



Walk to Emmaus[®] Newsletter

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Chairman's Message -

Greetings Dayton Emmaus Community! I am humbled to be serving you as Chairman of the Board for this year. Sometimes, I'm not sure how adequate I feel serving in this position, but I realize God knows what he's doing and will give me what I need to accomplish His plans. I'm reminded of Philippians 4:13, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." It may sound a little cliché, but God truly does equip those He has called.

As we begin this year together, I ask that you continue to open yourselves up to what God is calling YOU to do. Pray that opportunities to serve and glorify God are presented to you. Then, put your hands and feet into action. It might be something simple, like singing louder in church. Maybe serving on an Emmaus team is where God wants you to be. Perhaps God wants you to help that neighbor on your block. I know it isn't always clear where God wants us to be, so pray with your family, share group, and others you're close to. They can help you discern God's plan for you.

God knows what is in our hearts. If we draw close to Him and do our best to listen, he won't let us fail. So, don't be afraid to jump into something even if you aren't 100% comfortable. God doesn't always show us our destination, but look for that next step. As we continue to do our best to follow Christ's example, we will get better and better at it. As we keep seeking Christ's face, it will become clearer and clearer to us.

So, seek out God's calling for you and be encouraged with these words from 1 Corinthians 15:57-58, "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

I love you all very much and sincerely look forward to another year serving with you in this Emmaus Community.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Stephen Puderbaugh, Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairman



HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd
Centerville OH 45459
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 15-18, 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: Feb 8, 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: Feb 8, 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



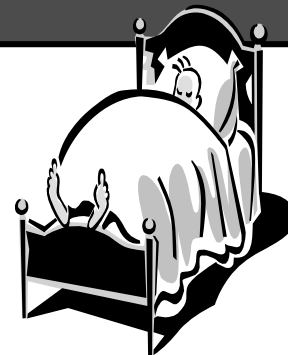
Sponsorship Training - Why you need it! As a sponsor, it's important to understand your role and responsibilities, which enhance your pilgrim's experience. Before sponsoring someone for a Walk, you are required to attend the sponsorship training. The sessions are held at 6:30pm before Gathering in Room 214 at Normandy Church and will resume on February 8, 2010. 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

Don't forget to sign-up for the upcoming Men's Walk in the following areas!

- Wednesday 5:30pm (setup)
- Thursday 5:30pm (luggage)
- Sunday 7:00am (sleeping area teardown)
- Sunday 4:00pm (conference room teardown)

Look for more details on the website and sign-up sheets at the upcoming Gatherings. Please contact me if you have questions about serving on the Housing Team.



De Colores, Lex, Housing Chair

AGAPE CHAIR



Community members - if you are visiting the Agape room during Walk weekends, please do NOT move items around! Consult with someone who is designated to work the Agape room if you have questions or problems. If you leave agape items for pilgrims or team members, be sure to specify the full name of the recipient and when you would like the items to be delivered. (For example, "Friday night bedtime" or "Saturday lunch" or "Sunday packet.") Finally, please prayerfully consider serving as the Agape Chair when I complete my term in 2011. If you feel called to serve, I would like to work with you during the 2010 Walks and help you get acquainted with the role and responsibilities. Feel free to contact me with any questions: (513) 752-9628 or agape@daytonemmaus.org

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

DID IT TURN OUT LIKE YOU EXPECTED?

*"[Joseph] went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was **expecting** a child." Luke 2:5*

Can you believe a whole year has come and gone? **Did it turn out like you expected?** Don't worry; you're not the only one. Things didn't turn out like Joseph expected either. Matthew records, *"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly."*

Joseph's solution was to just walk away quietly and start afresh. Why should he deal with the trauma and the drama of this new situation in life? Wouldn't it be easier and more expedient to just divorce himself of the situation that no longer met his expectations? Maybe you went through some of that thinking over this past year. After all isn't running easier than fighting? Fortunately, Joseph's story didn't end with the first thought that came to mind.



Matthew goes on to say, *"**But after he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ... When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.**"* God had a different plan in mind than the one Joseph **expected**. He was giving Joseph the privilege of being the earthly father of Jesus. Image if Joseph had just done what he "had in mind" to do? We're standing at the start of a New Year; who knows what God has in store for you over these next 365 days?

