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Chairman's Corner –

As I sit here writing this article, I have just returned home from a Team meeting for Men's Walk# 44. I am always in awe of how God works in the formation process of an Emmaus Team. How he puts the people He wants in a position to serve. I know the Lay Director makes the calls and assembles the Team, but it is God who chooses them. The LD is in prayer for many, many days, sometimes weeks, before he or she makes their first call. There are those who are called and are unable to fill a spot and those who accept and for some reason need to be replaced by another. This is all part of God's plan. He puts people where he wants them to serve Him. It never ceases to amaze me how this whole system works for His glory.



I am anticipating this upcoming Walk and what it will bring. I know I am not supposed to do that, but it is something I think we all do. We wonder if we will be able to do what God wants or expects of us. Will we be humble enough to get out of the way and let God work through us? We worry that we will say something to a Pilgrim that will damage his or her experience. But then I pray and realize God has put us here to do His work, to allow the Pilgrims to see Him through us. It is such an awesome opportunity to serve on a Team.

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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 # 73: Feb 21-24

Women's Walk # 74: Apr 17-20

Men's Walk # 45: May 15-18

Women's Walk #76: Sep 18-21

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: February 11, 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: February 11, 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*

COMMUNITY CHAIR (*cont'd from front*)

I am so looking forward to the Candlelight Service. No matter how many times I experience it, on the Team side or Community side, I just get so caught up in the emotion of the evening. Seeing the faces of all who are there, smiling and friendly, and the looks of wonder and joy on the faces of the Pilgrims. Gives me shivers of joy and warmth just to think about. Please try and attend if possible. You will be blessed by the experience.

As I think of the Walk and everything that goes with it, I am struck by the amount of love poured out by all who are involved. As we move into February (the month we usually associate with love because of Valentines Day), I can think of no better way to express your love for your fellow Sisters and Brothers in Christ, than to attend a Candlelight or Closing or to come and help out in some of the many positions available during the weekend of an Emmaus Walk. You can attend any of the activities or pray for all during the weekend.

The next Walk is Women's Walk # 73, February 21-24, at Normandy UMC. Candlelight is 8:30pm on Saturday and Closing is 4:30pm on Sunday. Please try to fill the Sanctuary for both. You will be blessed.

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Don Adams
Chairman
Greater Dayton Emmaus

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“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

*John 13:34*



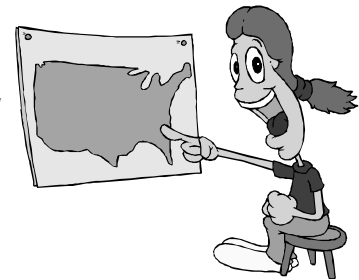
# FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



## ROUTE RECALCULATION

The electronic voice—spoken in a thoroughly British accent—was as flat as the small 3”x 3” screen from which it emanated. Equipped with GPS finder and street maps, my new Christmas present, an Amcor 3900 Navigation system, was instructing me that I was headed in a direction not indicated on the Mapquest route. Maybe it was because it was a male voice (and a particularly sophisticated one at that) with a hint of Oxford English aristocracy that contributed to my feeling just a tech irritated. Or maybe it was that I just don’t like a machine directing me, sort of like listening to HAL, the computerized voice in 2001: A Space Odyssey, which seemed to relish giving Captain Dave a rebuke for trying to do something the HAL 9000 didn’t think Dave should do.

Here it is—the year 2008—and machines and electronics are playing a far more active role than even Space Odyssey predicted. I was trying to drive home from the Dayton Mall to my home in Kettering. However, the route calculated by HAL 9000, uh, I mean my Amcor 3900, instructed me to turn right on David Rd, which I knew from experience would loop me through David Cemetery, definitely not my destination and a waste of time and gasoline. I expected the British voice to break into a well-modulated rebuke a la HAL, “Dave, what are you doing Dave?”



But I turned left anyway, having been down that route too many times to count.

HAL kept telling me, “Route Recalculation”. But I knew it was wrong. I made it home, and to cap off my irritation, HAL finished off with a smug “arrive at destination” when I pulled into the driveway at 39.68591 N by 84.18455 W, the exact geo-synchronized location of 4273 Schrubbs Drive. Of course, I could just be attributing human characteristics to a machine with a snobby British accent. “We sincerely apologize that technical difficulties are preventing you from reaching your destination with a modicum of sanity. Sorry old boy that we’re driving you daft.” That’s what I really wanted it to say. Technical Difficulties will ever follow along the path behind technological advancements.

Electronics—Godsend or good for nothing? We depend on electronics for many things we wouldn’t dream of doing without now: computers, voice mail, cell phones, digital TVs, I Pods, and oh yes, for fun, Wii (pronounced “we”). The other day, my daughter, Alexis wanted me to play a game of Wii tennis with her. I was thinking of hauling out the old “I have to rearrange my sock drawer” when it dawned on me what she really wanted: some face time with the old man. I happily followed her downstairs to my imminent defeat at the hands of the newfangled electronic device. I expected the voice of HAL to come out of the Wii saying, “Good Morning, Dave. Nice knowing you, Dave”. But the good news: We were spending time together using Wii.

Whatever we do with our electronics—home, auto, work—let’s remember that they are only devices to connect us with people, who need human faces with a smile or a caring voice on the other end of whatever phone we use. I recently attended a worship service where the AV team couldn’t quite get the computer to show the words of the worship song on the screen. I was standing by the sound booth next to the frustrated AV engineers. “I’m afraid we can’t get picture” the discouraged technician said. “its ok” replied the song leader, “Just hum along. With God, there are no technical difficulties.” It reminded me that when Jesus uttered the Lord’s Prayer, all he did was look up into the sky and start talking to God.

