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FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

LOVE

Colossians 3:12-14

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. (The Message)

"Love, love, love, love, the gospel in one word is love". How great it felt to be at Candlelight again after five months without one. I knew I missed it but I guess I didn't realize how much I missed it. Usually on Saturday of Candlelight I automatically start humming or singing the "song". The anticipation of seeing the Pilgrims reaction and the community's outpouring of love is like waiting for Christmas morning to arrive when I was a child. It's pure, on the edge of my seat excitement, knowing I am about to witness the Holy Spirit at work up close and personal. I always leave with my spirit refreshed and joy in my heart.

I will let you in on a secret that some of you may not know about. The Sunday closing gives another opportunity to experience the Holy Spirit and recharge your batteries for the "real world." Wouldn't it be great if the Closing was standing room only like Candlelight? It can be, and your heart would be warmed and your soul filled, as well as following the opening scripture verse from Colossians.

The next Walk is Women's Walk #57 on 2/19-2/22. Candlelight at 8:30 and Closing at 4:30. Let's fill the Sanctuary for both the Candlelight and Closing. The Pilgrims will be blessed, but so will you. So will you.

In the love and light of Jesus,

Bob Hewitt

HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd.
Centerville OH 45459
www.daytonemmaus.org

UPCOMING WALKS 2004

Normandy UMC

Women's Walk #57, February 19-22
Women's Walk #58, April 15-18
Men's Walk #34, May 13-16
Women's Walk #60 Sept. 23-26

Christ UMC

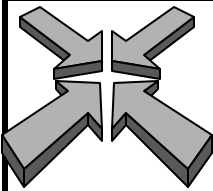
Women's Walk #59, July 22-25
Men's Walk #35, August 12-15

GATHERINGS & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC	2 nd Mon	7:15
Christ UMC	3 rd Fri	7:00
Dayton Board	4 th Tues	7:00


CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

Candlelight	8:30 PM	Saturday
Closing	4:30 PM	Sunday



**Team for Women's
Walk,
at Normandy UMC
Feb 19-22**

Susan Caylor	ATL	
Paula Frazier	ATL	
Heather Gambrell	ATL	
Lauraine Howe	ATL	
Maribeth Schierling	ATL	
Jane Simmons	ATL	
Cheryl I Wilson	ATL	
Jennyl Bennett	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Pam Dean	TL	Life in Piety
Denise Hermetz	TL	Discipleship
Jeanne Lumpcik	TL	Christian Action
Sharon Morrison	TL	
Carol Ozolins	TL	Body of Christ
Jerri Wood	TL	Fourth Day
Karen Freyvogel	PS	
Missy Trumbull	PS	
Roxie Hiatt	LOG	
Nola Keeney	LOG	
Betty Pickthorn	LOG	
Julia Crowl	MD	
Carol Spahr	AMD	
Joyce Stare	ALD	Priorities
Sharyl Tinnel	ALD	Growth Through Study
Pam Wilson	ALD	Changing Our World
Peggy Hewitt	LD	Perseverance
John Whitaker	SD	Means of Grace
Hazel Burns	ASDL	Sanctifying Grace
Dennis Ditto	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Jan Harry	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
David Ziegel	ASD	Justifying Grace

A good read
Let Us Pray is a short book by Watchman Nee about the principles of corporate prayer. In it he writes:
 "Prayer must originate from God and be responded to by us. Such alone is meaningful prayer, since God's work is controlled by such prayer. How many things the Lord indeed desires to do, yet He does not perform them because His people do not pray".
 Christy Utz
 Newsletter Chair

