



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

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Message -

It was late one evening, really late, and I made my way to our deck out back just to take in the cool, fresh air under the starlit night sky. It had been a long day—a long week—a long month. I was very tired and my body was screaming at me, "It's time for rest!" I would relent, but first, I had to take in the peace and quiet of the moment—a moment under the heavens, hand-crafted by my Father.

He was speaking to me—even over the deafening sound of my body's screams for rest. He had a short time with me that morning, in the secret place—to hear my continuing loud cries for the answers I'd been seeking for well over a year. My heartaches had become seasoned requests for my family—those that live with me and those who are in HIS family. They are welcomed burdens He placed in my heart so somehow I know in my innermost being that He knows I would continue to seek Him for the answers even when all hope seemed lost.

So there I was, under His heavenly theater, mesmerized by its vastness and beauty—it was truly "Indescribable." I was in a different place almost, as if its vastness surrounded me and His hand-placed lights were a reflection of His smile. It was as if He was saying to me, "Do you see me—I'm right here—go ahead and touch me!" I was so enthralled by it I could hardly take a breath—I didn't even want to blink for fear of missing something. I had an audience with the King of the universe. I felt like He was listening to what was inside of me and I didn't have to even speak a word! I wanted to hear Him. Even in the coolness of the fall evening, I felt Him touch me—the breeze blew over my face and I just closed my eyes and breathed a sigh—I had felt the Master touch me—really touch me. His presence was not foreign to me—I recognized it for "His sheep know His voice" and I would add, they know His touch.

Father—I said inside my soul—you know everything. Your love is fathomless—without ending. Am I pleasing to you? My soul ached to hear His favorable reply. "Do you trust me completely? With everything? I know what you need—Trust me—I am all you need."

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### HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus  
Normandy UMC  
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd  
Centerville OH 45459  
[www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

### 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:** Nov 9, 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:** Feb 8, 2010 / 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

It's not too soon to sign-up for the upcoming Men's Walk in the following areas: **Wednesday 5:30pm (setup); Thursday 5:30pm (luggage); Sunday 7:00am (sleeping area teardown); and Sunday 4:00pm (conferenceteardown).** Look for more details online and sign-up sheets at the upcoming Gatherings. *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](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

## ***IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS!***

***1 Thessalonians 5:18 – In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.***

When I was a little girl I'd often heard the Deacons praying "If I had 10,000 tongues I couldn't thank Him enough" (they stated it was in the Bible). Although taken out of context, today I have a better understanding of their heartfelt appreciation to the Lord. It's interesting to think about all of the things we have to thank God "in" and for. As the scripture says "In everything give thanks..." So, in this season of thanksgiving, I hope you will take a moment to express your deepest thanks to a loving gracious God. Please join with me in a prayer of thanksgiving. I encourage you as well to consider sitting down and writing out your prayer of thanksgiving and marvel in an attitude of thanksgiving in the blessings of our Lord.



***Dear Gracious Lord,***

***For a brief moment we reflect on the year 2010 and find so much to be thankful for. It has been a year of great uncertainty with recession, a declining housing market, double digit jobless rates, a falling stock market, and pandemics. Yet even in this time of uncertainty we find comfort in a God who is unchanging and ever able to sustain us. In you we find certainty in uncertainty. You are a loving Savior who is consistent in love and abounding in mercy. Your love never fails and your mercies are new every morning. As we think about all the things to thank you for, one thing is certain, there is neither enough time, words, or expressions of any kind in any language that can match your love and care for us. May we forever seek you with hearts of thanksgiving and love. Thank you for being a God who knows what is best for us and who watches over us. In all things, we give You thanks!***

***Amen.***

Spiritual Director  
Mamie Johnson

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE (Continued)

I knew in an instant—His hand, His voice, His comfort and peace. I CAN trust Him with my deepest needs and desires. May His praise continually be on my mouth—that I may give thanks to my Father in heaven. For He knows everything I and my family (including my brothers and sisters in Him) have need of—I will praise Him in all things and know that my the cry of my heart and soul is only that He would be glorified. This Thanksgiving season—may you know He will provide everything you need.

Blessings,  
Chantele Dow,  
GDE Chairman



**YOU SHOULD'VE HEARD IT!**  
*Gathering - Oct 12, 2009*

- I really am gonna go to Heaven!
- I feel so much lighter after the weekend
- I'm glad to be part of something bigger than I am
- It's amazing where God takes you
- I was scared to get up, but the Lord said, "How can you sit on something so good?"
- I can't stay away from my Bible
- God has healed my mind, heart, and body
- God loves me just for who I am
- I was off work on Monday and SO exhausted!

## HEARTS & HANDS...HELPING ONE ANOTHER

As I mentioned at the October Gathering, I have felt the Lord calling me to organize a Community effort to "give back" to some people who are in desperate need. We have some dedicated members of this Community who are experiencing extremely difficult circumstances. During the next couple of months while we do not have a Walk to support, I am asking for volunteers who are willing to contribute their talents, skills, or time to assist these people who have given so much to us this past. If you are interested in practicing some **Christian Action** or you want to be part of the **Body of Christ** in a practical way, please contact me ([cdow@woh.rr.com](mailto:cdow@woh.rr.com)) for more information.

*De Colores,*  
Chantele Dow



# 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

The Greater Dayton Emmaus Community had another successful year with 2 Men's Walks held and a total of 50 pilgrims experienced the love of Jesus Christ in a new and wondrous way. Over the past couple of years our total numbers of interested pilgrims have significantly declined. Currently we have 40 pilgrims in the database who have not attended a Men's walk and some are up to 4 years old. We need all the community (new and old members alike) to seek out Pilgrims in your Church, neighborhoods or workplace. Our hope and prayer is that the database will grow and we will be able to return to the 3 Men's Walks per year. If anyone has a Grandfather, Father, Brother, Friend, Son, Grandson, or fellow worker who may be interested in attending an Emmaus Walk, please have them complete an application.

*YBIC, Keith Simpson, Men's Registrar*

## 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.** At our Gathering this month, the Community will elect newmembers 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](mailto: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](http://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 still 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](mailto:Lmusicteach@aol.com)). Please plan to bring to your Kandle Lights to the Christmas Gathering as they will part of the service. We will have them on sale at the November Gathering if you still need one.

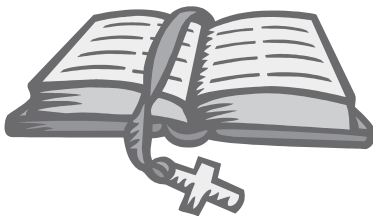
*De Colores, Linda Haller, Worship Chair*

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do good and to  
share what you  
have, for such  
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pleasing to God.*  
**Hebrews 13:16**



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