



Walk to Emmaus® Newsletter

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Chairman's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to update the Community on our attempt to provide babysitting at the Gatherings. After a two year trial period it has been decided not to provide these services. The main reason was due to a lack of interest. There are also the issues of the Safe Sanctuary policy of needing two adults at all times in the nursery and cost of background checks for each caregiver. Plus, there would have been an additional insurance charge from our insurance provider. We still encourage and welcome moms and dads to bring children and if they need to take them to the nursery it will be open for their use.

I was reading a passage from a devotion written by Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ. It dealt with staying strong as the Body of Christ and I quote as follows:

"Support is what Jesus wanted from Peter, James, and John in Gethsemane as He faced Calvary"... and he continues .. "If Jesus looked to human support in His crisis hour, how much more do Christians need one another when they suffer! Let us be willing to ask someone to pray for us and with us. And let us be alert for opportunities to lend our support to others who are suffering. We need each other! So "let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25, NIV)."

When I attend the Closing ceremonies at the end of each Walk I remind the Pilgrims to stay strong with their support of each other. One way of doing this is with attendance at the Gatherings. But even more importantly is belonging to and faithfully participating in a Share Group. We have Share Group training before the Gathering in October and I encourage those not in a Share Group to attend this session.

Your Brother in Christ,
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:

Men's Walk #53 Jan. 19—22
Women's Walk #86 Feb. 16—19
Women's Walk #87 July 19—22
Men's Walk #54 Aug. 16—19
Women's Walk #88 Sept. 20—23

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: October 10, 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: October 10, 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 \$5.

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

Then He Said...

“And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers-- Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ They immediately left their nets and followed Him.” Matthew 4:18-20

One of the joys for me during the Walk weekend was the opportunity it provided to spend time to hear from God. In the midst of living in community, somewhere amongst the tears and the laughter, the ringing of the bell and the multitude of snacks, the conference room skits and the singing of praises, God speaks. It's not necessarily what you came to the weekend expecting or dare I say "anticipating" to hear. But nonetheless, a conversation, a dialogue, with the Creator of the Universe takes place. Granted it's not the first time you've talked with Him and He's talked with you. But somehow in the sacred confines of that prayer-bathed experience His voice seems to have more clarity. Issues that you thought were long ago settled or dreams and visions that you had packed up and stored away find their way to your uncluttered, unencumbered mind. Tell me, what can God do with a Pilgrim that's willing to listen? Just ask Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. There they were, minding their own business, "casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. **Then He said** to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Isn't that great? God takes what they already know and what they are already doing and says Follow Me and I'll make your life more exciting than you can even imagine or think. And here's the remarkable thing of this passage (and I hope of your weekend experience), "They **immediately** left their nets and followed Him." I don't see any mention of Simon Peter and Andrew negotiating with Jesus. There's no "but..." in their response. They know they have heard from the Master and they are more than willing to re-prioritize their lives in accordance with His wishes.

I hope you will recall your own Walk and the conversation you had with the Master. Perhaps it was during a morning meditation in the chapel, or during an examination of conscience after the candlelight, or while tearfully & joyfully reading your 'love' letters around the conference room table. Don't let the fact that the world has not changed crowd out the conversation and the time you spent on this Road to Emmaus with Him. There you were, minding your own business, and **then He said...**

**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

The elections for open 2012 Board Positions will be taking place at the November 2011 Gathering. In addition to the votes that will be taken at that time, we will also be accepting absentee ballots. Please use the form below to vote for candidates if you are unable to attend the November 2011 Gathering. The absentee ballot can be mailed to:

Neal Stout, Greater Dayton Emmaus Leadership Chairperson
Normandy United Methodist Church
450 West Alex-Bell Road
Dayton, OH 45459

Good Shepherd	Housing Chair
___ Verna Drake	___ Dennis Leach
___ Other _____	___ Other _____
Kitchen Chair	Men's Registrar
___	___
___ Other _____	___ Other _____

Y.B.I.C. Stephen Puderbaugh

MEN'S REGISTRAR

There are openings for the January 2012 Men's Walk. This walk will be held at Normandy UMC. Please encourage those interested in participating in the Emmaus experience to fill out an application as soon as possible. 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

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. NEEDED: a Willing Servant to call people to serve Communion for Gatherings. Please contact Linda or Tim. De Colores, Linda Haller and Tim Macy

FROM THE WOMEN'S REGISTRAR

We are accepting registrations for Women's Walk #86, February 16-19, 2012. Please send registrations to the P.O. Box listed below. 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

MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE


We are sorry to announce that the Emmaus community will not be providing baby sitting service at our monthly Gatherings or other community events.

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wonderfully made;
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derful, I know that
full well.”
Psalm 139:14**



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