Pilgrims for WW #57

Lisa Adams	Kettering
Christine Aiello	Waynesville
Beverly Barrett	Beavercreek
Charlene Bruggeman	Huber Heights
Joyce Burton	Dayton
Amy Cary	Dayton
Deanna Cox	Beavercreek
Elise Eldridge	Tipp City
Vicki Engel	Beavercreek
Debbie Fry	Kettering
Molly Fuchs	Kettering
Vanessa Furrey	Brookville
Kathleen Hosner	Beavercreek
Pat Humerick	Troy
Cathy Johnson	Farmersville
Diana Kellawan	Springboro
Kathy Kight	Tipp City
Deb Knight	Troy
Cheryl Lail	Farmersville
Peggy Lakes	Dayton
Cheryl Lamb	Centerville
Mindy Leab	Kettering
Dianne Lytle	Tipp City
Cristy Maddox	Kettering
Kris Mangan	Dayton
Diana Marcott	Miamisburg
Mary McCafferty	Dayton
Melinda Miller	Miamisburg
Vicki Mills	Brookville
Jennifer Mitchell	Springfield
Carolyn Perkins	Centerville
Conni Postigo	Dayton
Heidi Reil	Miamisburg
Sandy Scarborough	Miamisburg
Sherry Smith	Kettering
Stephanie Steely	Kettering
Tanya Teague	Huber Heights
Jeannette Thompson	Beavercreek
Sharon Vincent	Dayton
Jane Wise	Miamisburg
— List updated on February 15 —	



From the SD'S office

One of the first things talked about on the Emmaus Weekend is seeking "our true, authentic happiness." Happiness is so vital to our existence that it's even in the heart of our Declaration of Independence. Jefferson wrote: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the *pursuit of Happiness*.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

The "pursuit of happiness" and our "safety and happiness" are recognized as basic rights we have and need. The mistake we make is in thinking that a democratic government is an end in itself to the fulfillment of these needs. Government is only a means to an end in "pursuit of happiness." Scripture teaches that our true happiness—**our authentic happiness, is found in an abiding relationship with Jesus**. In John 16, Jesus' final encouragement to His disciples before His sufferings and death at Calvary, were to "Ask using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy."

Joy is that "true, authentic happiness" we seek. And the way we receive joy (and the abundant life Jesus came to give us) is by asking in His name. So what is it that you need to "ask" God?

The other day, I was overwhelmed with joy. It

was one of those moments in life when you're not really sure what it all means, but you know that you are grateful to God for a clear evidence of His blessings. I received a call from Dayton Habitat for Humanity that I won a 1966 restored C-10 Chevrolet truck in a raffle. Now, before you start composing your e-mail to me about the dangers of gambling, let me assure you that I wanted to give the affiliate the money anyways. And I prayed that I would win the truck so I could sell my car and get rid of a car payment. The end goal was to have less cash going out the door (no car payment) so we could pay other bills and be more generous in our giving (which seems to me a worthy goal!). Most of the time, hard work and a disciplined budget are the ways we achieve this goal; however, I look at this "gift" as an encouraging "wink" from God.

My point in sharing this story is two-fold: we need to ask God for whatever it is that keeps us from experiencing joy and trusting Him to meet our needs as He sees best. When we place our problems and situation in His hands, the evidence of our trust is evidenced in our experiencing His joy in our hearts. Joy is the litmus test of trust, it is a fruit of His Spirit (see Galatians 5:22). So, again I ask, what is it you need to "ask" God? On the other side of your request, made in Jesus' name, is joy—true and authentic.

Randy Daniel

He has no hands but yours.

Important job!

Volunteers are needed to serve on a **team behind the scenes** on Mondays after each walk. The supplies must be inventoried and repacked into the appropriate bins. If you have had the opportunity to serve as LOG or ALD, you know how important this organizing task is for the upcoming walk. Shelia Shade, Supply Chair, starts at 9:00 AM, and keeps going until it is done.

INTERESTED?

Call Shelia Shade
(937) 698-4014

Many hands make light work!

Do not be anxious about anything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.



~ Philippians 4:6

Prayer Warriors

for the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community

Want to participate in our e-mail prayer chain? Have an urgent prayer request?

Contact Janet Burkett at

(937) 335-0690 or TIKRUB@msn.com

We ask that you please limit your requests to:

- a serious, urgent nature
- either a member of the Emmaus Community or your immediate family.

Thanks!



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An attitude of gratitude!

MW#33

Father in Heaven,
 How beautiful on the mountains are
 the feet of those who bring good
 news, who proclaim peace, who
 bring good tidings, who proclaim
 salvation, who say to Zion, "Your
 God reigns!"

Once again, You take a rag tag army
 of willing servants and transform
 them into your fighting host.
 How can we thank you enough for
 what You have accomplished on
MW#33 for the Pilgrims, team and
 community?
 A sacrifice of praise to your Name.
 You are good and worthy of our
 praise.
 There is no other like You.
 We love You too!

Christy Utz
 Newsletter Chair

De Colores!

"Rise and pray"
Luke 22:46

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