



# Walk to Emmaus® Newsletter

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Corner

*Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 New Living Translation (NLT)

"*Always be joyful*"? How can that be? That guy just cut me off on my drive to work! "*Never stop praying*"? I'm just swamped with work, home and church duties. I don't have time! "*Be thankful in ALL circumstances*"? Are you kidding me? Life is tough with lots of pitfalls just waiting to entrap me! How can I be thankful?

It seems I have been reading about and hearing this word *prayer* a lot lately; in sermon topics, devotional readings, my Emmaus small group discussions and bible studies. Do these questions sound like some familiar thoughts and excuses for non-action? I have them all the time. And I need the power of our Almighty Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to assist me on a daily basis in dealing with them. The connection is communication with Him. Prayer, all powerful prayer is the link.

No need for long wordy prayer. Just honest sincere conversation with our Lord God, one on one, will do just fine. And even better He is waiting and longing for this talk. We talk to Him and He talks to us, if we listen. All our thanks, our worries, our troubles and joys he wants to hear.

I have found a common bond with my Emmaus small group friends as we all seem to have many of the same concerns and need for prayer. But I have found we each have a different form and time for prayer. These differences are good for me to hear and possibly use in my own prayer life that others have found successful. Just the other night we closed our small group session holding hands in a circle, raising our prayers to the Lord. At our Emmaus Board meetings we open and close in prayer asking the Lord to give us the vision needed for His will to be done in all our efforts within our local churches, the community and into the world.

Prayer is a tool for survival in this world and Emmaus small groups offer great opportunities to stay connected with a solid prayer life. Join a small group and pray. You won't be sorry.

YBIC, Lou Caldwell

### HOW TO FIND US!

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Normandy UMC  
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd  
Centerville OH 45459  
[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

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:** April 11, 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:** April 11, 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**

## “What is Your Easter Theme?”

Back in another place and time, I stopped at the local Christian bookstore just before Easter to get bulletin stock. (Bulletin stock was paper with a pretty picture for the front of a church bulletin. The rest of the page was blank so the order of worship and announcements could be printed.) I was a regular customer, and the clerk and I had a friendly, jovial relationship.

I told her I was looking for bulletin stock for Easter. She asked what our theme would be. Normal people can resist a line like that, but having never been accused of being normal, I didn't.

I said, “I don't know what you celebrate in your church, but our Easter theme will be ‘Jesus risen from the dead.’” She gave me the “oh, you” look and showed me where the supplies were. I picked a beautiful picture of an empty tomb and was on my way.

I remember that story every Easter. On one level, we know that Easter should be about “Jesus risen from the dead.” But it seems like people celebrate so many other things - most of them good. Things like:

Easter is a family celebration. With the long weekend, family will be home. We'll laugh, play and reminisce together.

Candy is what Easter is about. Which is your favorite? Chocolate bunnies, jelly beans, malted milk ball eggs? Marshmallow Peeps top my list.

It wouldn't be Easter without new clothes. Will you be wearing your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it?

Flowers. If there aren't flowers it's not Easter! We've had spirited disagreements across the years if church flowers must only be Easter Lilies or if other spring flowers like daffodils, tulips and hyacinths might be included.

Can it be Easter if there isn't music? “Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!” or “From the grave to the sky, Lord I lift your name on high.”

Of course the main event: After I go to church and enjoy these aspects of the holiday, I want to come home to a great ham dinner.

Here's the thing. Two thousand years ago, an amazing preacher named Jesus healed people and taught profound truths. Some said he was a prophet while others called him the Son of God. Things were really going well until one dark Friday he was crucified - executed on a cross. He died, and his disillusioned followers headed back to their lives. Their hope died with him.

Three days later, on Sunday morning, a handful of followers went to his tomb to pay their last respects, and he was gone! Alive! Risen!

Since then, their lives were never the same! The world has never been the same! Our lives will never be the same!

*Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ... he was buried, ... he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. ... If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins....If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.*

- Selections from 1 Corinthians 15:3-20

# From the Spiritual Director

Cont.

Jesus died on Friday to pay the price for our sins so we could be forgiven. Jesus rose on Easter more powerful than sin, death, and the devil so we can have eternal life!

So when Easter comes, I don't know what you'll eat or what you'll wear or who you'll spend it with.

But my prayer is that in your heart, you will celebrate "Jesus risen from the dead" and this new life in you will spill out all around you and make a difference in your world.

de Colores



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## 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

**The July walk will be held at Normandy Church.** Normandy now has an elevator which will make this walk accessible to those with mobility issues. Invitations to the July women's walk are being mailed to all those in the database, approximately 50 ladies. Sponsors, please encourage your pilgrims to return their RSVP to me right away in order to secure their reservation on the July walk. Sponsors, because we have 50 ladies in the database it is important for you to get your pilgrims application to me right away.

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

## MEN'S REGISTRAR

**The August Men's Walk will be held at Normandy Church.** Normandy now has an elevator which will make this walk accessible to those with mobility issues. There are openings for this walk. 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. Please send your pilgrim's fully completed application to: Men's Registrar, Greater Dayton Emmaus, P.O. Box 292224, Dayton, Ohio 45429 or Contact: [mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

## 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 April 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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**But someone will say,  
“You have faith; I  
have deeds” Show me  
your faith without  
deeds and I will show  
you my faith  
by what I do.**

**James 2:18**



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