



# Walk to Emmaus® Newsletter

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### Chairman's Corner

A familiar scene in the Christmas story is that of the Nativity. Looking at the baby Jesus and those surrounding Him, I'm drawn not only to the image of bowing down before the King, but also to thinking about what brought these worshippers. The shepherds were not that far away, possibly just outside of town. When they heard the news from the angels about the birth, they ran to the manger. The wise men came a great distance which I'm sure took lots of planning and expense. Joseph and Mary were visited by angels months beforehand. So many people have come to Jesus and have travelled from many different places. Some grow up with wonderful examples in their parents, in their churches, or other places. Others don't know who Jesus is until much later. We all have different hardships along the way. We all have a journey to make and it doesn't matter where it starts or how far it is. My prayer for all those pilgrims is that the trip ends with us on our knees before our Savior.

As the last few weeks of my term as Chairman wind down, I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you in the community. I have received so much support and love throughout the year and I can't really put my feelings of gratitude into mere words. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity and I look forward to seeing where God's plans lead me in the future.

De Colores,

Stephen Puderbaugh  
Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairman

### HOW TO FIND US!

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Normandy UMC  
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[www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

### 2011 EMMAUS WALKS

Men's Walk #51  
January 20—23  
Normandy UMC  
Women's Walk #83  
February 17—20  
Normandy UMC

### 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:** December 13 / 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:** February 14, 2011 / 6:15pm

**Place:** Normandy UMC, Chapel

# 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

The next share group orientation will be held prior to the February 14, 2011 gathering. In the meantime, apply online at [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org) under share groups—application. You can also fill out a paper form at the book table at any gathering, however, there will not be a book table set up at the December gathering. De Colores — Cheri Spencer, Good Shepherd

## COMMUNITY BYLAWS

A change to the Bylaws was approved at the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board meeting on October 26. The proposed Bylaws can be found at [daytonemmaus.org/deByLaws.htm](http://daytonemmaus.org/deByLaws.htm). The changes are highlighted in Article IV, sections 2 and 3. They describe having a Men's Worship Chair and a Women's Worship Chair instead of one Worship Chair. These changes will be effective January 2011 unless sufficient objections are heard.

Objections can be sent to the Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairman ([chairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:chairman@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

## Christmas Can Still Change the World!

The columnist David Brooks writes in the Dayton Daily News on 20 November, “But events shock nations and cultures shift. The United States has just endured a financial crisis and a recession. Already one can see a new sobriety in the air. The savings rate is up. Consumption is down. The political world is focused on deficits and austerity. Hummers look kind of silly now. The polls show that Americans are deeply worried about the long-term fate of the nation. A verdict has been reached about the bubble age: People got shortsighted. There is now a countervailing desire to be a little more serious, to think about the long-term more, to return to the fundamentals. There’s been a broadening of the national attention span.”

“Events shock nations and cultures shift.” Every year at this time as we move into the Advent Season, a Scripture passage that I love is Luke 1:68-79, commonly known as Zechariah’s Prophecy.” Zechariah is John the Baptist’s father. If you remember the story, on the eighth day after John’s birth, as is the Jewish custom, baby John was to be consecrated to the Lord in the act of circumcision. Luke’s gospel tells us that Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy of the coming Christ-child and the role his new son was destined to play.

“Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our ancient Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” (NRSV)

“Events shock nations and cultures shift.” Does the birth of Jesus still shock you? Can Christmas still cause cultures to shift? Can Christmas still change the world as God intended it to and as Zechariah prophesied it would? Many say that consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas to the point that Jesus’ birth no longer shocks us. To me this is not just a financial crisis, but a spiritual crisis. This year, let us take a stand! Let us join together as Christ-followers and choose to make Christmas a shocking, life-giving, joyous celebration that enriches our hearts and the world around us, not a retail circus that depletes our pocketbooks and defeats our spirits.

How? Our church joined many others across the nation this year in a study program called Advent Conspiracy.

[check it out at [adventconspiracy.org](http://adventconspiracy.org)] Advent Conspiracy promises that Christmas can still change the world if we Christians: Worship Fully – because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus; Spend Less – and free your resources for things that really matter, not the meaningless and overdone gift-giving we now do; Give More – of your presence, your hands, your time, your heart; and Love All – the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, the sick in ways that make a difference.

“Events shock nations and cultures shift.” It happened 2000 years ago. It can happen today, too. Let’s get serious! By God’s tender mercy, let it be so!

May each one in the Greater Dayton Emmaus community have a merry and shocking Christmas this year!

-Pastor George Brewer

# 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 had another successful year with 2 Men's Walks held and with our pilgrims experiencing the love of Jesus Christ in a new and wondrous way. Over the past couple of years our total numbers of interested pilgrims have significantly declined. We need all the community (new and old members alike) to seek out Pilgrims in your Church, neighborhoods or workplace. Our hope and prayer is that the data-base will grow and we will be able to return to the 3 Men's Walks per year. If anyone has a Grandfather, Father, Brother, Friend, Son, Grandson, or fellow worker who may be interested in attending an Emmaus Walk, please have them complete an application.

*YBIC, Kevin Eldridge, Men's Registrar*

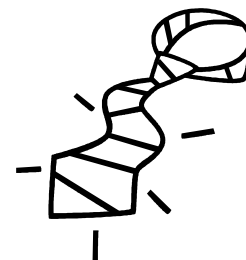
## KITCHEN HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

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](http://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*

## SHARE GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

A share group is collecting used men's ties — ugly, out of date, or just no longer needed — for an agape project for the men's walks. A collection box will be in the narthex at the gatherings through the end of this year, or you can email Trudi Gilchrist at [tgilx@yahoo.com](mailto:tgilx@yahoo.com) to donate. Thank you!



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## WOMEN'S REGISTRAR

Invitations have been sent to pilgrims and we are now filling spots for the February 17-20, 2011 Women's Walk at Normandy Church. We encourage sponsors to take the Sponsorship Training session offered by our board members. Please see the front of this newsletter for information on the next session. *The Mission of Walk to Emmaus is empowering leaders through Emmaus & Chrysalis to be the hands and feet of Christ!* Please send your pilgrim's fully completed application to: Women's Registrar, Greater Dayton Emmaus, P.O. Box 292224, Dayton, Ohio 45429. Please contact me if you have questions, Pam Shively at 937-681-3361 or [womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

Pam Shively, Women's Registrar

## 2011 BOARD POSITIONS

The results of the 2011 Board Elections were as follows:

Secretary	Cindy Pierson
Worship	Tim Macy
Documentation	Barb Courtice
Normandy Rep/Book Table	Dick Hoback
Agape	Trudi Gilchrist

Returning Board Members:


Lou Caldwell	Chairman
Neal Stout	Vice Chairman
Keith Crabtree	Treasurer
Past Chairman	Stephen Puderbaugh
Christ UMC Rep	Brian Wood
Computer Administration	Gregg Hayes
Good Shepherd	Cheri Spencer
Housing	Lex Luther
Kitchen	Marc Littman
Men's Registrar	Kevin Eldridge
Women's Registrar	Pam Shively
Supply	Scott Anspach

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Luke 2:11



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