



Walk to Emmaus[®] Newsletter

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Chairman's Corner

I will be giving a talk on November 13 to a new member orientation class at my church. The instructor has asked me to share what the Emmaus ministry means to our church. And, by the way, I have been given 5 minutes to do this! I know this sounds impossible, but that is all the time I have been allowed. So, I went to www.UpperRoom.org looking for a quick, concise description of the Walk and re-read the following:

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

Have I kept this precept in my life? If there is one point I feel that needs conveyed more than any other it is "encouraging Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being a servant of all". "Acting in ways" is a challenge and opportunity I face and sometimes struggle with in my dealings and conversations with others in my own church, family, workplace and community. I try to find assistance dealing with these challenges through prayer, Bible study and my association with others in the Community by attending my Share Group, Gatherings and Candlelight events as often as possible. I recommend these solutions to one and all, encouraging each reader of this newsletter to attend an upcoming Gathering or Candlelight ceremony passing on the love of Christ as you have experienced it in your service to the Lord.

Another way we might be true servant disciples of Christ is volunteering at an upcoming Thanksgiving meal for the less fortunate, homeless or downtrodden. Yes, it is Thanksgiving where we can be examples of servant leaders in our churches and communities in a time when so many are going without. Get your Share Group together or Sunday School class and go serve meals at a shelter. You might also offer these meals at your own church for the community. You can do it! Remember Christ is counting on you and you are counting on Christ. Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

Your Brother In Christ, Lou Caldwell, Community Chairman

HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd
Centerville OH 45459
www.daytonemmaus.org

2012 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: November 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: February 13, 2012 /6:15

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

Anyone looking for a share group may apply on line at www.daytonemmaus.org . Use the drop down menu for share groups and send me as much information as you can. I will do my best to get you connected with an accountability partner or two. The next share group orientation and networking session will be in February just prior to the Gathering.

Decolores, 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

Thoughts of a Pastor

I have a confession to make. On my birthday this past April my three kids and my wife got together and gave me an Apple iPad. It was a surprise. I never yearned for one and I never asked for one. I felt a little guilty. These things aren't cheap and I thought of all the better ways the money could have been spent. Nevertheless, I thanked them, graciously I hope, but thought, "What am I ever going to do with this thing? It's just an expensive toy for people who have too much time on their hands." I figured I'd show some interest and humor my kids by letting them show me how it worked and later I'd just stick it on a shelf somewhere until I had the occasional inkling to play Angry Birds or look at the latest funny kitten video on YouTube.

Well, was I wrong! My iPad and I are inseparable now. I rarely ever touch my laptop computer anymore. It has ten Bibles on it, Bible language resources, and more things I can list here. Plus, the kids at church think their pastor is "cool".

Yes, I appreciate this new tool that is fun to use and adds to my quality of life and work. I marvel at the technology and the work behind it done by the people at Apple and appreciate the leadership and vision of the recently passed Steve Jobs in the creation of new i-gadgets. Even though my iPad is now "cool", I am under no illusions that a year from now it will be "old news" in the ever-changing world of technology. Remember how "cool" the 8-track tape player and Sony Walkman once were? "Cool" it seems, fades quickly!

Have you been paying attention to the media and cultural response to Jobs' passing? Time magazine writes in its 17 October cover story, "Steve Jobs remade the world as completely as any single human being ever has." REALLY? The article goes on to tell us Jobs recruited the CEO of Pepsi to join Apple with this question: "Do you want to sell sugared water for the rest of your life, or do you want to come with me and change the world?"

Did Jobs really remake and change the world like no one else? I don't think so. Not even close! But one other did and is continuing to do so—the One who was, is, and is to come! *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope... and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.* (1Peter 1:3-4)

As we begin to gear up for the busy Advent and Christmas season let us never forget who that One Person is! In the midst of a godless culture that anoints a gifted gadget-maker Messiah, let's proclaim the good news of God's love for the world in Jesus with boldness and power.

And oh by the way, if you happen to run into the CEO of Pepsi, ask him or her this question from Jesus, "Do you want to sell sugared water for the rest of your life, or do you want to come with me and change the world?"

DeColores, Pastor George Brewer

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
Steve Uphouse	Coley Logan
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

We have a volunteer to call people to serve communion at gatherings. A big thank you to the community for being willing to help out.

Christmas Gathering is around the corner. If you would like to participate in the gathering, please contact Tim Macy or Linda Haller Worship Chairs

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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**But someone will say,
"You have faith; I
have deeds." Show me
your faith without
deeds, and I will show
you my faith with my
deeds.
James 2:18**



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