



# Walk to Emmaus<sup>®</sup> Newsletter

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Corner - Count Your Many Blessings

Sometimes we get so caught up in "stuff" that we forget to stop and count our blessings. We often fail to notice them at all. Been there; done that!

This year has been a whirlwind for me and my family. Since January, I've taken on the leadership of this awesome Emmaus community, had a heart scare, taken on a management position at work, my dad was diagnosed with prostate cancer (with successful surgery I'm happy to say), my husband and I became a clergy couple for the first time, our youngest daughter moved back home while she finishes college, and we've just found out our oldest daughter is expecting her second child. The outcomes have all been and I pray will continue to prove to be wonderful. It's all good! But it's all stressful too. What has happened is that I've gotten so good at putting one foot in front of the other and plowing ahead that I've lost track of time and not stopped to count my blessings. Until now that is.

I'm happy to say that I am in Florida for some much needed "rest and relaxation" and am breathing again and realizing how very blessed I am. Not only in the big stuff but in small ways also. I'm here to celebrate my great uncle's 95th birthday and yesterday I visited with family members that I haven't seen for at least 30 years and the joy on my Uncle Charles' face was priceless. I'm thankful for little things too like headphones and the radio on the airplane for this infrequent flyer. I am not a fan of flying but I closed my eyes and listened to a beautiful symphony as we floated up to the clouds and above. I imagined myself ascending to the air to be with Jesus instead of gripping the armrest white-knuckled. I even dozed off a bit while we were in the air which is a miracle in itself.

In the big picture, our family is healthy and bound by love for Jesus and each other, this Emmaus community and Board is amazing to serve with, we have a new Associate Director at work who has already reduced my stress level in a week's time, the church that my husband has been appointed to has welcomed us with open, loving arms and adopted us into their family, our oldest daughter will graduate from college in November and our youngest daughter in the summer, and we have a new grandbaby on the way! Life is good! God is good!

All this to say that I should never have allowed myself to get to this point of distraction and I want to take this opportunity to urge you to not allow yourself to get there either. Stop and take time to breathe, look, listen, and enjoy. As the song says "count your many blessings, name them one by one". I love you all and am so thankful for the blessing of Emmaus!

*De Colores,  
Missy Trumbull*

### 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 EMMAUS WALKS

#### Held at Normandy UMC:

Men's Walk # 44: Jan 24-27  
Women's Walk # 73: Feb 21-24  
Women's Walk # 74: Apr 17-20  
Men's Walk # 45: May 15-18

#### Held at Christ UMC:

Women's Walk # 75 - Jul 17-20  
Men's Walk # 46 - 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

**Date:** October 8, 2007 / 6:30pm

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

This is an open invitation for everyone to attend a 45-minute training session before the Gathering. Come and learn the best methods suggested by the National Emmaus Board.

#### SHARE GROUP ORIENTATION

**Date:** October 8, 2007 / 6:15pm

**Place:** Normandy UMC, Chapel

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

# Seeds & Needs

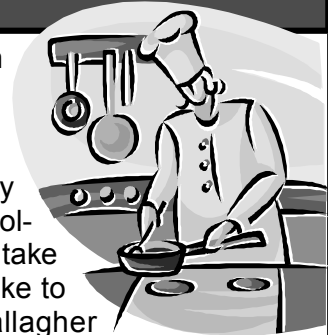
**But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24**

## KITCHEN CHAIR

The Kitchen staff continues to need help during the following shifts on Walk weekends:

**- Thursday, 9:00am-12:30pm - Sunday, 6:00am-9:00am**

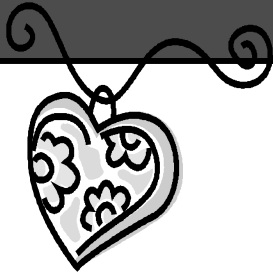
We also need volunteers who are willing to do a basket of laundry (towels, washcloths, aprons) from the Kitchen on Walk weekends. Volunteers can simply pick up a basket on any day of the weekend, take home, wash and fold, and return by noon on Monday. If you would like to volunteer for these needs, please contact Virgil Gallagher ([shgaoh@verizon.net](mailto:shgaoh@verizon.net)) or check the sign-up sheets at the monthly Gatherings.



