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Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

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2006

This June, the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community will be trying something a little bit different. After making the move of supplies from Normandy United Methodist Church to Christ United Methodist Church (3440 Shroyer Rd, Kettering) for the "Summer Walks", we will begin holding the monthly Gatherings and Pilgrim Orientations there as well (check elsewhere in the newsletter for locations). Our first Gathering at Christ United Methodist Church will be on Monday, June 12th, 2006. This is the day after Women's Walk #67 ends. We will start all of the Gatherings at 7:30 pm (not 7:15) while we are there. This will give Community Members a chance to get to the new location if they happen to go to Normandy Church, either by mistake or out of habit.

The Board decided to try this change in response to requests from several members of the Community. They felt that it was important to attend your first Gathering after your Pilgrim Walk at the Church where you experienced God's Love through the Emmaus Weekend, and they were not given that chance with all of the Gatherings being held at Normandy Church. We will return to Normandy Church beginning with the October Gathering.

We honor the other half of our parents this month also – our Fathers. Like Mothers, Fathers also help shape our lives and care for us. Just as with Mothers, we aren't given any extra time to celebrate their "Day". Society just sets aside a Sunday once a year in their honor, and we fit them in as best we can. We should love and honor our parents daily, not wait for that "once-a-year" day. The same holds true for God, the Father of us all. We should praise, honor and thank Him daily, not wait for that designated day once-a-week when we are to gather for that same purpose.

De Colores! John Wissinger, Chairman

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother – which is the first commandment with a promise – "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Ephesians 6:1-3

HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

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 Gathering.

Date: July 10, 2006

Place: Christ UMC, Rm #TBD (Ck Website)

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: July 10, 2006

Place: Christ UMC, Rm# TBD (Ck Website)

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

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.

Also, if you donate Agape for the weekend, please stop in the agape room before or after candlelight to check for leftovers. Also agape containing anything edible will not be kept longer than the walk weekend.

Thanks! Linda Stout, Agape Chair

GOOD SHEPHERD

Please mark your calendars for the share group orientation which precedes the May 8th Gathering at 6:30 in the Chapel at Normandy. It is so vital to bring new members of our Community to this meeting, because it is, without doubt, the very most efficient way to find and join 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. The networking there is a wonderful chance to find time, place and other seekers!

Also, if you have a share group that has room for additional members, please e-mail/write me with times and places. This would be a great help! **Joyce Zimmann, Good Shepherd**

SUPPLY

We need a small group of folks to help take inventory for kitchen/supply. If you can help make this load lighter, please contact Karen Roush Cell: 937-307-1899 / e-mail: kjroush06@aol.com

H O U S I N G

Thanks to all for supporting our community Housing requirements. We still need 8-10 people (male or female) for the Wednesday evening shift (6-7:30PM). This is the "set-up" shift and if we get a good group of workers it should last no longer than 7:30PM. Please sign up in the lobby next Gathering. For information, call Bill Bromley at 427-1421, or email wbrom3737@aol.com.

God Bless! Bill Bromley, Housing Chair

W O R S H I P

In Emmaus—Crosses are our prayer tools: During each weekend, prayer is an important part of the weekend experience. As community and as sponsors, we pray at sponsor's hour and continuously pray from afar for 72 hours straight. We pray before and after each meal. More intensely we pray before and after each talk in the Chapel. As tables, we pray as brothers and sisters during our special prayer time as the weekend unfolds. One of the most important tools we are given to use during times of prayer is the prayer cross. Worship needs your help. We started with six very special crosses laser etched with "Prayer Servants" and other crosses that are plain yet just as important to the Emmaus experience. Today, we only have one "Prayer Servants" cross remaining, and we continue to misplace or lose our other smaller crosses, which have dwindled in number. I am asking each of you who have been on a walk this past year to check your belongings and if you find you have inadvertently kept these crosses, please return them so that others can use these very important tools during the Walk weekends. Thank you, Jeff Dondero - Worship

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.

