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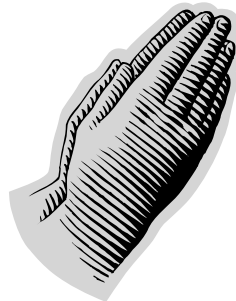
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Chairman's Corner

"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." - Philippians 4:8

Where do you spend your thoughts? This is a question that, as you may recall, comes out in the Priority talk of the Emmaus Walk weekend. It seems that so often, my thoughts get wrapped up in the details of life and getting things done that I forget the big picture. Granted there are a lot of things in our busy lives that we need to do, but the key is to not make the details our primary focus or what we dwell on.

Praying for God's help is the first thing I do when I find that I am overwhelmed by "the stuff" (as a sister of mine calls it). After that, it also helps to take a moment or two (or maybe more) and focus on good things. These good things can either be related to "the stuff" like the benefits of them, or the big picture they relate to. Alternatively, sometimes I like to focus on completely different good things, like the qualities of God or His creation – parts of the REALLY big picture.



Spiritual retreat is such an important part of our lives. We can all use time to step away from the things of this world and focus on spiritual matters. I'm reminded of the song "Breathe You In", by the Christian rock band, Thousand Foot Krutch. The words of this song help me to shift my focus to God and remember that He is where I can take refuge. "I've always been strong, but can't make this happen. 'Cause I need to breathe, I want to breathe you in. I'm so tired of running. 'Cause I need to breathe, I want to breathe you in. I want to breathe you in."

So, if you are finding yourself in the situation where there is just too much going on, perhaps one of the best things you can do is take some moments, minutes, or days with God. He's the best one to help you out.

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: March 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: March 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. 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 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 just prior to the August Gathering.

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

Can you hear me now?

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

There's a familiar song that I love to sing at the anointing service as we pray for the Lay Directors for each walk. One particular refrain keeps popping in my head:

I, the Lord of **snow and rain**,
 I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my words to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Now I bet you can't get it out of your head. God has certainly shown us these past few months that He is indeed the Lord of **snow and rain**. But don't stop there; think about what else He has done for us. Do you recall your walk experience, especially Dying Communion? Did you have an encounter with the Divine? I'm always humbled and amazed at the privilege of being in that chapel and watching the God of the Universe who has "borne my people's pain" and who has "wept for love of them." All those years they carried burdens, because they intentionally, or unintentionally, had "turned away."

I also marvel at the process (some may read this as structure) of the Walk Weekend. God slowly, methodically, gently "breaks their hearts of stone," and gives them "hearts for love alone." And then in that brokenness, in that safe place, He says, "I will speak my words to them." That's my favorite part of the Walk-- that people get to hear from God.

So that brings me to the heart of the message, it's the question that is asked over and over again in this song. "**Whom shall I send?**" In order for others to have the same opportunity that we had, we need laborers in the vineyard. So are you ready to serve? Do you know the refrain to the song? I don't want you to just sing it but also follow through by going to www.daytonemmaus.org and filling out your Willing Servant Form and going to the Kitchen or Housing tab and signing up to serve behind the scenes on one of the upcoming Walks. Sign up to pray on the Prayer Vigil at the next gathering. Don't let this cabin fever get the best of you. Get out there and serve. Let me leave you with these words:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

DeColores,
 Palmer Jason, SD

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*

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

Sponsorship training is available at 6:30 in room 214 at the top of the spiral staircase just prior to the monthly Gathering.

MEN'S REGISTRAR

The Greater Dayton Emmaus Community Men's database is down to 21 Pilgrims who have submitted applications and have not attended a Men's walk. Our next walk will be in August at Christ United Methodist Church. 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 them 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

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

DID YOU HEAR THIS?

Pilgrims who attended GDE Men's Walk #49 had these comments to share when asked about their fourth days:

"I'm fired up!"
"Every day is filled with the Lord."
"I feel great, but life has not all been great. I have lots of new brothers in Christ!"
"I feel like I'm a part of God's team."
"God has blessed me."
"I look for opportunities to share the Lord."
"I'm still on that high!"

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

De Colores!

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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. Deliver your gift certificate to Lex Luther, housing, at Gathering. 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, 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.

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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Heb. 12:2



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