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Chairman's Message -

As we celebrate our country's birthday with fireworks and cook outs and family outings, let us not forget the principles on which it was founded. The people who left England to come here, did so because they did not want to suffer under a system that did not allow them religious freedom.

There was a period of time before our country declared its independence when it was against the law to have any kind of religious meeting, secret or separate from the Church of England, or even to read the Bible in public. These were considered criminal offenses.

In spite of this extreme pressure from England, the early Puritans and pilgrims read the Word of God and came to realize that things were not right in the Church or in the land. And so in the course of time our early forefathers moved here seeking freedom to worship and freedom to study the Holy Scriptures for themselves.

It was Patrick Henry, the Christian patriot, and speaker of the Revolutionary period who was reported to have said in his will, "I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more that I wish I could give to them. This is the Christian religion. If they had that and I had not given them one shilling, they would have been rich; and if they had not that and I had given them the world, they would be poor."

The sad commentary on our culture today is that the Judeo-Christian heritage of our great nation has been sifting through our fingers like sand because too many Christians are engaged simply, as Dr. Francis Schaefer used to say, "in personal peace and prosperity."

The fact of the matter is we are losing the cultural war because those on the other side do not hesitate to say and do, while we do and say nothing. Is it possible that our silence, and our inactivity may be contributing to the so-called sins of omission? St. Ambrose used to say, "Not only for every idle word must man give an account, but for every idle silence."

On July 4, 1776, 56 men representing about 3 million people signed perhaps the most revolutionary document in history: The Declaration of Independence. These men placed conviction above convenience. Some of them lost their homes, their families, their fortunes, and their lives. Although Christians have lost much ground in this nation that was largely founded by Christians, we owe it to our forefathers who sacrificed so much to establish this nation on godly principles to gain back this lost territory. Yes, our country has experienced a great social, spiritual, and cultural decline. But even now historians are coming to realize that the Bible, even more than the Constitution, founded this great nation of America.

This is our time! It is time that we weigh the differences that faith makes. It is time for you and me to say, "Enough!!" We have had enough of this godless, secular, and humanistic culture. We do not want our children exposed to any more of this evil. The sin of doing nothing will end here today!

God Bless You All
Don Adams, Chairman

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." *Psalms 9:17*
"And who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" *Esther 4:14*

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:

Women's Walk #76: Sep 18-21, 2008

Men's Walk #47: Jan 22-25, 2009

Women's Walk # 77 - Feb 19-22, 2009

Women's Walk #78 - Apr 16-19, 2009

Held at Christ UMC:

Women's Walk # 75 - Jul 24-27, 2008

Men's Walk # 46 - Aug 14-17, 2008

CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

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

GATHERING & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC	2 nd Mon	7:15 PM
Dayton Board	4 th Tues	7:00 PM

TRAINING & ORIENTATION

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

Date: July 14, 2008 / 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: July 14, 2008 / 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*

HOUSING CHAIR

Please check the housing sign-up sheets at the next Gathering for the next Walk and the BIG MOVES . The moves to/from Christ UMC are scheduled for **July 23** and **Aug 20**. We can always use a few more hands. You can also check out the Housing section on the Greater Dayton Emmaus website for additional information:

(<http://daytonemmaus.org/deHousing.htm>)

De Colores, Stephen Puderbaugh, Housing Chair



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.

De Colores, Virgil Gallagher, Kitchen Chair

GOOD SHEPHERD

Share Group Orientation: Next session will be July 14th at 6:15pm in the small chapel at Normandy Church. This session is open to anyone who is not currently in a share group or anyone who wants to grow their existing share group. We will cover the guidelines of how to run your share group and have a networking session.

Outreach: Just a reminder that I am available for outreach. If you would like an Emmaus presentation during your weekend church service, please contact me (937-312-9033).

