



# Walk to Emmaus® Newsletter

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### Chairman's Corner

The start of summer is just around the corner. With that in mind I can't help but get excited! Summer really is my favorite season. There is so much more warmth and light in the summer. It doesn't matter if I'm active or just relaxing; I just love this time of year!

Aren't we fortunate that God's Son-shine lasts all year long? The warmth of Jesus never cools and His light never dims, no matter what it is like outside. Paul says it this way in the book of Hebrews (1:3, NLT), "The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command." Knowing that Jesus is giving all that warmth and light is only part of it though. Just like we can close the blinds on our windows or go to the basement to get away from the sun, we can do similar things in our lives to block out the radiance of the Son. You may remember these things as obstacles to grace. But even as we go through these obstacles the light is still there if we open the windows of our hearts and let it come in.

So remember, no matter how cold it is outside or how dark it gets, we can bask in the fire of God's love. No matter how detached we may feel inside or how dire our circumstances seem, all we need to do is turn towards Jesus. He will warm us like a fireplace in winter or a back porch in the summer. Then, others can see the light in us as God intended. When we are full of Son-shine, it flows out of us. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

So, keep shining with the light of our Savior and others will see it and can enjoy it too!

In His Love,  
Stephen Puderbaugh, Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairman

### HOW TO FIND US!

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Normandy UMC  
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Centerville OH 45459  
[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: June 14 / 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. Please make sure your contact information is correct! 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

## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

<sup>37</sup>And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. John 4:37-38 (KJV)

A few years ago I started an initiative in our church called family night. Family night is an opportunity for families to come together with their extended family (the church) and fellowship, build relationships and provide a safe haven for our children to play and have fun. We play games, learn about other countries and cultures, prepare meals, break bread, have talent shows and a host of other fun events. Sometimes we just sit around and tell stories. Recently we decided to plant a garden. Some of the adults engaged the children in this event to teach them about planting, hard work and patience. Each of the children was asked to bring in seeds and soil. Since I'm not a fan of gardening and I wasn't raised on a farm I had no idea the amount of preparation it took to grow a garden. As I look back, I'm ashamed to say that I did not participate in any of the planting exercise. However, what I saw and experienced astounded me.

Much work went into this activity. There was planning time, identification of what would be planted, finding seeds that would grow in our climate/region, and the care required to nurture (support) the seeds' optimum growth. Then there is the fertilization and weeding and don't let me forget the proper fencing to keep predators from destroying the garden. Initially I focused on the labor part of the project, but as I watched the adults and children working I began to visualize there was an expected result of all of their hard work. A harvest that will be full, ripe and ready for consumption.

God talks about sowing seed in His Word when He said some sow, and another reap. Planting seeds of faith should be an activity we all engage in without grumbling or complaining. Although I didn't participate in the planting process, I can do my part in the care of what has already been planted. Great benefit is derived when we till and fertilize the plants. It's like the joy we get when we share God's word. Our Emmaus experience is like a garden. What a blessing it is to pour into the lives of others. Through kind acts of love and selflessness conveying and demonstrating the love of God we reap the benefits of pouring into God's garden. It's what I like to call "fertilization of the saints" and God reaps the harvest! How wonderful to be able to yield a crop for the master.

The next time you witness for Christ, realize you have become a gardener. Whether your job is to plant, water, weed, fertilize or harvest...do it to the glory of God. I think I like gardening!

How does your garden grow?

Mamie Johnson  
Spiritual Director



# 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

It is time to plan your vacation for August and where better to spend 72 hours than with 31 other men on a Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus? Our next Men's walk will be #50 and will be held at Christ United Methodist Church. If you have difficulty with stairs, then this is the walk you would want to attend because elevators are available and the air conditioning is wonderful! 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 get it sent in so we can add to our list of Pilgrims. Confirmation letters have been sent so get your application into the Men's Registrar. Jesus is counting on "YOU" as we continue to count on "HIM"!

*YBIC*

*Keith Simpson*

*Men's Registrar*

## KITCHEN HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

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](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*

## 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

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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.

## NEW EMMAUS AND CHRYSALIS DEVOTIONALS

Calling all devotional writers! (And even those of you who do not consider yourselves writers but have a story to tell . . .) Upper Room Books is creating two new undated devotional booklets for Emmaus (*Fourth Day Forward*) and Chrysalis (*Taking Flight*). We need your help!

The booklets will each be based on the 15 Talk topics from the Walks and the Flights. Which one could you write about?

- Daily meditations should be 150-250 words long.
- May include scripture verse or suggested text (state version of Bible used)

**Deadline: July 1, 2010** or before. Email to Robin Pippin at [rpippin@qbod.org](mailto:rpippin@qbod.org) or mail to Robin Pippin, Upper Room Books, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212.

\*\* If your meditation is chosen, you will be notified before publication.

Some Tips for Writing:

- Devotional writing should *invite* people to come closer to God.
- Devotional writing should tell about *real* experiences of *real* people who are struggling to apply their faith to daily life.
- Devotional writing should express only *one main idea*. It should leave one memorable image with the reader.
- Devotional writing should lead persons into *further conversation with God* after they finish reading the meditation.
- Your *journal* can be a great source of devotional writing because it records your real thoughts about your experiences.

## **COMMUNITY BY-LAWS**

The by-laws of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community have just undergone some revision. Please take a few moments to look over our by-laws. If you have any questions or comments, contact Stephen Puderbaugh, Board Chairperson.

### **By-Laws Greater Dayton Emmaus Community (Revised April 2010)**

#### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this community shall be The Greater Dayton Emmaus, Inc (GDE) Community, hereinafter referred to as the Community.

