



Walk to Emmaus[®] Newsletter

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Chairman's Corner

In my Sunday School class recently our lesson was titled, "Remembering Jesus Christ". That struck me as odd that we might actually forget Jesus as Christians? And we needed a Sunday School lesson instructing us how not to forget?

But when looking around it seems we do just that; times get tough and the world is coming at us from all directions, many letting the world tell them who they are and how they should behave. One of the quotes from the lesson stated it best, "God forbid that we should ever forget who we are or where we have come from; for if we do, we will lose sight of where we are headed."

And here is where the connection comes in and keeps us grounded in Christ: Worship! How many of you had a church worship service recently and sang the song "Christ the Lord is Risen Today". Yes, Easter Sunday, and how loud we sang out those words. We prayed and sang more hymns. Some of us shed tears of joy for the message of the Risen Savior reminding us all again and again of his salvation message. Another quote from the lesson reads, "Such worshipful remembering is not merely an act of nostalgia; it is an active participation in God's salvation history that still conquers death and brings freedom and life to all who believe."

It is the worship service that keeps us connected as stated in Acts 16:25 Paul and Silas were in prison..."they were praying and singing hymns to God" and the earthquake came and "everyone's chains were unfastened".

Regular church attendance is very important as we remember who and whose we are, daughters and sons of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Emmaus Gathering service, though NOT a replacement for our church service, is another location we stay connected with each other through singing, praying, praising, communing and hearing the word of God spoken. And I know everybody remembers the Gatherings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month, 7:15pm at Normandy UMC. I hope I see you all at the next Gathering, May 9, 2011, as we "Remember Jesus Christ" together.

De Colores, Y.B.I.C. Lou Caldwell

HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
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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: May 9, 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: May 9, 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

I have people looking for share groups in various locations. If your group has openings please let me know. If you are looking for a group please file an application on line at www.daytonemmaus.org under the share group tab. The next share group orientation and networking session will be just prior to the August Gathering. Please help me keep my files current by letting me know if you have a change of email address or phone number. My email is goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org DeClores, Cheri Spencer, Good Shepherd Chair

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, 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.

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

Doomsday?

Mark 13:32-33

But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

In the last four months of 2011 there have been an overwhelming number of cataclysmic events:

- Earthquake magnitude 6.9 Argentina-January 1
- Earthquake magnitude 5.2 - Southern XinJiang, China-January 1
- Earthquake 7.1 magnitude Chile-January 2
- More Than 1,000 Dead Birds Fall From Sky in Arkansas-January 2
- Dead fish cover 20-mile section of Arkansas River-January 2
- Uganda yellow fever outbreak kills more than 40-January 3
- Earthquake Near Japan Triggers Tsunami Warning-January 3
- Powerful earthquake hits south-east Iran-January 3
- Earthquake 7.0 magnitude hits northern Argentina-January 3
- Hundreds of dead blackbirds found in Louisiana-January 3
- 10,000s of Birds found dead in Manitoba-January 3
- Thousands of Birds fall from the sky in South America-January 3
- Major Flood in Rockhampton, Australia-January 3
- Dead Birds Found In Kentucky-January 4
- 100 tons of dead fish wash up on Brazil's shores-January 4
- Hundreds of dead birds found in East Texas-January 5
- Dead birds in Sweden, millions of dead fish in Maryland, Brazil and New Zealand-January 5
- Shift of Earth's magnetic north pole affects Tampa airport-January 5
- 40,000 crabs found dead on England beaches-January 6
- Heavy floods leave at least 35 dead in Brazil-January 6
- Earthquake 4.5 magnitude in California-January 12
- Huge Waves Destroy Homes in E. Indonesia-January 12
- Thousands of marine animals found dead in MATO GROSSO DO SUL/AMAZON Region-February 4
- Magnitude 6.3 earthquake- SOUTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND-February 21
- Thousands of dead fish have washed up at Sebastian Inlet State Park Florida-February
- Millions of small fish including anchovies, sardines and mackerel were found dead at King Harbour area at Redondo Beach, California-March
- Magnitude 8.9 earthquake and tsunami devastating Japan-March 11
- 40ft section of California Highway falls into Pacific Ocean-March 16
- Magnitude 3.5 earthquake - OFFSHORE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-March 17
- Magnitude 6.5 earthquake- Vanuatu- March 17
- Magnitude 7.0 earthquake strikes northeastern Burma-March 23
- Magnitude 6.8 earthquake hits Myanmar, Thailand-March 23
- Magnitude 6.4 earthquake off the coast of Japan-March 25
- Thousands of dead fish wash up in Florida-March 25
- Hundreds of dead fish found in Midland, Texas-March 26
- Hundreds of dead fish and frogs in Marquette Lagoon-April 1
- Magnitude 5.4 earthquake in South Sandwich Islands Region-April 1
- Magnitude 6.4 earthquake Fiji-April

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Magnitude 7.4 earthquake hits shore of Japan-April 7

Dead fish found in Cedar Creek, Texas-April 10

Magnitude 6.5 and 6.2 earthquakes hit eastern Japan-April 11

Dead fish float up in 36 lakes in the state of Connecticut-April

Deadly Tornadoes hit N. Carolina and Virginia, at least 47 dead-April 16

Thousands of dead fish are hauled away in Lakeside,NY-April 27

A massive thunderstorm front spawned 137 tornadoes, killed at least 180 people, and mangled sections of Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, and Huntsville, Alabama-April

All of these events would suggest that it is the end of time. The word of God doesn't tell us when the end of time will come but assures us that it will. For the person of faith, it is not doomsday but a day when we all will see the scriptures fulfilled. It should propel the faithful to tell those who have not received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior that it's not too late. Tell them if they receive Him in their life today they can experience what it means to have peace amidst catastrophe, hope in fear, deliverance vs. persecution, and eternal life instead of eternal damnation.

May we all watch as well as pray!

Mamie Johnson

Spiritual Director

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

Women's Registrar

The July walk will be held at Normandy Church and we currently have 10 pilgrims registered. Normandy now has an elevator which will make this walk accessible to those with mobility issues. Invitations to the July women's walk have been mailed to all registrants in the database. Sponsors, please encourage your pilgrims to return their RSVP to me right away in order to secure their reservation on the July walk.

We encourage new and seasoned 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

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).

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

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 May Gathering for any donations. If you need more information, please contact Trudi Gilchrist at 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, 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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**“Sing to the Lord a new
song;
sing to the Lord, all the
earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise his
name;
proclaim his salvation day
after day.
Declare his glory among the
nations,
his marvelous deeds among
all peoples.”
Psalm 96:1-3**



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