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Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

March
2006

The year is well under way and we have had two great walks so far (Men's #39 in January and Women's #65 in February). At the February Gathering, some of the men offered uplifting witness as to what God has done for them so far, while others reminded us that not everyone has had it so easy. There will always be those peaks and valleys in our life, but if we trust in God, he will get us through them. I look forward to the women sharing with us at the March Gathering.

In 1 John 3:11, we are told "This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another." Even though these two walks were made up of people of different genders, as well as those of different professions and backgrounds, we are all part of His "One Body" and He loves each one of us unconditionally. His task for us is to take His love and share it with others so they will come to know Him too.

Words are also a great way to share God's love with others, and you would be surprised at how important a few words can be under the right circumstances. Sometimes words can bring more happiness than money can buy.

You can also show that love through service by serving on Emmaus Teams, working in the kitchen or behind the scenes for a Walk, being active and serving in your own church on some committee or during a service, or just being receptive to the possible situations that you may encounter while you are at work, shopping, or anywhere else you may be. There are plenty of unexpected situations where we can find the opportunity to share this love, if we only take the time to listen and look at things the same way Jesus did.

YBIC, John Wissinger, Chairman

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

Normandy UMC 2006

Women's Walk #66, April 20-23

Christ UMC 2006

Women's Walk #67, June 8-11

Men's Walk #40, July 13-16

Women's Walk #68, August 17-20

GATHERINGS & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC 2nd Mon 7:15

Dayton Board 4th Tues 7:00

CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

Candlelight 8:30 PM Saturday

Closing 4:30 PM Sunday

TRAINING & ORIENTATION

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

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

Date: March 13, 2006

Place: Normandy UMC, Room #214

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: March 13, 2006

Place: Normandy UMC, Chapel

Time: 6:30 PM

Seeds & Needs



Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Corinthians 9:10

H O U S I N G

1. Thanks very much to ALL volunteers that stepped up and supported WW#65! Housing had a very good turnout and most shifts were completed in record time! We still have need for Wednesday set-up (6:00PM), Sunday "rise and shine" (0630AM) and Sunday tear-down (4:00PM). We especially are looking for four (4) more women to assist on Women's Walks for Sunday "rise and shine". The female Pilgrims appreciate (tolerate!) women waking them up versus burly men! Sign-up sheets will be in the Normandy lobby next Gathering.
2. Can we all agree one of the most memorable memories we have of our Emmaus weekend is the luxurious foam sleeping pads that provided the best night's sleep we've ever had? We need MORE of them! If you know of a source (retail/wholesale) we can use to purchase 20-25 pads (80"L x 36"W x 5"D), please contact me!
3. Housing is looking for donations of beds to add to our inventory. We are in need of twin size frames, box springs and/or mattresses. Drop-off at Normandy would greatly be appreciated. BUT FIRST, please contact me to arrange a meeting time. God Bless You! Bill Bromley: 422-4500 or 427-1421 or e-mail @ wbrom3737@aol.com

REGISTRAR

Just a quick reminder to everyone that we only have one more Men's Walk scheduled for 2006. July 13-16, 2006 at CUMC. If you know of any man you would like to share in this wonderful Emmaus Walk experience, please get their applications in as soon as possible. We will be sending out invitations soon. YBIC, Don Adams, Men's Registrar

GOOD SHEPHERD

A little reminder....the rainbow ribbons proudly displayed on Pilgrims' name tags are a beacon for us old-timers in GDE to be welcoming, loving and encouraging to our newcomers of the last year.

AGAPE

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. Please do not 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**

To All Sponsors, Pilgrims from WW#65, and Those who love our Lord:

Please mark your calendars for the Pilgrim Orientation which precedes the March 13th Gathering at 6:30 in the Chapel at Normandy. It is so vital to bring these new members of the GDE Community to this meeting, because it is, without doubt, the very most efficient way to join in a Share Group. These groups are the backbone of Emmaus, and are so important for staying connected to all of us in fellowship, and more importantly, to Christ Jesus.

