



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

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Message

The month of April is known for a lot of things in the secular society—April fool's day and April showers bring May flowers—the ground begins to unthaw, the snow dissipates, the crocuses begin to bloom and the sun begins to shine a little more often. We, as Christians, focus on Christ's death and resurrection—His sacrifice on the cross for us, and children look for good ole Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail leaving candy eggs in their backyards. Then about mid-month the joy dissipates like the snow when we give back to Caesar what is Caesar's or in this age, he's got a new name, Uncle Sam—and before you know it it's Christmas!

It seems the older we get, the faster time flies—it just seems like yesterday I had my daughter and in a couple months, she will graduate from high school! Lately, I've thought to myself, she can't graduate—I'm only twenty-five years old!! These days it seems many of us not only live paycheck to paycheck, our lives are so full of busyness, worry and "stuff" that we have little time to stop and appreciate His creation and the joy we have in Jesus. While reading the Old Testament in the book of Leviticus, I read how the Israelites had many types of offerings—they even had PEACE offerings. In the book of Kings, the prophets would say, "Go in PEACE" or the kings would ask their armies to check if other companies were "coming in PEACE." Men were known as "men of PEACE," we are to "lie down and sleep in PEACE (Ps 4:8)," Proverbs 14:30 says, "A PEACEFUL heart leads to a healthy body," people were "buried in PEACE," and Isaiah 26:3 says, "You will keep in perfect PEACE all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! But where is His peace in all the rat-race?"

I was reminded recently that He wanted me to stop and exercise His peace in my life when several times, through people and events, He whispered to me—"PEACE BE STILL." It all started with a gift from a dear sister in Christ—a small stone with the word "PEACE" engraved on it. I carefully laid it on my vanity next to my Bible to remind me each day during my harried devotions. Looking at it each day, I see it and my mind thinks, "Oh for the day when I'm with Him—then I will have His peace." Within a week or so of this gift, my pastor preached a message on PEACE, I received three different computer devotionals centered on PEACE, and received two cards in the mail—both about His PEACE! I think He was trying to tell me something—don't you?

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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)

### 2009 EMMAUS WALKS

#### Held at Normandy UMC:

Men's Walk #47 - Jan 22-25, 2009  
Women's Walk # 77 - Feb 19-22, 2009  
Women's Walk #79 - Sep 24-27, 2009

#### Held at Christ UMC

Women's Walk # 78 - July 16-19, 2009  
Men's Walk # 48 - August 13-16, 2009

### 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:** Apr 13, 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:** May 11, 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**

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

It took an injury, which made me spend several days on my back, to realize He wants me to slow down! Three days after my accident, I attended a wonderful outreach at a church in Mason OH, where my dear sister Hazel Burns was the speaker—her message—HIS PEACE! WOW! Isn't His love and care for us so very great that He will go to any length to reach us!!!

This month as we are reminded of His extravagant love for us—would you consider joining me to take the first ten minutes of each day in April to ask the Lord to lead you in His PEACE—that you would be an instrument of His PEACE? Remember—He Himself is our PEACE (Eph 2:14)!

Peaceful blessings,  
Chantele Dow  
GDE Chairman

## WORSHIP CHAIR

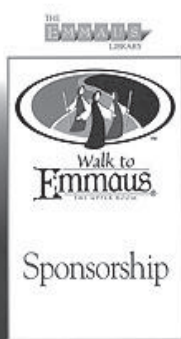
*Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs....Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:2,4*



Kandle Lights will continue to be available for purchase at Monthly Gatherings and Candlelight services. We also have AAA batteries at 3 for \$1.00 and free replacement bulbs. Due to a career move, I am resigning the position of Worship Chair. Linda Haller was elected by the Board to assume the position as of March 1, 2009.

*De Colores, Chris Christoff, Worship 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

For everyone interested in helping with the BIG MOVE from Normandy UMC to Christ UMC, please mark your calendars for **July 15, 2009**. We'll meet at **5pm**. Also look for more details and sign-up sheets at the upcoming Gatherings. We need your help!

*De Colores, Lex, Housing Chair*



# From the Spiritual Director

## *Servitude versus Servanthood*

In 1974 Chinese farmers were digging in a field on the outskirts of Xi'an a city in the Shanxi Province of China when they changed the course of history. They found a lot more than fertile soil that day when one of their shovels clanked into a hard object beneath ground level. They cleared the earth from around the object and discovered the shape of a man's head cast in terracotta clay. And that was the beginning of one of the most spectacular archeological finds in the history of civilization, let alone China—the Terracotta Warrior army of Qin Shihuangdi, the First Emperor of unified China. Google these titles and you'll be amazed at what you'll see.

Archeologists estimate that over 8,000 life-size kiln-fired clay figures were created, most of which still lie buried in the earth. Although only 8 casts were used to create the warriors, each figure was given a unique face. The warrior figures surround the tomb of Emperor Qin along with artifacts, tools, horse figures, and many, many underground buildings. It has been dubbed "The Eighth Wonder of the World".

