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Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

October
2006

October seems to mark the beginning of a period of quiet time for the Dayton Emmaus Community each year. All of the walks are complete for the year and there are no other Community activities planned, except for the monthly Gatherings. This does not mean however, that nothing is going on. The Past Board Chair Sherry Kierce and the Nominating Committee has been hard at work lining up candidates to fill the open positions on the Board. At the November Gathering, ballots will be passed out and we will vote for those positions.

The Executive Committee has also been at work selecting potential future Walk Lay Directors, and the Team Selection Committee is working with these future Lay Directors to select the members for the Teams on the 2007 walks.

The various Chairpersons on the Board are evaluating the performance of their committees during the 2006 year to date and trying to determine what may need to be improved upon or changed, as well as attending monthly Board meetings. Your entire Board is made up of a group of caring, dedicated individuals who choose to give that extra measure to ensure that the Emmaus experiences are as pleasant and memorable as they can make them.

All of these persons choose to do these acts as their way of serving the entire Dayton Emmaus Community as they demonstrate God's love by their words and deeds. We couldn't do all of the things we do here in the Community without them, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their contributions and dedication.

YBIC,
John Wissinger

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

HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd.
Centerville OH 45459
www.daytonemmaus.org

UPCOMING 2007 WALKS

Held at Normandy UMC:

Men's Walk #41: Jan 25-28
Women's Walk #69: Feb 15-18
Women's Walk #70: Apr 19-22
Men's Walk #42: May 17-20

Held at Christ UMC:

Women's Walk #71: Jul 19-22
Men's Walk #43: Aug 16-19
Women's Walk #72: Sep 20-23

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: Will resume in Feb 2007

Place: Normandy UMC, Rm# TBD

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: Will resume in Feb 2007

Place: Normandy UMC, Rm# TBD

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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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. Also, the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community Roster is being updated. There will be a "working copy" at Gathering, on the tables outside the sanctuary. Please stop by and make sure your contact information is correct. This information is used to contact you for willing servant purposes. It will be printed and ready for sale (at Gatherings) in Jan 2007. Thank you for taking the time to complete both of these, as they are vital to our Community.

Mary Manvell, Computer

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

HOUSING

Calling all men **and women** interested in serving Greater Dayton Emmaus! Housing will have sign-ups for **new** Housing Team members for **2007** Walks. See the Housing table in the lobby of Normandy church prior to the October and November Gatherings. Thank you and God bless!

Bill Bromley, Housing
(937) 427-1421

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COMMUNITY REQUEST

Several Community members have requested child care during Gatherings. **If you are interested**, please e-mail John Wissinger (jrwiss@woh.rr.com) and let him know that you are interested, **and** also if you would be willing to share in a donation to cover the cost.

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 if you would like to participate in this blessed event! (Phone 937-855-3289 or email: don-derojm@hotmail.com)

Thank you! Jeff Dondero - Worship

PASTOR'S CORNER

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:13-14

Email Blues

“THESE NEVER WORK!! I AM SICK OF ALL THE STUPID CHAIN LETTERS!! DON'T SEND THEM!!!”

I opened my email box the other day and found the above statement in the title of an email from a young person with the “email blues”. Since I rarely get an email from her at work I was interested to see what was bugging her. Her email was a response to a popular email feature that is currently plaguing cyberspace travelers. This one began with: “Seriously. Try this, it really works. If you don't then you will have bad luck with the next guy or girl”. The email goes on to instruct the reader how to get good luck and avoid bad luck in love and romance and finally ends with the well-known admonition to pass this on to a dozen other people, otherwise flood, famine, failure and other disasters would beset the heedless email recipient.

Obviously nothing of the sort had happened, good or bad, to this young person in the past when she had received such emails, other than too many annoying emails from her friends asking “Why did you break the chain?” I suppose that might qualify as a flood of sorts, so perhaps chain letters really do work on one level! This reminds me of the postal letters we used to get back in the Stone Age exhorting me that if I only send a dollar to the person who sent the letter and then sent 10 more out like it to others that before long I'd be a millionaire just like them, a strategy known in the FBI as an illegal pyramid scheme.