This is a good thing to remember this year. When technical difficulties become irritating, it’s good to know that when we need to talk with God, there is no technology to get in the way. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil 4: 6, 7. I’ve found it helps me in my toughest moments with upset people, with focusing on my purpose for being on this earth, and it sure works when HAL gets uppity with me.

De Colores,  
Dave Evans, Spiritual Director

# Pray for One Another

**Women's Walk #73**  
**February 21-24, 2008**

## PILGRIM LIST

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Betty Ann Boker     | Fairborn, OH      |
| Marilyn Burns       | Dayton, OH        |
| Mandy Carlson       | Huber Heights, OH |
| Kim Clapper         | Vandalia, OH      |
| Kim Conley          | Dayton, OH        |
| Donna Courtney      | Kettering, OH     |
| Shelley Dulaney     | Dayton, OH        |
| Kathy Flannery      | Union, OH         |
| Cathy Frederick     | Cincinnati, OH    |
| Sandra Hilty        | Miamisburg, OH    |
| Cheryl Howard       | Carlisle, OH      |
| Karen Jonas         | Centerville, OH   |
| Janet Kaiser        | Beavercreek, OH   |
| Alix Litton         | Dayton, OH        |
| Janie Long          | Dayton, OH        |
| Renee Luciano       | Dayton, OH        |
| Tracy Macy          | Dayton, OH        |
| Pamela Maddox       | Dayton, OH        |
| Kylee Malhotra      | Beavercreek, OH   |
| Joan Mantil         | Dayton, OH        |
| Martha Moyer        | Farmersville, OH  |
| Bernadette O'Connor | Dayton, OH        |
| Hope Poland         | Tipp City, OH     |
| Kathy Postell       | Dayton, OH        |
| Ione Potter         | Bellbrook, OH     |
| Jane Russell        | Dayton, OH        |
| Linda Ryan          | Vandalia, OH      |
| Theresa Schlorman   | Dayton, OH        |
| Bonnie Shump        | Miamisburg, OH    |
| Tammy Trent         | Beavercreek, OH   |
| Marilyn Welling     | Dayton, OH        |

## TEAM ROSTER

| Name             | Position | Talk                           |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Rita Anspach     | TL       | <i>Priesthood of Believers</i> |
| Bev Barrett      | LOG      |                                |
| Kate Barrett     | ATL      |                                |
| Melodie Byrd     | ALD2     | <i>Fourth Day</i>              |
| Barbara Courtice | TL       | <i>Life in Piety</i>           |
| Carol Dondero    | LOG2     |                                |
| Karen Doseck     | TL       |                                |
| Chantele Dow     | MD       |                                |
| Verna Drake      | TL       | <i>Christian Action</i>        |
| Christy Ellis    | PS       |                                |
| Vicki Engel      | BR       |                                |
| Deb Esala        | ASD      | <i>Prevenient Grace</i>        |
| Phil Esala       | ASD      | <i>Justifying Grace</i>        |
| Dave Evans       | ASDL     | <i>Sanctifying Grace</i>       |
| Ann Greiner      | ATL      |                                |
| Kathleen Hosner  | LOG      |                                |
| Palmer Jason     | ASD      | <i>Obstacles to Grace</i>      |
| Mamie Johnson    | SD       | <i>Means of Grace</i>          |
| Pam Kooser       | PS       |                                |
| Nancy Loy        | AMD      |                                |
| Bev Martin       | ATL      |                                |
| Laura Nugent     | ATL      |                                |
| Kris Oakley      | ATL      |                                |
| Julie Phipps     | TL       | <i>Discipleship</i>            |
| AJ Puderbaugh    | ATL      |                                |
| Pam Rafdal       | ATL      |                                |
| Barbie Rose      | TL       | <i>Body of Christ</i>          |
| Beth Shilt       | ALD      | <i>Priority</i>                |
| Debbie Tope      | ALD      | <i>Grow Through Study</i>      |
| Missy Trumbull   | LD       | <i>Perseverance</i>            |
| Susan Updike     | TL       | <i>Changing Our World</i>      |

\*ASDL = ASD Live-in

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.  
 The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. **James 5:16**

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*

## 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**

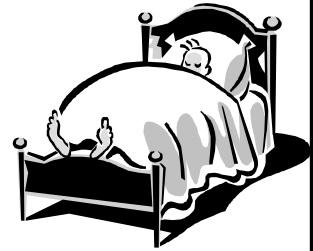
If you would like to volunteer for these needs, please contact Virgil Gallagher ([shgaoh@verizon.net](mailto:shgaoh@verizon.net)) or check the sign-up sheets at the monthly Gatherings.

**Remember: If you sign up to serve in the Kitchen, please be sure to show up!**  
*Thank you, Virgil Gallagher, Kitchen Chairperson*

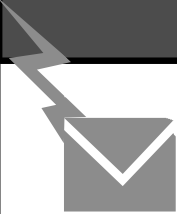
## HOUSING CHAIR

Please check the housing sign-up sheets for the next Walk at the next Gathering. We can always use a few more hands. Also, check out the housing section on the Greater Dayton Emmaus website: (<http://daytonemmaus.org/deHousing.htm>) for additional information

*De Colores, Stephen Puderbaugh, Housing Chair*



## COMMUNITY EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN



If you have prayer concerns or would like to pray for other requests in the Dayton Community, please email me ([bennercl@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:bennercl@notes.udayton.edu)) or call 937-879-2118. Thanks to all who support the prayer ministry.

*De Colores, Charles Benner*



*"I am a little pencil in  
the hand of a writing  
God, who is sending a  
love letter to the world."*

*~ Mother Teresa ~*




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For God so loved  
 the world that he  
 gave his only Son,  
 that whoever  
 believes in him  
 should not perish  
 but have eternal  
 life.  
*John 3:16*



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