



Walk to Emmaus[®] Newsletter

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Chairman's Corner

"Your Gifts Keep a Ministry Alive"

This quote was the heading on the May 18 Upper Room Daily Devotional which I read each day. These words rang so true to me as I considered the many different gifts that are found within the members of our Emmaus Community, and that these gifts are used to keep our ministry alive.

As most of you know we have a Board of Directors and each position requires different gifts. These Board positions are elected three year terms with four members rotating off the Board each year, bringing four new members with new gifts onto the Board each year.

This is where you come in. Think of "Your Gifts of Ministry" which will keep our Walk to Emmaus ministry alive and growing. There are four positions coming open in January 2012: Housing Chair, Kitchen Chair, Men's Registrar Chair, and Good Shepherd Chair. The current Board members who hold these positions have been writing articles in our newsletters and talking about them at Gatherings, describing the duties associated with the positions.

Opening yourself to the idea of accepting a Board role is the pure essence of Agape love, self sacrifice and humble service. God's love for you and others can be spread as you help the Walk traditions and messages go forward.

What can you do? Pray about your ministry. Have you been Saved to Serve and Blessed to be a Blessing? Then you need to consider offering to serve. Talk to any current or past Board member for information on these positions. Come to a Gathering and read the Newsletter to learn more about each job description. But remember it is a "Gift of Your Ministry" to the Greater Dayton Area Emmaus Community.

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

HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd
Centerville OH 45459
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: June 13, 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: June 13, 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.

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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

OUR GOD REIGNS!

“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns... I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendors into it... Nothing impure will enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” Rev. 19:6, Rev. 21:22-23

If you’re like me you may have thought we were living in Seattle lately with all the rain. It made me what to strike up the old Barney the Dinosaur song. Do you remember it?

*“Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, please shine down on me.
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, hiding behind that tree.
These little children are asking you.
Please come out, so they can play with you.
Oh, Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun,
Please shine down on, please shine down on,
Please shine down on me!”*

Believe it or not there is coming a day when we will all be excited about the **reign** from heaven. I often recall the candlelight service at my original Walk. I describe it as a glimpse of heaven on earth. When we entered that Sanctuary and heard those voices calling out our names and saying “Jesus, loves you,” we were temporarily transported to another place. We were able to grasp for a moment that ultimate destination for all believers. We were reminded that earth is not our home, we are only sojourners here. One day we will no longer have to contend with the weather conditions down here. We won’t have to worry about tornado or flash flood warnings, or the lack of sunshine. One day we will all be standing in the SONshine shouting, “Hallelujah! For the Lord God Almighty reigns.” Just thinking about it has already brightened my day. I hope you’re looking forward to that day too. Until then, go out and enjoy the sunshine while you still can.

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*

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).
Y.B.I.C. 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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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the model for Sponsorship for Emmaus is found in the Book of Luke?

Read Luke 24:13-35 and you will find why we encourage friends to join us in this Walk to Emmaus.

1. Re-explain faith: Jesus walked with two people who were believers. What better place to share this sacred time with our friends.
2. Re-experienced faith: AGAPE— These are unplanned sacred moments, communion. What better place to experience this and show your Christian love than through these moments.
3. Disciples returned to their faith community. The Emmaus community encourages all of us to return to our faith communities. We can continue our Walk with those we sponsor as we mentor them as they invite others to share this experience.

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. This walk will be totally accessible for our Pilgrims. As of this writing the walk is now FULL! Applications received after May 20, 2011, will be placed on the July waiting list! PRAISE GOD!! Sponsors, please encourage your pilgrims to return their RSVP to me right away in order to secure their reservation on the July walk.. *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

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