



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

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## Chairman's Corner

Now that it has been over a month since our last walk in February and we have a few months until our next walk in July, one might think this would be a good time for a break. I encourage you to take the time needed to take a breath, but I also suggest this is a great time to prepare!

This is a good time to begin preparing any potential pilgrims for the next few walks. Pray for those potential pilgrims, help them with their applications, answer their questions, and begin thinking about ways to serve them as they attend a walk. Sponsorship training is still happening before each gathering and is a great opportunity to learn and ask questions.

Teams are now being formed for the July, August, and September walks. Please pray for this process and for those who are being called to serve on the live-in teams. Most team members serve in their role for the first time - from the Lay Director to the Assistant Table Leaders. So even "seasoned veterans" are learning new things.

This is also a good time to learn more about opportunities to serve on a walk weekend outside of the live-in team. There is always a need for help in the kitchen, with housing, with worship, and other areas. There is some information on the Dayton Emmaus website or you can talk to the chairpersons. They can be found at the gatherings and their contact information is on the website. When you fill out your willing servant form, be sure to indicate where you would like to help.

I pray that we all find our ways to serve. Lots and lots of help is needed to put on these weekends effectively.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Stephen Puderbaugh, Greater Dayton  
Emmaus Chairman



## HOW TO FIND US!

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[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 29-Aug 4,  
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:** April 12, 2010 / 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:** August 9, 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**

## 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 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.

## SHARE GROUPS

Share groups are the backbone of the Emmaus Community. If you are not currently in a share group or if you are looking to grow your share group, please sign up on line at [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org) under share groups. Paper forms are also available at the book table at the Gatherings.

The next share group orientation and networking session will be August 9th at 6:15 in the small chapel

## WILLING SERVANTS

Please remember to update, or either submit for the first time, your willing servant form.. This is especially important for those of you who desire to serve on a live-in team (and hopefully, that is all of you!). The willing servant forms provide the basis for team candidate lists that are prayed over by the lay director for guidance from the Holy Spirit before forming the team. You can submit a willing servant form online at [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org), print a copy from the website and submit via the US mail service, or fill one out at gathering. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Bev Barret, Leadership Chair, at [leadership@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:leadership@daytonemmaus.org).

## 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**

## GOT EASTER POWER?

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. -1 Peter 1:3-5 (NIV)*

*With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. -Acts 4:33 (NIV)*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. -2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)*

*“On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside of the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return.”*

-Annie Dillard in *Teaching a Stone to Talk*

First and foremost, we Christians are an Easter people. Today this is often forgotten as the forces of commercialism within our culture have over many years made the celebration of Christmas the primary event in the Christian year. We forget that the early Christians did not consider Christmas important enough to celebrate until late in the fourth century. Don't get me wrong, joyfully celebrating the birth of Jesus is and should be important to us. But as a faith event it pales in importance compared to what took place on Easter.

Easter proves that God's love is more powerful than the power of Evil in the world. Easter vindicates the life, the teaching, and ministry of Jesus. As Peter reminds us Jesus' resurrection from the dead gives us new birth into a living hope into an inheritance that will never perish, spoil or fade. The early apostles testified to the power of God's Easter love and much grace was upon them all. Paul pleads with us to grasp onto the opportunity God's resurrection power makes available to us by living in Christ, claiming our place in God's new creation that was birthed in Jesus' resurrection —“the old is gone, the new has come!” -- that in him “we might become the righteousness of God.”

I invite everyone reading this newsletter to pray to God this Easter and ask him to help you reclaim the power of Easter, the power of resurrection, the power of new creation in your life, in your ministry, and in your church. Annie Dillard asks, “Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it?”

# 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*

## LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is located in the narthex before every gathering. If you have lost anything during gathering or a walk, please check to see if it was turned in.

## MEN'S REGISTRAR

The Greater Dayton Emmaus Community is looking for a few "GODLY" Men! The planning has begun for the next Men's walk, Walk #50 in August at Christ UMC. If anyone has a Grandfather, Father, Brother, Son, Grandson, Friend or fellow worker who may be interested in attending a Men's walk please have him complete an application and send it in so we can add to our list of Pilgrims. Jesus is counting on "YOU" as we continue to count on "HIM"! *YBIC, Keith Simpson, Men's Registrar*

## HEARTS AND HANDS

Hearts and Hands, the outreach of our community, is sponsoring two work days in April for a community member who is in need of our help and support. Some of the items in the home in need of repair are:

Toilet constantly cycles after flushing	HVAC system in need of replacement
Windows in house are not sealed	Bathroom ceiling falling down
Peeling paint	Bathroom floor tile needs replacing
Kitchen floor chipped/scratched	Leaking roof over stairs and in kitchen

This list gives just a few of the problems with our Emmaus member's home. Won't you give of your time and be Christ's hands and feet? The work days are April 10 and 17. Contact Chantele Dow for more information, [cdow@woh.rr.com](mailto:cdow@woh.rr.com) or 937-431-8282

## DID YOU HEAR THIS?

Pilgrims who attended GDE Women's Walk #80 had these comments to share when asked about their fourth days:

*I feel the need to do a cartwheel!  
On my walk, I experienced true love.  
My walk was life-changing.  
Every morning I'm telling myself that God loves me and I'm his beloved.  
I left the lies behind.  
This mountain doesn't go down!  
I lost control...I gave it up!  
The Emmaus experience was the safest I've ever felt in a group.*

Thank you for sharing. You help the community remember our own pilgrim walks and we are blessed by your experiences.

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## KAIROS NEWS

The "Cookie Alternative" ...bring a GFS or Kroger Gift card instead of baking cookies for Warren Correctional Institute #5. Last day to bring in gift cards is the May Gathering. Each gift is tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. To volunteer for Kairos kitchen help from May 13 to May 16 contact Lex at [lex\\_6565@yahoo.com](mailto:lex_6565@yahoo.com). Meal will be cooked at Praise and Worship Center on Miller Rd in Lebanon.

## HOUSING NEWS

IT'S COMING.....28 July and 25 August.....The Big Move. Everything used for an Emmaus Weekend will be moved from Normandy UMC to Christ UMC, Kettering 28 July, and back again 25 August. We can't have too many people. Please consider supporting GD Emmaus by helping with the move. If you are physically unable to participate, please pray.

## BOARD NOMINATIONS

At the end of 2010, there will be five open board positions to fill. These are:

- Worship
- Agape
- Secretary
- Book Table/Normandy Representative
- Documentation

Information sessions will be held before monthly gatherings to offer you the opportunity to speak with one of the outgoing board representatives and find out what their job entails. These will be held at 6:00 in room 208. This is one of the ways you can serve Christ by serving the Emmaus community. Remember, Christ is counting on you! Please prayerfully consider coming to one of the information meetings and running for office. For more information, please contact Chantele Dow, [cdow@woh.rr.com](mailto:cdow@woh.rr.com) or 937-431-8282.

## FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR (CON'T)

Let's all reclaim the power of Easter, reach for our life preservers, grab our signal flares, put on our crash helmets, and preach the good news of Easter in both word and deed—knowing that our living Lord “may draw us out to where we can never return.”

Happy Easter!

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor George Brewer


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Lord is has  
risen!”

Luke 24:34



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