

Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus  
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Emmaus  
Normandy UMC  
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# Thoughts from the Chairman



**"The image still haunts me today.**

It was early spring of this year, a Monday, raining that "tomato grower" rain before any of us had our tomatoes planted. It was a cold downpour and I was headed north to accomplish what my husband would refer to as "two ton of dirt in a half ton truck." That is, I had three hours worth of stuff to accomplish in a little better than an hour before I had to be at Gathering. I was at a major intersection on a four lane highway, rain pounding on my car hood when I looked to my left at the concrete island. A small African-American girl, maybe sixteen or seventeen years old stepped off the island as I had come to a stop for the red light.

She carried on her left shoulder a huge bundle of blanket clad infant and with her right hand gripped the left hand of a little boy of perhaps two years old. Behind her trailed a little girl of maybe four years old who dragged an enormous diaper bag along the rain-sodden street since the bag was too heavy for her to actually carry. I fixed on the young mother's face and then the little girl dragging the diaper bag. Both were in tears. The tiny boy mirrored an expression of quiet desperation and I was mesmerized by this small, tragic procession as it made its way through the traffic and late afternoon downpour.

I had a lot on my plate already. I had stuff to accomplish. I had Gathering for which to preside. I had to get on with The Business At Hand. I didn't have time for This. All this ran through my mind as I waited for the light to change, as I watched the little procession of weeping mother and children cross the highway in front of me. The family reached the curb and proceeded to cut through a hedge around an industrial complex. The light changed and the Moment of Decision was presented. I pulled around the corner and into the complex, not feeling so much righteous as apprehensive. I pulled up to the struggling mother, put the car in park and proceeded to address her...did she and her family need a ride?...what could I do to help? She paused only briefly to say her family had arrived at their destination and she pointed to a building within the complex which housed several human service agencies. They were only a few steps from warmth and shelter and, I hope to God, a compassionate and responsive ear.

I reflected briefly and pulled out of the complex to complete my agenda. I felt somewhat inadequate. I hadn't done that little family any good. But I had responded to the call of our Father... to try. I don't share this to elicit praise, but to observe that sometimes God calls us to do things which really interfere with our schedules, our appointed rounds, just to see if we

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## Gatherings and Other Noteworthy events of the Larger Community

(All times are PM unless otherwise noted)

### Upcoming Area Walks and Events

- Greater Dayton Women's Walk #52  
October 17-20, at Christ UMC
- Greater Dayton Men's Walk #30  
January 23-26, at Normandy UMC
- Greater Dayton Women's Walk #53  
February 20-23, at Normandy UMC

### Gatherings

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

will be obedient. He doesn't necessarily want us to Save the World at this particular moment; He just wants to know if we would be willing to try. For His sake. Because He gave us everything we have.

As I write this we are passing into the last days of September, a month which has become a hallmark in American history. We all have relived those horrifying days following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. We all have experienced many emotional and intellectual reactions. But across the board we have seen a deep appreciation for the selfless actions of

police and fire personnel, office workers and even by-standers who were obedient to a Call to sacrifice their own lives for the lives of others (we won't quibble theologically here), We stand in awe of that ultimate sacrifice and remember Him Who gave up His life for us that we might " have life and have it more abundantly."

God doesn't always want us to make the ultimate sacrifice. I think He may just want to know we'd be willing to make it. The biggest scriptural hammer over my head is Matthew 25:40. It's not always a calling as dramatic as the World Trade Center or the Pentagon or Pennsylvania cornfield disasters.

Sometimes it's a single mom with three little children in the rain at a really inconvenient time.

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto Me."

I love you All because He first loved me,  
ysic,

**Mary Pat Peck**



# Witness

The job description was simple, "Pray without ceasing." Those words took on new meaning as we continually sent messages of intercession to heaven for each pilgrim and team member on Walk #29. "Awesome privilege" are the only words that seem convey any sense of what we felt.

Bob Clayburn, prayer servant on MW #29.

