



# Walk to Emmaus<sup>®</sup> Newsletter

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### Chairman's Corner

Greetings, February is the month of Love, or at least greeting card companies, restaurants, and many other companies would tell you that it is. Of course they are talking about a different kind of love than what I want to discuss.

In Emmaus we talk quite a bit about another kind of love – agape love. We talk about the love that is God's love for mankind, and the love for the sake of love. Agape love abounds in Emmaus. We discuss it in some talks. The entire weekend is filled with acts of agape love. People prepare and serve food, set up and tear down several rooms of various types of supplies and equipment, they write letters, sing songs, celebrate communion, pray – all for many people that they do not know. We do it because those things were done for us. We remember our Pilgrim Walk and how we felt not only the love of those people, but how it helped us see the love of God and Jesus Christ. We show this agape love because God loved us first, and because other people performed the same loving acts for us on our Pilgrim Walk. Sometimes I feel selfish when I help with a Walk, because I feel so good about it. I help because I want to help the Pilgrims see the love of Christ, but I feel that love multiplied many times in return.

Of course, Walk weekends are not the only time in Emmaus that we can show agape love. Gatherings also present us with opportunities. When we talk about our Fourth Days, either shortly after our Walk or coming back much later, it is an act of love. Anytime we can witness to anyone about how God is acting in our lives, we do so through love. When we give the Corporate Prayer, we help the gathered community to focus on the love of God for us, and on our response to His love. The people that use the musical talents that God has given them to either provide special music or to lead the community in music are expressing love. I believe that even when we receive communion it is an act of love, because we are coming together as the body of Christ to remember his death and sacrifice for us. Even if I am having a bad day before I get to Gathering, I always leave feeling full of God's love, and that is because of the wonderful expressions of love given by so many people.

We know that from John 3:16(KJV) that "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Please show the world through you actions that you are trying to repay some small part of that love of God.

De Colores, Neal Stout , Community Chair

### HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus  
Normandy UMC  
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd  
Centerville OH 45459  
[www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

### 2012 EMMAUS WALKS

#### Held at Normandy UMC:

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:** February 13, 2012/6:30

**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/ 6:15pm

**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

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 937-849-0353 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 13. 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. Verna Drake, Good Shepherd Chair

## WILLING SERVANTS

Please remember to either update, or submit for the first time 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 Brian Wood, Leadership Chair, at [leadership@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:leadership@daytonemmaus.org) ,

## 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 Computer Administration, Newsletter, Supply Chair, Treasurer, Women's Registrar and Women's Worship. Each of these is for a three year term that will begin January 1, 2013. Please see me or a current board member for details on the positions. Mentoring is available on all 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)). Your Brother in Christ, Louis Caldwell, Nominations Chair

## 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

## Abundant Life In Christ

Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep... Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:7-10)

As we get older we are supposed to get smarter; to learn a thing or two and gain in wisdom. One of the most important pieces of wisdom I’ve picked up in my life is this, “Focus and balance is the key to success in anything we do in life.” I learned this over and over in my business life prior to going into ministry. Its truth has been confirmed again and again in church leadership. And most importantly, it has been a life-saver on my spiritual journey.

Who can forget the image of that three-legged stool from their Walk? It is a perfect image for us in our continuing walk with Jesus. Each leg represents a key element of our experience of God’s sanctifying grace in the life of Christ. Each leg (Piety, Study, & Action) must hold our focus and attention, yet at the same time be in balance with one another. Every leg must be the same length. If one is shorter or longer than the others, guess what happens? We fall off and land on our butts!

I believe every year each one of us needs to go to the Lord in prayer and ask for a spiritual life realignment! What do we need to do more of? What do we need to do less of? The Spirit will give us our new settings if we just listen!

I don’t know about you, but without a constant and consistent focus on Jesus (piety) and making time to study, as a pastor I oft go astray and flounder in spending too much time in action. The abundant life in Christ that lifts me, feeds me, heals me, and sends me soon begins to fade. Instead of following “Thy will” I begin to follow “my will.” Then God help me and forgive me for the harm I do!

May God add a special blessing to each person in the Dayton Emmaus community this new year and help us keep focused and balanced on our walk with Jesus so that, we may be the leaders in our local churches that God wants us to be, being channels of Jesus’ gift of abundant life to all.

DeColores,

Pastor George Brewer

# Pray for One Another

## Women's Walk #86 February 16-19

### PILGRIM LIST

Brandy Abney	Kettering
Nicole Baker	Germantown
Glenna Baughman	Dayton
Amy Brooks	Huber Heights
Alicia Brown	Beavercreek
Flora Coy	West Chester
Deloris Crusoe	Troy
Michelle Brown-Gordon	Miamisburg
Sheri Gray	Vandalia
Carleen Gressel	Dayton
Cathy Griffith	Ripley
Marsha Hardin	Beavercreek
Sjoukje Janssen	West Milton
Jennifer Jones	Medway
Christine Kaup	Medway
Rosemay Kautz	Mason
Kathy Kitchel	Germantown
Anja Little	Centerville
Antje Miller	Dayton
Teresa Moore	Eaton
Amy Moreetta	Dayton
Suzanne Mundy	Centerville
Barb Nagel	Huber Heights
Rene Panosian	Beavercreek
Kristina Rammel	West Carrollton
Katherine Rich	Lebanon
Sandra Rose	Miamisburg
Carolyn Thompson	Springboro
Robin Vanderbilt	Kettering
Sarah Zinn	Dayton

Please keep these Pilgrims and team in your daily prayers.

