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Chairman's Message

Lately, have you noticed how harried and hectic life seems? I don't know about you, but I have difficulty these days trying to get my arms around all the activities in my daily life. Time seems to just fly by and before I know it Monday has turned into Sunday, and I'm looking at my calendar saying, "Where did the time go?" At times, I really believe that time is moving so fast, that if I just stood still for a moment, I'd turn 65 and retire right in front of my eyes!

Many folks in my life tell me I need to slow down—and regularly I look at what consumes my time and try to cut out those things that are "non-value" added. But many times I find that everything I'm doing is "value" added and needs my attention.

At times, I feel overwhelmed at the many things on my plate and I spend the first 30 minutes of my morning listening to the Lord for His direction on what He has for me. I have felt His Spirit calling me to various activities—and I answer His call in obedience, even when I think it's not humanly possible to do another thing.

When it is His calling, if we are obedient, He will equip us to accomplish it. Each time I read His Word and am reminded so many times that the disciples felt the same way I do, and they walked with Christ!! Even after the resurrection, God gave us the Holy Spirit to comfort us and help guide us on the path He has for us.

During this coming time of harvest and thankfulness for my blessings, I take comfort in knowing that His plans for me are good, they are to prosper me not to harm me; that when I acknowledge Him in everything I do, think and speak, He will direct my path and make it straight, even if I make wrong choices; and that in His grace and peace, I can step forward toward the prize, the higher calling which is in Christ Jesus---

Be Blessed,
Chantele Dow
Chairman, GDE



HOW TO FIND US!

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2010 EMMAUS WALKS

Held at Normandy UMC:

Men's Walk #49 - Jan 21-24, 2010
Women's Walk # 80- Feb 18-21, 2010
Women's Walk #82 - Sep 23-26, 2010

Held at Christ UMC

Women's Walk # 81 - July 15-18, 2010
Men's Walk # 50 - August 19-22, 2010

CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

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

GATHERING & BOARD MEETING

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

TRAINING & ORIENTATION

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

Date: Oct 12, 2009 / 6:30pm

Place: Normandy UMC, Room #214

This is an open invitation for everyone to attend a 45-minute training session on sponsoring pilgrims. Come and learn the best methods suggested by the National Emmaus Board.

SHARE GROUP ORIENTATION

Date: Oct 12, 2009 / 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

LEADERSHIP CHAIR

Please remember to submit your Willing Servant form if you want to be considered to serve on an upcoming team. The team selection process starts about 6 months prior to each walk. Willing Servant forms also ensure that we have the right contact information for you. As Leadership chair, I'm also the chair of the Team Selection Committee (TSC). If you have any questions for me, I am here for you. If I don't have an immediate answer, I'll get one for you. Peace be with you.

De Colores, Stephen Puderbaugh, Leadership 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 in Room 214 at Normandy Church. This is 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.

HOUSING CHAIR

Housing is looking for community support to launder the 61 foam bed slipcovers used for Walk Weekends. If anyone knows where we can get a discount at a cleaning service, please contact me via the link on the GDE website.

De Colores, Lex, Housing Chair



AGAPE CHAIR



I have several leftover letters and other agape items. Please contact me or check at the Gathering to pick up leftover agape. Also as you prepare for upcoming walks, please remember to put first and last names on cards/letters. **NO gifts/books!** If you have questions about what is acceptable, please contact me and I will be glad to help.

De Colores, Roiann Ward, Agape Chair

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

So, Just What Are You?

An acquaintance recently asked me that question. I have to admit I was stumped and stumbled and mumbled for a while trying to figure out just what he was asking me. Finally I gave up and said, "I'm sorry, but I don't have a clue about what you are asking me." Aggressively he asked, "Are you a Fox man or a CNN/MSNBC man?" How would you answer this question?

We seem to be living in a time of increasing polarization, an age of heated partisanship of "us" versus "them." Instead of engaging in civil debate over our beliefs we label people and angrily attack them with no holds barred, even to the point of violence. Television images of town hall meetings of angry people shouting in each other's faces. It doesn't seem to matter what side you're on—right, left, conservative, progressive. Both sides behaving badly.

What do you think our risen Lord Jesus thinks of all of this mean-spirited incivility? The apostle Paul offers an answer in one of his letters to those ornery folks in the Corinth church.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, (he is a) new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)

Paul reminds us that we are not to choose between being Fox or CNN/MSNBC people, but instead, choose to be reconciled people called by Jesus to be engaged in the ministry of reconciliation, "so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

The Greek word Paul uses that is translated as "reconcile" is interesting. It is a technical word that describes an "exchange" of one thing into another--in the sense that if you travel to Europe for vacation you will need to "exchange/reconcile" your Dollars into Euros.

Think about it. Christ exchanged his life so that we might live. The sins of the world exchanged for the blood of Jesus. Old exchanged for new creation. Death exchanged for eternal life in Christ.