Thank you! YBIC, Don Adams, Men's Registrar

Pilgrim List Women's Walk #67

Jennifer	Alexander	Enon OH
Nicole	Amsler	Springboro OH
Stephanie	Black	Troy OH
Kristin	Chioma	Beavercreek OH
Lisa	Cooper	New Carlisle OH
Kelli	Dederick	Kettering OH
Lois	Deem	Dayton OH
Sandy	Ewald	Huber Heights OH
Terry	Freeman	Trotwood OH
Becky	Garltic	Kettering OH
Renea	Garrett	Miamisburg OH
Staci	Gruber	Waynesville OH
Cindy	Hancharick	Lebanon OH
Amanda	Haws	Waynesville OH
Carolyn	Heinz	Kettering OH
Bobbi	Linton	Centerville OH
Nancy	Loy	Dayton OH
Martha	Martin	Lebanon OH
Jennifer	Mauser	Dayton OH
Karen	McCall	Jamestown OH
Heidi	Pelfrey	Springboro OH
Cheryl	Schanher	Springfield OH
Bonnie	Shump	Miamisburg OH
Kelley	Spitzer	Bellbrook OH
Kandi	Tahmoush	Miamisburg OH
Amanda	Unger	Fairborn OH
Victoria	Webb	Phillipsburg OH
Debbie	Wescott	Kettering OH

Team Roster for Women's Walk # 67

Diana Applegate - LOG
Melissa Becker - ATL
Susan Bramel - LOG
Hazel Burns - ASD Talk: Obstacles to Grace
Randy Daniel - SD Talk: Means of Grace
Pam DeHart - TL Talk: Christian Action
Chantele Dow - MD
Dave Evans - ASD Talk: Sanctifying Grace
Jil Evans - TL Talk: Body of Christ
Cathy Fathergill - TL Talk: Discipleship
Heather Gambrell - TL Talk: Life of Piety
Lora Gentry - BR
Linda Haller - AMD
Roxie Hiatt - ALD Talk: Fourth Day
Ellen Ireland - ATL
Palmer Jason - ASD Talk: Justifying Grace
Kathy Kruse - ALD Talk: Grow through Study
Martha Logan - TL Talk: Priesthood of all Believers
Mary Manvell - TL Talk: Priority
Mary Morrow - ATL
Carol Ozolins - TL Talk: Changing Our World
Mary Pat Peck - PS
AJ Puderbaugh - ATL
Katy Reinke - ATL
Karen Roush - LOG
Jan Schneider - PS
Amy Walker - ATL
John Whitaker - ASD Talk: Prevenient Grace
Cheryll Wilson - TL
Jane Wise - ATL
Karen Wissinger - LD Talk: Perseverance

But as for me and my household, we
will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

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 and Christ Churches 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!

