



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

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Message - Leading in Prayer

Have you ever been asked to lead a group, large or small, in prayer? Did you feel uncomfortable, uneasy, unworthy, etc? I know the first time I was asked to lead a prayer I wanted to go somewhere and hide. I had prayed to God under my breath, but even then the words did not come out the way I wanted. I just knew in my heart that God knew what my needs were and He filled in the spaces with the right words. What would happen if I opened my mouth in front of people and the words I prayed did not make sense?

Leading others in prayer can be a dry exercise in formal holiness, or it can be a doorway into the presence of God. Don't keep God at a distance by using "thee's" and "thou's", but talk with God on a personal level. Tell Him what you need and how much He means to you. Honest expressions of our feelings and needs expressed from the heart are much better than the carefully crafted petitions from a prayer book. People need to know they can talk to God themselves.

While we can't substitute our faith for someone else's, we can lift them up through our prayers so they can see God as we see Him, so that in their prayer they can talk to Him as we have learned to talk to Him. The experience of seeing God from our eye-level can be transforming. We need to learn to lead in prayer. How many Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners are bereft of their special significance for lack of a Christian who offers to lead out in a holiday prayer? One person leading the family can lift hearts and minds to God. Without prayer leadership, family members are left to fend for themselves spiritually on these special days. Sadly, they seldom know how to turn to God, though their emptiness has often created a spiritual hunger which responds warmly to an opportunity for intimacy with God.

You don't have to be a pastor to lead in prayer. If you aren't, so much the better, since your prayer will be that much more real and unexpected. You don't have to be eloquent. The simpler the better, since the people with whom you are praying need to be able to place themselves within your prayer. The more complex your prayer, the more they feel they could never come to God like that. Your family at home, too, needs someone to model prayer for them day by day, to learn how to lift their concerns before the throne of God. *(Continued on Page 5)*

### 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 #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

### 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:** June 9, 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:** June 9, 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

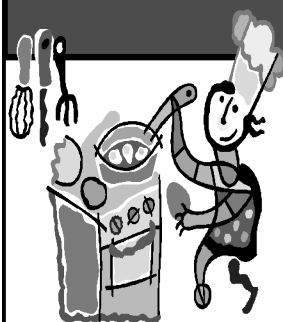
Please check the housing sign-up sheets at the next Gathering for the next Walk and the BIG MOVES . The moves to/from Christ UMC are scheduled for **July 23** and **Aug 20**. We can always use a few more hands. You can also check out the Housing section on the Greater Dayton Emmaus website for additional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

(<http://daytonemmaus.org/eHousing.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](mailto: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 June 9th at 6:15pm in the small chapel at Normandy Church. Sponsors - please be sure to bring your pilgrims to the orientation and networking session so they can get in touch with others seeking a share group. This meeting is open to anyone who is seeking a share group or seeking to expand their existing group.

**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](mailto: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



## Summer Time



“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...” *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Did you notice? It's summertime. Don't let the summer pass without taking it easy. Do something to celebrate. Go swimming, chase butterflies, count stars, eat homemade ice cream, dance with fireflies, roll down a grassy hill, have a water pistol fight, swing, go down the big slide! There will be plenty of time later for worrying about gas prices or the war or the upcoming election or your kids leaving for college. The God of the Universe is not asleep. Neither does God slumber. So if God's got everything under control why are you fretting? Do you remember the song from Porgy & Bess?



Summertime  
And the livin' is easy,  
Fish are jumpin'  
And the cotton is high.  
Oh yo' daddy's rich  
An' yo' ma is good lookin'  
So hush, little baby,  
Don't you cry.



One of these mornin's,  
You's gonna rise up singin'  
Then you'll spread yo' wings  
An' you'll take to the sky.  
But till that mornin',  
There's ain't nothin' can harm you  
With your Daddy an' Mummy  
Standin' by.

It's true our Daddy is rich. The cattle on a thousand hills belong to him. The silver and gold belong to him. The earth, the fullness thereof and they that dwell therein, belong to him. Isn't it great to know that one day we will be leaving this place for an even better place? Remember what Jesus said, "I go to prepare and place for you, and if I go I will come again to receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also." But, until that time comes, relax, have fun and go out and play!

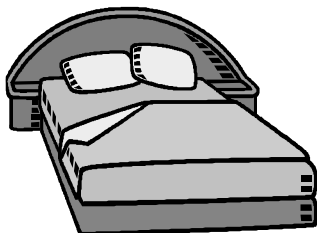
*De Colores, Palmer Jason, Spiritual Director*



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.