When I get chain letter emails—and I probably get 5 or so a week—I don't leap up in front of my computer and praise God that some wonderful thing is about to happen or some awful thing is going to happen if I do or don't follow the email instructions. It's not because it's illegal or even immoral. I love my friends but sending an email to prove it or responding to an email to get God to answer a prayer for something I really want just doesn't appear to me to require faith. Instead it seems to require the suspension of reality, which is sort of like praying that God will protect me from falling if I believe I have enough faith to walk over the edge of the Grand Canyon and get to the other side without the aid of mother earth. There is a part of me that would like very much for life to be different than it is in certain respects. Who wouldn't like more money, no family feuds, great health, and for God to grant every prayer for something I want?

Someone once told me that God won't answer a prayer with “yes” until I had developed the kind of character that would enable me to handle with maturity the thing I for which I had prayed, otherwise I should be ruined at my own request! How much better it would be for us to send emails to our friends and family saying, “I would very much like for you to pass this email on to others, for I am praying that God will help me overcome my bad temper, my tendency to buy things I can't afford, and to spend more of my time in ministry helping others.” Now that is the kind of prayer God would love to answer in the positive. I love getting emails and agape from friends with no agenda other than “I love you and I'm praying for you”. Keep those cards an email letters coming!

In Christ, Pastor Dave Evans

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De Colores!

It's that time of year again! If you have any desire to serve on a live-in team, or to assist our Emmaus Community in other capacities in the coming year, please read this!

If you desire to serve on a live-in team, please complete this form every two years. This form is valid from 6/2006 through 6/2008. (There is a one-year waiting period between when you take your "Walk" and when you can serve on a live-in team. Those who have taken their Walk in 2006 should still complete a form, even though it may be later in 2007 that you are eligible.) If you would like to serve in other areas within the Emmaus Community, please indicate that by checking the appropriate box.

Please return this form by July 15, 2006, to be considered for 2007 Walks.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the information. Thanks also for "letting your light shine" as we serve the Lord together!

In Christ,
Dayton Emmaus Board of Directors

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(Please mail this portion to GDE at above address) Date _____

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Walk # _____ Location _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ email: _____

Birth date: ____/____/____ Occupation _____ Home Church _____

Share Group Information _____ looking for Share Group _____ have opening(s) _____ Day _____ Time _____

"Willing Servant" Responses ~ Where are you willing to serve?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Supplies and Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide communion bread for Gatherings & Walks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Music / Sing / Play instrument for Gatherings | <input type="checkbox"/> Speak to Churches, etc., about Emmaus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help in Kitchen on Walk weekends | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as clergy prayer partners during the Walk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as Kitchen Manager for one day during Walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist During the Gathering Worship Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist Registrars, call future Pilgrims, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Expertise? List _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work in Agape Room during Walk Weekends | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up / take down electronic equipment for Walks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th Day Speaker at Gatherings | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Monday Inventory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Team Member home errands | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Board assistance - Gatherings / Walks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Housing setup/teardown | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist LOGs (scheduled time) during weekend |

Music for the Walk Weekend: Sing "Special Music" Play Instrument _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Live-in Team (Share Group required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Music Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Table Leader (required 1 st experience) | <input type="checkbox"/> Logistics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Servant (3 Live-in Team Experiences Required) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Lay Director | |

If you are interested in serving on a Live-in Team, please also complete the questions below:

<p style="text-align: center;">In the past year, I have served the Lord through the Emmaus Community in these ways:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In the past year, I have served the Lord through my local church in these ways:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In the past year, I have served the Lord in the following additional / other ways:</p>

This information can also be submitted electronically on the web at www.daytonemmaus.org under Forms.



His Word in My Heart

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

Psalm 119:11

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. His Word **is food for your hungry soul!**

October—WEEK 2

Titus 1:4

To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

October—WEEK 3

Titus 1:5

The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

October—WEEK 4 (Thru 31 Oct)

Titus 1:6

An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, and man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

November—WEEK 1

Titus 1:7

Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.



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Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

Titus 3:1-2

To renew your newsletter:

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