



Superiorland Emmaus Community

The Walk to

Emmaus

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of Christian leaders*

Welcome to the Community!

Oops! We missed a Pilgrim to be welcomed to the community, so sorry! We do welcome you, **Alice Barnhart!**

Spring Walks Coming Soon! Men's, April 15-18th, Women's, April 22-25th. Both will be held at Houghton Grace UMC. Be in prayer of who you should sponsor. Lay Director for the Women's Walk will be **Judy Smith**, Men's Lay Director will be **Don Miller**. Team selection committee: Kathy Jo Doney (chair), Rev. John Henry, Jill Paris, Trina Johnson, Judy Smith, and Don Miller. Call Kathy Jo 906-485-4272, if you want to work the walk! Second Spring Walk team overnight March 19/20 at Grace UMC in Houghton. More info on website....
www.superiorlandemmaus.org

Welcome to our New Board Members!

The election of new board members and officials was completed at the last board meeting.

Chairman-Randy Yelle
Vice Chairman-Jerry Barnhart
Secretary-Barb Merlo
Treasurer-Kreg Kelley
Spiritual Director-John Henry
New Board Members-Trina Johnson,
Jerry Barnhart, Michelle Ford-Thompson
& Ed Thompson

Complying with the Emmaus Manual

For many years we have been moving toward full compliance with the guidelines for conducting an Emmaus walk as described in the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus. Complying with these guidelines is something we agree to when the Board of Directors annually signs the Letter of Agreement with the Upper Room that authorizes us to call what we do a Walk to Emmaus.

There remains one last place where we have been out of compliance with the manual. On page 87, when describing how to conduct Candlelight, it gives the words to the "Jesus, Jesus, can I tell you how I feel..." song and then says: "This prayer song is the only song used at Candlelight, and it is the only verse to be used." This means that for all these years we have been singing the song "Have you seen Jesus my Lord" in direct violation of that guideline.

Let me assure you that everyone on the board of directors at the last meeting in 2009 loves singing "Have you seen Jesus my Lord" at Candlelight. We all can't imagine not singing it. It is a tradition after all!

But it is also important that we follow the guidelines we agreed to follow when the Board signs the Letter of Agreement. So it is not without a sense of some sadness and a feeling of loss that the board unanimously decided that we should not sing "Have you seen Jesus my Lord" at the next candlelight. The lay directors, spiritual directors and musicians will be instructed to follow the Candlelight guidelines as written. This means that everything about Candlelight will be exactly as before, except that we will not sing "Have you seen Jesus my Lord."

I'm sure this will make Candlelight seem "not right". I'm pretty sure this will be the first time ever that we will not sing it. But to ignore the covenant we have made with The Upper Room would also not be right. The Board of Directors appreciates your understanding of what was, for it, a very difficult decision.

DONATIONS FOR THE SPRING WALKS!

The excitement is growing for the upcoming spring walks and we are in need of supplies for our trailer. Please if you could, would you, help offset our costs by supplying some of our needs?

Mailroom: copy paper, pens, spiral notebooks, masking tape, scotch tape, glue sticks, magic markers.

Chapel: Kleenex, unscented white votive candles, lighters, paper lunch bags.

Bathrooms: toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, small garbage bags, air fresheners, liquid hand soap.

Kitchen: large garbage bags, tin foil, saran wrap, dish soap, baggies large and small, napkins, paper plates small and large, 8 oz styro-foam cups, coffee, tea, individual creamers, sugars and sweet & low products. If you are unable to purchase items, you may make a monetary donation!

Send to: Kathy Jo Doney

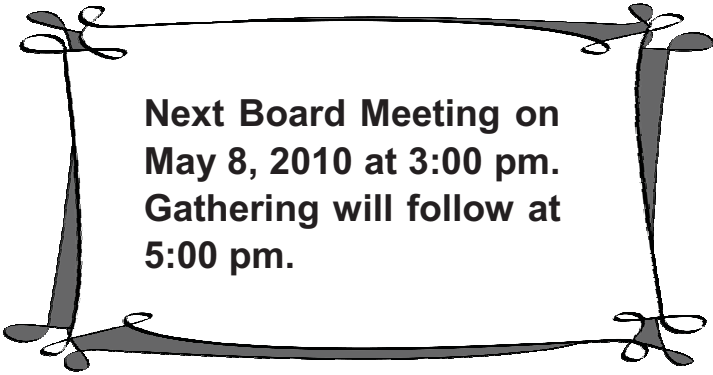
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Looking for new T-shirt design...