Ladies, would you like to help this walk. The team can use extras LOGs to help during the weekend? Please contact Brian Wood.

### TEAM ROSTER

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Talk</b>
Linda Haller	LD	Perseverance
Kathleen Hosner	ALD	Fourth Day
Heather Christoff	ALD	Priority
Carolyn Carter	ALD	Grow Through Study
Sandy Hedge	AMD	
Cheryl Carter	MD	
Martha Logan	PS	
Rita Anspach	PS	
Amy McCarty	TL	Changing Our World
Pam Shively	TL	Christian Action
Marra Wollpert	TL	Discipleship
Kathy Postell	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Brenda Smith	TL	Life in Piety
Laura Nugent	TL	Body of Christ
Sue Fouty	ATL	
Cathy Miller	ATL	
Denise Haws	ATL	
Sue Benner	ATL	
Cindy Wagner	ATL	
Susan Updike	LOG	
Diana Begley	LOG	
Michelle Flannery	LOG	
Paula Reams	LOG	
Karen DuBro	BR	
Clergy		
Heth Corl	SD	Means of Grace
Phyllis Riggs	ASDL	Sanctifying Grace
Jim Riggs	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Dave Tackett	ASD	Justifying Grace
Peggy Cromer	ASD	Obstacles to Grace

ALD – Assistant Lay Director	LD – Lay Director
AMD – Assistant Music Director	Log - Logistics
ASD – Assistant Spiritual Director	MD – Music Director
ASDL – Assistant Spiritual Director Live-in	PS – Prayer Servant
ATL – Assistant Table Leader	SD – Spiritual Director
BR – Board Rep	TL – Table Leader

#### **From the Women's Registrar**

The February Women's Walk #86 is full with a waiting list. We are accepting registration forms for the July walk. Please plan to attend Sponsorship Training prior to Gatherings.

Please note the Team and Pilgrim rosters are subject to change after press-time. Prior to the Walk weekend, the Newsletter is updated with the most current Pilgrim / Team rosters and posted on the Dayton Emmaus website:

<http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm>

# 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*

## WORSHIP

Please remind the community that Kandle Lights will be for sale before candle light for \$5 each. Also, if you have your own Kandle light, please bring it with you as we have a very limited number of loaner Kandles. If you are interested in providing music for a gathering or playing for candle light or closing please contact the worship chairs, Linda Haller and Tim Macy.

## MEN'S REGISTRAR

Dear Emmaus, we need to ask God to lead us, to invite His adopted sons to be on an Emmaus Walk this year. For the year 2012 we need 40 men. That does not seem like a very many. We need to be more proactive, have higher expectations, and ask God to lead us to the men God wants to participate in a 72 hour walk.  
De Colores, Coley Logan, Men's Registrar

## HOUSING

Don't forget to sign up for the upcoming Women's Walk in the following areas:

**Wednesday 5:30pm (set up)**

**Thursday 5:30pm (luggage)**

**Sunday 7:00am (sleeping area teardown) 4:00pm (conference room tear down)**

Look for more details on the website. Please contact me if you have questions about serving on Housing Team  
DeColores, Dennis Leach, Housing Chair

## ATTENTION PLEASE

PLEASE REMEMBER. Starting with the July Walk Pilgrim fees will become \$85.00. As the cost of food and supplies increase, this fee increase will make certain our Pilgrims will be served abundantly. **The community treasurer will be in the Loggia at 6:30, February 13 to explain income and expenses. Near the chapel.....**

The Emmaus board agreed to amend the Bylaws to remove the position Christ United Methodist Church representative and related changes. Objections should be submitted to the board within 60 days.

## AGAPE NEEDS

There is a share group set to make the halos for Women's Walk February and September. Volunteers are needed to make halos for the July Women's Walk. If your share group would like to volunteer, please let me know so I can get you on the schedule. Also, please remember that **NO GIFTS** are to be distributed in the Sunday Agape package -- for either pilgrims or team members. When writing agape, please make sure that the recipient's first and last names are on the envelopes. Sponsors, as you collect agape letters, it is your responsibility to make sure they are appropriately addressed. Thank you for your continued support. Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chair

## KITCHEN HELP ALWAYS NEEDED


Another Walk weekend is just around the corner- and we can use all the help we can get in the kitchen for the upcoming Women's Walk #86 this month (2/16-19). **NO COOKING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Just show up at the designated serving time and the kitchen manager will assist you. Sign-up sheets will be at the next Gathering or you can sign up online. De Colores, Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair

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**formed you in your**  
**mother's womb. Before**  
**you were born I set you**  
**apart and appointed you**  
**as my spokesman to the**  
**world."**



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