



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

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Message

Is it time for vacation yet? We are nearing the mid-point of the year—schools are preparing for graduations, companies are preparing financial statements, students are preparing for final exams and cannot wait for summer break—and the teachers too! It's the expectation that we can let go of the hustle and bustle, let our hair down and just relax; but what is it really that makes us feel “refreshed”?

Isn't it just the “letting go” part of a vacation that really allows us to relax and take it easy? To have the feeling of, “sigh” it's done, and now I can just relax? What is it about “letting go”? It's freeing—but to some, it is hard to do!

I've had a lot of lessons in life, just as we all have, about “letting go” and lately, I've found myself in the same familiar position—in more than one area of my life. My daughter graduating from high school and I've had to let go, and trust the Lord to care for her road ahead. The Lord blessed my efforts at work through a promotion—so letting go of fear of the future, my ability to perform, and my own expectations of my ability. Even when I pray about serving the Lord through the Dayton Emmaus community and the Board, and my ability to lead you—to “be an example to the believers...,” praying and waiting on Him, desiring, but not knowing if I am hearing Him correctly. Again, it's another area I must “let go,” leaving it in His hands and trusting Him, leaning not to my own understanding.

Letting go is freeing—but it can scary. When you go on vacation—how much luggage do you carry? Luggage is heavy depending on what it contains. Sometimes, bringing the bare essentials will not only make for lighter luggage—it makes for an easier vacation!

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### HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus  
Normandy UMC  
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[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:** June 8, 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:** June 8, 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

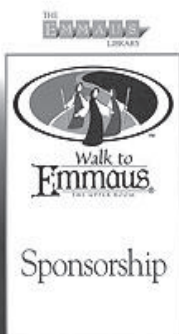
*Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.....Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:2,4*



God answered prayers for 2 people willing to call others to serve communion and bring bread to gatherings. Now, I would like to lift up the need for people who would be willing to lead community music at gatherings and also those who would be willing to share special music. We have also made a change to the worship format. I invite everyone to come and experience God in a new way.

*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

## “We and I”

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Does this prayer sound familiar to you? No one remembers who first prayed it, but it has been prayed by faithful Christians for over a thousand years. It is called the Prayer for Holiness and Purity.

It is a "we" prayer, reminding us that we are all part of something bigger than ourselves: the Body of Christ, alive, filled with the Holy Spirit, continuing Jesus' healing and restoring ministry in the world. Yet, we are reminded that our "we" is made up of "I's." In the mission and ministry of the church, each one of us is important no matter how old or young we may be. Each one of us has a part to play in making God's love in Jesus real today. Each one of us carries the light of that love into the dark places of the world's despair.

I ask you to pray the prayer again and replace the "we" with "I." Then consider in what ways you will live out how you are growing and aspiring to "perfectly love" and "worthily magnify" God through the grateful and generous giving of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in and through the life of your church and the Greater Dayton Emmaus community.

May God continue to bless you in and through the love of Jesus.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Pastor George Brewer

# 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)).

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Schedule Normandy Chapel for Share Group orientations sessions for the next year at the beginning of the year.
- Facilitate Share Group Orientations and networking sessions on the months following a walk on Gathering nights at 6:15 in the Chapel. Attend Gatherings.
- Assist anyone in the community to get into a Share Group
- Receive from Emmaus Web site and keep in an Excel file, a record of community members who are interested in a Share Group and contact via phone or email.
- Arrange outreach opportunities and Speak at area churches to share about Emmaus.
- Make announcements at Send Off Sponsor's Hour of each walk, in the chapel. And take care of prayer vigil.
- Sell Day Four Books at closings. Attend closings.
- Prepare handouts for pilgrim packets to remind them about coming to Share Group orientations.
- Purchase stamps and post cards, fill them out and mail them to new pilgrims to inform them of the Share Group Orientations and networking sessions.
- Provide lists of pilgrims and their sponsors for agape room (from registrar's information).
- Make copies of share group interest form, Walk applications for book table and handouts for pilgrims.
- Set up and supply resource table at Gatherings. Provide change and turn in report of items sold to Board.
- Facilitate Sponsorship Training.
- Attend Emmaus Board Meetings on 4th Tuesday of each month at 7PM and provide communion elements on assigned month.
- Prepare and email Board Report each month.
- Prepare Power Point slide for Good Shepherd for monthly gatherings.
- Prepare newsletter announcement for monthly newsletters.
- Make phone contact and mail brochures to anyone interested in Emmaus.
- Inventory books and supplies pertaining to Good Shepherd book table.

# 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, June 8th**, 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 214 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*

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

Carrying a lighter load may help us get to our vacation destination more quickly—and allow us to get-on with “letting go.” I believe this is why Jesus tells us to rest and rely on Him—His yoke is easy and His burden is light. He wants us to “let go” and “let God.” The Word *commands* us in Galatians 6:2 to, “Bear ye one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

What are you carrying around that you need to “let go” of? How can I help you?

In His Service,  
Chantele Dow  
Chairman, GDE

## 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*

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Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.  
**Luke 24:35**



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