**If you sign up to serve in the Kitchen, please be sure to show up!**

*Thank you, Virgil Gallagher, Kitchen Chairperson*

## AGAPE



The Community has just completed the last Walk of the year and my term as Agape Chairperson is ending. All leftover agape will be discarded after the November Gathering unless other arrangements are made. Please pick-up all leftover Agape after the November Gathering or contact me to make other arrangements: (513) 752-7715 or email: [helloitzmeagain@yahoo.com](mailto:helloitzmeagain@yahoo.com)

*De Colores, Linda Stout, Agape Chairperson*

## LEADERSHIP CHAIR

As a Board, we have been discussing the By-Laws of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community and changes that should be made. As we continue to grow, we need to review our By-Laws for the organization to make sure they are leading us to where we need to be. We have discussed the need to eliminate the Social Chairperson from the Board. The activities that the Social Chair has been responsible for have changed over the years and it was determined those responsibilities could be absorbed by the Kitchen Chairperson. The Social Chairperson is listed in the By-Laws and to eliminate that position we need to change them. As a result of looking at making that change, we decide to clear up some inconsistencies and ambiguity in the By-Laws.

We are submitting the complete wording of the Greater Dayton Emmaus By-Laws for the Community input. As it states in Article VII: Amendments, once the Board of Directors has approved any changes, they are then submitted to the Community through the Newsletter for a period of 60 days. If a Petition of Objection is offered by at least 25 people from the Community the changes would be void. If there are no objections the By-Laws will be changed as written. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. God Bless You All.

*YBIC, Don Adams, Leadership Chairperson*

**By-Laws**  
**Greater Dayton Emmaus Community**  
(Revised September 2007)

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this community shall be The Greater Dayton Emmaus, Inc (GDE) Community, hereinafter referred to as the Community.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

Section 1. The purpose of the Community shall be to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action, in their homes, churches, places of work, and the world community through the Emmaus experience.

Section 2. The Community is affiliated with the International Emmaus Program of the Upper Room, Nashville, Tennessee.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. All persons who have completed a weekend experience of the Walk to Emmaus sponsored by an Upper Room Emmaus Community shall be members of the Community.

Section 2. Persons who have complete a Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, Cursillo, Tres Dias, or other Fourth Day weekends may become members by participating in the activities of the GDE Community and asking the Computer Administration Chair of the Community to include their names in the mailing list.

**ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. **Purpose**

Direction of the Community shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

Section 2. **Composition**

The Board will consist of eighteen (18) lay members and the GDE Community Spiritual Director(s).

Section 3. **Terms of Office**

- a) Lay persons on the Board shall be elected by the Community members in three (3) year terms, except for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson/Leadership, who shall be elected annually from within the Board. Nomination procedures will be prescribed in writing as a standing rule by the Board. Election shall be determined by a majority or plurality of votes actually cast.
- b) Board Members cannot succeed themselves in consecutive elected terms.
- c) Terms of office shall begin January 1 and shall terminate December 31.
- d) In the GDE it is customary for the Leadership Chair to become the Chairperson of the Board / Lay Director for the Community. If a person is elected to the position of Leadership Chair during their term on Board, they will be expected to serve an additional 3 years on the Board. (Leadership Chair, Chairperson, Past Chairperson.)

Section 4. **Officers**

Officers shall be the Chairperson (Community Lay Leader), Vice Chairperson/Leadership, Secretary, and Treasurer; and in case of absences will chair meetings in this order.

**Section 5. Meetings**

The Board shall meet monthly in regular meetings unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board in a regular meeting.

**Section 6. Quorum**

Ten (10) members of the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 7. Spiritual Director(s)**

The Spiritual Director(s) of the Community shall be selected by the Board of Directors annually. Term of office shall begin January 1. The Spiritual Director(s) may be replaced during the term by ten (10) affirmative votes.

**Section 8. Past Chairperson**

The immediate past Chairperson of the Board shall serve on the Board one (1) additional year and serve as Nominating Committee Chairperson.

**Section 9. Special Meetings**

Special Board meetings may be called by the Chairperson upon own initiative or when requested in writing by ten (10) members of the Board.

**Section 10. Vacancies on the Board**

The Board may appoint individuals, upon the nomination by the Chairperson, to fill vacancies until the end of the elected term. These individuals are eligible for election by the Community at the next regular election for that position.

**ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The GDE Community shall elect individuals to chair the following committees:

- Worship
- Men's Registration/Sponsorship
- Women's Registration/Sponsorship.
- Housing (facility set-up/ breakdown)
- Agape
- Good Shepherd/Outreach
- Kitchen
- Normandy UMC Liaison / Book table
- Christ UMC Liaison
- Newsletter
- Supply
- Computer Administration
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Documentation

The Chairperson of each committee is responsible for establishing committee members as needed.

Section 2. The Chairperson of the Board will be an ex officio member of all standing committees.

**ARTICLE VI. WALK TO EMMAUS**

Section 1. The Community shall follow the guidelines of The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus program in the formation of the three-day (72-hour) experience "Walk to Emmaus". The guidelines are issued to each Board Member in the form of "The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus" as currently issued or as updated.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have general oversight in all matters relating to the local Walk to Emmaus Community.

- Section 3. The Exec Board shall select a list of 5 eligible candidates for the position of Lay Director for Community Walks. This list will be submitted to the Board for approval before Leadership Chair contacts qualified individuals.
- Section 4. The Spiritual Director for each Community Walk to Emmaus shall be selected by the Community Spiritual Director.
- Section 5. The Board shall establish a Team Selection Committee. The Team Selection Committee shall consist of the board Vice Chairperson/Leadership who will serve as chair, the Community Spiritual Director(s), and five (5) members of the Emmaus Community selected by the nominating committee and submitted to the Board for approval. The committee will consist of two classes with each class being two years. These members should have a broad awareness of the community membership and a solid understanding of team needs.

## **ARTICLE VII. AMMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments may be presented to the Board by any member of the Board one (1) month in advance for consideration by the Board. If the amendments are voted in the affirmative by three-fourths (3/4) vote, they will be circulated to the membership by the Community Newsletter. If no petitions are signed by at least twenty-five (25) community members objecting to them, the amendments will be considered adopted. Any objections must be received within sixty (60) days of the mailing of the notification. If an objection petition is received, the amendment will be considered voided. If the Board then wishes to submit the amendment to the entire Community for a vote, it may do so. A majority or plurality of votes cast by the membership will decide the matter.

## **PROCEDURES FOR EMMAUS COMMUNITY**

### **Procedure 1: Election of Replacement Board Members**

Of the 15 Board Members, elected by the Community, one third shall be replaced every year by an election process. The process shall be a means to replace the outgoing committee chairpersons. Also, it shall be a means to identify Community knowledgeable members who are willing to serve as a member of the Board. Preferably, there shall be a choice of 2 or more members from each committee that will be offered to the community for election to the Board.

#### **Election Process:**

- 1) The Nominating Committee will be headed by the Past Community Chairperson who will select a committee consisting of two previous lay directors from the previous year. (preferably one male and one female)
- 2) The nominating committee shall take all necessary steps to complete a ballot of two or more persons for each open position.
- 3) The persons selected shall be nominated with a regard for maintaining the diversity of Board membership.
- 4) All persons nominated shall have served on at least one Walk weekend team, be active in their local church and in the Emmaus Community.
- 5) No Board members shall succeed themselves and other than unusual circumstances, shall not be offered for reelection to the Board at a later date.
- 6) Other than unusual circumstances, Board candidates shall not be spouses of continuing Board Members.
- 7) The slate for potential Board members shall be submitted to the Board for approval by no later than the September Board meeting.

- 8) Election shall take place at the November Gathering. The floor shall be opened for write-in candidates prior to the final election.
- 9) A ballot of candidates with space for write in selections shall be issued to the community and a secret ballot election shall take place.
- 10) Ballots shall be counted by the Nominating Committee/Vice Chairperson and published in the next Newsletter. All winning candidates shall be immediately notified by the Community Chairperson.
- 11) A simple majority shall elect board members. In case of a tie, a final ballot shall be offered at the December Gathering.
- 12) Board members shall be permitted to change responsibilities to a position vacated before the end of term after serving one or two years in their elected position. These appointments will be for the duration of the individual's original elected term This does not include positions vacated as a result of the end of its term. These positions will be voted on by the Community.
- 13) In order to maintain membership in good standing to serve as a Board member, each should be active in their local church and be active in a share or accountability group.
- 14) Board members are allowed to miss up to three Board meetings in any calendar year. Those missing more will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

