

Thoughts from the Chairman

Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

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

There's just something about July. Even though I find less appealing as I get older the high temperatures and drenching humidity, I seem to find by-gone summer memories coming into sharper focus. I see all of God's creation more vividly, can see how His grace has touched my life and how His magnificent power and beauty are available to us all, every single day.

I remember as a little girl sitting on our small back porch in West Virginia in July. Incredibly blue morning glories covered the lattice work which enclosed the porch and created a cool sanctuary through which droplets of sunshine filtered as I let my imagination soar in solitary play. I remember the constant buzz of the cicadas, the zinnias and hollyhocks and Queen Anne's lace that lent brilliance to the fields and drew the hungry eye to the amazing china blue of the sky and the stark white clouds.

I remember as a college student walking with my Dad on the beach at Nags Head. It was night and my Dad showed me how to draw my toes through the wet sand at the surf's edge and create the phenomenon called phosphorescence. As a young wife I returned to that same beach with my husband and family and can feel the amazing sensation even today of submerging myself in the waves to listen to the sounds of the ocean.

There was that night in Chillicothe nearly twenty years ago when Garry and I sat in a meadow and watched a magnificent light show created by thousands of fireflies. And the foods of summer...how could we forget the sweet corn, green beans prepared with ham and served with huge slices of beefsteak tomato, peaches and watermelon,

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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 Women's Walk #51
July 18-21, at Christ UMC
- Greater Dayton Men's Walk #29
August 22-25, at Christ UMC
- Greater Sidney Area Women's #27
July 11-14, 2002

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
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hand cranked ice cream with fresh strawberries...and banana popsicles.

The God of the Bible and our houses of worship is the God of morning glories and walks on the beach and dancing fireflies. He is also the God of summer school, the sales report and the job search, the financial crunch, the health problems and the small business tax woes. Our awesome and loving God has given us a magnificent world to enjoy, perhaps by way of reminding us of His sovereignty over all things...of His desire to be part of every aspect of our lives ...that we may see His image all around us, experience His power and grace through the commonplace as well as through the challenging. But we must slow down sufficiently to lie in green pastures, to be led by still waters...that our souls may be restored.

As summer unfolds , let us thank our God for the blessings that delight our eyes and ears, our palates and our hearts , and let us not forget to take Him to work with us, to school, to invite Him into those areas of our lives which seem mundane and secular. He is the God of labor as well as love, of vacations as well as birdsong , of surgery recuperation as well as cascading waterfalls. "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. " (Romans 8:37) Have a beautiful, Christ-centered summer!

Lovingly, ysic,
Mary Pat Peck

Team for Women's Walk #51
At Christ United Methodist Church
July 18-21, 2002

Beth Anderson	ATL	Debbie Graham	LOG
Bobbie Cox	ATL	Karen Overholser	LOG
Stacy Douglas	ATL	Phyllis Heitz	MD
Robyn Fell	ATL	Janie Kear	AMD
Pam Hayes	ATL	Mary Carter	ALD Growth Through Study
Carol Spahr	ATL	Karen Fryvogel	ALD Priorities
Susan Thornhill	ATL	Lisa Lohse	ALD Changing Our World
Renee Andrews	TL	Christy Ellis	LD Perseverance
Patti Kiddle	TL	Hazel Burns	SD Means of Grace
Jill Lemming	TL	Mamie Johnson	ASD Sanctifying Grace
Roberta McMahan	TL	Dave Evans	Clergy Obstacles to Grace
Jan Schneider	TL	Dave Tackett	Clergy Justifying Grace
Missy Trumbull	TL	John Whitaker	Clergy Preventing Grace
Kristen Zimmann	TL		
Robyn Cooper	LOG		

SHORT TERM MEMORY HELPS

At Christ UMC

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

Check the web site for a listing of board members with their names and contact information.

www.daytonemmaus.org

From the SD's Study

Dear Members and Friends of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community:

In our Fourth Days, we face many Obstacles to Grace. How are you doing against our triple enemies - the world, the flesh, and the devil?

When the Bible speaks of the "world", it refers to the value system of our world - which can be summed up in basically two main ideas:

- 1) this world is "all there is"
- 2) live life your own way

In contrast, Jesus tells us in Matthew 10 that we are to follow Him above all others - even above the relationships that are most important to us.

The "flesh" is that part within us that wishes to live life our way. The world represents the outer pressure to live life our way; the flesh is the inner pressure to live life our way. In contrast, Jesus says to take up our cross and follow Him.

The devil is that evil fox that wishes only to kill, steal, and destroy. Sometimes we attribute too much to Satan - "the devil made me do it" - when it may be our own stubbornness. But, too many times we minimize the effect of evil forces. We need to resist, as it says in I Peter, and the devil will flee from us.

How are you doing about the triple obstacles to Grace? Reflect on that in your Fourth Days. I will, too!

Yours in Christ,

Ricci Arthur

Pilgrims for Women's Walk #51

At Christ UMC, July 18-21,2002

Traci Barnes	Dayton
Linda Baxter	Xenia
Karen Brewsaugh	Vandalia
Dorothy Bright-Rapp	Dayton
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Lee Carter	Beavercreek
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Dante Connell	Dayton
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Nancy Johnson	Centerville
Brandy Jones	Huber Heights
Anne Karig	Centerville
Melodye Knotsman	Ludlow Falls
Dawn Poindexter	Centerville
Teal Prior	Miamisburg
Shirley Schryver	Dayton
Jodi Sliver	Vandalia
Marcia Spencer	Kettering
Eileen Sullivan	Dayton
Robyn Trimble	Dayton
Beth VanMatre	Kettering
Theresa Wade	Mainville
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Laura Whiting	Kettering
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And they said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road?"

- Luke 24:13

Need a Speaker for your Church Group?

Would you like your Church members to learn more about the Walk to Emmaus? Does your Church School Class men's or women's group ever use guest speakers? The Outreach Committee has speakers, complete with professional videotape, who would enjoy the opportunity. To schedule a speaker call Jean Jarusiewicz at 252-9627

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