



# Walk to Emmaus® Newsletter

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Corner

Isn't it wonderful that God is there for us no matter what our circumstances might be? A question like this might lead you to think of all the times God has been there to help us through times of hardship, suffering, or sorrow. And even though God is indeed our refuge in times of trouble, he also loves to be there for us in times of joy and thanksgiving!

Let God be the one you celebrate with as well as the one who holds you up. He loves to be there for us when things are going well. Let's give Him all the glory and praise in our good times. There are so many wonderful things to praise Him for in this life, not to mention everything that will come after. Doesn't the thought of eternal life with Jesus and your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ just make you swell with delight? As you think about these things, share them with someone! Happiness can be infectious! Let us be a people who delight in the Lord.

Nehemiah (8:10, 12):

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words [from the Book of the Law of God] that had been made known to them.

I look forward to seeing your smiling faces the next time we meet!

In His Joyous Love,

Stephen Puderbaugh

### HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus  
Normandy UMC  
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd  
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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: May 10 / 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 either update, or 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

## FROM THE SD's STUDY

"May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace encouraged us with good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17.

As we live out our Easter faith, how do we stay connected with the Resurrection reality we proclaim? I don't know about you, but this is a challenge for me as I journey thru the year and time distances me from the glory of Easter Sunday.

Honestly, it's easy for me to be an Easter person on Easter morning and for a week or two following. It's fresh and new! The Story is alive in me. It also doesn't hurt to be surrounded by the beauty of springtime. Life seems to hold so much promise as the earth re-awakens and the gospel message of salvation and victory rings afresh in our hymns and anthems. It's glorious!

But, as the weeks pass, and I get back into the routines of life...there can be a letdown. We encounter difficult people and experience ugly situations. The pristine "high" of Easter Sunday gets sullied by the sinfulness and brokenness of living in a Good Friday world. The honeymoon, sadly, ends. We come down from the mountain. So what are we to do? I periodically must remind myself of the following:

The truth of God's victory over sin and death is not diminished by my fickle emotions or the chronological passing of time. Christ is alive and Lord of the universe regardless of whether I'm having a good day or not! The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is not dependent upon how I feel or what the daily news brings. He is Risen regardless of the weather report or the numbers found on the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Christ is the beginning and the end; the first and the last; the Alpha and Omega. Christ transcends all politics, nations, and human limitations. The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it (John 1:5).

The gospel may be experienced on the mountaintop; but it is lived out in the valley. The Risen Christ is most present in times of sadness, grief, and pain. We are not called to avoid these things (as if we could) but to engage them in the power of His love. Christ redeems and makes new...especially in the broken places. Easter is found (or can be) in every day. Resurrection can be present in every encounter and situation if I am open to the movement of the Spirit. Can I discern the power and presence of God in this situation? My task is to stay close to Christ thru prayer, the Means of Grace, my Christian friends, and worship. In so doing, I better develop the "eyes to see and ears to hear" that our Lord calls us to have. And I can praise God and place myself at His disposal throughout the year.

DeColores!  
Dave Tackett

# 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

Get ready for a Spirit filled weekend in August. The next Men's walk, Walk #50 will be held on August 19th – 22nd at Christ UMC. The Greater Dayton Emmaus Community is looking for 32 "GODLY" Men! 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 get it sent 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

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the volunteers who helped during our outreach project workdays in April. Much work was accomplished, and the face of God was present among His many hands and feet. We will have another work day in May. The date will be announced at the May gathering.

Contact Chantele Dow for more information, [cdow@woh.rr.com](mailto:cdow@woh.rr.com) or 937-431-8282

## WILLING SERVANT FORMS—CLERGY

There are new willing servant forms on the website for clergy who are willing to give a talk or serve on a live-in team. Any interested clergy can go online to indicate how they would like to serve in the Emmaus Community

## BY-LAWS REVISION

The Greater Dayton Emmaus Board has been updating and revising our by-laws. Look for these to be posted on the website in June. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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## 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
- Normandy Representative/Book 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.


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Nathanel said to Philip, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip answered, "Come and see."  
John 1:46



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