

# EMMAUS

## NEWSLETTER

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### Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

September  
2006

Here it is September. School is back in session and all of our walks are over for the year. We now face four months without a Walk or other visible group activities, other than Gatherings. This doesn't mean the Community is slowing down however. Behind the scenes, the Board is still working hard to insure that the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community will continue to operate in the Christ Centered manner in which we have all become accustomed.

Leadership is already at work with the Lay Directors for the January (MW #41) and February (WW #69) Walks and proceeding with the Team selections for these Walks. This advance time-line is just one of the reasons that we should get our Willing Servant Forms completed and turned in. Since a Lay Director does not and can not know everyone in the Community, this form is one of the ways that they have of knowing who is interested and willing to serve on their weekend Teams. This is just one example of the time and pre-planning that goes into a Walk weekend, and why you should fill out your Willing Servant Form even if you aren't eligible yet.

Missy Trumbull will be leading the September Gathering as part of her learning experience as she prepares to take over as Community Lay Director in 2007. Missy has been working hard this past year with the Lay Directors of the Walks and the Team Selection committee to ensure that the Teams are filled with qualified individuals. Missy has also assisted me in dealing with some of the out-of-the-ordinary situations that have cropped up this year, and we have both learned from our experiences.

Lastly, I hope you'll help us out by giving some consideration to those that you think may be interested in becoming members of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board of Directors. Past Community Lay Director Sherry Kierce is hard at work taking nominations and making contact with Community members so that we might have a well qualified slate of candidates for the November elections. The current open positions are: Men's Registrar (man only), Women's Registrar (woman only), Supply, Good Shepherd, Newsletter, and Computer Administration. Your input is appreciated.

Thank You,  
YBIC,  
John Wissinger

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you  
from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3: 3

#### HOW TO FIND US!

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[www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

#### UPCOMING WALKS

Calendar Year 2007 Walk Schedule  
Coming Soon!

#### GATHERINGS & BOARD MEETING

Christ UMC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	7:15
Dayton Board	4 <sup>th</sup> 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: September 11, 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: September 11, 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 appreciated.

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](mailto:donderojm@hotmail.com))

Thank you! Jeff Dondero - Worship Chair

## AGAPE

If you have donated 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

## REGISTRARS

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.

Ellen Macintosh & Don Adams, Registrars

## 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

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It's that time of year again! If you have a desire to serve on a live-in team or to serve in other areas within the Emmaus Community, please indicate that by filling out the 2006 Willing Servant form. **This form is valid from June 2006 through June 2008.** (There is a one-year waiting period between your "Walk" and when you can serve on a live-in team. If you have taken your Walk in 2006, you should still complete a form.) The Willing Servant form is available at monthly gatherings. From the website, the form can be either completed online or downloaded and completed manually. Thank you for taking the time to complete this information.

Thanks also for "letting your light shine" as we serve the Lord together!

Mary Manvell, Computer

## 2006 Greater Dayton Emmaus Board Members

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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!



### Freckles

An elderly woman and her little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws. "You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a girl in the line said to the little fella.

Embarrassed, the little boy dropped his head. His grandmother knelt down next to him. "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl I always wanted freckles," she said, while tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful."

The boy looked up, "Really?" "Of course," said his grandmother. "Why just name me one thing that's prettier than freckles."

The little boy thought for a moment, peered intensely into his grandma's face, and softly whispered, "Wrinkles."  
— Anonymous

# PASTOR'S CORNER

*I thank God every time I  
remember you.  
Philippians 1:3*

## **FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:**

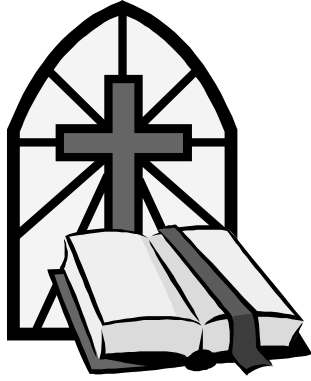
The success of movies such as “Saving Private Ryan” and the acclaimed series “Band of Brothers” (both about American soldiers in World War 2) is attributed by many to the fact that this “Greatest Generation” is passing away and many younger people are feeling a debt of gratitude to them. There is a sense in which we need to honor them before they are no longer around to hear the words of appreciation. The World War Two monument recently opened on the mall in Washington, D.C. in recognition of the sacrifices made by these men and women. It was lamented at its opening that only around 25% of WW2 veterans are still alive to see it. The Veteran’s Affairs department now recommends that Baby Boomers and Generation X’ers record the memories of any older veterans in their family for posterity. It’s not that they need the recognition... rather it’s that we who stand in their shadow need to express our gratitude for them.

I want to suggest to you that we undertake a similar project for our Christian mentors. Every time I speak with my mother on the phone (she lives in my Pennsylvania hometown), I hear the list of senior saints from my home church who have recently died. As I get older, I am more keenly aware of the significance of these dear people. I may not have appreciated them as a child or a teenager...but I sure do now. I wouldn’t be who I am today without their loving witness of Jesus Christ to me. They were His hands and feet in my life during my formative years. Increasingly, I am realizing the debt of gratitude I owe them. They helped make me the Christian I am today. Praise God!

Accordingly, I have begun a practice, whenever possible, of thanking these folks for their role in my life. Sometimes by letter and other times in person. They are always surprised and humbled when I tell them how much they have influenced me and been models of Christian discipleship. They don’t think they’ve done anything special! But they have. And often they will tell me to go and do the same...pass it along. I try to do so as I know you do as well.

I commend to you this practice of giving thanks to the spiritual mentors in your life (of whatever age). Let’s not wait for the funeral to tell people how much they have meant and been to us. As my mother says, “Send me flowers while I’m alive to enjoy them... not after I’m dead.” Wise words indeed.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Dave Tackett



# 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 Psalm 15. The next several months we will be memorizing the three chapters of the Book of Titus. As Janet Pope suggests, write down Chapter 1 of Titus on a spiral index card notebook and label the verses. Each day of the week, meditate on the verse for each week, speaking it out loud several times a day. Over the course of the week, you will see how easy it is to hide God's word in your mind and heart.

September—WEEK 2

Psalm 15:5

Who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

September—WEEK 3

Titus 1:1

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness —

September—WEEK 4

Titus 1:2

A faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,

October—WEEK 1

Titus 1:3

And at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,



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But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

*Titus 3:4*

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