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Chairman's Message -

Greetings in Jesus name! I pray your summer, so far, has been uneventful and a welcomed break. As we begin the month of July, not only do I get a bit older, but my focus turns to this beautiful country we live in—and call home. The 4th of July marks a momentous occasion, just as it has in each of the years since 1776. On this day in that fateful year, 442 days after the first volleys of the American Revolution were fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. Each and every day since, America, and the ideals she represents, has been as then Candidate for Congress and later President John F. Kennedy remarked on 4 July 1946, "A constant flame, a torch held aloft for the guidance of other nations."

At 233 years young, I'm certain that even with today's economic woes, we can collectively consider ourselves extremely blessed and thankful we live in this free nation. My earliest school memories were in kindergarten, marching around in a circle with my classmates, carrying a little United States flag and with my hand over my heart, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. We followed it by singing the America the Beautiful. Although the National Anthem came several years later, each time I sing the words, my thoughts wonder to the courageous men and women who have given their lives so that we may enjoy freedom. Freedom to live, and move and have our being—in Him!

While I truly appreciate this gift of freedom, I'm also reminded of the gift of freedom I have in Jesus Christ. Last month, my article was about "letting go" of the baggage we carry around with us. The baggage that keeps us from truly living in the freedom Christ died to give us. I know that it is not a coincidence that my thoughts are once again drawn to this—how awesome is it that God put us in this beautiful country—a country that was founded on His sacrifice and grace (even still)!

Why is it that we have so much trouble living in this freedom? We have been doubly blessed—just as so many have lost their lives for the freedom we enjoy in this country, Christ gave Himself that we may live a life of freedom in Him, so that others may see our lives and want to know Him. (Cont'd on Page 3)

HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd
Centerville OH 45459
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: July 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: Aug 10, 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

Important DATE!

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**. If you cannot make it at 5pm, please call my cell **937-271-8446** to find out where to meet. Look for more details and sign-up sheets at the upcoming Gathering. We need your help!

De Colores, Lex, Housing Chair



AGAPE CHAIR



Please remember to provide agape for the upcoming Walks! You may bring your contributions to the Gathering or to the Walk weekends. Please remember to put first and last names on cards/letters. **NO gifts/books!** If you have questions about what is acceptable, please let me know.

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

REMEMBER ME

“And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”

Luke 23:42

An interesting question was posed to a group of young summer campers recently. They had been listening to a song by Matthew West called “Something to Say”. The question they were asked was, “Would anybody miss you if you disappeared?” They were then asked, “Who would they miss if they disappeared?” I’m told that the children were quite specific in their responses and really took the questions quite seriously. Their apparent in their response would be some characteristic that would evoke thoughts of sadness and longing if that person were no longer here.

It’s an interesting question for everyone to consider. Would anybody miss you if you disappeared? It reminds me of the thief who was on the cross next to Jesus. As he hung on that cross, close to death, he had come to the knowledge and realization of who Christ was. But there was something more powerful that I saw. I saw salvation and grace in light of his circumstance. Here was a man who had sinned and deserved punishment, death looming. I’m sure in his current condition not many would miss a dying thief. Yet in a brief moment in time a thief came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. And guess what, many remember him! Not necessarily by name but as a thief on a cross who asked Christ “Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”

Paul spoke in the book of Romans saying “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13). It is when we come to the realization of who Christ is and accept Him as Lord that He hears us and He saves us. Your previous condition no longer matters. Christ saves you immediately and completely. You become a member of the family of God. What wonderful reassurance!

How would you like to be remembered?

In His Love and Grace,
Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE (Cont’d)

We cannot live a fully free, spirit-filled and led life, if we do not allow Jesus to take complete hold of us and get rid of the “stuff” that separates us from Him. What keeps you from truly living in the freedom Christ died to give you? What is in your suitcase that is weighing you down? My prayer is that though we are merely earthen vessels, we will be broken—such that, as He fills us to overflowing, the love of Christ will seep out through the holes of our life—and those around us cannot help but get wet and experience His life-giving freedom. To live is Christ, to die is gain.

