

# EMMAUS

## NEWSLETTER

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### Chairman's Corner – God is Love



It's that time of year again for cards, flowers, chocolates (my personal favorite) and candlelit dinners. All of these are beautiful expressions of love to our spouse or significant other. How wonderful it is to show our love to another person in these ways. There are many more ways that we show love to others through a smile, a hug, a visit, and gifts of agape. What a joy it is to serve on an Emmaus Walk, either on a team or behind the scenes and have the freedom to "love on" pilgrims subtly yet lavishly. How fortunate we are to be able to share God's love with others in so many different ways. We are called to love one another in scripture so let us continue to be channels of grace so that all people can get a glimpse of just how much they are loved. And when you're remembering that "special someone" this month, remember the most special someone – Jesus – who did all that He did for us because He loves us so much.

*With love,  
Missy Trumbull*

#### 1 John 4:7-13

**7** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.* **9** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. **13** We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

### HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus  
Normandy UMC  
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd.  
Centerville OH 45459  
[www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

### UPCOMING 2007 WALKS

#### Held at Normandy UMC:

Women's Walk #69: Feb 15-18  
Women's Walk #70: Apr 19-22  
Men's Walk #42: May 17-20  
Women's Walk #72: Sep 20-23

#### Held at Christ UMC:

Women's Walk #71: Jul 19-22  
Men's Walk #43: Aug 16-19

### GATHERING & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 7:15 PM  
Dayton Board 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 7:00 PM

### 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 a 45-minute training session before Gathering.

**Date:** February 12, 2007 / 6:30pm

**Place:** Normandy UMC, Room #214

Come and learn the best methods suggested by the National Emmaus Board.

#### SHARE GROUP ORIENTATION

This is a great opportunity for new members of the Community to get connected with a Share Group.

**Date:** February 12, 2007 / 6:30pm

**Place:** Normandy UMC, Chapel



**But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24**

**HOUSING**

Teams are still forming for all housing shifts for the upcoming year. As a reminder, they are Wednesday evening, Thursday evening, Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon. There is room on all the teams for more helpers. There is also a need for someone to head up the Sunday Afternoon Team. It is a great way to serve if you are looking for a way to help out. Please see Stephen Puderbaugh, the Housing Chair, before or after the next Gathering. He can also be reached by email at [Stephen@puderbaugh.com](mailto:Stephen@puderbaugh.com).

**GOOD SHEPHERD**

Share Groups are the backbone of Emmaus, but more importantly they are crucial to our walk with Christ. Accountability is the key to staying on track in our Christian walk and share groups facilitate this important concept. In the coming months, we will be sharing more about this and the importance of a good share group. Join me on February 12, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the chapel @ Normandy Church. My e-mail is [cdow@woh.rr.com](mailto:cdow@woh.rr.com). In Him, Chantele Dow, Good Shepherd

**FROM THE LEADERSHIP CHAIR...**

My name is Don Adams. I have the honor and privilege of serving the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community in 2007 as Leadership Chair. In my duties, I am required to make sure we dot the "i's" and cross the "t's." During a discussion at a recent Board Meeting, we seemed to have some confusion in regard to Willing Servant Forms. The forms are for a specific 2-year time period. The current time frame is July 1, 2006—June 30, 2008. To be considered for a Live-in team and to participate in other activities, the Community needs to have an up-to-date form on file for all interested individuals. This is done to keep track of those who are willing to serve as Live-in Team members, give Fourth Day Talks at Gatherings, do special music, and other activities in the Community. We have over 4,000 members in our Community and it is impossible to keep track of everyone who is willing to serve and their contact information without a procedure to do so. To be considered for a Live-in Team, there are certain criteria that need to be met. First you must have a current Willing Servant Form on file, be a member of the Community for at least one year following your original Walk, attend a share/accountability group, and be active in your local church. To be considered for other activities, the Willing Servant Form is our best means of letting the proper leads know. If you are not sure if your Willing Servant Form is up-to-date, will give you an opportunity to check at the next Gathering. Mary Manvell is going to have a list of current forms for you to see. If you are not current or would like to fill one out, you can pick one up at the Gathering or go online to [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org), click on the Forms tab to fill out and file online. You will receive a confirmation email for those filed online. Thank you for your time and your service to God and our Community. I look forward to working with you and I am excited to see what God has in store for us this year. May God Bless You And May You Be A Blessing To Others.  
YBIC, Don Adams  
Leadership Chair



