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Chairman's Corner – Love Is In The Air



February 14th is a holiday that most women are aware of and a lot of men will forget (but usually only once). It is Valentines Day. This holiday is known for being a “Romantic Holiday”. Valentines are passed from person to person with the words, I love you, Will you be mine, My heart belongs to you...the romantic thoughts go on and on. Think back to your school days when we use

to decorate boxes and wait for special valentines to be placed inside by our classmates. Boys may have signed their names to just any old valentine while girls carefully chose just the right card for each person. And then there were those cards that you received that had no signature on it at all. Those cards didn't seem to matter as much. It was the special valentines signed by a special “someone” that held the most meaning. The words I Love You mean a lot more when you know who is saying them to you.

I happen to like this holiday because I'm definitely a romantic at heart. I love all the attention, the cards, flowers and candy, but most of all knowing that I am loved.

Has it been a long time since you've heard the words “I Love You?” Maybe you just haven't been listening. The Bible instructs and inspires us as our hearts open to the realization that Jesus loves us. We can talk to Him through prayer and know His heart. We have the Body of Christ to fellowship with and to gather strength from. We have the Holy Spirit loving us, wooing us, courting us to accept Jesus as our Savior! Love is in the air each and every moment as our loving God whispers in his quiet voice to each one of us just how much he loves us. *Jesus is the most Romantic one of all and he's saying to each one of us “ I Love You just as you are - Please Be My Valentine!”*

Love and Blessings,
Sherry Kierce

HOW TO FIND US!

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Normandy UMC
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UPCOMING WALKS

Normandy UMC 2005

Woman's Walk #61, Feb, 17-20
Woman's Walk #62, April 14-17
Men's Walk #37, May 12-15

Christ UMC 2005

Woman's Walk #63, July 21-24
Men's Walk #38, Aug 18-21

Normandy UMC 2005

Woman's Walk #64, Sept 22-25

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

NORMANDY REMINDERS:

1. Please do not exit the church parking lot via the entrance driveway.
2. Food and drinks are not allowed in the Sanctuary.

Pilgrims for WW #61

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>City</u>
Linda Back	Fairborn
Christina Baker	Dayton
Cindy Batie	Springfield
Jane Butcher	Kettering
Kate Carlisle	Dayton
Heather Cavender	Piqua
Jodi Clapp	Huber Heights
Jessica Clark	Dayton
Donna Conley	Beavercreek
Tina Cranmer	Oregonia
Tracy Davis	Pitsburg
Pat Dean	Kettering
Kathy Derham	Centerville
Verna Drake	New Carlisle
Kim Duff	Kettering
Tammy Erwin	Kettering
Stephanie Evans	New Carlisle
Angel Ferrell	Troy
Mary Giffen	Huber Heights
Linda Goltz	Springboro
Donna Grote	Kettering
Jamie Gruber	Waynesville
Terri Harrell	Kettering
Debbie Heineman	Beavercreek
Jo Hill	Springfield
Deb Holland	Dayton
Barb Knobloch	Englewood
Marjorie Lechner	Kettering
Barbara Parisi	Kettering
Debbie Pasquel	Germantown
Jane Patterson	Dayton
Julie Phipps	Miamisburg
Nelda Reynolds	Centerville
Donetta Rineer	Miamisburg
Barbie Rose	Troy
Rhonda Ryerson	Huber Heights
Jill Shields	Springboro
Jill Stalder	Dayton
Patty Stonerock	Arcanum
Karen Tracy	Clinton, IA
Christa Wade	Union
Cheryl White	Englewood

Team for WW #61



Sharon Baxter	ATL	
Kathy Beachler	ATL	
Bev Blair	ATL	
Cheryl Carter	ALD	Growth Through Study
Becky Cobb	AMD	
Carol Dondero	LOG	
Paula Frazier	TL	Body Of Christ
Lynn Galioto	ATL	
Lori Gentry	TL	Life In Piety
Karen Gratz	ATL	
Linda Haller	MD	
Char Hinkley	TL	Priesthood Of All Believers
Kris Horlacher	TL	Changing Our World
Jean Jarusiewicz	PS	
Wendy Kline	LOG	
Cathy Kooser	ATL	
Pam Kooser	LD	Perseverance
Dusty Kuhbander	TL	
Nancy Phillips	LOG	
Cindy Pierson	ATL	
Karen Roush	TL	Christian Action
Shirley Schryver	ALD	Priorities
Carole Smith	TL	Discipleship
Dave Tackett	SD	Means of Grace
Carolyn Weller	ALD	Fourth Day
Keith Weller	ASD	Justifying Grace
Dene Wells	PS	
Joyce Zimmann	BR	

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Worship	Jeff Dondero	855-3289

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

To bring Jesus our best

This is an open invitation for all to come to this 45 minute training session before the next Gathering.

