

Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus  
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De Colores!

# Thoughts from the Chairman

## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Precious Heavenly Father,  
The year has passed so quickly. The falling leaves and crisp chill in the air foretell the coming of winter and the season of advent and celebration of your dear Son's birth. And before we get too covered up with preparations, Lord, before we confess that you are Sovereign in our lives and then refute that truth through our behavior, let us praise and thank You for everything good and lasting in our lives.

The list of "things" is endless, Lord...the loving spouse, the faithful friends, the house and car, the kids and pets, the job, the food, the tools which make our lives easier, the trips and toys that make it more fun. There are a million things, Lord, we thank you for, but most of all we thank you for Your presence in our lives...for the hope you give us when the world says, "it's over." For the strength you give us in times of testing and disappointment. For the love you show us through each sunrise, each flower, through the song of birds and wind and rain and your sparkling signature in each rainbow. Thank you for the mercy you have shown us in our sin, our human suffering, our desperation and our agonizing periods of feeling separated from you. Thank you for the forgiveness with which you shower us each day despite our failures to include you in every aspect of our lives, despite our willfulness and pride.

Thank you for all the medical tests that came back negative. Thank you for your comfort and strength when they came back positive. Thank you for putting your arms around us at the casket and reminding us of the hope of the Resurrection, for holding us close in those long, lonely hours of pain and loss.

Thank you for the gift of Your Word to guide and direct our lives, Lord, to light the darkness of our present and our future. Thank you for all Your very great and gracious promises, Lord, especially that part about never leaving or forsaking us. Thank you for sending just the right people or words or music into our hearts when we need them most and for protecting us from harm and evil each day. Thank you,  
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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

#### Gatherings

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

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Greater Dayton Men's Walk #30	Normandy UMC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	7:15
January 23-26, at Normandy UMC	Enon UMC	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	7:30
Greater Dayton Women's Walk #53	Christ UMC	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	7:00
February 20-23, at Normandy UMC	Wilmington UMC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	7:00
Chrysalis Flight # 35 Girls	Sidney 1st UMC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	7:00
January 18-20, at Greene St. UMC	Dayton Board	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	7:00
Piqua, Ohio			





### From the SD's Study

Dear members and friends of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community.

Jesus said in Mark 10:42ff: "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant...for even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Jesus' words are always so true and penetrating. Jesus was confronting the disciples about their vying for position and honor. Jesus said: "It must not be so among you." Our attitude is to be one of service, not position. "What is it that Jesus would have me to do?" This requires humility and self sacrifice.

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"right" - it is a privilege. It is a privilege to serve the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. None of us - none of us - have a "right" to serve in God's Kingdom. Our rights were given up at the foot of the Cross. Jesus gave up his rights - even his "right" to be equal with God (See Phillipians 2) in order to be a servant to us. Should we not have the same attitude as Jesus?

Let us pray for a spirit of servant hood.  
Ricci Arthur

### What is Chrysalis?

Chrysalis is the growth state between caterpillars and butterflies. This stage is a delicate process that eventually changes a caterpillar into a butterfly with wings and beautiful colors. Outwardly it may look like nothing is happening but inside the Chrysalis change is taking place.

This symbolizes that through dying to self. Christ can transform us into new beings who can experience the beauty and fullness of God's love. It is necessary to experience the chrysalis stage to open ourselves to Jesus so this transformation may occur.



Chrysalis is the name chosen for the Youth Walk to Emmaus because it symbolizes faith growth in the lives of youth-the spiritual growth that is necessary between adolescence and adulthood. It is a crucial time of maturing faith for discipleship.

Questions? Call Bob Schneider@ 937-836-3766

### ELECTIONS!

At the Gathering

On Nov. 14th we will hold elections to replace the board members who are finishing their term. The following are the Board Positions and the nominees (in alphabetical order). Each of the nominees will address the Gathering.

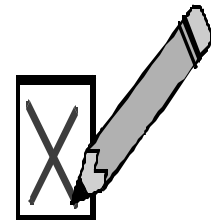
**Please be in prayer for the elections and for all of those willing Servants who have allowed themselves to be nominated.**

**Good Shepherd:** Sherri Kierce  
Kristen Zimmann  
**Housing:** Bud Floyd  
Marilyn Smith

**Supply:** Shelia Shade  
**CUMC Rep:** Larry McSwegin  
Shelly Watkins

**Social:** Lynn Combs  
Karen DuBro

**Men's Registrar:** Ed Dapore  
Todd Lohse  
Duane Veley



### MUSCIANS!

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@manvell.org. The theme this year is The Nativity.



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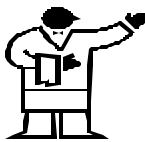
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If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with  
 one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.  
 1 John 1:7

**THANKS** for serving!



Thanks and many blessings to the outgoing board members who have worked so hard and so diligently.

Good Shepherd  
 Jean Jarusiewicz  
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 Dene Wells  
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 Bob Clayburn

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Supply  
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