## Team for Women's Walk #52 At Christ United Methodist Church October 17-20, 2002

Jennyl Bennett	ATL	Jean Jarusiewicz	ALD	Priorities
Pat Burns	ATL	Shelia Shade	ALD	Growth Through Study
Denise Hermetz	ATL	Kim Bostic	AMD	
Wendy Kline	ATL	Peggy Cromer	MD	
Pat Kuhlman	ATL	Melanie Fox	LOG	
Carol Ozolins	ATL	Sherri Raderstorf	LOG	
Tina Staroska	ATL	Pam Wilson	LOG	
Patsy Borchers	TL	Janet Burkitt	PS	
Joan Creager	TL	Betty Chow	PS	
Joyce Evenden	TL	Pam Walker	LD	Perseverance
Kelley Gallagher	TL	Mamie Johnson	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Linda Haller	TL	Linda Scott	SD	Means of Grace
Deanna Long	TL	Dave Evans		Justifying Grace
Mary Kay Thomas	TL	Terry Heck		Obstacles to Grace
Shirley Gallagher	ALD	Jing Chow		Sanctifying Grace



### From the SD's Study

Dear Members and Friends of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community:

I have shared with some of you about the Mission Statement of my life: "to create, cultivate, and encourage environments of growth so that people can become all that God would have them to be."

As I reflect upon this focus, I am reminded that it is scriptural ("Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ..."). I am reminded that it is life-giving ("the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace" - Romans 8:6. I am reminded that it is rewarding ("Well done, thou good and faithful servant...").

Where are the "growth points" in your life right now? Growth can come about through a trial and tribulation, but growth can also be deliberate on our part. Are you growing in Christ? Are you a different person than you were a year ago? Our growth does not necessarily have to happen within an Emmaus Share Group - but - if you are not a part of an Emmaus Share Group - where else are you growing?

At the present moment, I am part of a good group at Hoffman Church in which we are conducting a small group study entitled The Mind of Christ. In that book, he mentions several signs of "renewal" that need to be present in our lives.

#### Do any of these signs apply to you?

- 1) Have you had any new insights into the meaning and application of scripture lately?
- 2) Are you sensing more spiritual energy to work for the Master?
- 3) Are you having just a "general feeling" that you have been growing recently?

#### I would add to these:

- 4) Have you been involved lately in some kind of service opportunity for the Lord?

Reflect upon these things as we contemplate our Fourth Days! De Colores!

**Ricci Arthur**



## Pilgrims for Woman's Walk #52 Christ United Methodist Church

Sally Antrobus	Dayton
Micheal Kay Barger	Dayton
Lillie Bibb	Cincinnati
Karen Bunger	Miamisburg
Teresa Bush	Bellbrook
Kathy Carnell	Fairborn
Elizabeth Cottrell	Dayton
Cathy Creason	Miamisburg
Tammy Dresbach	WPAFB
Ann Dunham	Dayton
Sue Ernst	Dayton
Dawn Evans	Huber Heights
Tena Hawkins	Dayton
Elaine Hellrigel	Dayton
Carolyn Holland	Farmersville
Carol Hubler	Brookville
Eileen Inskeep	Centerville
Ellen Ireland	Dayton
Cathy Jenkins	Centerville
Sonja Kassouf	Troy
Kay Kramer	Dayton
Lori Letts	Miamisburg
Pat Malas	Centerville
Bev Martin	West Carrollton
Jenny McWhorter	Troy
Kathy Murchland	Centerville
Janet Naylor	Phillipsburg
Mary Neal	Dayton
Linda Nelson	Centerville
Nikki Reeser	Miamisburg
Pat Reynolds	Trenton
Mary Rocquemore	Vandalia
Lori Roe	Tipp City
Heather Ruetschle	Dayton
Lisa Sawyer	Beavercreek
Carolyn Stamm	Centerville
Bettina Steffenson	Troy
Kathy Vangel	Dayton
Sheila Walker	West Carrollton
Nancy Williams	Riverside
Cindy Woodward	Beavercreek



### Musicians needed for Christmas Gathering!

If you or your musical group would like to present some music at the gathering on December 9th, please contact **Andy Manwell 937-848-4611, [andy@manwell.org](mailto:andy@manwell.org)**. The theme this year is **The Nativity**.

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*I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple.*  
*Isaiah 6:1*

**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 (937) 252-9627.

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