The board is looking for a new design for the T-shirts. If you have an artistic flair and want to contribute a new design for consideration, please send it to Carl Creshaw at 1230 N 3rd St, Ishpeming, MI 49849, by March 31st. You may submit as many as you like.



**Next Board Meeting on
May 8, 2010 at 3:00 pm.
Gathering will follow at
5:00 pm.**

ITEMS NEEDED!

If you can't work the walks, you can still help! Sign-up for the Prayer Vigil! This is probably the most important job done for every walk, asking for God's presence and will for each person at the walks. The off-site prayer vigil covers the entire 71 hours each walk is in session. We need you to sign up to help us cover those hours. If you have Internet access, you can sign up on-line by going to our web site (www.superiorlandemmaus.org), clicking on the "Upcoming Walks/Teams" link in the menu, then clicking on either "Men's" or "Women's" links at the top of the page you get, and then following the directions.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SPONSORS

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, help you properly interpret Emmaus, and effectualize your responsibility in sharing God's grace as a sponsor.

1. When you are talking to a married person, we suggest you talk with both husband and wife. We want both husband and wife to make the decision together. Their applications should be turned in together.
2. Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. These three days cannot rectify every problem marriage, enthruse every disenchanting church member, cure disturbed persons, or make saints of sinners. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to change environments through Christian leaders. (Continued on page 6)

SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY
EMMAUS WALK RESERVATION REQUEST

Applicant's Personal Information: (Please provide all requested information)

Name _____ (first name, as preferred on name tag) _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home): _____ (work): _____ (cell): _____ Email: _____

Gender (circle one): Male Female Marital Status (circle one): Single Married Widowed Divorced Separated

If married, has your spouse completed a "Walk"? _____ Where and When? _____

Do you have children? _____ If so, how many _____ Ages _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Church you are now attending

Name _____ Denomination _____ Pastor _____

Address of church: _____

Religious or community organizations in which you are active: _____

Do you have a health condition or physical handicap that may affect your attendance at an Emmaus Walk? _____

Are you on a special diet or required medication: _____. If yes to either, please specify _____

Contact person in case of emergency (other than spouse)

Name, address, phone: _____

Name of your sponsor: _____

Have the following been explained to you? The Walk To Emmaus: _____ The activities of the Emmaus Community

through Emmaus groups and Post-Emmaus meetings? _____ Have you participated in a similar 3-day encounter with

Christ (Cursilo, Via de Christo, de Colores, etc.): _____ State briefly why you wish to be involved in the Emmaus

Community and what you expect to get from your Emmaus experience? _____

Please accept this reservation for the Emmaus week-end at: _____ on (date) _____

I understand that the cost for the Emmaus weekend is **\$65.00**, and my pre-registration deposit of **\$15.00** is enclosed. If my reservation is accepted, I understand that the pre-registration deposit is not refundable, and that the balance of **\$50.00** can be paid now or during the week-end registration on Thursday evening.

Dated: _____ Applicant's Signature _____

Please give this completed reservation request and your deposit **to your sponsor**.

Make checks payable to: **Superiorland Emmaus Community**. (Please do not send cash.)



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Pilgrims should at least know where the path is, if they are not already walking it. We don't need just any candidates, we need the best.

3. Feel free to share with a potential applicant what Emmaus meant for you as fully as will help, realizing that all explanations will fall short. It's not that we are not allowed to tell what went on, but that it is difficult to explain. We want their experience to be fresh, especially for Candlelight and agape letters which will hopefully be surprises.

4. Don't assume the person you are sponsoring will experience the same things you did. Each of us is at a different place on our spiritual journey. For some, the Emmaus experience will be a mountaintop, a new beginning. For others, it will be strengthening for the journey they are already on. We must not pre-judge our candidates or set them up with unhelpful expectations.

5. To assure the applicant you are personally interested in their attending, make plans to bring them to the Emmaus site for Send-Off. Your bringing them, helping them with suitcases and registrations, and sharing in the Send-Off and Sponsor's Hour is a form of prayer and sacrifice.

6. During the weekend, you and your family become a substitute for the pilgrim. Leave your phone number with their spouse. Do something special for them during the weekend like giving them a few hours during the day for personal time. Share a meal with them. Let the pilgrim's spouse know that you love and care for them.

7. You have responsibilities to the pilgrim. Pray for him/her during the weekend. Write him/her letters of prayers and sacrifice and make sure others do likewise, especially those closest to them. Support your pilgrim with your presence at Candlelight and Closing.

8. After the Walk, stay in contact and support the pilgrim you sponsor during their Fourth Day. Be responsible for getting them to the Fourth Day meeting following their Walk. Take them to at least their first gathering. Help them become involved in a Group Reunion as soon as possible.