest Trail, Jackson, MI 49201.

Financial Crisis Averted

Thanks to the generous contributions of so many in the Jackson Area Emmaus community, the financial crisis has been averted.

The board wishes to express a heartfelt thank you to all who stepped up to meet the financial obligations of the last quarter. Your prayers and financial support meant so much.

Please continue to pray for the board as they wrestle with how to best stay financially solvent in the coming year.



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

Prayer Chain



Looking for friendly faces....

Joyce Huntington, our 4th Day and Gathering coordinator, is looking for a few friendly folks to greet people at the door before the monthly gatherings.

How well someone is received at a monthly gathering may determine whether they will continue to attend.

You can contact her at (517) 914-5167 or by emailing: joyce_norman@sbcglobal.net

While we hope that everyone goes out of their way to make newcomers welcome, we know that sometimes people get overlooked.

Please contact Joyce if you are able to help out in this way. She could also use some help with set up and tear down each month.

Whether or not you can help out in this way, please be mindful to reach out in love to welcome one another at Emmaus events.



WHY?

Why do we go through all the effort to put on the Emmaus Walk Weekends? Is it for the fellowship of serving in the Conference Room or behind the scenes? Is it for the great food that's served on the weekend? Is it because we get a chance to make new friends & renew old friendships from years gone by?

While all of these could be considered good "side benefits" of the weekend, these and similar thoughts ARE NOT WHY we put on the Walk Weekends.

We need to remember, NO, WE MUST RE-MEMBER,

As stated in the Sub title of the Emmaus Team Cannon -

"It's NOT ABOUT ME!"

PLEASE REMEMBER, at the end of the day, at the end of the 72 hours -

It is all about bringing Brothers and Sisters in Christ closer to that life sustaining, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP with HIM!

And, BUILDING UP HIS CHURCH by developing

Leaders

- Frank Drechnowicz

Emmaus Weekends Rescheduled

The fall Emmaus Walks had to be rescheduled due to low registration numbers and scheduling conflicts with the church facilities we intended to use.

The men's walk is now scheduled to be held at Heart of the Lakes Brethren in Brooklyn on March 3-6, 2016. Frank Drechnowicz has agreed to serve as lay director.

The women's walk director is Mary Ellen Loar, and is scheduled for April 14-17 at Cornerstone Christian in Jackson.

NOW is the time to be getting pilgrims signed up to attend. PLEASE pray and ask God to show you if there is someone that you might sponsor, and take that step to bring someone new into the Emmaus community.

Sponsorship training will be held later this winter.



Board Positions

There are currently two positions open on the Jackson Area Emmaus Board: Supply Trailer coordinator and Auxiliary coordinator.





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

Make checks payable and send to **Golden Touch Embroidery**
 5620 Juniper Dr. Jackson, MI 49201. 517-764-6250

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Street: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

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



As was reported in an earlier newsletter this year, the Upper Room is encouraging the communities to have teams of workers, or committees, rather than relying on the board members to do everything it takes to keep Emmaus going.

We now have an active Music Committee, and some others have stepped up to help make phone calls and update our data records. Communication is a vital component to keeping the

community cohesive. Volunteers are needed!

Our Kitchen Supply trailer, under the leadership of Andy Crisenbery, has undergone some major improvements. Emmaus community members have built kitchen cabinets on wheels, so that they can be easily moved in and out of the churches where the walks are held.

The lights on the trailer were not functioning properly, and an Emmaus servant labored at no charge to update the wiring and ensure that the trailer is road-worthy.

Have you considered where YOU might be of service? Whether you have just a few hours to give, or several days, there are volunteer opportunities awaiting you. As we all know, it is more blessed to give than to receive. God will bless you as you bless others.

We would LOVE to help you find ways to get involved. Contact: Jeff Sweet or Sueny Miller. Their contact information is listed below.

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

Emmaus Board Meetings

Tuesday—26th, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday—Feb. 23rd, 6:30 p.m.
Brookside United Methodist
4000 Francis St. Jackson, MI

Christmas Caroling

Saturday—Dec. 12th 3:00 p.m.
Summit Park and Arbor North
Nursing Homes

Community Gatherings -

Saturday—Dec. 12th 5:00 p.m.
Saturday—Jan. 9th, 5:00 p.m.
Saturday—Nov. 14th, 5:00 p.m.
Brookside United Methodist
4000 Francis St. Jackson, MI

Sponsorship Training

To be announced



Spring 2016 Men's Walk

March 3-6
Heart of the Lakes United Brethren
7031 Jefferson Rd. Brooklyn, MI

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

Spring 2016 Women's Walk

April 14-17
Cornerstone Christian
2395 West High, Jackson

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