So, just what am I? A Fox man or a CNN/MSNBC man? I choose to exchange all of that for something much more lasting and meaningful: I choose to be Christ's ambassador living into the righteousness of God. How about you?

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
George Brewer, SD

To all our Brothers and Sisters of the 4th Day Community,

Last fall, a group of friends had an exciting and powerful experience that we would like to share with you. Our small group came together with a specific intention in mind, to sponsor our daughters on a Chrysalis weekend. Little did we know all the plans God had in store for us and the affect it would have on not only the girls, but all of us.

We wanted, as sponsors of our six daughters, to prepare ourselves spiritually as well as prepare for the responsibilities as sponsors. Our group was quite diverse, we are from various different churches, religions, and attended different weekends, including Emmaus, Trais Dias and Cursillo. This complemented our experience together, it was totally awesome and it re-light that fire in our hearts which we felt on our weekend walk. During our small group meetings, we prayed for the Girls, for the other Caterpillars, and for the Team. We had a devotion time and planned for the "big weekend". We prepared Agape for our daughters, planed to serve a meal during the weekend and planed to attend all of the 4th day events including: clap-out, sponsors hour, candle-light and closing. Best of all, we bonded together as followers of Christ to form a support group for our daughters and for each other.

One unique aspect of our group was that one of our couples were hosting a foreign exchange student from Germany. She decided that she would like to attend Chrysalis with her new American friends. Since we wanted to ask her parents for Agape, we decided to find out if Germany had anything equivalent to Chrysalis. We checked it out on the Emmaus national web site and within a day was able to have an Email dialog with them. The answer was, "Yes. Chrysalis does exist in Germany. Why do you ask?" We told them our story and immediately they responded how excited they were. They told us they would be praying for these girls. As you can imagine, this got us pretty fired up as well. Just knowing that she will be taking the fire and passion of Christ back home with her is so powerful for us.

How terrific this whole experience was for us. We were able to share together and with our daughters in a very powerful way. This experience will bond them as classmates and could potentially have a significant impact on the entire high school student body. This dynamic weekend likely will spread seeds of Christ's love throughout our communities, the US and in Europe. It rekindled the fire for 10 adult sponsors once again and created a special bond between parents and daughter and also between friends.

We highly encourage anyone reading this article to consider sponsoring a teenager on a Chrysalis or Journey Weekend. You will be Blessed, as were we. If you have ever attended an adult closing and were touched by the responses of those two questions, "What has this weekend meant to you?" and "What do you intend to do with it?", hearing the teenagers give their witness will absolutely touch your heart. God Bless you, your 4th day brothers and sisters in Christ.

(Evansville District Walk to Emmaus, Evansville Area Cursillo, Southwest Indiana Walk to Emmaus)

Shannon Gehlhausen

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YOU SHOULD'VE HEARD IT!
Gathering - Sep 14, 2009

- "I don't know how anyone can experience the Walk and remain unchanged."
- " It has brought me and my wife closer."
- "My 4th Days have been wild—the whole world didn't change so take the next day off work!"
- "Jesus hung up for my hang-ups."
- "Before my walk, I was told that people were getting paid to love me, so I was gonna make them earn their money!"
- "God not only gave us the sun, He gave us the Son!"

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*

GOOD SHEPHERD

Reminder!

Those who are planning to sponsor pilgrims, please remember to look over your sponsorship duties and make a special effort to ensure your pilgrims' walk goes as comfortably as possible. Those who sponsored pilgrims in September, please bring them to the Share Group Orientation, Oct 12th, 6:15pm in the Normandy Chapel. This will be the last networking session of the year.

De Colores, Cheri Spencer, Good Shepherd

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

In accordance with procedures, 5 positions on the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board will be vacated at the end of this year. These positions are: **Newsletter, Treasurer, Computer, Good Shepherd, and Womens Registrar.** In November, the Community will elect new members to fill these positions for a 3-year term. A summary of each position has been included in the previous newsletters. Please prayerfully consider one of these positions, and if you feel called to serve, contact Don Adams (pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org).

KITCHEN CHAIR

For those unable to attend Gatherings, you can now sign up to help in the kitchen online, anytime. Just go to the Emmaus Home Page at www.daytonemmaus.org, click on the "Kitchen" tab, then click on the link to sign up and put in the time and day you want to serve. You should receive a confirmation within two days. Or for those not online, call me at 854-7583 and please leave a message with time and day, if no answer. Keep an eye out a week before the walks for a "help wanted" sign posted on the web page if we need more help.



De Colores, Marc Littman, Kitchen Chair

WORSHIP CHAIR

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs....Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:2,4



I am looking for people who interested in being a reader or providing music (instrumental or vocal) for our annual Christmas Gathering on Dec 14th. If you are interested, please contact me (Lmusicteach@aol.com). We will also have Kandle Lights for sale at the next Gathering for those sponsors who would like to purchase one as a gift of agape for their pilgrim.

De Colores, Linda Haller, Worship Chair


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Psalm 145:8-9



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