

West Michigan Emmaus Community NEWS



Welcome New Board Members

Nancy Hansen
Scott Quillan
Rich Crumb
JoLynn Hanley
Marian Riffle

Thank you to all who allowed their names to be put in nomination. Please keep the entire board in your prayers as we gear up for our March Walks

JANUARY GATHERING

AT

SHELBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The January Gathering will follow the first of the team training sessions and will be held this month at the site of our next walks, Shelby United Methodist Church. Please note the change and plan on attending.

TEAM TRAINING SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4: Shelby United Methodist Church
12-4 Inside team (Bring a sack lunch)
4-6 Whole team training (Area training by the board)
6-7 Gathering/Potluck
7 Praise & Worship

Monday, January 20:	6-10 p.m.	Ludington UMC
Monday, February 3,	6-10 p.m.	Ludington UMC
Monday, February 10,	6-10 p.m.	Ludington UMC
Saturday, February 22,	8 a.m. -2 p.m.	Shelby UMC

(Kitchen teams will be doing a light lunch)

Snow Dates:

Monday, February 17,	6-10 p.m.	Ludington UMC
Monday, February 24,	5-10 p.m.	Ludington UMC.

WMEC BOARD MEETINGS

The board of directors meets the second tuesday of the month at either Grace Episcopal, West Golden Wesleyan or Manistee United Methodist Churches. These meetings are open to any member of the community and all are welcome. The next meeting is January 14, 2003 @ 7 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, Ludington.

Inside...

Team Updates

Singles Retreat

Dead Sea Scrolls Charter Trip

The Prodigal Daughter

Donations Request

Thank You

Prayer & Scripture Schedule for the Walk Teams

The newsletter is your forum, published approximately every 6 weeks. If any member of the community has an announcement or event that they would like to the community to know about please contact Loraine Zielinski 231-723-7948 or lorainez@jackpine.com

Teams to date.....

MEN

Spiritual Director: *Dave Dunbar*

Lay Director: *Paul Whitney*

ALDs: *Rich Crumb, Jack Jefferies, John Huizing and Bob McCary*

Table Leaders: *Francis Bailey, Tony Zoulek, Steve Vinke, Ed McCumber, Roger Bailey and Ted Mick.*

Asst. Table Leaders: *Steve Mertz, Mike Blanchard, Bob Fisher, Jim Northrup, Jay Raupp and Chris Hansen.*

WOMEN:

Spiritual Director: *Harvey Prochnau*

Lay Director: *Penny Quillan*

Board Rep: *Joan Kaatz*

Asst. Spiritual Director: *Paulette Zoulek*

ALDs: *Marian Riffle, Pat Orcutt, Lorraine David, Peggy Thatcher.*

Table Leaders: *Terry Merchant, Jolyn Hanley, Nancy Hansen, Kendra Bunch, Elizabeth Crawford, Sherian Patterson*

Asst. Table Leaders: *Donis Albus, Marcie Anderson, Kay Floyd, K Spitler, Patty Lesch, MaryAnn Hagemeyer.*

In addition many of the outside department heads have been appointed, so you may be getting a call to help round out the outside team for one of the walks.

Year End Giving Considerations

There is a current financial need for a larger or an additional trailer. Community materials and equipment are presently stored in several places and are difficult to manage. As we have more walks per year, having our own mattresses is a long term objective. An estimated \$5000 is still needed to meet these goals.

Thank You

To outgoing board members: Jerry Thorne, Mary Rundell, Dave Rakosky, John Huizing & Penny Quillan for the dedication and service to the community. Let them know how much you appreciate their service if you see them.

A Heartfelt Thank You

During this time of thanksgiving it seems especially appropriate to express my overwhelming gratitude to our Father God for all the out-pouring of prayer and support I've felt through this Emmaus family. All so often in our struggles it is easier to focus on what is not going right, what might have been taken from us or the blessings we no longer feel, but I would rather take this time to count my almost uncountable blessings.

Just a few short days ago I was living an independent life, and in what seemed like a matter of minutes my life changed dramatically. I needed help for everything, including my next breath. Let me live my life as a witness that our God is a God of provision because during this time my needs were cared for in many miraculous ways. Many of you made the long drive to visit, took the time to call, write or email and I knew that I was literally blanketed in prayer. I have been showered with undeserved love in a very physical sense, just as we all are through Jesus our saviour.

So thank you for all you've done, I'm so overwhelmed by your love and thoughtfulness. I have cherished your prayers and am so thankful to be back within this community.

I hope that during this special season you take the time to count your blessings, put your trust in Jehova Jireh, and tell those closest to you how much you love them.

Lorraine Zielinski

BOARD INFORMATION

The West Michigan Emmaus Community is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Upper Room Emmaus International Headquarters in Nashville, TN. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. alternating between Ludington UMC, Manistee United Methodist in Manistee and West Golden Wesleyan in Mears. Any community member is invited and welcome to attend.

CURRENT BOARD OFFICERS ARE:

Community Lay Director Paul Damkoehler
Asst. Community Lay Director Tony Zoulek
Secretary Penny Quillan
Treasurer Marilyn Gipe
Spiritual Director Rev. Ron Rickard
Assistant Spiritual Director Fr. Bob Hector
Rev. Stan Hagemeyer

Standing Committee	Chairperson	Phone
Agape Acts	Marcie Anderson	845-6308
Candlelight & Pre-Candlelight	Penny Quillan	845-5303
Community Worship Closing/Sponsors	Steve Mertz	845-1185
Gatherings		
Follow-up/4th Day	Jerry Thorne	873-3563
Group Reunions	Peg Thatcher	
Food Areas	Lynne Gohn	843-4746
Literature/Clothing	Dave Rakosky	873-4771
Logistics	Tony Zoulek	861-4283
Set-up/Tear Down	Joan Kaatz	843-4645
Music	Lorraine Zielinski	723-7948
Newsletter	Pat Orcutt	845-6363
Prayer	Mary Rundell	869-2038
Registration	John Huizing	873-0418
Team Selection	Marilyn Gipe	873-1013
Purchasing		