



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

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Corner

Greetings.

As I write this, I am very inspired. We have had 2 Walks this year, and I have listened to over 60 pilgrims as they talked at Closing about what the Walk meant to them and what they plan on doing about it. Every time that I listen to these testimonies, or the ones given at the first Gathering after a Walk, I am reminded how this Walk to Emmaus ministry is truly inspired and blessed by God. I know that in my experience, going to a Candlelight or Closing or Gathering strengthens me again. Testimonies of other believers, and just being with them in praise and worship, is powerful. Every time it reminds me of my own pilgrim weekend and the incredible experiences that I had. I have often told people who are hesitant about filling out a Willing Servant Form for a Live-In Team that my first team experience was almost as powerful for me as my pilgrim weekend. I have had the opportunity to watch the change that took place in other men as they went through this wonderful ministry. I have had the opportunity to see how the Holy Spirit has changed men right in front my eyes. For this, I give thanks and feel truly blessed.

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### HOW TO FIND US!

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

### 2011 EMMAUS WALKS

#### Held at Normandy UMC:

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:** March 13, 2012 at 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:** March 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 \$4.

## 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 937-321-9011 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 March 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, 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. **MEN WE NEED YOUR FORMS.** 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).

## 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**

## **MOUNTAIN LAKE CHRISTIANS**

Mountain lakes are beautiful with cool, clear, refreshing water. They are surrounded by delicate, rugged beauty. Throughout the year, they maintain a consistent water level.

These lakes have a steady inflow of water throughout the year. A stream or multiple streamlets feed them from glacial melt and keep the water level at a constant level year round. A channel allows water to flow out. Without water flowing out, the lakes would become filthy and polluted.

Ohio lakes are different with water levels rising and falling with the seasons. Rainy times fill them to overflowing. Dry spells find them very low and brackish. You can look at our lakes and tell whether they are happy or stressed out just by observing their water level.

Some Christians are like Ohio lakes. For a while, they are filled and overflowing with joy and blessing. They make a positive difference for Jesus at school, at work, at home, in church and community activities. Then dry spells come, and they have nothing to give to others, and they spew forth negativity. Some have been dry for so long, they have forgotten that there is a better pattern for their lives. It really is true: if we have little flowing in, we will have nothing flowing out.

A mountain lake is an image for healthy spiritual living. A Healthy Christian maintains a steady spiritual level because she or he always has consistent spiritual input coming in from multiple sources. In addition, they maintain an outward flow of blessing and ministry to others.

We call these spiritual inputs means of grace. These soul exercises, which have been done by Christians for centuries, open persons to grace, to finding Jesus, to growing in faith. We tend to emphasize these practices during Lent. That's a good thing, but healthy Christians maintain consistent spiritual inputs and outputs throughout the year.

Means of grace are divided into two broad categories:

Works of Piety focus on the inner spiritual life. Prayer, fasting, searching the Scriptures, public worship, holy communion, Christian music, spiritual books, small groups, and personal devotions are some common soul exercises.

Works of Mercy focus on the outward spiritual life of service. Doing good deeds, visiting the sick and those in prison, feeding and clothing those in need, seeking justice for all, and working to improve society are ways of engaging in soul conditioning.

These are not exhaustive lists. There are many sources of spiritual input and outflow.

Some Works of Mercy flow into our spiritual reservoirs. Most of the Works of Mercy are the outflow of our lives.

The exercises I use for soul conditioning shift as I find fresh ways that feed my soul. My current favorites are Scripture reading (currently Ezekiel as I work my way through the entire Bible), a book of Celtic Prayers has been calling me to pray four times a day, Christian reading (currently "Hijacked" - a book by Michael Slaughter on the relationship of faith and politics in the church), and music (I found a treasure trove on YouTube by Christy Nockels - "Grace Flows Down" is stuck in my head today.)

My current favorite public inputs are our Sunday Celebrations, our Sunday School class, our Bible Study, and Emmaus gatherings and share group. I am also fed by Kairos reunions and by our evenings at New Hope church.

These inputs keep me nourished so there are blessings flowing out from me to others. My outflow includes my teaching and pastoral ministry at Parkview, my volunteer service with Kairos and New Hope, and sharing the love of Jesus where ever I go.

Your list of inputs and outputs will look different. God shaped us differently. But if you don't maintain a consistent stream of inputs in your spiritual life, you will dry up. You will have dry spells when it seems like God is far away. When problems arise, you will have nothing in your reservoir from which to draw. You will have zilch to share to make a difference for Jesus. If you don't maintain a consistent outflow, you will become stunted and

# From the Spiritual Director

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and stinky.

If you keep a steady stream flowing into your life, you will have grace and agape love overflowing. Life won't always be happy, but you will have spiritual resources to sustain you through dark valleys.

Keep the living water of Jesus flowing into your life by staying connected with him. He is the one who wants to fill you with blessing so you can be a blessing to others.

de Colores,  
Pastor Brad

## 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

## 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 MEN'S REGISTRAR

To the Emmaus Community: Let God be your GPS, to seek out who He wants to go an Emmaus Walk. There are so many guys that God is just waiting for us to ask to go on a walk, plant His seed. We just need to have a bigger net and remember to cast it. ALL Walks will cost \$85.00. DeColores, Coley Logan, Men's Registrar [mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

## FROM THE WOMEN'S REGISTRAR

**We are accepting applications for Women's Walk #87, July 19-22, 2012. ALL walks will cost \$85.00.** 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](mailto:womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

# 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*

## ATTENTION PLEASE

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS  
Greater Dayton Emmaus Community  
(Revised October 2010)

### ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments may be presented to the Board by any member of the Board one (1) month in advance for consideration by the Board. If the amendments are voted in the affirmative by three-fourths (3/4) vote, they will be circulated to the membership by the Community Newsletter. If no petitions are signed by at least twenty-five (25) community members objecting to them, the amendments will be considered adopted. Any objections must be received within sixty (60) days of the mailing of the notification. If an objection petition is received, the amendments will be considered voided. If the Board then wishes to submit the amendment to the entire Community for a vote, if may do so. A majority or plurality of votes cast by the membership will then decide the matter.

Sections To Be Amended:

ARTICLE IV: Board of Directors

Section 2. Composition

DELETE: Christ Church Representative

Section 3. Terms of Office

Class 2

DELETE: Christ Church Representative

Effective Date:

These amendments will be effective within sixty (60) days after being published in the Emmaus Newsletter providing that no objections have been received by the Emmaus Board of Directors.

## HOUSING

Don't forget to sign up for the upcoming walk weekends:

**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

## KITCHEN HELP ALWAYS NEEDED


Another Walk will be here before you know it! We can use all the help we can get in the kitchen. Fridays are the biggest need at this time. Please sign up to help for the July Women's Walk. Remember, **NO COOKING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Just show up at the designated serving time and the kitchen manager will assist you. Sign-up sheets are at Gatherings or you can sign up on line. De Colores, Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair

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**Matthew 18:4**



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