



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

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Message

Last month, the Lord really had been leading me to notice and receive HIS PEACE. What an awesome month of prayer asking Him to help me not only walk in His peace, but to BE an instrument of His peace!

Recently, I was listening to a pastor speak on Faith—his message from the Lord was entitled, "What's it Gonna Take? Where Life Meets Faith." The message began with the scripture out of John, chapter 20, verses 24-29. This was the remembrance of Thomas, called Didymus. Thomas learns that the other disciples had seen Jesus alive after he was crucified, yet Thomas did not believe them when they told him. He had to see Jesus alive with his own eyes, or he would not believe. It was not until Jesus appeared to Thomas and spoke to him, that he believed.

The sermon was all about Faith—what will it take for us to live our Faith? As Christians, we try to live each day walking by faith—that our faith would make a profound impact on who we are, and what we do, say, think and accept as truth. Many of us are much like Thomas—seeing is believing. The more I learn about Jesus, the more I realize how little I really know—and how much more I must depend on my faith in Him to lead me in every aspect of my life. Shortly after this sermon, I heard a radio program talking about the very same thing—coincidence—Nope! The pastor spoke about the verb "to see" in the context of committing sin and gave scriptural examples where seeing something or someone caused temptation that, when acted upon, materialized into sin. Whether like Eve who ate the forbidden fruit (Gen 3:6), or the Israelites who needed to see the golden calf to worship (Exodus 32:4), and on many occasions in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers, saw God's presence leading or following them as a cloud and pillar of fire. Then there was David who, when he saw Bathsheba (2 Sam 11:3), was tempted into sin by his sight, Lot who saw the Jordan Valley as a better deal (Gen 13:10), and so many more. The people of the Old and New Testaments were no different than us!

Do you remember the little song, "Be careful little eyes what you see?" Many decisions we make based purely on appearance—what we see, rather than trusting the Lord in the unseen. For Thomas, seeing was believing. For us, believing is seeing! Last month at Gathering, Martha Logan spoke on Faith and Doubt. What will it take for us to truly walk in faith and trust each step daily to Him? Stop doubting—just believe!

Chantele Dow  
GDE Chairman

### HOW TO FIND US!

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### 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:** May 11, 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**

## WORSHIP CHAIR

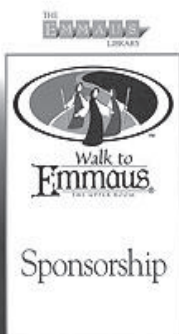
*Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs....Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:2,4*



There are many ways you can help the worship team during walk weekends and monthly gatherings. Right now I am in need of someone who would be willing to call people each month for serving communion at gatherings. We will also be organizing a set-up crew and a tear-down crew for walk weekends. If you would like to help in these areas, please let me know. Just a reminder to fill out your willing servant for so that you can be contacted..

*De Colores, Linda Haller, 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*



## 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**

## THIS TOO SHALL PASS

*“The grass withers the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.”*  
*Isaiah 40:8*

Spring is finally here! The trees have leaves again. The grass is green again. The sun is up earlier and stays out later again; and just like clockwork, April showers bring May flowers. The change in scenery is a welcome sight after a long hard winter.

The spring weather is a great opportunity to get out and do something other than watch the news of economic uncertainty and politically charged debates on who to blame and how to fix it. With all the global debate and economic turmoil going on it's reassuring to know that *“the grass withers, the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.”* Everything else in life is temporary and will fade just like the seasons.

So don't put your confidence in houses and the stock market and 401k's. They will disappoint. Rather, put your hope in the word of our God. *“In my Father's house there are many mansions, if it were not true I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you may be where I am.”-John 14-2:3*

Don't put your confidence in family and friends. They will disappoint. Rather, put your hope in the word of our God. *“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”-Hebrews 13:5* *“Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.”-Psalm 27:10*

Don't put your confidence in the job you have, the clothes you wear or the food you eat. They will disappoint. Rather, put your hope in the word of our God. *“So do not worry, saying ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”-Matthew 6:31-33*

I'm glad Spring is finally here. I'm enjoying the longer daylight hours, and the green grass and the shade trees and the flowers while they bloom. But, I'm ever mindful of the fact that just like winter, this too shall pass. So in a world that's ever changing let's not forget, **“the grass withers, the flowers fall....but, the word of our God stands forever!”**

De Colores,  
 Palmer Jason  
 Spiritual Director

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

## 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)).

### WOMEN'S REGISTRAR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve the Greater Dayton Emmaus community and the Board by performing the following duties:
- Pick up mail at the post office in Kettering
- Post information on each application and prepare monies/checks for deposit
- Mail information & invitations to new applicants and sponsors
- Maintain registration files
- Provide pilgrim information to Lay Directors for each Walk
- Prepare lanyards for each walk and distribute at Sponsors' hour
- Check-in pilgrims on Thursday evening



## YOU SHOULD'VE HEARD IT!

*< Gathering - April 13, 2009 >*

- After my walk, I went home, took a shower in my own tub, and I felt the water...
- People at Meijers don't like to be hugged!
- Fear not - just believe!

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another

## 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*

## AGAPE CHAIR



Please remember to provide agape for the upcoming Walks! You may bring your contributions to the Gathering or to the Walk weekends. If you have questions about what is acceptable, please let me know.

*De Colores, Roiann Ward, Agape Chair*

## EMMAUS AROUND THE WORLD



Well Hello from Iraq. Thank you for the continued emails about things that are going on within the community. It is nice to hear from home.

Well I have a fourth day story. When I departed from my Walk I was filled with the spirit and eager to tell everyone the story of our Savior. Well I did and people could see it. I left three weeks after my walk for training and then to Iraq. I was tested and I fell right back into my same old same old routine. I was being cool with the guys and not asking for help from God, my family, no one. As time went on and I found how I was talking to people about things that were going on (getting personal and mean) I stopped and started praying. This is the biggest thing that I found on my walk, that even I could talk to God and he will listen. I started talking to my wife, Hope Caggiano and praying more to God. I stopped the insults and watched my tongue. I started to listen more and give more compliments. When I wanted to interject a rude comment (like I would before) I stopped and let the moment pass. How in the world I did that I will never know. I started reading the bible more and studying the word more. I read more about situations in the bible and place myself in every situation.

I guess that I can say that God hit me in the head and said, "Listen I am trying to tell you something." I stopped and listened. I feel the power of God again and share it with everyone that will listen. Those that do not know the Lord question me, those that are curious listen to me, but the one that challenges me blesses me. My wife and I share our experience from our weekend.

Thanks  
Peter Caggiano


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*1 John 4:16*



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