





Calling All Singers

It is time to start planning ahead for our annual Christmas Gathering. Our December Gathering celebrates the Christmas story through scripture and song. If you sing or play an instrument please contact Bob Warner at 433-2916. There is a limited number of opening on the agenda and they will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. So call now. If you sign up to sing, we need to know the song you are singing by the November Gathering so that we can begin to put the evening together. When choosing your songs remember that we are trying to tell the story of the nativity.

Look for more information soon about our All Volunteer Emmaus Christmas Choir. We are looking for new voices. This is a great opportunity for all of you who would like to sing at a Gathering, but don't really want to get up there alone. Rehearsal time is minimal and the songs are usually familiar and easy to learn.

**Pilgrims for Men's Walk #26  
September 6th-9th at Christ UMC  
Additions to the August List**

Keith Barnes	Dayton
Scott Bostic	Dayton
Chuck Chalfant	Troy
Ron Douglas	West Milton
Frank Hollingsworth	Dayton
Jim Horlacher	Dayton
Mark Houser	Huber Heights
Paul Hubler	Kettering
Jim Krumal	Huber Heights
Jack Rang	Centerville
Doug Wade	Dayton

Previous list was in the August newsletter. A PDF version of the August newsletter is available on the web at [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)



**Parking Information**

Due to the 50th anniversary celebrations happening at Christ UMC during the upcoming walk weekend please utilize the Kettering HS parking lot during Candlelight. Thanks for your help.

**Team for Women's Walk #47  
October 11th-14th 2001 at Christ UMC**

**Team:**

Janet Belvo	ATL	
Malinda Brown	Log	
Janet Burkitt	ALD	Priorities
Veronica Cassidy	ATL	
Betty Chow	TL	Life in Piety
Laura Crosley	ATL	
Nancy Dietrich	Log	
Karen DuBro	TL	Changing .. World
Diane Francis	TL	
Karen Garvey	TL	Discipleship
Sandy Hedge	Log	
Susan Holm	AMD	
Susan Jelus	MD	
Sandy McElfresh	ATL	
Sarah Miller	TL	Christian Action
JoAnne Rohrer	ALD	Growth .. Study
Grace Ross	ATL	

Pat Settles	TL	Fourth Day
Joyce Stare	ALD	Body of Christ
Judy Teeters	ATL	
Sharyl Tinnel	TL	Priesthood of all ...
Karen Wissinger	ATL	
Jerri Wood	LD	Perseverance

**Clergy:**

Linda Scott	SD	Means of Grace
Mamie Johnson	ASD	Justifying Grace
David Ladd		Prevenient Grace
Phil Esala		Obstacles to Grace
Vicki Downing		Sanctifying Grace

**SHORT TERM MEMORY HELPS**

\*At Christ UMC\*  
Candlelight - Saturdays - 8:30 p.m.  
Closing services - Sundays - 4:30 p.m.

## THE LONELY EMBER

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination. As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and "dead as a doornail." Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. Just before the pastor was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

-- Author Unknown

## From the SD's Study

Dear Members and Friends of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community:

One of the many reasons why I believe that the Bible is God's Word to us is how realistic the scripture is about our human condition on a day to day basis. There are many passages of scripture that speak to "where we are at" in our walk - in I John 2:1,2, one of the best scriptures in this regard, the Apostle John says: "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin." John is writing that we should not sin, which seems a good goal, of course - at first glance, of course, it seems a little "pie in the sky." We all know we sin from time to time. But John knows this, too; and so, he continues in v. 2: "And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous."

How are your fourth days going? For some of you, it may be that your Fourth Days has been overall a series of one victory after another - a going "from glory to glory." If so, that is because of God's grace. For some of you, however, the Fourth Day Experience has been a series of trials and tribulations - perhaps especially in your personal walk with God. If so, take heart. God knows what you are going through. He has given to us a very realistic Word in scripture that He understands that we stumble and fall. Look to Him - He can not only offer forgiveness, but power to overcome. Lean on Him.

Decolores!

*Ricci Arthur*

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He will command his angels concerning you to guard you  
in all your ways.

- Psalm 91:11 (NIV)

### Share Group Orientation

Because share groups play such an important role in the Emmaus experience, we offer regular opportunities for the community to attend orientation sessions after each Walk. The next one will be October 8, 2001 from 6:30 - 7:15 in the small chapel. Bring your name tag and your service card. Questions? Call Good Shepherd Sherri Raderstorf at 294-0552

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