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Chairman's Corner – Celebration

One of my husband's favorite things to celebrate is Summer! He loves everything about it. Hot weather, longer days, playing outside in the sunshine and yes even working in the yard. He is a true summer person.

Before long it will be time for school to begin again. Some parents and maybe even students are ready to celebrate the first day of school. I wonder if our teachers are ready to celebrate that as well.

It's fun to celebrate your birthday, anniversary, accomplishments and all kind of special occasions. God wants us to celebrate life and enjoy it!

Women's Walk #63 had a special taste of celebration with the Lord. God orchestrated a dance and invited us to join in. As the music began, the singing joined in and the room started moving. By the end of the song the Holy Spirit touched the hearts and souls of these precious women and He became our dance partner. Some ladies were dancing in the isles, some swaying back and forth, some with partners, some by themselves. One thing we witnessed for sure God was among us. We celebrated in jubilation the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We celebrated forgiveness and the freedom from Satan's bondage. No one wanted the music to stop or the moment to end. The celebration was Glorious! Ironically, Walk #63 was the 100th Dayton Emmaus Walk. It is as if God expressed the joy and emotions of the entire community through these women. Isn't God's timing and planning amazing???

Jesus is asking "May I have this dance?" Go ahead – Celebrate with Jubilation and dance to the sweetest music you'll ever hear.

De Colores, Sherry Kierce



HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

Christ UMC 2005

Men's Walk #38, Aug 18-21

Normandy UMC 2005

Women's Walk #64, Sept 22-25

Normandy UMC 2006

Men's Walk #39, January 26-29

Women's Walk #65, February 16-19

Women's Walk #66, April 20-23

Men's Walk #40, May 18-21

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

Emmaus Application:

If you or someone you know has sent in an Emmaus application over four months ago and has not heard back from us, please let us know! It has been brought to our attention that some mail is missing and we want to make sure that no one misses out on the opportunity to take this beautiful walk. Thank you.

Pilgrims for MW #38

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>City</u>
Ron Braswell	Springboro
Brad Brotbeck	Dayton
Bruce Caldwell	Centerville
David Caldwell	Piqua
Rod Carter	Hyattsville, MD
Don Cherry	Kettering
Bill Clark	West Carrollton
Eugene Daniels	Dayton
Chase Eaton	Cincinnati
Ken Frederick	Cincinnati
Marvin Freeman	Fairborn
Richard Gilbertson	Dayton
Steve Gray	Lexington, KY
Ed Grilliot	Beavercreek
Dick Grote	Kettering
Mike Gullett	Williamsburg
Clint Haines	Beavercreek
Ben Horvath	Franklin Township
George Keister	Centerville
Ben Kesting	Centerville
Terry Lefever	Dayton
Gary Miller	Dayton
Brent Paulus	Tipp City
Wil Phipps	Miamisburg
Doug Rice	Fairborn
Ken Scarborough	Miamisburg
Wil Schonscheck	Centerville
Bill Schryver	Dayton
Tim Sides	West Carrollton
Gene Slaughter	Springboro
Bryan Suddith	Kettering
Steve Tinch	Beavercreek
Ben Young	Dayton

Team for MW #38

Bill Bromley	ATL	
Hazel Burns	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Dale Cherry	ATL	
Heth Corl	SD	Means of Grace
Mike Derenzo	ATL	
Steve Dow	TL	Body of Christ
Mike Edwards	ATL	
Kerry Kline	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Kirk Lehneis	LD	Perseverance
Marc Littman	ATL	
Todd Lohse	BR	
Tim Macy	LOG	
Paul Maranka	TL	Discipleship
Eric Measel	MD	
Doug Nies	ATL	
Dave Pappenfus	AMD	
Garry Peck	PS	
Stephen Puderbaugh	TL	Grow Through Study
Don Schneider	PS	
Mike Schneider	ASD	Justifying Grace
Jeff Steely	TL	Christian Action
Don Trumbull	ALD	Changing Our World
Duane Velej	LOG	
Merle Walter	ASDL	Sanctifying Grace
Rod Wenger	TL	
Ron Wilkes	ATL	
Ken Wilson	LOG2	
Chris Wissinger	TL	Life in Piety
John Wissinger	ALD2	Priority
Brian Wood	ALD2	Fourth Day
David Yingling	ASD	Prevenient Grace

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.

I know on Walk weekends it is so exciting, particularly when we know a pilgrim on the Walk, to get them a special gift to commemorate the occasion. However, Pilgrim Sunday packets are only so big and there is a lot of information that needs to go into those packets. I am asking that you don't bring gifts for Pilgrims to go into the Sunday packets. Instead, please give gifts to them after closing or at a more convenient time.

If you supply Agape for Walk Weekends, please make sure your name, phone number and/or e-mail address is on the bag. Leftover Agape can be picked up at Gatherings. If you don't want leftover agape returned, please indicate that on the bag. Thanks!

Linda Stout , Agape Chair



From the SD's Office:

One of the most meaningful moments on my pilgrim walk (and on every walk I've been part of since then) is the Friday morning chapel meditation on the so called "Prodigal Son" story from Luke 15. Of course the story isn't about the son at all but rather the extravagantly loving and forgiving father. Often the Benny Hester song is used at that service entitled "When God Ran." I still get tears in my eyes when I hear those beautiful lyrics.

To imagine the Lord of the Universe, the Creator of all that is, running towards me to embrace me and forgive me and heal me is almost too much to handle. You and I don't experience that measure of grace in this life. Humans can't love like that...only God can. We can, perhaps, come close on a really good day; but God offers this gift of unmerited love always. We just have to be willing to accept the gift offered, lean into it, and allow divine love to flood our souls. But that's often hard to do since it is so foreign to our daily experience in this world. It's very hard to accept that we are indeed accepted!

At it's best, the church can provide this environment of hospitality and forgiveness. We don't always do it...but we can if we invite the Holy Spirit into our midst and allow the love to flow as He directs. This means dying to self, placing my ego in "neutral", and tabling any personal (selfish) agendas I might have. As I continue to grow in my walk with Christ, I'm learning life goes so much better when I stop telling Jesus how things should be and listen to his guiding voice of how He is blessing my life (if I'll simply stop resisting). I'm sure you grapple with this as well. By God's infinite mercy, we grow closer and wiser the more we surrender. Let's let God "catch" us anew this summer!

In Christ,
Dave Tackett

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

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

Date: 8/8

Time: 6:30 PM

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

SHARE GROUP ORIENTATION

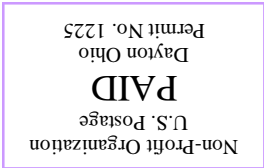
For new members of the community to get connected to a share group.

Date: 8/8

Time: 6:30 PM

From the Good Shepard—

We are asking for help locating Community Share Groups that have room and are willing to add new members. This voluntary request will help us to make matches with the folks who are looking for reunion group fellowship. There will be a form for any interested brothers and sisters on the Book Table during Gathering. Thank you for your consideration.



*Now may the God
of hope fill you
with all joy and
peace in believing,
that you may
abound in hope by
the power of the
Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

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