# His Word in My Heart

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not  
sin against you. **Psalm 119:11**

**February —WEEK 2**

**Titus 2:4**

**Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children,**

**February—WEEK 3**

**Titus 2:5**

**to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands,**

**February—WEEK 4**

**Titus 2:6**

**Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.**

**March—WEEK 1**

**Titus 2:7**

**In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness**

**FROM THE LEADERSHIP CHAIR (continued)**

We have a need for someone to record the names of the Team and Pilgrims for the picture taken on Friday morning of each Walk. The person who has been doing this has decided to pass the project on to someone else. We are looking for someone to type names into a computer program we have already developed and print the list and make several copies of that list. The picture is taken on Friday morning and we need to have everything completed with the copies made by Saturday morning. If you are interested in learning more about this worthwhile position or would like to volunteer to chair this, please contact Don Adams at [Donadams07@aol.com](mailto:Donadams07@aol.com) or call him at 214-215-1350 (mobile) or 429-5392 (home). Thank you.

**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.  
**Vicki Engel & Keith Simpson, Registrars**

**AGAPE**

If you have donated Agape for a Walk 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**

**Take Time to Pray!****PHIL 1:3-6***Women's Walk #69***PILGRIM LIST**

Lori Ammon - Huber Heights  
 Teena Baldrige- Springboro  
 Alison Brown- Centerville  
 Genette Chambers- Troy  
 Jane Clifton- Fairborn  
 Terry Coates -  
 Omayra Cortez - Dayton  
 Jennifer Czuprynski- Xenia  
 Melanie Daniel- Beavercreek  
 Joyce Evans- Springboro  
 Joy Fasnacht- Beavercreek  
 Deanna Fosnaugh - Dayton  
 Teah Franklin - Dayton  
 Linda Gallond- Lebanon  
 Barb Galusha- Miamisburg  
 Barb Geiger- Huber Heights  
 Stephanie Gill- Huber Heights  
 Barbara Harris- Dayton  
 Rita Hazen- Waynesville  
 Debbie Hines- Dayton  
 Kelly Iraci- Kettering  
 Nonie Jobe- Bellbrook  
 Carolyn Kennedy- Dayton  
 Nancy Knauff- Jamestown  
 Kate Kohler- Xenia  
 Sonya Lemmerbrock - Centerville  
 Mary Mancuso - Dayton  
 Kristi McKinney- Dayton, KY  
 Deb Meyer - Dayton  
 Cheryl Oliver - Beavercreek  
 Janet Pace - Dayton  
 Regina Payne- Centerville  
 Cathy Roberts- Beavercreek  
 Cynthia Sunderland - Vandalia  
 Linda Tedrow - Covington, OH  
 Robin Vanderpool - Fairborn  
 Angi Wendling- Centerville  
 Liz Whitman- Beavercreek  
 Doe Wion- Huber Heights  
 Shannon Wyatt- Beavercreek