PASTOR'S CORNER

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4

Passport to Heaven

What would you do if you couldn't go home again? The question was purely theoretical to me until this last weekend when I attempted to re-enter the United States from our Neighbor to the North, Canada. I decided to make a trip with a friend of mine, Lonnie Dorgan, to Point Pelee National Park in Ontario Canada. Point Pelee is a natural, protected wildlife habitat that is visited by thousands of songbirds (and birdwatchers) in May on their annual spring migration north into Canada. Since we couldn't fly to the park over Lake Erie as they could, we drove through Detroit into Windsor, Ontario. There, after a 3 hour trip, Lonnie and I encountered some raised eyebrows when the border guard asked for our Passport or birth certificate. Having not had the presence of mind to bring such items with us (we were birdbrains with visions of warblers and vireos in our heads) we feared we would have to turn around and go back to Kettering. All dressed up but no place to go; However, after grilling us for a few minutes about our plans for visiting Canada, the guard decided we were harmless enough and let us into the country. We soon forgot about our dicey border crossing and the next day we enjoyed an early morning and afternoon of enjoying God's colorful avian angels, wrangling over whether a sighting was of a rare Prothonotary Warbler or a female Yellow Warbler, adding to our life lists, and enjoying the company of other birders from around the world. All too soon, with a bonus Bald Eagle sighting in the last 15 minutes of our tour, we headed home happy and making plans for next year. Those plans had some major adjustments in the next hour. When we reached the U.S.-Canada border, we were filled with pride as we entered the cue of cars ready to cross the Ambassador Bridge back into the United States. Home sweet home lay just ahead. Then we reached the U.S. Border Guard. He asked for identification and out came our Ohio driver licenses. All seemed well as the guard asked us what we had been doing in Canada. He seemed genuinely interested in our trip. He even asked what birds we'd seen. What a nice guy! Then he asked, with a new note of importance in his voice, "Do you have proof that you are citizens of the United States?" I thought his question absurd. Don't we LOOK like Americans? We have books and clothes we purchased in America. We have the right language. I can speak Texan for goodness sake. We don't even end our sentences with "Eh?" I went with something less foolish in the end. "Well, uh...no", I stammered. My friend, hoping humor would soften him up a little, asked "Would a credit card work?" "You'd be surprised how many people offer that, but no, it's not proof." Fearing something was seriously amiss, I asked, "Are we in trouble?" "Well, you could be", he exclaimed menacingly. "Do you have any idea what's happened in the United States in the last 48 hours?" Thinking something truly terrible had happened, I asked, "No—what?" I won't bore you with the long, boring, tedious...did I mention "long?"...lecture he gave us about what would have happened if a terrorist event had indeed happened that weekend (it hadn't) and what kind of luck we would have had (bad) trying to re-enter the States without our birth certificate or Passport. I was beginning to get impatient with his "Dutch Uncle" act, when finally concluded his lesson with, "And next time you re-enter the United States, I'm sure you'll bring your passports so you won't have to endure this lecture again". Swallowing the imprudent response that was ready to leap off the tip of my tongue, I took our driver licenses and—without thanking him—entered back into the land of the free and the home of the brave. I also won't bore you with the graceless discussion we had for the next hour about how unnecessary that experience had been. If only the guard had just said, "we'll let you in this time, but next time, bring your passport". Since then I have reflected on the experience from another angle. What if something bad HAD happened? How would they know we were U.S. citizens if the border closed after a terrorist attack? We would have had to stay in Canada and await an even more tedious process of having our passports mailed or hand-delivered to us by a no-doubt cranky courier (my wife probably). In fact, I could be writing this devotional from a motel in Ontario yet today if I had unwisely let loose with my best zingers. In fact, I'm lucky—no, blessed—that we have such people watching our borders. Even if I didn't appreciate it at the time, he was really trying to drive home a point—you may not like what I'm telling you, but just wait until you try to cross the border after a terrorist attack without your passport. If you don't like THIS speech, you sure won't like THAT one! Which reminds me of some of the Apostle Paul's teachings about "how you were once separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12, 13). "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20). Can you imagine getting to heaven only to be asked, "Why should we let you in? What do you have to show that you are citizens of this country? Do you have a birth certificate? Where is your Passport?" Can't we just say, "You should let me in because, I believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior". In Matthew 7, Jesus tells us that that won't work. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy in your name? And in your name did we not drive out demons and perform many miracles in your name? And then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers'". (Matthew 7: 21-23). So, what is our Passport to Heaven? Knowing Jesus is our Passport. His disciples knew him and followed him daily until others said, "They know Jesus, because they love people like He did." Knowing him means following after him. Not just in words, but in the spirit of Jesus, loving the homeless when no one is looking. Caring for ungracious people. Giving of ourselves when it means inconvenience. Loving people, according to I Corinthians 13, through thick and thin. "Those who put my teachings into practice won't be ashamed in the end" says Jesus in Matthew 7: 24. Christians don't have to tell people they are Christians. "They will know we are Christians by our love" says a song that equates to the proof in the pudding, the litmus test, the Passport query. In the end, God will save those who are "safe to save", people with whom we can live next door in Heaven without fear that the sad, regrettable things that happen on this earth will be repeated there. God will save those who make Jesus their Lord in deed. Are we saved by our works, then? Paul says this in Ephesians 2, "for it is by grace that you have been saved through faith—not of yourselves—it is the gift of God so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". The border guard asked for a piece of paper, which in the end can be illegally counterfeited. But in God's kingdom, such counterfeits are easily spotted. I'm glad I don't have to judge. I'd make a lousy border guard for this earth as well as heaven. Someday, God will not have to ask for our passport. He'll just acknowledge what is obvious—that those who know Christ have followed him in spirit and deed. After all, birds of a feather flock together.

DeColores, Pastor Dave Evans



His Word in My Heart

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

Psalm 119:11

Memorizing God's word is life changing! Know Him better by memorizing His word. The next few months, we will be learning 1 Corinthians 13.

June—WEEK 2

1 Cor 13:6

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

June—WEEK 3

1 Cor 13:7

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

June—WEEK 4

1 Cor 13:8

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

July—WEEK 1

1 Cor 13:9

For we know in part and we prophesy in part.



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For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who give you his Holy Spirit.

1 Thes 4:7-8

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