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Chairman's Message -

Greetings Greater Dayton Emmaus Community! It is a joy to be able to share with you once again this month.

I have had a familiar phrase stuck in my head for some time now. Perhaps you've heard it? "Love, love, love, love – The gospel in one word is love." I've never known such simple words to have such deep meaning. I'm reminded of the great love in our community and the greater love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just as we love each other like brothers and sisters, we know it is only a reflection of God's infinite love for each of us. I think about the love that says, "You are important." The love that says, "You are not forgotten." The love that says, "You are worth it." Jesus has shown and continues to show us that love by the way He lived while He was physically on earth, the way He died, and the way the Holy Spirit continues to be part of our lives.

I encourage you to continue to follow Jesus' example and keep showing this love. Hopefully, this is easy to do at Emmaus functions where hugs and words of "I love you" are prevalent. I have personally felt this love many times like when my first wife, Connie, died and when my wife, AJ, wasn't doing so well. I have also been blessed to feel loved since AJ has been doing so much better and as I serve on the board. With practice it can become easier to show God's love in the other areas of your life as well. Look for opportunities to show or tell people they are important, unforgotten, and worth it.

I also hope that we never miss the signs of love that are out there in the world. From sunrises to snowflakes and from smiles to tears, we can see love in so many things. Remember that I love you and even more so – you are loved by God.

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 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: 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.

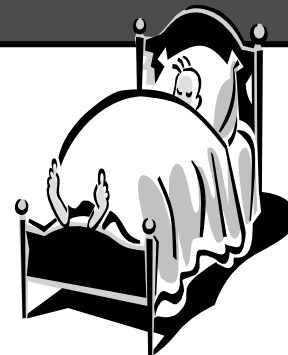
HOUSING CHAIR

Don't forget to sign-up for the upcoming Women'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



SILENCED

I grew up extremely poor. As such, one of my primary goals in growing to adulthood was to never experience the pangs of poverty. Education taught me that you could dream/work hard and become the person you wanted to be. It also taught me that lying in self pity would not change my circumstance or position in life. I had to take the initiative, the proverbial bull by the horns and do something to change my posture and circumstance. Poverty was a hand I had been dealt through no fault of my own but by a decision wiser and higher than I.

I thought I knew what poverty was until January 12, 2010 at 4:53 p.m. when a 7.0 earthquake shook the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area. I was unaware of the poverty that existed in that country and quite frankly, was physically, emotionally, and spiritually removed from it. It has been reported that Haiti is "the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere". When I took the time to hear and see some their stories, it made me think about a number of things. It made me think about how I grew up and the land that I live in. It made me think about some of the opinions I'd formed and the narrow-mindedness of my speech and thinking. Isn't it ironic for someone who values education so much that she can be so ignorant and desensitized about the condition and needs of those in other nations?

Now, I must confess, I was often espousing comments about people who go to foreign lands to provide assistance in the form of missionaries, skilled laborers etc. I saw them as individuals who wanted to be acknowledged for what they had done and felt that there were things right here in the USA that they could be contributing their talents and resources. After all, I was one of the persons who could have benefitted greatly from the service that these selfless saints provide. Why would anyone feel the need to go to another country when there are people right here, in our own country who would benefit from the selfless giving that was being shown to foreigners? Unfortunately, I was seeing through a very narrow lens that blocked my peripheral view. I couldn't see outside the boundaries of my own situation and decided that my view was one that offered complete perspective of the world and what was right and necessary.

What has changed? My perspective, my narrow-minded thinking, my view! Opinions do not matter; however, God's will does. I have been silenced! In Luke 4:18 Jesus spoke from the book of the prophet Esaias, "The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the **poor**; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...". ***My opinion isn't important but God's will is important and necessary in our world today*** and I have been charged to preach (without opinion), an uncompromising word of love, hope and deliverance to all! And that is what I will do!

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

Pray for One Another



**Women's Walk #80
February 18-21, 2010**

PILGRIM

LIST

Sharon Allen	Miamisburg
Penny Babcock	Dayton
Thressa Barker	Kettering
Cynthia Barty	Dayton
Jacquelyn Blessing	Miamisburg
Jacqui Boy	Franklin
Sandra Cummings	Centerville
Melody Dallas	Loveland
Amy Dean	Troy
Margaret Hunt	Dayton
Charlene Karacia	Germantown
Heather Kirkland	Clayton
Michelle Lafferty	Dayton
Jenene M. Mack	Georgetown
Laura Mauri	Dayton
Lauri McCutcheon	Enon
Karen Moharter	
Sue Nortman	Kettering
Carol Ober	Beavercreek
Gail Rorabacher	Albuquerque, NM
Lisa Saylor	Beavercreek
Kathleen Smith	Kettering
Mary Alice Smith	Troy
Jennifer Taylor	Waynesville
Kathleen Taylor	Miamisburg
Beth Thoele	Laura
Linda Underwood	Centerville
Nina Whitaker	Riverside
Patricia Wilkinson	Dayton
Marra Wollpert	Kettering

TEAM ROSTER

Name	Position	Talk
Rita Anspach	LOG	
Jennifer Bear	ATL	
Brittaney Breisch	TL	Body of Christ
Cheryl Carter	MD	
Beth Center	TL	Discipleship
Leroy Chambliss	ASD	Justifying Grace
Heth Corl	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Donna Courtney	ATL	
Julia Crowl	AMD	
Karen Doseck	PS	
Verna Drake	ALD	Priority
Michelle Flannery	TL	
Trudi Gilchrist	ALD	Grow Through Study
Karen Hall	ATL	
Desi Harning	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Linda Holmes	TL	Christian Action
Julie Johnson	TL	Changing Our World
Wendy Kline	LOG	
Alix Litton	ATL	
Crystal McGuire	ATL	
Brandi Minch	LOG	
Mary Morrow	TL	Life of Piety
Lynne O'Connell	ATL	
Sandy Pappenfus	SD	Means of Grace
Cindy Pierson	LD	Perseverance
Julie Phipps	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Kathy Postell	ATL	
Cheri Spencer	BR	
Linda Stout	ALD	Fourth Day
Dave Tackett	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Dene Wells	PS	

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

KAIROS NEWS

It takes thousands of cookies for a Kairos Weekend and it takes thousands of dollars as well. Warren Correctional Kairos #5 offers a "cookie alternative" for those of you who want to support the prison ministry, but are "cookie challenged." Instead of baking cookies, you can purchase either a Gordon Food Service or Kroger gift certificate in any amount of your choice. All gifts are tax-deductible. Bring your gift certificate to gathering and Lex Luther, housing chair, will give you a receipt.

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, any-time. 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.

If you can help with sanctuary clean-up after the closing ceremony for the Women's walk in February, please let me know.

De Colores, Linda Haller, Worship Chair

CHILDCARE AT GATHERINGS?


We are trying 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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1 Cor 13:13



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