



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

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Message -



Ahh, Spring. What a wonderful time of the year. All of God's creations awake with an explosion of color and beauty. Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. To me, it seems God is saying you have another chance. As in our lives we come through the 'dark days of Winter' (especially this last month) I pray that these days of Spring are an encouragement to you and that you realize God's promise of renewal. Take some time to 'smell the roses' in your life. If we look at our lives as a garden, we have a tendency to search out the weeds and not realize or recognize all of the beautiful flowers that are there. Take some time this Spring to search out the hidden flowers in you and the beauty they represent. As the song says "Let Your Light Shine" let the inner beauty God has placed in you shine.

At the last Gathering Pastor George Brewer asked us, "What are you talking about?" That is a good question. We talk about a lot of things, politics, snow, gas prices, food prices, personal troubles, illness, terror, etc. In the face of all the challenges we face daily should we not be talking about God and what He, through the Holy Spirit, has been doing in our life to help us overcome those challenges? Go to God in prayer and ask Him what you should be talking about. We can not control our circumstances, but we can control how we respond to them. Prayer will give you a clearer understanding of who and what you are.

The Bible tells us to pray without doubting (James 1:6). When we come to God, knowing that we are asking according to His will, we don't have to be intimidated by our circumstances. We can have the confidence that when the time is right, God will answer. We need to act according to His promised answer, not according to our fearful uncertainties. As you pray, don't look around you; look above you. Real answers to prayer don't come from the situations we find ourselves in. Real answers come from our Heavenly Father. Pray according to faith, not circumstances

May God Bless You ALL,  
YBIC, Don Adams  
Chairman, Greater Dayton Emmaus

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*"Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!"* Psalm 66:20

### 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:

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 24-27

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:** April 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:** April 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*

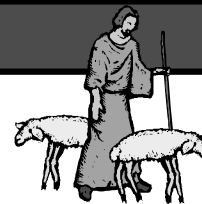
## MENS REGISTRAR



Confirmation letters for Mens Walk #45, May 15-18, 2008, were mailed to all prospective pilgrims during the first part of March and we are starting to receive confirmations for the Men's walk. Ideally, we can comfortably support the attendance of 35 pilgrims on Men's walks that are held at Normandy UMC. If you are sponsoring a pilgrim (or in the process of sponsoring a pilgrim and know that he would like to attend the May Men's walk) please get his application or have him return the confirmation letter as soon as possible.

*Your Brother in Christ, Keith Simpson, Men's Registrar*

## GOOD SHEPHERD



**Sponsors for pilgrims on the April Walk:** Please plan to attend the chapel service on Thursday night, immediately following the send-off dinner. I will have Fourth Day books for sale for \$4.00 in the Fellowship Hall at 4PM on Sunday prior to Closing. Be sure to mark your calendars to bring your pilgrim to the share group orientation May 12th at 6:15PM in the small chapel. They will be finished in time to get a seat with you at the Gathering at 7:15PM.

**Share Groups:** Anyone who has openings in their share group or is looking for a share group is welcome to attend the orientation. I am still looking for a pastors' share group or male pastors who are interested in forming a pastors-only share group.

**Outreach:** I am available for outreach at your church. I will be happy to attend your church service and give a 10-minute talk about what Emmaus is all about and how to get signed up for a walk. I can be contacted through the web

site: [greaterdaytonemmaus.org](http://greaterdaytonemmaus.org), click on "Board" and look for "Good Shepherd/ Outreach."

*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 me ([bennercl@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:bennercl@notes.udayton.edu)) or call 937-879-2118. We ask that you limit your requests to a serious, urgent nature and to the needs of either a member of the Emmaus Community or your immediate family. Blessings to all who support the prayer ministry.

*De Colores, Charles Benner*

## *FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR*



He Really is Coming!

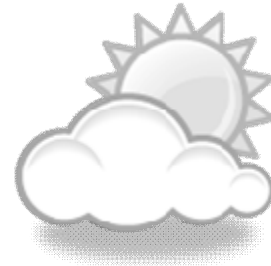


Revelation 1:8

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

A few weeks ago, Ohio experienced one of the worst snow storms in almost 30 years. Businesses and schools closed early, grocery stores were filled with anxious shoppers, and local authorities issued a level three emergency requesting everyone stay off the road. Some saw this as an opportunity to step away from the madness and rigors of the day while others became restless, impatient, and irritated - desirous for winter to end and spring to begin.

“Winter is the season having the shortest days and the lowest temperatures. Night-time predominates the winter season. Spring is seen as a time of growth, renewal, of new life (both plant and animal) being born. The term is also used more generally as a metaphor for the start of better times.”



Life can sometimes exemplify the seasons. Your winters are cold, dark, and filled with despair. You long for daylight but on the surface, it seems like they will never come. You become so tired of the continual dryness of winter that seeing a budding plant, birds nesting, and the sun shining causes you to anticipate and hope for the promise of spring, of better times.

If you've lived long enough you understand that spring succeeds winter. No one can stop it, it cannot be rushed, it is sure, and it can be relied on to come back. That's just like our Lord. In the first chapter of the book of Revelation, Jesus Himself talks of His sureness. He was here in the emptiness of the beginning, and you can depend on Him in the end. In Him there is a sureness of past, of present, and for the future. Anticipate Him, hope for Him, and know of the promises from Him. Just like you anticipate the coming of spring, may you also anticipate the hope of a better tomorrow from a loving Savior who too understands the time of growth, renewal, and new life. He really is coming back!!