## 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, please contact Missy Trumbull ([pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org)). Thank you!



### HOUSING CHAIRPERSON

The Housing Chairperson is the head of the Committee responsible for set up and tear down of all physical property (“sleeping and living”) each walk.

There are four shifts that the Chairperson is responsible for during a weekend. The team shifts are Wednesday (6-7:30PM), Thursday (5:30-7PM), Sunday AM (7-8:30AM), and Sunday PM (4:00-6PM). Each shift has two checklists (one for each church) and there are pre-walk checklists as well.

The Housing Chairperson appoints 8 coordinators (or Team Leaders) from the Community at large to direct and assist with set up and tear down. There are two coordinators assigned to each shift. Coordinators are to supervise set up and tear down of all physical needs of the weekend. See the Housing Points of Contact list for the current coordinators.

Coordinators are expected to maintain a roster of volunteers for their particular shift. Volunteers are usually generated early in the year but can be added at any time. Coordinators will email (or phone) their volunteers prior to the Gathering before each walk to ensure sufficient numbers of volunteers are available for that shift. Coordinators should report their status to the Chairperson at or prior to the Gathering. This gives the Chairperson an opportunity to ask for more volunteers at the Gathering (usually with an announcement and sign-up sheets).

It is helpful to keep the Coordinators as involved as possible throughout the year. Meetings should happen twice a year, once in January before the first walk and one in July before the big move. Meeting minutes from these meetings as well as the minutes from the GDE Board meetings can be distributed to the coordinators.

It is highly recommended the Chairperson be on hand and available during a Walk weekend. Staying in close communication with the Lay Director (and Team) will ensure a smooth weekend. Cooperation and coordination with other GDE Chairpersons is a must as changes often occur (especially the Normandy Rep, Christ Rep, Kitchen and Agape).

Additionally, the Housing Chairperson is responsible for the “Big Moves I and II”. These are the two times each year when GDE transfers housing items from Normandy to Christ United (currently the Wednesday of the July walk) and from Christ United back to Normandy (currently one week after the August Walk). Volunteers from the entire GDE Community are encouraged to assist and it helps to “recruit” at the appropriate Gatherings (strongly recommend 20-25 volunteers). The Housing Chairperson needs to attend the monthly GDE Board meetings. If attendance is not possible, try to have someone else (like a coordinator) attend instead.

The Housing Chairperson should try to keep the GDE Community informed of needs, dates, procedures, etc. In addition to announcements and sign-ups at Gatherings, this is done through the monthly newsletter and the Housing page of the Dayton Emmaus website. These updates are coordinated through the Newsletter and Computer Admin Chairpersons respectively.



# 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*

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

While we shouldn't be pushy, we need to be lovingly bold like our Master. Respectful, sensitive, but unwilling to be intimidated by the profanity and lack of faith which surround us. We need to be willing to lead. Leading others in prayer is a way of taking their hand -- if only for just a moment -- and placing it into the hand of God. Who knows? They may like the feel of that strong hand, and reach for it again themselves some day soon.

Prayer is not meant to be shared only at holiday times. God is with you all of the time and covets your interaction and dialogue. Talk with God on a regular basis. Most times we do this alone, but do not be afraid to invite others to join you and you lead them in a prayer. Being able to talk with God and give all of your problems and concerns to Him is such a freeing feeling. Share God with all as you lead them in prayer.

God Bless You All  
Don Adams, Chairman

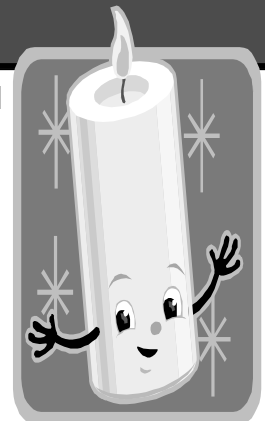
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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." *Philippians 4:6*

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." *Ephesians 6:18*

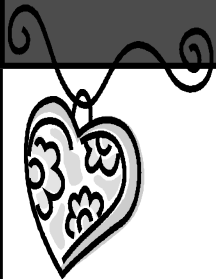
## IMPORTANT CANDLELIGHT NEWS!

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. Also 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*



## AGAPE CHAIR




The Agape logistics team has been re-located to a small room upstairs at Normandy Church. Community members are welcome to use the **Music Room** to write agape notes for Team and Pilgrims. Please drop agape in the appropriate baskets. If you would like to provide "emergency" agape, please sign the green notebook, also in the Music Room.  
*De Colores, Roiann Ward, Agape Chair*

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 Lord your God is  
 with you wherever  
 you go.  
*Joshua 1:9*



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