This will also be an opportunity for any other men who are looking for a Share Group. The networking there is a wonderful chance to find time, place and other seekers! In the Service of Christ our Lord,
Joyce Zimmann, Good Shepherd

DOCUMENTATION

If you can type, and would be interested in helping to type the photo roster during Walk Weekends, please contact Jean Jarusiewicz at: pauljarus@aol.com

SUPPLY

If you are a Wednesday supply volunteer, please contact me and let me know if you are still willing to help with Wednesday deliveries. Thank you! Karen Roush
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COMMUNITY NOTE:

Candlelight and Closing are intended for graduates of Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights (and similar functions) ONLY. Please, do not bring other family members to these events.

Guests are more than welcome to attend monthly Gatherings.

Also, we are guests at Normandy Church and they are gracious to allow us the use of their facilities. Please **do not** bring any food or drink into the sanctuary during our functions (Gathering, Candlelight and Closing). Thank You!

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. Mark 10:45

For Community Members Near Otterbein:

A daytime Emmaus Gathering has begun at Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Living Community. If you work evenings and can't attend your community Gathering, you are cordially invited (and welcome) to attend this one.

The Gathering convenes at 3:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and follows the normal Gathering agenda with music, prayer, praise and worship, the Lord's Supper and fellowship time with light refreshments.

This Gathering is open to all, not just Emmaus alumnae, so feel free to drop in and worship with us. You'll feel welcome – we guarantee it!

Otterbein is located on State Route 741 approximately 5 miles south of Springboro or if you come via I-75, use the SR 63 exit, go east approx two miles to intersection of 63 and 741. Turn north (left) about ½ mile. Enter at the large sign and park in the lot to your right. The Chapel is straight through the main entrance doors.

Questions? Call the Otterbein Church office at (513) 933-4032.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15

Defining Moments

"At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land. They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land." Numbers 13:25-26

As you gaze back over your life you will undoubtedly run across what I call those "defining moments" in life. They are times when you made a conscience choice, a decision to go this way or to go that way. Robert Frost articulated it best in his poem entitled The Road Not Taken. "Two roads diverged in a wood—and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Defining moments are those times in your life that have forever altered the course of your life and set you on the path that has brought you to the destiny that you now enjoy. They are moments in your life that have forever been captured in the photo album of your mind. You can sit and view them and live them as if they happened yesterday. I still recall a "defining moment" in my life that happened in the sixth grade. I was a good kid, who respected authority, and for the most part stayed out of trouble. But one afternoon at recess a group of kids decided to take all the balls from the other kids and run to the jungle gym, climb up and effectively shut down recess for everyone else. Although I had not personally snatched any ball, I was in the group on the jungle gym holding playtime hostage. The bell rang and we all went back to class, thinking we had pulled a little prank and gotten away with it.

Shortly after class began, a note was sent for me to come to the principal's office. I had never been to or even seen the inside of the principal's office. (And it's a good thing, seeing that my dad was a principal at the junior high school.) So you can imagine what was going through my mind. When I got to the principal's office, he asked me to have a seat. He said "I want to talk to you about the incident that happened on the playground at recess today." I blurted out, "but I didn't do anything." He answered, "and that's why you're here, because you didn't do anything. Palmer, you are a leader and you should have encouraged those young men to follow you down the right path. If you will promise me that you will lead from now on, our meeting today will remain between you and me. I won't need to tell your parents about this." I made good on my promise.

In today's text the leaders that the Israelites chose to go over and spy out the land came back to give their report. They had spent forty days exploring the land and gathering samples of the fruit and produce of the land. After reporting, came the time for their "defining moment." If you read the rest of the story you'll find out that the majority decided that they could not go in and possess the land. As a result the whole community spent forty years wandering around in the wilderness, just outside of the Promised Land.

I want to encourage you over this next forty days to do some personal exploring. What is it in your life that God wants to show you? As we approach the season for celebrating the greatest "defining moment" of all times, use this time to prepare your heart to receive all that the resurrection has to give! *"Two roads diverged in a wood—and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference!"*

DeColores, Palmer Jason, SD

His Word in My Heart

I have hidden your word in my heart that
I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11

Know and love the Lord by memorizing His word. Memorize one verse per week. At the end of a year, you will have 52 verses in your heart!

GREAT RESOURCE: His Word in My Heart by Janet Pope

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WEEK 1

PSALM 19: 14

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

WEEK 2

PROVERBS 12: 18

Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

WEEK 3

MATTHEW 17:20

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

WEEK 4

LUKE 6:45

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

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