In His love and Grace,  
Mamie Johnson, Spiritual Director

# Pray for One Another

**Women's Walk #74**  
**April 17-20, 2008**

| <u>PILGRIM LIST</u> |                     | <u>TEAM ROSTER</u>                          |                 |                                    |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Joan Andersen       | West Carrollton, OH | <b>Name</b>                                 | <b>Position</b> | <b>Talk</b>                        |
| Paula Atha          | Bellbrook, OH       | Diana Begley                                | ATL             |                                    |
| Mandy Baker         | Kettering, OH       | Susan Bramel                                | Log             |                                    |
| Peggy Berry         | Dayton, OH          | Vicki Chaffin                               | TL              | <i>Priesthood of All Believers</i> |
| Tammie Burr         | West Carrollton, OH | Leroy Chambliss                             | ASD             | <i>Justifying Grace</i>            |
| Shelly Crabtree     | Dayton, OH          | Lillian Chambliss                           | ALD             | <i>Grow Through Study</i>          |
| Debbie Collins      | Lebanon, OH         | Leslie Clevenger                            | TL              | <i>Christian Action</i>            |
| Brenda Crowley      | Dayton, OH          | Raul Concha                                 | ASD             | <i>Prevenient Grace</i>            |
| Laura Demetrician   | Dayton, OH          | Donna Conley                                | ATL             |                                    |
| Ellen Donisi        | Dayton, OH          | Chantele Dow                                | BR              |                                    |
| Lisa Dykstra        | Dayton, OH          | Kim Duff                                    | ATL             |                                    |
| Michelle Emerson    | Springboro, OH      | Cathy Fathergill                            | Log             |                                    |
| Dragana Fessenden   | Springboro, OH      | Denise Haws                                 | AMD             |                                    |
| Terri Gerhardt      | Beavercreek, OH     | Roxie Hiatt                                 | LD              | <i>Perseverance</i>                |
| Heidi Hiebert       | Kettering, OH       | Debbie Hildreth                             | Log             |                                    |
| Rae Hinch           | Dayton, OH          | Palmer Jason                                | SD              | <i>Means of Grace</i>              |
| Michelle Hoskins    | Tipp City, OH       | Kathy Kruse                                 | ALD2            | <i>Fourth Day</i>                  |
| Sue Jones           | Bellbrook, OH       | Sonya Lemmerbrock                           | ATL             |                                    |
| Andie Lloyd         | Dayton, OH          | Deborah Littman                             | ATL             |                                    |
| Amanda Lucic        | Fairborn, OH        | Martha Logan                                | TL              | <i>Body of Christ</i>              |
| Almeda Lundy        | Kettering, OH       | Suzzi Luken                                 | MD              |                                    |
| Margaret Maranka    | Vandalia, OH        | Brandi Minch                                | TL              |                                    |
| Jan Marker          | Vandalia, OH        | Mary Morrow                                 | TL              | <i>Discipleship</i>                |
| Linda McBride       | Waynesville, OH     | Sandy Pappenfus                             | ASDL            | <i>Obstacles to Grace</i>          |
| Crystal McGuire     | Dayton, OH          | Amanda Puderbaugh                           | TL              | <i>Life in Piety</i>               |
| Deborah Munas       | Dayton, OH          | Michele Ruff                                | ATL             |                                    |
| Cindy Rimpo         | Waynesville, OH     | Linda Sims                                  | ATL             |                                    |
| Jen Ross            | Dublin, OH          | Joyce Stare                                 | PS              |                                    |
| Kristi Spangenberg  | Kettering, OH       | Connie Tackett                              | PS              |                                    |
| LeAnna White        | Dayton, OH          | Dave Tackett                                | ASD             | <i>Sanctifying Grace</i>           |
| Sue Williams        | Beavercreek, OH     | Amanda Unger                                | TL              | <i>Changing Our World</i>          |
| Diana Wood          | Dayton, OH          | Cheryl I. Wilson                            | ALD2            | <i>Priority</i>                    |
|                     |                     | ALD – Assistant Lay Director                |                 | LD – Lay Director                  |
|                     |                     | AMD – Assistant Music Director              |                 | Log - Logistics                    |
|                     |                     | ASD – Assistant Spiritual Director          |                 | MD – Music Director                |
|                     |                     | ASDL – Assistant Spiritual Director Live-in |                 | PS – Prayer Servant                |
|                     |                     | ATL – Assistant Table Leader                |                 | SD – Spiritual Director            |
|                     |                     | BR – Board Rep                              |                 | 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*

## 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.

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

## 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, keep an eye open for the **BIG MOVE** that will be happening in July. You can 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*



## SPONSORSHIP TRAINING



**Sponsorship Training - Why you need it!** As a sponsor, it's important to understand your role and responsibilities, which enhance your pilgrim's experience. Before sponsoring someone for a Walk, you are required to attend the sponsorship training. The sessions are held at 6:30pm before every Gathering for a short time of discussion, questions, and answers. Also, from The Emmaus Library, we have the Sponsorship booklet, which guides individuals through the process of sponsoring fellow pilgrims on the Walk to Emmaus. The authors explore the range of possibilities in the role of the sponsor for the renewal of church leaders, Emmaus communities, and the church. The booklet is available at Gatherings, and the cost is \$4.

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*“But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.”*

Matthew 28:5-7



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