



# Walk to Emmaus® Newsletter

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### Chairman's Corner

The Board is preparing for our initial meeting, making plans for the July and August Walks which will be held at Normandy, primarily in the new section and expanded Fellowship Hall. I find myself looking at these upcoming Walks with uneasiness and trepidation. Will the Normandy congregation be welcoming as we use the Fellowship Hall on these Walks for our conference room as well as the dining room? Will the Pilgrims be able to have a full rich Emmaus experience when in this location? Will it echo too much? Will the kitchen crew be able to prepare all those lovely meals without disturbing the Talks? Etc, etc, etc... Looks like I've gotten myself into a corner with a lot of ???'s. And then as usual I see a meditation in today's Grace Notes where God talks to me:

On the day Moses set up the Tabernacle, he anointed it and set it apart as holy. He also anointed and set apart all its furnishings and the altar with its utensils. Then the leaders of Israel—the tribal leaders who had registered the troops—came and brought their offerings. Together they brought six large wagons and twelve oxen. There was a wagon for every two leaders and an ox for each leader. They presented these to the Lord in front of the Tabernacle. Numbers 7:1-3

These verses from Numbers tell me what I need to do. The first thing is our team comes together and sees that this place is a place anointed and set apart as holy. Wow, what a way to look at it! Even the furnishings, altar and utensils are anointed and holy. Everything needed for the Walks will be placed before the Lord in this new place, our Tabernacle, and anointed as holy. Maybe we won't have twelve oxen but we will have most of the other stuff. Yes, ALL is anointed and set before God. As long as we let Jesus be the Director of all we do before, during and after a Walk the uneasiness of a new location will go away.

I ask the entire Greater Dayton Area Emmaus Community to be in prayer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to help guide and direct us as we prepare for these Walks.

Your Brother In Christ, Lou Caldwell

### HOW TO FIND US!

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

### 2011 EMMAUS WALKS

#### Held at Normandy UMC:

Women's Walk # 84– July 21-24  
Men's Walk #52 - August 18-21  
Women's Walk #85 - Sep 15-18

### CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

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| Candlelight | 8:30 PM | Saturday |
| Closing     | 4:30 PM | Sunday   |

### GATHERING & BOARD MEETING

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| Normandy UMC | 2nd Mon  | 7:15 PM |
| Dayton Board | 4th Tues | 7:00 PM |

### TRAINING & ORIENTATION

#### SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

**Date:** March 14 2011/6:30

**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 14, 2011/ 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! There is a need to place a few ladies and gentlemen in share groups. If your share group is willing to consider new members, please contact me either through the web site at [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org) under the drop down menu for the Board by phone 937-321-9011 or at the next Gathering. The next share group orientation and networking session will be at 6:15 just prior to the Gathering at Normandy Church on February 14. Sponsors, please bring your pilgrims to this session. If you have not attended a sponsorship training session, please do so at 6:30 at the top of the spiral staircase in room 214.

## 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 Neal Stout, 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**

## This Day Faith

Well, today when you're reading this, March 1<sup>st</sup> has passed. What's so important about March 1<sup>st</sup>, is that it is the traditional date people evaluate the success or failure of keeping their New Year's resolutions. How are yours working out? Lost that fifteen pounds, yet? Exercising everyday? Finally stopped smoking? Getting along better with your mother-in-law? Controlling your temper better?

Chances are, we're not doing very well! According to a recent study by the University of Hertfordshire in England, 78% of people who make New Year's resolutions fail by March 1, because of inaction caused by procrastination, laziness, or "other subversive vices." Ouch! If you're feeling a little convicted, "guilty as charged," say amen!

As I left this last month's Gathering I reflected how much I enjoy this time together with my Emmaus sisters and brothers. It's a blessing to sit with you all not as a pastor but as a friend in Christ and share in the great music, prayer, celebration, and Holy Communion. But what I like the most is listening to the Fourth Day talk and hearing how the transforming power of the Holy Spirit is at work in different peoples' lives.

At the closing ceremony of our Emmaus Walk we are invited to come to the podium and answer two questions, "What has this weekend meant to me?" and "What am I going to do about it?" How we answer that second question sounds a lot like a New Year's resolution to me. I wonder how many of those Fourth Day resolutions fail. Is it as high as 78%?

Hearing the Fourth Day speakers at Gatherings honestly share their fourth day faith journeys reaffirms my faith in the power of God's amazing new-life giving, healing grace at work in the midst of our human brokenness and frailty. Miracles are happening in and through our faithful lives and the love of Jesus that lives within us.