### **Procedure 2: Election of Community Leadership Chair**

The Leadership/Vice Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors no later than the August Board meeting. The advanced election will provide preparation time for the Leadership chairperson to head the team selection committee process. The effective term shall start on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the coming year. It is anticipated that the Leadership Chair shall become the Community Board Chairperson and then serve as the past Community Board Chairperson. Candidates are to prayerfully consider having their name placed on the ballot and inform the Board Chair by June Board meeting. If less than two names are presented the process will be determined by the executive committee.

### **Qualifications to become Leadership Chair:**

- 1) One year of Board experience prior to assuming office.
- 2) Should the candidate be in their 1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year or 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the Board at the time of election, they must be willing to spend an additional 3 years on the Board as the Leadership Chairperson, Community Board Chairperson and Past Community Board Chairperson.
- 3) Community Leadership/Vice Chair must be willing to chair the team selection process/ committee, fill in for the Chairperson as required, and other assigned duties.

**GDE By-Laws shall be revised every three years.**

**If you have questions or comments about the Draft Community By-Laws,  
please contact:**

**Don Adams, Leadership Chairperson, [DonAdams07@aol.com](mailto:DonAdams07@aol.com)**

# FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



## “His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Imagine one day a giant being—of such a different appearance and physical structure than you at 25 times your height and weight—grabbed you physically, and in spite of your verbal protests, outcries, and bites on its appendages—treated you like a lab specimen and ran all kinds of tests on you.

Books and movies describe the terrifying scenario of alien beings invading our planet and doing with us what they want, including exterminating us.

Good thing that never happens, right? Right?

And yet that’s exactly what I did September 8—as the alien being—when I physically grabbed songbirds, warblers, vireos, thrushes, hummingbirds, and butterflies, ran tests on them, took measurements, and banded or “tagged” them. All this happened to them and they reacted with great consternation and protests and sometimes slightly painful pecks on my fingers. Well, not the butterflies. It’s hard to know when a butterfly is upset. I joined a number of bird banders and butterfly “taggers” at Holiday Beach, Ontario, Canada, and engaged in the annual fall migration bird banding and butterfly tagging. We banded 120 birds, including 17 ruby-throated hummingbirds and tagged 12 butterflies on their wings with little stickers. All this happens every fall and spring all over North and South America so that scientists, ornithologists, and the governments of the Americas can track, monitor, and know about one of our greatest natural resources, our birds and butterflies. A second and greater goal is to then do what is necessary to protect and nurture these critters. Because of these efforts, our national bird, the Bald Eagle, has made a startlingly wondrous comeback from near extinction.

The banded birds I described had no control over their fate. What if we squeezed too hard or inadvertently broke a wing or leg or—God forbid—we crushed the life out of them? The head of the bird banding operation, Carl, was a gentle man, quick to smile and encourage people, but when it came to banding birds he became a tiger. “Don’t squeeze too hard”. “We don’t want you handling hummingbirds yet until you’ve banded lot of bigger songbirds.” At one point, he strongly commanded that the door to the banding station be opened when a bird got loose. He didn’t want the bird to damage itself in attempts to fly free. He was ferocious about protecting vulnerable birds. I liked him for it.

God’s eye is on the sparrow, the butterfly, the eagle, and all of his creatures, including us. I could turn this devotional into a plea for bird conservation and environmental awareness, but that is not my goal. My objective is to help all of us do what is necessary to protect and nurture the pinnacle of God’s creation—Homo sapiens, human beings, children of God, you and me.

We hold each other in the palm of our hands—sometimes literally at birth—and often figuratively along the path of life. People come to Emmaus because they are looking for a safe haven, a place where they can just be human, warts and all, and know that when they stumble or fall that they will be treated with compassion, sympathy, and empathy (yup, we’ve been there, too). If God has his eye on the sparrow, several of which we banded this last weekend, then, certainly He has his eye on us. I’m glad Emmaus is the kind of place where we learn to be His hands to hold people’s hearts and lives, thereby protecting and nurturing them. If God sends one of these people your way, ask yourself, if I were in their place, how would I want them to handle me? May you and I be the kind of “human-bander” that Carl is to birds, and that God is to us.

