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Chairman's Corner – Give Thanks

It's November already! It seems like the older I get the faster the time goes.



This is a time of year that I cherish. A time for family and friends to come together and give thanks for each other and all the blessings that God has bestowed upon them. During a conversation last evening, I was reminded once again of the abundance of God's blessings if we're ready, willing, and able to receive them. Too many times we sell ourselves short and don't open our hearts to receive what He so freely offers.

Last month I spoke to you about being overwhelmed and challenged by all the blessings I've received lately. What I'm learning is that the important thing is to not refuse or rebuke the blessings, but to accept and receive them understanding that God in His wisdom will equip us to fulfill His purpose for our lives.

I thank Him for you and I pray that this season and always we embrace those we love and thank God – the giver of all things.

Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!

*De Colores,
Missy Trumbull*



Romans 1:8

Let me say first of all that your faith in God is becoming known throughout the world. How I thank God through Jesus Christ for each one of you.

HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd
Centerville OH 45459
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 2nd Mon 7:15 PM
Dayton Board 4th Tues 7:00 PM

CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

Candlelight 8:30 PM Saturday
Closing 4:30 PM Sunday

TRAINING & ORIENTATION

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

Date: November 12, 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: November 12, 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.

Giving Our Hands to Christ

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**
- Friday, all shifts**
- Sunday, 6:00am - 9:00am**

If you would like to volunteer for these needs, please contact Virgil Gallagher (shgaoh@verizon.net) or check the sign-up sheets at the monthly Gatherings.

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

Thank you, Virgil Gallagher, Kitchen Chairperson

LEADERSHIP CHAIR

The revised By-Laws were approved by the Board and placed in the Newsletter for a period of two months to allow comment from the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community. There was no challenge to the By-Laws; therefore, they have been accepted as offered and will be effective November 1, 2007.

The Community will be electing individuals to the open Chair positions on the GDE Board at the November Gathering. If anyone is interested in being nominated for one of the positions or would like to nominate someone, they can do so at the Gathering or by contacting John Wissinger at jrwiss@woh.rr.com. We also will be appointing a Good Shepherd to replace Chantele Dow, who was elected by the Board to the Leadership Chair for 2008. The Good Shepherd appointee will serve out the remaining two years of the Good Shepherd term.

YBIC, Don Adams, Leadership Chairperson

"Don't forget your Willing Servant Form!"

TREASURER



Dear Greater Dayton Emmaus Community: Just as the Community needs your time & talent to successfully complete our Walk weekends, we also need your resources to sustain this ministry. Earlier in 2007, Greater Dayton Emmaus received a letter from the IRS recognizing our Community as a 501(c)(3) public charity. This ruling exempts GDE from federal taxes and enables the Community to receive tax deductible gifts, transfers, or bequests. Thank you for considering GDE for a portion of your charitable giving.

Blessings, Grant Dunigan, Treasurer

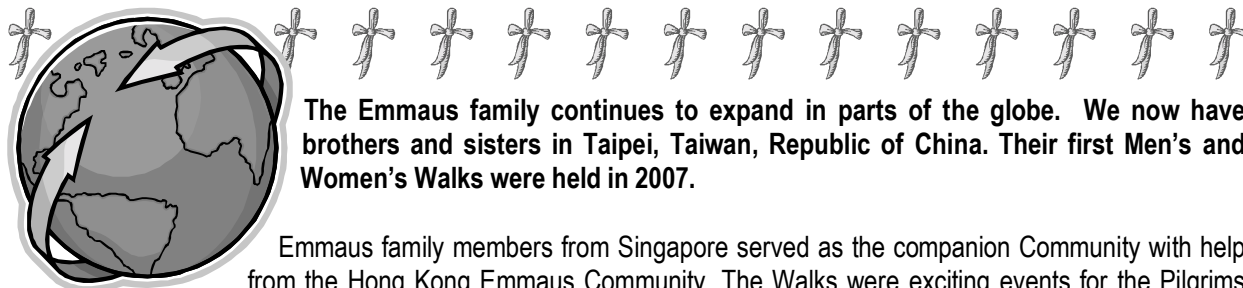
FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Where Are The Other Nine?

“Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?”

November is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving. Let’s use this month to say Thanks for all that God has done for us. Let’s follow the example of the Samaritan who “came back, praising God in a loud voice...and thanked him.” Think about your Emmaus Walk and how God used it to move you to a closer realization of his great love for you. Think about the baggage you were able to leave at the altar on Saturday morning and how much lighter your “luggage” was on the trip home versus Thursday evening. Rejoice in the memories of the gift of laughter, the ministry of tears, and the delight of savory home-cooked meals with no dishwashing or kitchen detail to follow. Remember the sleep-sometimes restful, sometimes filled with “snoraphonic” sound. Recall the music, the poster parties, the new friend, and the prayer times. And by all means, COME BACK praising God in a loud voice. Throw yourself at Jesus’ feet and Thank Him! Get involved and serve this Community. Can you think of a better way to say ‘Thank You’ to God for all that HE has done? Let it be asked of you, “Where are the other nine?”

De Colores, Palmer Jason, SD



The Emmaus family continues to expand in parts of the globe. We now have brothers and sisters in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China. Their first Men’s and Women’s Walks were held in 2007.

Emmaus family members from Singapore served as the companion Community with help from the Hong Kong Emmaus Community. The Walks were exciting events for the Pilgrims and the team members. There were many blessings provided by God and there certainly was much joy on the faces of the Pilgrims and the team members. For Candlelight, people flew to Taipei from Singapore and from Hong Kong. What a tremendous witness to the love of Jesus and for the Pilgrims as expressed by these acts of agape! One of the remarkable things was the way the team members were able to present the unifying love of Christ through some unusual challenges.

These challenges included the traditional Mandarin Chinese language, the modern Mandarin Chinese language, and the Cantonese Chinese language. In addition, there are cultural differences associated with each of these languages. God’s language of Agape love was clearly evident through these cultural and language differences. Please keep this new Community in your prayers as they excitedly move forward in the Emmaus adventure.

*Richard A. Gilmore, Ph.D.
Former International Lay Director*

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Giving Our Hands to Christ

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. *Romans 12:11*

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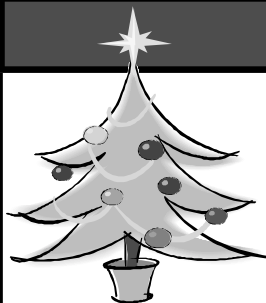
This is a very busy time for our Emmaus Community. Although we do not hold Walks during the last three months of the year, there is much that happens to prepare for the next year. One of those activities is the annual publication of the Community Directory. The Directory will be available in time for 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



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
De Colores, Mary Manvell, Computer Admin

WORSHIP CHAIR



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. 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

Giving Our Hands to Christ

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. *1 Peter 4:10*

HOUSING CHAIR

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

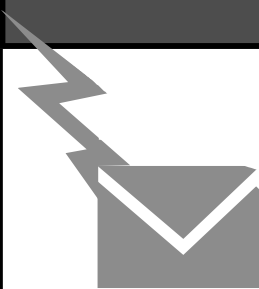


MEN'S REGISTRAR

To better serve the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community and ensure appropriate records and information is collected and available for the scheduled Walks, the application information must be received by the registrars two (2) weeks prior to the start of the Walk. Our next Men's Walk is scheduled for January 23-27, 2008 at Normandy United Methodist Church. The cutoff date for applications for this Walk will be January 10, 2008. A confirmation letter was sent out prior to November 1st. If you have a Pilgrim that would like to attend the January Men's walk, please ensure he gets his confirmation letter to the Men's registrar by the date indicated on the confirmation letter. Currently we have about 60 men's applications in the data base. We normally have 30-35 men per Walk so we encourage interested individuals to complete an application and get it to the Registrar to be considered for a Men's walk in 2008.

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 or call 937-879-2118. Thanks to all who participate in the wonderful ministry.

De Colores, Charles Benner

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

1 Chronicles 16:8


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**Rejoice always,
 pray without ceasing,
 give thanks in
 all circumstances;
 for this is the will
 of God in Christ
 Jesus for you.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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