

Thoughts from the Chairman



Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

*Cursillo - Chrysalis - Kairos - Walk to Emmaus
De Colores!*

The little girl once again implored her mother, " But Mommie, where is Jesus?" The child's mother was deeply involved in catching up on household tasks and at this point was dealing with a particularly large load of laundry. "Where is Jesus, Mommie," the five year old asked again in an insistent voice.

Her mother, exasperated, dropped the items she was sorting and asked her bothersome child, "What in the world are you talking about, Sarah? Where is Jesus?" The little one withdrew a bit and answered softly, " Our Sunday school teacher said Jesus is what God's love looks like when He makes it into a person. I thought the person might be you."

It is amazing how those little children keep leading us. The simplistic logic of this little one is not lost on us. How beautiful it is to think of Jesus as God's love made flesh and dwelling among us! And, wonder of wonder, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus dwells within us to strengthen and encourage, to comfort and to inspire, to stir to action, to heal, sometimes to "disturb the world" with the truth of God's Word .

February has become a month associated with "love," a phenomenon largely attributed to the power of Madison Avenue and the greeting card industry. Images of chubby cherubs with bows drawn, heart-shaped boxes filled with chocolates, heady perfumes and flowers float through the electronic and print media to urge the population to "remember that special someone." Who could be more special than God? We love because He first loved us! And who could be more special than His Son Jesus Christ who endured the agony of the cross because He loved us all too much to let us perish in our sin!

Each of us has the opportunity each day to be "what God's love looks like when He makes it into a person." We need only practice patience and unconditional love, forgiveness and compassion with those closest to us, our spouses, our children, our friends, our co-workers to carry out Jesus' command that we "love one another" and "walk in the way that leads to life everlasting." Oh Lord, help us to be Jesus to each other and give us the childlike vision to see Him in those around us!

As the red and white images of "love" begin filtering through your consciousness as February unfolds, try conjuring up the image of the Cross of Calvary where the ultimate act of Love was expressed, the gold standard of Love for all time, for all people. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift!

Lovingly, YSIC,
Mary Pat Peck

Gatherings and Other Noteworthy events of the Larger Community

(All times are p.m. unless otherwise noted)

Upcoming Area Walks

- Greater Dayton Women's #49
Feb 21-24 at Normandy UMC
- Northern Lights Girls Chrysalis #3
Feb 16-18 at Monroe UMC
- Wilmington Men's Walk
Feb 21-24 at Wilmington UMC
- Greater Cincinnati Women's #79
Feb 14-17 at Hyde Park UMC

Gatherings

- Greater Dayton at Normandy UMC
2nd Mon 7:15
- Enon UMC
1st Mon 7:30
- Christ Church
1st Mon 7:00
- Wilmington UMC
2nd Tues 7:00
- Sidney 1st UMC
2nd Tue 7:00
- Dayton Board
4th Tues 7:00

Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell
Centerville OH 45459

Team for Women's Walk #49

At Normandy United Methodist Church
February 21st-24th

Susan Bramel	TL	Body of Christ	Jean Jarusiewic	LOG
Christie BeBuhr	TL	Christian Action	Palmer Jason	SD Means of Grace
Kim DuBro-Hedges	ATL		Mamie Johnson	ASD
Deb Esala	ATL		Janie Kear	MD
Melanie Fox	LOG		Deanna Long	TL
Shirley Gallagher	ALD	Growth thr. Study	Betty Pickthorn	ATL
Kathy Garman	TL	Fourth Days	Carol Polen	ATL
Judy Gebhart	TL	Discipleship	Molly Randolph	ATL
Donna Hayes	ATL		Kitty Schneider	TL Priesthood of all ...
Peggy Hewitt	ALD	Priorities	Joyce Stare	LOG
Roxie Hiatt	ALD	Changing .. World	Lynn Vogt	LD Perseverance
Debbie Hildreth	TL	Life in Piety	Sue Wilson	ATL

From the SD's Study

Dear Members and Friends of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community:

I have had time to reflect upon the meaning and the importance of the Emmaus Movement in recent days. This is such a wonderful tool that God is using in these days to bring people to him. I am impressed with the following things:

- 1) the number of different denominations that our Community is made up of. Jesus prayed: "Lord, may they be One, even as You and I are One." I feel that the working together of our Emmaus Community and Board is a partial answer to the prayer of Jesus that was so close to his heart before going to the Cross.
- 2) the experience of Leadership Development that Emmaus promotes. There are so many people that become better leaders of their church as a result of Emmaus. I would challenge those who are heavily involved in the Live-in Team Experience (especially those who are Assistant Lay Directors and Above), to spend some time in reflection on what you have learned due to the Leadership Experiences you have had in Emmaus.
- 3) the experience of drawing closer to our Lord through Emmaus. I am so glad that Emmaus can draw us closer to our Lord - isn't He wonderful?
- 4) the experience of drawing closer to one another. One day in heaven we will all be able to sit down and talk about it - the lives that have changed - how Jesus has been lifted up. Praise be to God!

Decolores!
Ricci Arthur

Pilgrims for Women's Walk #49

At Normandy United Methodist Church
February 21st-24th

Laura Anthony	West Carrollton	Pat Knight	Clayton
Peggy Arnott	West Carrollton	Rhonda Leak	Dayton
Carleen Ball	Dayton	Judy Magoto	Kettering
Ann Bashore	Dayton	Candi Marler	West Carrollton
Judy Boggess	Miamisburg	Joy Maynard	Kettering
Kim Buinicky	Dayton	Brandi Minch	West Carrollton
Holly Carpenter	Brookville	Susan Moses	Kettering
Kathleen Coffman	Farmersville	Barb Perry	Tipp City
Ann Coleman	Beavercreek	Kami Propst	Huber Heights
Julie Dicken	Miamisburg	Clare Rivera	Troy
Michelle Dilgard	Dayton	Cheryl Russell	Kettering
Becky Dunbar	Centerville	Kathy Shaffer	Brookville
Paula Frazier	Troy	Tammy Sickinger	Dayton
Rosanne Fyffe	Dayton	Sheri Smith	Centerville
Heather Gambrell	Kettering	Mary Spencer	Dayton
Cindy Gau	Dayton	Rita Stevenson	Powell
Beverly Givin	Springboro	Ema Teague	Dayton
Christie Grubb	Clayton	Becky Viau	Huber Heights
Kyoko Howard	West Milton	Dot Vinson	Cincinnati
Judy Hudson	Kettering	Michealeen Vulgamore	Springfield
Chris Kissel	Kettering	Joyce Zimmann	Vandalia



SHORT TERM MEMORY HELPS

At Normandy UMC
Candlelight - Saturdays - 8:30 p.m.
Closing services - Sundays - 4:30 p.m.

Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus upcoming walks 2002

Walk 2002

Women's Walk #49	February 21st - 24th	Normandy UMC
Women's Walk #50	April 18th - 21st	Normandy UMC
Men's Walk #28	May 16th - 19th	Normandy UMC
Women's Walk #51	July 18th - 21st	Christ UMC
Men's Walk #29	August 22nd - 25th	Christ UMC
Women's Walk #52	October 17th - 20th	Christ UMC

Normandy United Methodist Church
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With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham [God] promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve him without fear, so that we might be holy and righteous before him all the days of our life. **-Luke 1:73-75 (TEV)**

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 March 11, 2002 from 6:30 - 7:15 in the small chapel. Bring your name tag and your service card. Questions? Call Good Shepherd Jean Jarusiewicz at 252-9627

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