In His love, Chantele, GDE Chairman

Pray for One Another

Women's Walk #78
July 16-19, 2009

<u>PILGRIM LIST</u>		<u>TEAM ROSTER</u>		
Connie Anderson	Franklin	Name	Position	Talk
Anita Antoinette	Dayton	Rita Anspach	LOG	
Lori Ault	West Carrollton	Brittany Breisch	ATL	
Norma Blackburn	West Carrollton	George Brewer	ASD	<i>Obstacles to Grace</i>
Lee Ann Blevins	Middletown	Jane Butcher	TL	<i>Christian Action</i>
Dorothy Boyce	Dayton	Melodie Byrd	LD	<i>Perseverance</i>
Pam Campbell	Waynesville	Barbara Coultice	ATL	
Kim Corbett	Kettering	Julia Crowl	MD	
Lauren Coyle	Beavercreek	Karen DuBro	TL	<i>Body of Christ</i>
April Crommett	Kettering	Kim Duff	LOG	
Grace Davenport	Smithville, TN	Dana Eldridge	ATL	
Priscilla DeLong	Dayton	Vicki Engel	BR	
Brandy Fowler	Dayton	Dave Evans	ASD	<i>Sanctifying Grace</i>
Julie Hartley	Cedarville	Michelle Flannery	ATL	
Willa Hedrick	Dayton	Ann Greiner	TL	<i>Priesthood of All Believers</i>
Trish Henn	Cleves	Karen Hall	ALD	<i>Grow Through Study</i>
Mavis Koon	Dayton	Desi Harning	ASD	<i>Justifying Grace</i>
Sue Krichbaum	Miamisburg	Sandy Hedge	AMD	
Emily Leopard	Xenia	Kathleen Hosner	ALD	<i>Priority</i>
Tiffany Lopez	Beavercreek	Heidi Jones	TL	<i>Changing our World</i>
Jackie Martin	Dayton	Pam Kooser	PS	
Linda Mattila	Medway	Sarah Hurley	ATL	
Betty Meseke	Centerville	Sandy Pappenfus	SD	<i>Prevenient Grace</i>
Brenda Mitchell	Miamisburg	Susan Pummell	TL	
Cathy Newcomb	Centerville	Ann Rice	ATL	
Janet Pitts	Dayton	Allyn Richied	LOG	
Tammy Price	Troy	Susan Saul	ATL	
Julia Roat-Abla	Troy	Beth Shilt	ALD	<i>Fourth Day</i>
MaryAnn Schum	Kettering	Gail Simpson	TL	<i>Life in Piety</i>
Vicky Shaw	Kettering	Dave Tackett	SD	<i>Means of Grace</i>
Tracy Steffen	Dayton	Debbie Tope	PS	
Diana Stewart	Centerville	Susan Updike	TL	<i>Discipleship</i>
Donna Stover	Xenia			
Kathie Walker	Okeana			
Paula Williams	Centerville			
Amanda Young	Dayton			
Melony Zimmer	Dayton			

ALD – Assistant Lay Director	LD – Lay Director
AMD – Assistant Music Director	Log - Logistics
ASD – Assistant Spiritual Director	MD – Music Director
ASDL – Assistant Spiritual Director Live-in	PS – Prayer Servant
ATL – Assistant Table Leader	SD – Spiritual Director
BR – Board Rep	TL – Table Leader

Please note the Team and Pilgrim rosters are subject to change after press-time. Prior to the Walk weekend, the Newsletter is updated with the most current Pilgrim / Team rosters and posted on the Dayton Emmaus website:
<http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm>

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 sponsoring pilgrims on the July walk, remember to look over your sponsorship duties and make a special effort to ensure your pilgrims walk go as comfortably as possible. Also put it on your calendar to bring them to the Share Group Orientation and Networking session on August 10th at 6:15pm on the small chapel right before the gathering. If you have not attended a sponsorship training session, be sure you attend the July 13th training session at 6:30pm in room 214 at the top of the spiral staircase. There is NO share group orientation or networking session in July.

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).

COMPUTER ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend monthly board meetings
- Maintain Community database and work closely with registrars to ensure accuracy
- Maintain community newsletter mailing list and prepare mailing labels monthly
- Maintain, print, and provide updated Board rosters for Walks and other needs
- Make copies of Team & Pilgrim rosters for Agape room on Walk weekends
- Make Agape room box labels on Walk weekends
- Provide potential Lay Director reports to Executive Committee
- Provide potential Team Selection reports for Team Selection Committee}
- Maintain and print Community Rosters annually
- Print other documentation for the Board as necessary

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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who endures trial, for
when he has stood
the test he will receive
the crown of life which
God has promised to
those who love him.”
James 1:12



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