De Colores, Cheri Spencer, Good Shepherd



COMMUNITY EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN



If you have prayer concerns or would like to pray for other requests in the Dayton Community, please email (bennercl@notes.udayton.edu) or call 937-879-2118. Please limit your requests to a serious/urgent nature and to the needs of either a member of the Emmaus Community or your immediate family. Also, if you are not receiving prayer chain messages and wish to do so, please call me to confirm/update your email address. Blessings to all who support the prayer ministry. *De Colores, Charles Benner*

From the Spiritual Director



“Grey-haired Baby Boomer Rides Bike for a Week”



By the time you read this, I will have finished a 350-mile bicycle ride. Yeah, you heard me. As I write it, I’m preparing for the 20th running of the “Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure”, or GOBA. I and about 3,000 of my closest friends will start in Wellington, Ohio and travel in a big loop including Galion, Mt. Vernon, Coshocton, and Orrville (home of Smucker’s, which HAS to be good!) and back around to Wellington—one full week of riding 50 miles a day!

Every time I tell someone about this, the invariable question I get is, “Wow! Have you been in training for this ride?” There’s a part of me that is a bit “touchy” about this question. I imagine people observe my grey hair and my, uh...gregarious waist line and wonder if I’m up to the task! I like ice cream, but at my age the saying, “a moment on the lips, a lifetime on the hips” is no longer academic. Hmm. Maybe I’m a bit sensitive and need to heed what people are implying!

Actually it’s a very good question. When a friend of mine invited me to do the GOBA ride, I replied “Wow. What kind of training is involved?” A lot it turns out! The training has helped prepare me to build my muscle tone and cardiovascular system needed to endure such a trip. Actually, preparing for a bike ride is a lot like running the race of life itself, especially from a Christian’s perspective. Living the Christian life doesn’t happen by accident or automatically. In fact, the purpose of the Christian walk (or ride, in this case) is to build the kind of character which God can use to influence more people through his grace and love. That doesn’t happen overnight!

Paul the Apostle knew about this kind of preparation. They didn’t have bicycles in Paul’s day, but the runner’s 26-mile Marathon was raised to an art form by the Greeks. In Hebrews 12 he compares the walk of faith with a Marathon. “Let us throw off everything that hinders us (even ice cream?) and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...Endure hardship as discipline (training and development); God is treating you as sons (and daughters).”

The joy of this kind of Marathon is the finish line: we get to be like Jesus. Paul admonishes us to “fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith”. Every day I’ll have a goal of making it to the next camp site, 50 miles away. I can’t do it without fixing my eyes on the goal. Rain, wind, hills... these are the potential hindrances...but with the help of more experienced bicyclists, I’ll make it. Living the Christian life is about focusing on what works—encouraging each other to keep going, watching and emulating Jesus, and taking inspiration from his “ride” from the cradle to the Cross. Let’s journey together with Jesus, and the obstacles will be minor things. As they say in GOBA, “Enjoy the ride. It’s not a race. It’s a journey”.



*De Colores
Dave Evans
Spiritual Director*



Please remember to pick up a Willing Servant Form at the next Gathering or online at the Dayton Emmaus Community website: <http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deForms.htm>. If your Willing Servant Form is submitted by July 1, 2008, and you meet the requirements to serve on a live-in team, you will be eligible to serve through June 30, 2010.

Pray for One Another

Women's Walk #75
Jul 24-27, 2008

PILGRIM LIST

Carrie Bates	Dayton
Kelly Bayse	Carlisle
Missy Bennett	Kettering
Helen Brooks	West Carrollton
Judy Bush	Springboro
Laura Creager	Miamisburg
Marie Decker	Dayton
Julia Delbert	Carlisle
Leslie Ekin	Miamisburg
Amy Fitzsimmons	West Carrollton
Dottie Hall	Middletown
Leslie Johnson	Troy
Linda Kinsey	Dayton
Betty Lett	Dayton
Charlotte Ludolph	Miamisburg
Saralynn Moore	Springboro
Jill Moyer	Dayton
Patty O'Hearn	Owensville
Ali Petry	Kettering
Maria Phillips	Kettering
Alicia Quillen	Franklin
Bev Saylor	Centerville
Sallie Schoettmer	Troy
Anita Stromberg	Beavercreek
Michelle Thomas	Fairborn
Donna Vance	Englewood
Heather Weisman	Dayton
Lois Whitehead	Miamisburg