**TEAM ROSTER**

Jo Anne Rohrer <i>"Perseverance"</i>	LD
Pam Dean <i>"Priority"</i>	ALD 2
Betty Pickthorn <i>"Grow Through Study"</i>	ALD
Maribeth Schierling <i>"Fourth Days"</i>	ALD
Bev Barrett <i>"Body of Christ"</i>	TL
Kathleen Hosner <i>"Priesthood"</i>	TL
Gina Parvani <i>"Changing Our World"</i>	TL
Brenda Smith <i>"Christian Action"</i>	TL
Jane Butcher <i>"Discipleship"</i>	TL
Kim DuBro <i>"Life of Piety"</i>	TL
Vicki Chaffin	TL
Shirley Gallagher	ATL
Nell Brotbeck	ATL
Julie Phipps	ATL
Melanie Morrett	ATL
Laura Bajus	ATL
Amanda Puderbaugh	ATL
Christy Baker	ATL
Pam Kooser	Log 2
Karen DuBro	Log
Susan Caylor	Log
Lisa Lohse	MD
Beth Shilt	AMD
Jean Jarusiewicz	PS
Nancy Phillips	PS
Dave Tackett <i>"Means of Grace"</i>	SD
Hazel Burns <i>"Sanctifying Grace"</i>	ASD
Vicki Engel	BR

**Additional Clergy Participants:**

Deb Egloff *"Justifying Grace"*  
 John Whitaker *"Prevenient Grace"*  
 Gordon Brown *"Obstacles to Grace"*



# PASTOR'S CORNER

**Let us love one another, for love  
comes from God.  
1 John 4: 7**

## **“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less...”**

Victor Frankl, a post-World War II Psychiatrist, wrote about his experience as a Jewish prisoner in an Auschwitz concentration camp. If you are looking for an inspirational and thought provoking book for 2007, one that will help lift you above the tragedy of life circumstances, then consider the challenge—for this book closely challenged my assumptions about God and evil—of reading “[Man’s Search for Meaning](#)”.

World War II, like other tragedies that befall the human race, had a catalyzing effect on people—it accelerated their spiritual direction one way or another. If a person trips while walking upstairs, the effect is to fall forward, not a pleasant experience for one’s knees or arms; however, consider the opposite experience. If you are walking downstairs and trip, the results are potentially far worse. Serious injury or even death can result.

Frankl and his fellow prisoners experienced this phenomenon. Many of the prisoners could not see beyond the injustice of their experiences and reacted by choosing the release of death. Quite literally many of them simply rolled up in a little ball on their cots and died within a few days. Frankl noticed that other prisoners did the opposite. They found a way to not just survive, but to rise above their awful fate and live. When engaging these prisoners in conversation, Frankl found they all had something in common—they each had a dream or vision of what life was going to be after they were released from prison. Whether they were planning to go back home and rebuild their house or start a career or go to school, they all possessed a common goal—to overcome their life circumstances and find a meaningful purpose to life. For Frankl, it was the hope of writing a book and focusing his professional development as a physician on helping people recover from the horrors of WWII. After being released by the US Army, Frankl became a Psychiatrist and wrote “Man’s Search for Meaning” and other books on psychotherapy. One book, “Logotherapy”, asserts that we can learn how to think differently about our suffering and live with courage.

When bad things happen to people, it reveals their character, not develops it. However, this is the very point of another Book—the collection of stories of faith and hope in the Old and New Testaments—that was specifically written about the tragedy of human life itself. We have a chance, no matter what our circumstances in life or how we’ve responded in the past to awful experiences, to make a decision to trust God and live for the future. The Bible is full of stories of people—Job, Joseph, Jacob, King David, King Manesseh, Mary Magdalene, Peter—who experienced the horror of life with the full range of human emotion and despair—and somehow bounced back in spite of the setbacks.

“Praise be to the God and the Father of our lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you. Through faith you are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have suffered grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:3-9.

Are our daily lives guided by going downstairs—focused on the tragedies of circumstance, or guided by our journey upstairs—focused on Jesus, the “author and finisher of our faith”, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross? May our journey in this life be filled with hope, joy, and peace because the greater truth of 1 Peter 1:13, “Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; **set your hope fully on the grace to be given you** when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

*Pastor Dave Evans*

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 and with all  
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 strength.  
 Deuteronomy 6:5**

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