I hope you, like Joseph, will take the time to listen to the angel of the Lord concerning your situation. Because of the Christ child, things don't have to turn out like you **expected**. Jesus' birth changed everything. Because of Christ, you can have peace in the midst of a storm. Because of Christ, you can have joy in times of sorrow. Because of Christ, you can have freedom when others are in bondage. Because of Christ, you can have hope when all hope is gone. Because of Christ, you can persevere when others quit. Because of Christ, you don't have to worry about what the future holds—because you know who holds the future. Because of Christ, you can be okay when things don't turn out like you **expected!**

DeColores,
Palmer Jason, SD

Pray for One Another



Men's Walk #49
January 21-24, 2010

PILGRIM LIST

Jared Adamson	Loveland Ohio
Randy Barty	Dayton, Ohio
Kenneth Bowling	Amelia, Ohio
Douglas Campbell	Waynesville, Ohio
Joe Costantino	Dayton, Ohio
Ron Delbert	Carlisle, Ohio
Gary Dewalt	Centerville, Ohio
Mike Gard	Dayton, Ohio
Kyle Garvey	Moraine, Ohio
David House	Fairborn, Ohio
Paul Kiefer	Dayton, Ohio
Steve Krieg	Piqua, Ohio
Michael Krull	Miamisburg, Ohio
Robert Lafferty	Dayton, Ohio
Tony Laster	Dayton, Ohio
Dennis Leach	Medway, Ohio
Randall McKinney	St. Marys, Ohio
Bruce Oakes	Richmond, Indiana
Jeff Rank	Beavercreek, Ohio
David Ricketts	Monroe, Ohio
John Rodgers	Franklin, Ohio
Craig Shaner	Vandalia, Ohio
David Stacy	Kettering, Ohio
Robert Steele	Franklin, Ohio
Steven Walchle	Loveland, Ohio
Tracy Wright	Beavercreek, Ohio
Lawrence Young	Dayton, Ohio

TEAM ROSTER

Name	Position	Talk
Andrew Addy	TL	<i>Discipleship</i>
Robert Allen	ATL	
Rodney Bear	ATL	
Charles Benner	LOG	
George Brewer	SD	<i>Means of Grace</i>
Lou Caldwell	PS	
Dwight Coder	ATL	
Andy Courtice	TL	<i>Life of Piety</i>
Howard Creek	LD	<i>Perseverance</i>
Jeff Dondero	ALD	<i>Priority</i>
Kevin Eldridge	TL	<i>Body of Christ</i>
Chris Farmer	ASD	<i>Prevenient Grace</i>
Tom Hanover	ASD	<i>Justifying Grace</i>
David Hesp	ATL	
Kirk Lehneis	PS	
Kenny Linebaugh	ATL	
Coley Logan	TL	<i>Changing Our World</i>
John Loy	AMD	
Tim Macy	LOG	
Dennis Mallaney	ATL	
Paul Maranka	LOG	
Brad Martin	ASDL	<i>Sanctifying Grace</i>
Keith Reed	TL	<i>Priesthood of All Believers</i>
Paul Salchack	MD	
Keith Simpson	ALD	<i>Grow Through Study</i>
Ernie Slone	TL	
Bill Srode	TL	<i>Christian Action</i>
Neal Stout	BR	
Terry Trent	ATL	
Gary Trice	ALD	<i>Fourth Day</i>
Andy Wagner	ASD	<i>Obstacles to Grace</i>

ALD – Assistant Lay Director
AMD – Assistant Music Director
ASD – Assistant Spiritual Director
ASDL – Assistant Spiritual Director Live-in
ATL – Assistant Table Leader
BR – Board Rep

LD – Lay Director
Log - Logistics
MD – Music Director
PS – Prayer Servant
SD – Spiritual Director
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*

MEN'S REGISTRAR

The Greater Dayton Emmaus Community needs pilgrims for the Men's walk # 49 scheduled for January 21-24. The database has been updated to reflect all the current and active Pilgrims who are still interested in attending a Men's Walk. The bad news is that the database now only has 30 active Pilgrims. Community, prospective Sponsors, and Clergy, we need your support in getting the word out about the wonderful experience the Emmaus walk would be for any man of GOD. The requirement is to have at least 20 confirmed Pilgrims to conduct a Men's walk. *YBIC, Keith Simpson, Men's Registrar*

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.

KITCHEN CHAIR

For those unable to attend Gatherings, you can now sign up to help in the kitchen online, anytime. Just go to the Emmaus Home Page at www.daytonemmaus.org, click on the "Kitchen" tab, then click on the link to sign up and put in the time and day you want to serve. You should receive a confirmation within two days. Or for those not online, call me at 854-7583 and please leave a message with time and day, if no answer. Keep an eye out a week before the walks for a "help wanted" sign posted on the web page if we need more help.

De Colores, Marc Littman, Kitchen Chair

WORSHIP CHAIR

My term as worship chair comes to an end at the end of 2010. If you are interested in "shadowing" me through 2010 as preparation for becoming the new worship chair, please let me know! Being worship chair can be overwhelming, but with a little preparation, you will be ready to take it on by year-end! Please prayerfully consider serving God and the Emmaus community in this position.

De Colores, Linda Haller, Worship Chair

CHILDCARE AT GATHERINGS?


We are trying to determine if the Community has a need for childcare at the monthly Gatherings. If you have a need or if you are interested in serving, please contact Sonya Lemmerbrock for more information: slemmerbrock@woh.rr.com

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper, not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jer 29:11



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