Date: 2/14

Time: 6:30 PM

Come and learn the best methods put forth by the National Emmaus Board.

Kitchen Manager Needed

Sunday Breakfast 6:00-10:00 AM

Interested?

Contact: **Lori Gentry @698-0008**



From the SD's Office:

A Place Where Everybody Knows Your Name

What popped into your head as you read the above title, whether you wanted to think it or not--a song, a word?

I was in Boston recently for a professional conference with a friend of mine. On our free time we saw all the requisite historic sites. We followed the freedom trail; saw Old Ironsides, Bunker Hill, "Hahvad Yahd", the gravesite of Paul Revere, and just out of curiosity, the restaurant with the prominent white globe across the street from Boston Commons on Boylston St. It's the site that inspired the stage set of the kooky but all-too-familiar-to-real-life characters whose daily life revolved around a bar and grill in Boston, Mass.

It was crowded with tourists and regulars. We wanted to see what the attraction was. The biggest draw seemed to be the gift shop. "Why are we all crowded in here?" I wondered. Later it occurred to me—people wanted to take a little magic home with them. They wanted something that might somehow remind them of a time gone by when there used to be places of belonging, where "everybody knows their name".

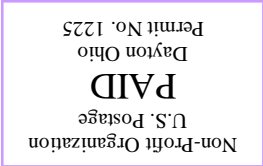
Finding such places in today's society is difficult anymore. People move across country to take new jobs, separating friends and family from the daily places where everybody once knew their names. As families divide and then re-form again as blended families, they struggle to travel to family gatherings, let alone decide which one they'll at-

tend. Neighborhoods are entered by revolving doors as people increasingly find themselves moving 4-6 times or more in their lives. Disconnected people, adrift in society, are "looking for love in all the wrong places", another all too familiar song. Emails, chat rooms, and cell phones just don't take the place of hugs. Places of belonging—where people are known, loved, accepted, warts and all—are becoming harder to find.

Jesus commissioned the church, the body of Christ—you and I—to create such places. These places aren't built with bricks, mortar, and wooden pews. Even bars are built of such materials. Jesus told his disciples, "A new commandment I give you—to love one another. By this people around you will know you are my disciples". (John 13: 34, 35) Share groups, Gatherings, our local church families—there we find a place to belong, because there we find caring, help, and love. We need them when life kicks us in the gut, when people estimate our worth by what we produce, and when we blow it big time. Hugs. Warmth. Caring. Guidance. Growth. Identity. Forgiveness. We need Grace Places where all these can be found in abundance. Emmaus is a grace place. Emmaus encourages us to make our churches grace places.

People are looking for places to belong but often in "all the wrong places". So, (use your imagination and go with me on this one, ok?) lets lift our communion cups, say "Cheers", and commit ourselves to bringing lonely, disconnected people into the place of grace, where "everybody knows their name". May that place be called Church.

Your fellow recipient of God's grace,
Dave Evans



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Our Community needs you. If you haven't already, please complete a Willing Servant Form so we know where to use your talents and gifts for the Emmaus community. If you are interested in serving on a live in team, or in various other ministry capacities, please complete a "Willing Servant Form" and indicate your area of willingness. God isn't calling us to be Christian pew warmers, but rather Christian disciples who are active in our Emmaus Community and the local church. You can pick up a Willing Servant Form at the monthly Gathering located on the book table in the narthex at NUMC or go online to: www.daytonemmaus.org. The Greater Dayton Emmaus Community needs you, so please fill out your Willing Servant Form and join us in serving the Lord and one another together in 2005. De Colores Sherry Kierce

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