TEAM ROSTER

Name	Position	Talk
Sue Benner	TL	
Hazel Burns	SD	<i>Means of Grace</i>
Jane Butcher	ATL	
Susan Caylor	TL	<i>Christian Action</i>
Beth Center	TL	<i>Changing Our World</i>
Heather Christoff	ATL	
Kay Coder	ATL	
Julia Crowl	AMD	
Pam DeHart	ATL	
Deb Esala	ASD	<i>Obstacles to Grace</i>
Lynn Ferris	ATL	
JoAnn Floyd	LD	<i>Perseverance</i>
Lynn Galioto	ATL	
Lora Gentry	ALD	<i>Priorities</i>
Linda Haller	MD	
Melanie Hansen	TL	<i>Body of Christ</i>
Debbie Hayes	TL	<i>Life in Piety</i>
Sandy Hedge	LOG	
Jean Jarusiewicz	LOG	
Julie Johnson	TL	<i>Priesthood of all Believers</i>
Heidi Jones	LOG	
Patricia Kiddel	ASDL	<i>Justifying Grace</i>
Diana Marcott	ALD	<i>Grow Through Study</i>
Karen Roush	ALD	<i>Fourth Day</i>
Sandy Scarborough	TL	<i>Discipleship</i>
Shirley Schryver	PS	
Brenda Smith	ATL	
Dave Tackett	ASD	<i>Sanctifying Grace</i>
John Whitaker	ASD	<i>Prevenient Grace</i>
Karen Wissinger	BR	
Jerri Wood	PS	

ALD – Assistant Lay Director
 AMD – Assistant Music Director
 ASD – Assistant Spiritual Director
 ASDL – Assistant Spiritual Director Live-in
 ATL – Assistant Table Leader
 BR – Board Rep

LD – Lay Director
 Log - Logistics
 MD – Music Director
 PS – Prayer Servant
 SD – Spiritual Director
 TL – Table Leader

Please note the Team and Pilgrim rosters are subject to change after press-time. Prior to the Walk weekend, the Newsletter is updated with the most current Pilgrim / Team rosters and posted on the Dayton Emmaus website:

<http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm>

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*

MEN'S REGISTRAR

Men's Walk #45 was another Great Success! The next Men's Walk (#46) will be held on August 14-17, 2008 at Christ United Methodist Church. This location fills up quickly because of the air-conditioning and elevator. Several pilgrims are already confirmed, but there are still openings. If you're interested in attending, please send in your confirmation card or contact me as soon as possible. **SPONSORS:** I have 52 applications on file; however, some are over 3 years old. Please check with your pilgrims to see if they are still interested in attending the Greater Dayton Emmaus Walk. Please let me know if these applications should remain in the active database.

De Colores, Keith Simpson, Men's Registrar

COMMUNITY REMINDER

Please remember that we are guests at Normandy UMC and Christ UMC. The churches have kindly asked us NOT to bring any food, drink, liquid, or water into the church sanctuaries for our events (Gathering, Candlelight, Closing). Thanks very much for your cooperation.

YBIC, Don Adams, Board Chair



BOARD POSITION VACANCY

In accordance with procedures, 5 positions on the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board will be vacated at the end of this year. These positions are: **Supply, Housing, Kitchen, Men's Registrar, and Christ UMC Representative.** At the November Gathering, the Community will elect new members to fill these positions for a 3-year term. Each of the job descriptions will be included in the newsletter for your prayerful consideration. If you feel called to serve or if you would like to make a nomination, contact Missy Trumbull (pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org). Thank you!

The Greater Dayton Emmaus community Men's Registrar is an elected position. The term of office is for a total of 3 years and reports directly to the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board Executive Committee. The Men's Registrar is a voting member of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board. The Men's Registrar's responsibilities include: the collection and documentation of Pilgrim application and application fees; maintenance of the Men's application data base; Pilgrim and Sponsor walk confirmation and preparation; Walk registration and fee collection; and Pilgrim and Sponsor documentation support to all Emmaus functional areas during each Men's walk.

IMPORTANT CANDLELIGHT NEWS!

Due to the fire hazard, safety risks, and liability concerns associated with burning candles in the church buildings, the Board has approved the use of battery-operated candles for our candlelight services. Beginning with Women's Walk #75 in July, we will use the new battery-operated candles only. To help minimize storage space at the church, community members may purchase their own battery-operated candle. They will be sold at the Gatherings for \$4 each. Be sure to get your new candle before July!

De Colores, Chris Christoff, Worship Chair




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 who gives victory;
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 you with gladness,
 he will renew you
 in his love”
Zeph 3:17



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