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I started off the year talking about service to each other, the Community and God. It is now time to bring it back again. The Board will have vacancies for the following positions in 2007: Computer Administration, Good Shepherd, Newsletter, Registrar (Women's) and Treasurer. These are important positions on the Board and within the Community. We would like to ask members of the Community to prayerfully consider filling one of these offices. Terms of the offices are three years. To be eligible to run for election, you must be an active member of your home church and the Dayton Emmaus Community, and you must have served on at least one live-in team. Board meetings are held at Normandy UMC once a month, usually on the 4th Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in filling one of these positions or would like to nominate someone that would, please contact former Community Lay Director Sherry Kierce at (937) 667-4127. Sherry is Chairperson of the Nominating Committee this year and she would love to hear from you.

We've just completed another wonderful walk, Men's Walk #40, and once again the Holy Spirit was present and working in the hearts of the Pilgrims and Team. We had a special treat on this walk in that Ken Kalala Ndalamba from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa, was in town and able to experience the Walk as a Pilgrim. Ken visited us at the July Gathering, and should be able to attend the August Gathering before he returns home. What a blessing it is to know him and see the love he has for our God.

I would like to thank those that served on this Walk weekend, especially those that agreed to work the Saturday parking lot detail on such short notice. Family issues prevented me from calling when I should have, but Don Adams was able to arrange coverage in my absence. If any of you that worked on this task would be interested in a repeat performance for Women's Walk #68, please let me know. There will be a concert on Saturday the 19th at the Frazee, so we will probably have to do it again, starting around 5:00 p.m. to make sure there is enough parking for Candlelight.

Thank all of you for showing HIS love at work through your actions.

YBIC, John Wissinger
Chairman

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. PS136:1

HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

Christ UMC 2006

Women's Walk #68, August 17-20

GATHERINGS & BOARD MEETING

Christ UMC	2 nd Mon	7:15
Dayton Board	4 th 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: August 14, 2006

Place: Christ UMC, Rm #272

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: August 14, 2006

Place: Christ UMC, Rm# 274

Time: 6:30 PM

Seeds & Needs



Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6

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Thank you to those who have returned the wooden crosses used during walk weekends. If you would continue to check your belongings and return any you might find, it would be much appreciate.

Also, last year we had over 23 contributing musicians share their musical gifts with our community at the December gathering. We were blessed with a music program that was at a level where we joked in the back of the sanctuary that people would pay good money to attend a concert with this kind of talent. Well, we are going to do it again. I am asking that all those who would like to again share their gifts and perform a song or two to please contact me. I also know that through our new pilgrims this past year, we have gained additional talented individuals who might want to participate. So, please call me. (Phone 937-855-3289 or email: donderojm@hotmail.com)

Thank you! Jeff Dondero - Worship Chair

GOOD SHEPHERD

Please mark your calendars for share group orientation. 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.

Sherry Kierce, Good Shepherd

MEN'S REGISTRAR

A HUGE thank you to several men for working the gate at Christ Church in the *HOT* sun on Saturday because of the Swamp Romp at Frazee. They kept people from parking at the church so we would have space for the GDE Community to park for Candle Light. I know they did not do it for praise, but I wanted to recognize them for their service. The men who helped were: Fred Cannon, Jeff Hinkley, John Wissinger, Ken Murrow, Virgil Gallagher, Roger Walker, and Dave Hesp.

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Attention all MOVING PROFESSIONALS! The GDE BIG MOVE II is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd, at 6:30 PM. Please meet at Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) and we'll lug all our inventory back to Normandy Church. The good news is...we won't have to touch the goods again 'till 2007! Hallelujah! Please direct any questions to Bill Bromley at 427-1421. See you then!

AGAPE

Thank you to everyone who has helped refrain from leaving Sunday Packet gifts during Walk Weekends. In case you are unaware of this concern, there is a lot of information that needs to go into the Sunday Packets. Therefore, it would be a great help if you would 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

Also, I wanted to remind people it is never too early to get applications in for the next Men's Walk in January 2007. God Bless you and may you be a blessing to others! Don Adams, Men's Registrar