I saw some of these figures at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Georgia recently. What fascinated me most was how Emperor Qin mobilized so many of his people to accomplish this incredible feat—by conscripted labor. Over 7,000 artisans and workers lived out their daily lives year after year building a monument to "Qin ruler of China and of the Universe." His Exaltedness also commissioned the building of the Great Wall of China, using conscripted labor as well. It took over a century to complete the tomb project, long after his death in 206 B.C. But such was the honor owed to the man who united and ruled with an iron fist over the Kingdom of China.

200 years later another historically dramatic figure lived on this earth—Jesus Christ. He also was a ruler of a Kingdom; however, his was of a different kind. Qin sacrificed his people to build monuments to his power; Jesus sacrificed himself for his people. As a result, we are his monuments of grace, not monuments of clay. Qin's subjects were muted like statues, unable to be free; Jesus' followers were given freedom and use it to sing His praise. Qin conquered his enemies with violence and fear to make them his slaves. Jesus conquered fear and death to set us free from sin. Qin's people unwillingly built a monument that enslaved and consumed their lives. The servants of Jesus willingly give their lives for his sake and are consumed by his love.

Seeing those mute, clay figures in that museum caused me to think about which king I would rather serve. No brainer—the one who allows me to choose. And that was my revelation of the week. As a follower of Jesus, I am always free to choose not only whether I serve him or not, but even to choose what I do every day. Everyone once in awhile I catch myself using a phrase "I have to go to a church board meeting this week", "I should give more to the offering", or "I ought to move cots at Christ Church this weekend for an Emmaus Walk." In saying so, I have made myself a slave of Qin instead of a servant of Christ. Why? Anything that begins with "I must, should, ought, have to..." is a statement of servitude, not servanthood.

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# From the Spiritual Director



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There are times my life is busy—work, family, and other things that I truly must do and should do (who likes filing income tax reports, getting the car serviced, taking my child to the doctor, obeying the traffic laws, etc.). Sometimes I just feel tired and worn out and wish that appointment to serve wasn't on my calendar. And then there is the truth that sometimes I just plain don't feel like being a servant. Sitting on my desk at work is a statue which I bought at the tourist trap at the High Museum—a miniature 8 inch terracotta statue of one of the clay figures, a general in Qin's army. Somedays I feel like that statue—rigid, unmoving, uncaring—unable to move. It represents the condition of my unconquered, selfish heart, the "old man of sin"—whom I've now named "Emperor Qin". And like Paul in Romans 7 confesses, I pray "Oh wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this body of death?"

Fortunately, the Holy Spirit can do what the Terracotta Warrior's archeologists can't do—turn the heart of stone into a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26). I think God rather wants me and you to confess—"God I really don't feel like being a servant today; please give me the heart of Jesus" rather than for me to smile insincerely and render service in a grudging, unhappy way. I rather think that's what the 7,000 artisans and craftsmen had to do. Smile as Emperor Qin rode by while resenting doing his will. I'm so glad God doesn't expect or want that and will instead give me the grace to be His servant with a happy heart. "Choose you this day whom you will serve". A no brainer.

*De Colores,  
Dave Evans  
Spiritual Director*



## YOU SHOULD'VE HEARD IT!

*< Gathering - March 9, 2009 >*

- "That weekend was a life-changing experience..."
- "Heaven must be like that..."
- "Thanks for the food!"
- "I was tired and a little gassy when I got home..."
- "It's finals week and this would normally be a time of stress, sleeplessness, and nausea..."
- "I feel a sense of peace that I never felt before..."
- "Tuesday I went to the grocery store and told a complete stranger that I love her..."
- "I'm an honorary sister chick!"
- "God cannot be explained - only experienced..."

# 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

The next share group orientation will be held on Monday, May 11th, in the small chapel at 6:15pm before the May Gathering. This is open to anyone who is looking for a share group or looking to grow their share group. I am updating my share group interest file. Please contact me on line at [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org) and fill out a share group interest form if you have not done so in the last month. You may also fill out a paper form from the book table and mail it to me. If you have not attended a sponsorship training session please attend only once. Sessions are held before every Gathering at 6:30PM in room 114 at the top of the spiral staircase.

*De Colores, Cheri Spencer, Good Shepherd*

## 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: **Newsletter, Treasurer, Computer, Good Shepherd, and Women's Registrar**. In November, the Community will elect new members to fill these positions for a 3-year term. A summary of each position will be included in the upcoming newsletters. We ask that you prayerfully consider one of these positions, and if you feel called to serve, please contact Don Adams ([pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org)).

### TREASURER RESPONSIBILITIES

Serve the Greater Dayton Emmaus community and the Board by performing the following duties:

- Recording & accounting for deposits as received by the board Secretary
- Write checks and pay the Emmaus bills on a timely basis
- Maintain proper records for two bank accounts utilizing accounting software
- Work with Supply chair to maintain sufficient balances in the Supply account for walk expenses not paid out of the Primary account
- Attend all Board meetings and provide a monthly accounting of balances, activity, etc
- Reconcile bank statements on a monthly basis
- Compile a yearly budget for the Board
- Complete tax returns for the Emmaus community

## 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*




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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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