

Thoughts from the Chairman

Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus
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 De Colores!

"I'm not going to pray that darn prayer of Jabez anymore," my share group sister pronounced in mock agitation, "taking it off the bathroom mirror, off my computer, done! Every time I pray it, God asks me to do something that scares me!"

I listened to my dear friend indulgently, quietly delighting in the strong, assertive, Christ-centered woman she is becoming. I thought back over the past two years following her pilgrim walk to her new-found joy in Christ, her determined passion to share Him with others and her reluctance to serve on a live-in team. "I could NEVER do that," but she did. And "But I could NEVER give a talk," and she will for the women's walk next month.

The point is? this sister gave up her SELF to God (Luke 17:33), turned her self over to His will, "stepped out of the boat," "moved out of her comfort zone" however you care to express it. She read the Word of God, prayed to Him daily including, often, the prayer of Jabez and, despite her temporary anxieties, she is being obedient to God's call to serve in ways she never dreamed she could or would.

One of the greatest blessings I've received through my involvement with Greater Dayton Emmaus has been to witness the transformation of lives in our community. As a result of the movement of the Holy Spirit through worship, service to each other and the world, through education and training available through the Upper Room plan for "The Walk to Emmaus," men and women are finding their voices, their backbones, their calling, their freedom through Jesus Christ. Men and women who a few months ago would not have ventured out of their safe havens to brave a rainstorm are now slogging through chest deep water, acknowledging but ultimately ignoring the thunder and lightning in the Name That Is Above All Names! They've bought the message of Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." They subscribe to the admonition of

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Gatherings and Other Noteworthy events of the Larger Community

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

Upcoming Area Walks and Events

- Greater Dayton WTE Annual Potluck**
March 16th at Christ UMC at 6:00pm
- Greater Dayton Women's #50
April 18-21st at Normandy UMC
- Northern Lights Men's #13
Mar 14-17 at Christ UMC -Middletown

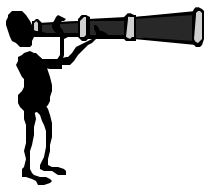
Gatherings

- 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

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Team for Women's Walk #50 At Normandy United Methodist Church April 18th—21 2002				
Lynn Combs	ALD	Changing our World	Heidi Miller	AMD
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Julia Crowl	ATL		Donna O'Shea	TL Life in Piety
Randy Daniel	SD	Means Of Grace	Nancy Phillips	LOG
Dave Evans	ASD	Justifying Grace	Allyn Richied	TL Growth ...Study
JoAnn Floyd	ATL		Linda Scott	ASD Obstacles to Grace
Dawna Hoerner	ATL		Marilyn Smith	ATL
Kris Horlacher	ATL		Joyce Stare	Prayer Warrior
Palmer Jason	ASD	Prevenient Grace	Dave Tackett	ASD
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Pam Kooser	TL	Priesthood of All ...	Christy Utz	LOG
Kathy Kruse	LOG		Carolyn Weller	ATL
Norma Lakes	LD	Perseverance	Dene Wells	ALD Priorities
Jane Liston	TL	Fourth Days	Karen Wissinger	TL Discipleship
Sharron Mattingly	ATL		Judy Yahle	TL Body Of Christ



Look for the list of April Pilgrims in the Next Edition of the Newsletter



Community Potluck!

Saturday March 16th
6:00 PM
Christ United Methodist Church




Fellowship with Friends
Delicious Food
Music and Entertainment
Open to Spouses and Guests

Bring a dish to Share and your name tag!
Table Service and Beverages will be provided.

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Proverbs 3: 5: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path." And they are learning the joy of obedience to the Savior, the revelation of a whole new world through surrender of self will to God's will.

When the angel appeared to the Virgin Mary and told her she would give birth to God's Son, the scriptures tell us that she was afraid and confused. But the thing we love best about Mother Mary is that, despite her fear and confusion, she said yes to God. And despite our Lord's spiritual and emotional agony in Gethsamane, He said, "Not my will, but Thine be done!" The real battle was fought and won in the Garden, and Jesus is the Victor over death, over oppression and injustice, over apathy and indecision, over fear and confusion and intimidation.

Each of us has the opportunity every day to say yes to God, to trust Him for our strength and direction, to allow Him to use us for His own purposes to further His kingdom on earth. If you are perched on the bow of the boat in some area of your life and the water is dark and forbidding just grab hold of the Captain and let Him walk you through the murky challenge to high and glorious ground!

Lovingly, YSIC,
Mary Pat Peck

From the SD's Study

Dear Friends of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community:

I have been recently journal praying over the book of James. Wow! What a book! Filled with all kinds of practical advice for us as we move toward heaven with one another! I am learning all kinds of new insights!

One of the practical instructions is found in James chapter 1:19: "My dear brothers, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry." Isn't it true that we many times operate in the opposite way? We are slow to listen, quick to speak, and quick to become angry!

We live in a fast-paced world in which speed seems to be everything - "slow" is not in our vocabulary or life-style (except in the things that get us into trouble - like anger!). Can we covenant with God that we will "slow down" in the things that we should "slow down in?" "Slow down" in our speech; we need to "filter" our words more - is what I am saying uplifting the Kingdom?" We need to "slow down" in our anger. We used to call that: "Count to 10." Let us ask God to give us peacefulness and calmness. Let us ask God to be "doers" of the word, not just hearers.

Decolores!
Ricci Arthur

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Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

-Psalm 139:7 -8 (NRSV)

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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