Team Roster for Women's Walk # 68

Lisa Adams, ATL
 Jessica Arriola, ATL
 Kathy Beachler, TL **Talk: Body of Christ**
 George Brewer, ASD **Talk: Prevenient Grace**
 Cathy Bromley, TL **Talk: Life in Piety**
 Carolyn Carter, LOG
 Lillian Chambliss, LOG
 Heather Christoff, ATL
 Lynn Combs, PS
 Julia Crowl, MD
 Deb Esala, ASD **Talk: Obstacles to Grace**
 Dave Evans, SD **Talk: Means of Grace**
 JoAnn Floyd, ALD **Talk: Fourth Days**
 Trudi Gilchrist, ATL
 Sandy Hedge, AMD
 Dar Hensley, ASD **Talk: Justifying Grace**
 Debbie Hildreth, LOG
 Char Hinkley, ALD **Talk: Priority**
 Crystal Jackson, ATL
 Sherry Kierce, BR
 Sherynne King, TL **Talk: Priesthood of All Believers**
 Julie Knauff, ATL
 Pam Kooser, PS
 Diana Marcott, TL **Talk: Discipleship**
 Roberta McMahan, TL
 Laura Nugent, TL **Talk: Changing Our World**
 Sandra Pappenfus, ASD-L **Talk: Sanctifying Grace**
 Karen Roush, ALD **Talk: Grow Through Study**
 Sandy Scarborough **Talk: Christian Action**
 Shirley Schryver, LD **Talk: Perseverance**
 Lisa Tinch, ATL

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10

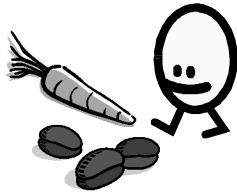


Pilgrim List Women's Walk #68

Kate	Barrett	Springfield
Diana	Begley	Tipp City
Janice	Berry	Dayton
Susan	Brown	Phillipsburg
Carolyn	Brumit	Dayton
Kathy	Busch	Kettering
Stephanie	Butkus	Centerville
Helen	Covey	Kettering
Charla	Doucette	Bellbrook
Lynn	Dreischarf	Miamisburg
Joyce	Eberl	Kettering
Marcia	Ehresman	Fairborn
Tammy	Erickson	Centerville
Yvonne	France	Springboro
Tracy	George	Beavercreek
Jill	Goddard	West Carrollton
Ann	Greiner	Miamisburg
Lynn	Hart	Kettering
Martha	Heitkamp	Beavercreek
Jimmie	Henderson	Dayton
Esther	Lee	Springboro
Pat	McCarty	Vandalia
Jan	McCluer	Beavercreek
Ashley	McMillan	Huber Heights
Nancy	Mikesell	Dayton
Janet	Miller	Dayton
Bonnie	Morgan	Huber Heights
Sylvia	Moseley	Trotwood
Angela	Newcomer	Dayton
Jessica	Pebley	Fairborn
Leona	Rapp	Kettering
Cathy	Roberts	Beavercreek
Cindy	Schoonover	Kettering
Susie	Stewart	Tipp City
Mary	Taynor	New Lebanon
Karen	Vanghel	Medway
Joyce	Woodall	Dayton
Peggy	Yates	Dayton

Otterbein Gathering: We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused by the fact that some folks came to Otterbein for a Gathering in June! Our attendance was poor, so it was decided to stop for the summer, but it didn't get into the Greater Dayton newsletter. We had a meeting July 17th and have decided to have three Gatherings, for a start. They will be: Oct 8, 2006 @ 3:00pm; Jan 21, 2007 @ 3:00pm; and Apr 22, 2007 @ 3:00pm. There will be special music, a Fourth Day talk and refreshments.

Thank you and De Colores, Jane & John Tonkin



Carrot - Egg - Coffee Bean

You will never look at a cup of coffee the same way again. A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs and the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they got soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What's the point, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity--boiling water--but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

Which are you: A CARROT, AN EGG, OR A COFFEE BEAN?



His Word in My Heart

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

Psalm 119:11

We have completed 1 Corinthians 13. The next few weeks we will be memorizing Psalm 15, and then we will begin memorizing the Book of Titus in the Fall. Listen for His voice through hiding His living word in your heart!

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55: 10-11

August—WEEK 2

Psalm 15:1

Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?

August—WEEK 3

Psalm 15:2

He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart.

August—WEEK 4

Psalm 15:3

and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellow man,

September—WEEK 1

Psalm 15:4

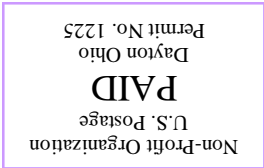
who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the Lord, who keeps his oath even when it hurts,



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He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.
Titus 2:5-7

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