#### **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

Section 1. The purpose of the Community shall be to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action, in their homes, churches, places of work, and the world community through the Emmaus experience.

Section 2. The Community is affiliated with the International Emmaus Program of the Upper Room, Nashville, Tennessee.

Section 3. The Community is incorporated in the state of Ohio under the name, "Greater Dayton Emmaus, Inc." The Community is also exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. All persons who have completed a weekend experience of the Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus sponsored by an Upper Room Emmaus Community shall be members of the Community.

Section 2. Persons who have complete a Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, Cursillo, Tres Dias, Kairos, Epiphany, or other Fourth Day weekends are encouraged to participate in the activities of the GDE Community and are encouraged to submit a Willing Servant form which will add them to the community database.

#### **ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

##### **Section 1. Purpose**

Direction of the Community shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

## COMMUNITY BY-LAWS—CONTINUED

### Section 2. **Composition**

The Board will consist of eighteen (18) lay members and four (4) GDE Community Spiritual Directors.

The eighteen lay members fill the following positions:

- Chairperson of the Board (also known as Lay Director of the Community)
- Vice Chairperson
- Past Chairperson / Nominations Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Agape Chair
- Normandy UMC Representative / Book Table Chair
- Christ UMC Representative
- Computer Administration Chair
- Documentation Chair
- Good Shepherd Chair / Outreach
- Housing Chair
- Kitchen Chair
- Newsletter Chair
- Registrar (Men)
- Registrar (Women)
- Supply Chair
- Worship Chair

### Section 3. **Terms of Office**

(a) Lay persons on the Board shall be elected by the Community members in three (3) year terms in three (3) classes, except for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Past Chairperson / Nominations. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected annually from within the Board. The Past Chairperson / Nominations Chair assumes the position after serving for a year as Chairperson.

(b) Board Members cannot succeed themselves in consecutive elected terms.

(c) Terms of office shall begin January 1 and shall terminate December 31.

(d) In the community, it is customary for the Vice Chairperson to run for the position of Chairperson of the Board.

(e) The three (3) classes for the fifteen (15) lay positions elected by the Community are as follows:

Class 1: Agape Chair, Normandy UMC Representative / Book Table Chair, Documentation Chair, Secretary, Worship Chair

Class 2: Christ UMC Representative, Good Shepherd Chair, Housing Chair, Kitchen Chair, Registrar (Men)

Class 3: Computer Administration Chair, Newsletter Chair, Registrar (Women), Supply Chair, Treasurer

## **COMMUNITY BY-LAWS—CONTINUED**

### **Section 4. Officers**

Officers shall be the Chairperson (Community Lay Leader), Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer; and in case of absences will chair meetings in this order.

### **Section 5. Meetings**

The Board shall meet monthly in regular meetings unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board in a regular meeting.

### **Section 6. Quorum**

Sixty percent of the lay members of the Board of Directors and a Spiritual Director present at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum.

### **Section 7. Spiritual Directors**

The Spiritual Directors of the Community are selected by the Board of Directors annually. Term of office shall begin January 1. Any Spiritual Director may be replaced during the term by ten (10) affirmative votes.

### **Section 8. Past Chairperson**

The immediate past Chairperson of the Board shall serve on the Board one (1) additional year and serve as Nominating Committee Chairperson.

### **Section 9. Special Meetings**

Special Board meetings may be called by the Chairperson upon own initiative or when requested in writing by ten (10) members of the Board.

### **Section 10. Vacancies on the Board**

The Board may appoint individuals, upon the nomination by the Chairperson, to fill vacancies until the end of the elected term. These individuals are eligible for election by the Community at the next regular election for that position.

## **ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The members of the Board chair their respective committees as defined by their positions as stated under Composition (Article IV Section 2). The Chairperson of each committee is responsible for establishing committee members as needed.

Section 2. The Chairperson of the Board will be an ex officio member of all standing committees.



## **COMMUNITY BY-LAWS—CONTINUED**

### **ARTICLE VI. WALK TO EMMAUS**

Section 1. The Community shall follow the guidelines of The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus program in the full three phases which includes the three-day (72-hour) experience "Walk to Emmaus" (event), events leading up to it (pre-event), and events following it (post-event). The guidelines are issued to each Board Member in the form of "The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus" as currently issued or as updated.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have general oversight in all matters relating to the local Walk to Emmaus Community.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall nominate a list of 5 eligible candidates for the position of Lay Director for Community Walks. This list will be submitted to the Board for approval before the Vice Chairperson contacts the individuals.

Section 4. The Spiritual Director for each Community Walk to Emmaus shall be nominated by the Community Spiritual Director and approved by the Board.

Section 5. The Board shall establish a Team Selection Committee. The Team Selection Committee shall consist of the board Vice Chairperson who will serve as chair, a Community Spiritual Director, and five (5) members of the Emmaus Community selected by the nominating committee and submitted to the Board for approval. The committee will consist of two classes with each class being two years. These members should have a broad awareness of the community membership and a solid understanding of team needs.

### **ARTICLE VII. AMMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments may be presented to the Board by any member of the Board one (1) month in advance for consideration by the Board. If the amendments are voted in the affirmative by three-fourths (3/4) vote, they will be circulated to the membership by the Community Newsletter. If no petitions are signed by at least twenty-five (25) community members objecting to them, the amendments will be considered adopted. Any objections must be received within sixty (60) days of the mailing of the notification. If an objection petition is received, the amendment will be considered voided. If the Board then Wishes to submit the amendment to the entire Community for a vote, it may do so. A majority or plurality of votes cast by the membership will decide the matter.

### **ARTICLE VIII. ByLaws Review**


GDE By-Laws shall be reviewed every three years and revised as needed.

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Matthew 13:23



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