*De Colores, Dave Evans, Spiritual Director*

# Seeds & Needs

## COMPUTER ADMIN

This is a very busy time for our Emmaus Community. Although we do not hold Walks during the last three months of the year, there is much that happens to prepare for the next year. One of those activities is annual publication of the Community Directory. The Directory will be available in time for the January 2008 Gathering. The cost is \$10 and is intended for official Emmaus use only. The Directory will be as accurate as the information provided, so I need your help! Contact information on the Willing Servant form, newsletter subscription renewals, and sponsor information on Pilgrim application are some of the tools used to update the information stored in the community database. As people move into, out of, and within the community, it is easy to lose contact with those we love.

A draft copy of the Community Directory will be available in the Narthex at the next three Gatherings. Please take a few moments to verify your information and write in corrections/updates as necessary. If your information is correct, please initial or place a check mark in the margin next to your name. Ladies, if your name has changed recently due to marriage or divorce, please let me know or indicate that in the draft copy. If you are unable to attend any of the Gatherings, I can be reached at 937-848-4611 or email: [mary@manvell.org](mailto:mary@manvell.org)



As a reminder, contact information for each Board member can be found by navigating to the board page on the Community website: [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

*De Colores, Mary Manvell, Computer Admin*

## WORSHIP



It is time for planning the December Christmas Gathering. All musicians who wish to be a part of the program this year, please contact Jeff Dondero at (937) 855-3289 or by email at [donderojm@hotmail.com](mailto:donderojm@hotmail.com). Because we had such a large response from our Community who wanted to provide music last year, the program was too long. We promise the program will be shorter this year! To our gifted musicians: Please submit your first and second choice number you would like to share with the Community. I need the performer(s) names, the music title, and what sound system support is required. Depending on the number of responses, each performer or group may only have one number to perform during the program. The goal is to have a Gathering of approximately 2 hours in length. Thank you in advance for sharing your gifts during this special season among Christians.

*De Colores, Jeff Dondero, Worship Chairperson*



# Seeds & Needs

## SUPPLY CHAIR



I still need help (2 people) on Wednesday mornings before the Walks to receive deliveries and stock refrigerators and bins. Also, help is needed (3-4 people) on Mondays after the Walks to do inventory. If you can help, please call me at: (937)256-4691 or (937)623-2828 (cell).  
*De Colores, Rich Hill, Supply Chair*

## HOUSING

Sign-up sheets for shift lists are available at the Gatherings. Shift lists help the housing committee get a head start on volunteers for upcoming Walks. See the Housing section on the Greater Dayton Emmaus website (<http://daytonemmaus.org/deHousing.htm>) or a member of the housing committee for details.

*De Colores, Stephen Puderbaugh, Housing Chair*

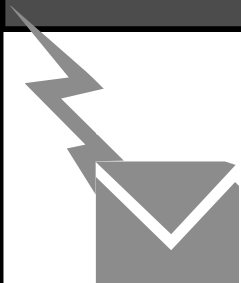


## MEN'S REGISTRAR

**Attention Greater Dayton Emmaus Sponsors!** The next Men's Walk is scheduled for January 24-27, 2008 at Normandy United Methodist Church. If you know of any Christian men who would be interested in attending this Men's Walk, make sure they have completed an application and mailed it to "Greater Dayton Emmaus, Attention - Men's Registrar." Currently we have about 50 candidates in the men's database. We normally have 30-35 men per Walk, so we are in need of increasing our database of willing and active Pilgrims desiring to attend this worthwhile event. The mailing for the next Walk will take place in late October so get those applications submitted to the Men's registrar as soon as possible.

*De Colores, Keith Simpson, Men's Registrar*

## DAYTON COMMUNITY EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN



I am still working the bugs out of the list of names. There are still a few coming back as undeliverable and there are several who did not respond to the test message. If you received the test message but no longer wish to be included in the prayer chain, please let me know and I will remove you. Lastly, if you have not received any prayer requests and wish to be included in the prayer chain, please email me at [bennercl@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:bennercl@notes.udayton.edu) or call 937-879-2118. Thanks to all who participate in the wonderful ministry.


*De Colores, Charles Benner*

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*Deuteronomy 1:11*



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