In my opinion the key to our faithful spiritual journey of sanctifying grace, of daily walking with Jesus and being transformed into his image, is to move beyond just giving thanks for the past ("What this weekend has meant to me.") It's also more than just making promises or resolutions about how we are going to live into the future. It's about how we agape-love God and neighbor in the present. Each day. Not tomorrow. Today.

Each new day is a new gift from God to love as Jesus loved. Each new day is an opportunity to die to sin and rise in new life. Each new day is a chance do thank God for our daily bread and to forgive others as we experience his forgiveness. Each new day is an opening to be the embodiment of God's love in Jesus to others by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Once the day is over, we'll never get it back. Hopefully, we'll live through the night to receive a new day gift, but why waste today's gift? Why waste each new fourth day?

That New Year's resolution study reminds us why so many fail: we try to do too much too fast and we rely on our willpower alone. Solution? Take small steps with the help of others. Celebrate success at the completion of each small step.

Do you remember how you answered that, "What am I going to do about it?" question at the end of your walk? Tried to do too much too fast? Tried to rely on your own willpower alone?

# From the Spiritual Director

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If you have not done so get in a share group. In a share group that's not working for you? Find another one. That's a first small step. Be engaged daily with the means of grace and get hooked-up to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Celebrate how you have been a God-blessing to others each day and how God has blessed you. Be patient and trust in God's grace to melt you, mold you, fill you, and use you in the midst of Christian community. Be engaged in ministry and leadership in your church. And most importantly, love daily.

If you were asked to give a Fourth Day talk at next month's Gathering, what would you say? How much you loved candlelight? What you're thinking about doing later? Or, how God's love is at work in your life today? This day!

Decolores!

Pastor George Brewer

## ATTENTION PLEASE

**HAVE YOU:** Moved in the last six months, changed your phone or email lately? If you have changed any part of your information please let the computer chair know ASAP. This is how you are contacted to serve with the community. Serving is so much fun and helps our Pilgrims see God's love in many different ways. **Have you filled out your Willing Servant Form?** You can do this online. De Colores

## FROM THE WORSHIP CHAIRS

If you have borrowed a Kandle Light and took it home for awhile, would you please return it to the next Gathering. REMINDER, please bring your Kandle Lights to Candlelight on Saturdays. We do not have a large supply. THANK YOU for supporting each walk with your attendance. Do you like to sing, play piano or guitar?? We are in great need of willing servants to help lead music at Gatherings. De Colores, Linda Haller and Tim Macy

## FROM THE WOMEN'S REGISTRAR

Sponsors please send your pilgrim's registration to me as soon as you can so they can be assured a spot on the walk of their choosing! The waiting list for the February Walk grew to 10 ladies. Invitations to attend a walk are sent out about 3 months before a walk to **everyone** in our database which is approximately 50 women! So sponsors, get your application to me right away!

Sponsors please take note that all **July walks will be held at Normandy Church**. Normandy now has an elevator which will make this walk accessible to those with mobility issues.

We have 4 confirmed ladies for the **July walk to be held 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

# 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*

## NOMINATIONS

**NOMINATIONS:** The nominations committee is looking for people to run for board positions that will be up for election. The board positions that will be up for election in November are Good Shepherd, Housing Chair, Kitchen Chair, and Men's Registrar. Each of these is for a three year term that will begin January 1, 2012. Please see me or a current board member for details on the positions. The nominations for the board positions are due by September 15. If you are interested in serving the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community in any of these positions, or would like to nominate someone else, please contact me ([pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org)).

De Colores Stephen Puderbaugh

## HOUSING

Don't forget to sign up for the upcoming walk weekends:

**Wednesday 5:30pm (set up)**

**Thursday 5:30pm (luggage)**

**Sunday 7:00am (sleeping area teardown) 4:00pm (conference room tear down)**

Look for more details on the website. Please contact me if you have questions about serving on Housing Team

## AGAPE NEEDS

Praises that we have enough volunteers to make halos through this year! If you'd like to make halos next year, please contact Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chairperson.

There is a share group that would like donations of old ties to use for agape on the men's walks. There will be a collection box in the narthex at the March Gathering for any donations. If you need more information, please contact Trudi Gilchrist at [tgilx@yahoo.com](mailto:tgilx@yahoo.com).

Thanks for your support in making our pilgrims feel Christ's love through our agape!

## 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.

Thank you for serving to help make our Pilgrims see God's great love.


*De Colores, Marc Littman, Kitchen Chair*

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**“I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.”**  
**Psalm 9:1-2**



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