



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

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### Chairman's Corner

Greetings. Like many people, I carry a cell phone with me almost all the time. I have had a "smart phone" for several years, and I have become dependent on it. It not only handles my phone calls, but also other forms of communication such as text messages, e-mails and social networking. Recently, the phone that I had started having problems. People would tell me that they had tried to call me, but my phone wouldn't ring. Perhaps they even left a message, but I didn't always get the indication that there was a message waiting for me. Other people said that they had sent me e-mails, but some of those seemed to get lost. Text messages also did not always get to me. I kept saying that the phone was working "good enough" and that I could get by as it was. Finally, I had missed enough messages that I decided I had to do something, so I went to my mobile phone company's store and looked around. I picked a newer phone that had many more features than my old phone and I bought it. Now it appears that all the messages, in all their various forms, are getting through. Don't get me wrong, sometimes I get more messages than I can handle at one time. But at least I believe they are all coming through and I can sort through them and deal with what I can.

In April of 2002 my wife Linda went on her Emmaus Walk. Several other family members had been on Walks, both from her family and mine. When her Walk concluded she told me how wonderful it was and suggested that I attend as well. Other family members followed up, all with encouraging words. However, I was sure that I didn't need a new way to communicate with God, the old way was just fine with me. Over the next few years, I kept getting reminded by an ever growing group of people of how great this "Emmaus Walk" was. You see, my wife took me to a few Gatherings and introduced me to a variety of genuinely loving people. Yet I still didn't give in. My way was still "good enough" for me. Then one day in early 2005, just a few days after my brother-in-law had given me a third application, I woke one morning to a voice that very clearly told me that I needed to go on a Walk. And this time, it was not my wife. It was not any human voice. And I was finally convinced that this message was one that I better not ignore. So I decided to lay aside my old ways and try this Walk experience. Of course, as I sat eating dinner with some family and friends on the Sunday, May 15, 2012, of my Walk Weekend, I asked out loud "Why did I wait so long?" Since then I have realized that my means of communicating with God have been greatly enhanced. I have newer, better "features" in this "model" than in what I had before. Just the whole new experience of a weekly meeting with like minded men in my Share group would be well worth the experience.

If you have not been on a Walk, please talk to any of us who have. We can all give you many reasons why you should partake in the experience. If you have been on a Walk, as I imagine most of the readers have, please continue to listen to the voice of God when He tells you to pursue someone that should go on a Walk. Not everyone should go on a Walk, but He will let you know who to encourage to make the journey. I am thankful that my family members did not give up on me. De Colores, Neal Stout

### 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 # 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:** May 14, 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:** August 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 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 April 9. 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.

*Colores, Charles Benner*

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# **From the Spiritual Director**

## Spring Into Action

*"In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. **But David** remained in Jerusalem." 2 Samuel 11:1*

I just love change of season; don't you? The keyword is "change." We get to experience God's rich variety as He caused the seasons to change. The short cold days of winter give way to the long warm days of spring. The sun shines longer by day and the moon reflects brighter by night. The familiar sounds of nature come alive. The birds return from their migration south and begin to build nests and lay eggs. Children emerge from their indoor hideouts to play ball and skate and ride bikes again in the cul-de-sac .

Dogs seem to find more things to bark at and chase as rabbits and squirrels and groundhogs rise from their winter abodes to join in the rituals of spring. The grass turns green, the leaves fill the trees and the fragrance of flowers fill the air as the colors fill our flower beds.

Similarly, in this text we find that there is a spring time ritual for kings. "In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war..." The only problem is that the verse ends with "**But David** remained in Jerusalem." That's where all of his trouble began. He didn't get in step with the season of his life. David was supposed to **spring into action** and lead his troops off to war. Instead, he remained in his winter local with a winter mindset. I'll leave it up to you to read the rest of the story to find out how that all turned out for David. I'll give you a hint. Proverbs 14: 12 says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

I'm sure you've heard the expression, "time waits for no man." So, don't allow yourself to get stuck in a rut, or to get out of step with the seasons of life. **Spring into action** and do those things which God has placed on your heart to do. Get out your notebook or journal from your Walk. Read over your letters again. Recall all the things that God delivered you from and all of the hope and promise you received for this new season in your life. Remember that great cloud of witnesses who have gone before you and are cheering you on to victory. You have a choice on how this story ends...

DeColores,

Palmer Jason, Spiritual Director

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

## FROM THE MEN'S REGISTRAR

To the Emmaus Community: Let God be your GPS, to seek out who He wants to go on 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. There are still openings for the August Men's Walk #54. Cast your nets and encourage someone to participate in this walk. ALL Walks will cost \$85.00. DeColores, Coley Logan, Men's Registrar [mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensregistrar@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

## 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

## DID YOU EVER????

Did you ever think about serving the Emmaus Community in a unique way? Why not ask Pam Shively, Linda Haller, Scott, Anspach, Gregg Hayes, Keith Crabtree, and Karen DuBro just what they do to serve? You could find a new way to serve and have a lot of fun at the same time. We will be looking for you to talk to us.

## FROM THE WOMEN'S REGISTRAR

**Women's Walk #87, July 19-22, 2012. is FULL. WE ARE accepting applications for September Women's Walk #88. 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*

## INFORMATION FOR YOU

Below are descriptions of the positions open this year. PLEASE prayerfully consider where God is calling you. Talk to the people who are serving now. YOU keep our community strong through your service.

**WOMEN'S WORSHIP CHAIR:** Linda Haller—Help plan worship for monthly Gatherings, help with worship on walk weekends, maintain guitar and piano music books, maintain power point for music books, make agendas for each Gathering, find people to do 4th Day talks, corporate prayer, and lead music.

**TREASURER:** Keith Crabtree—Oversee the financial operations of the community, prepare monthly reports and annual tax returns, write checks and balance the check book.

**WOMEN'S REGISTRAR:** Pam Shively— Attend monthly board meetings, send invitations to Pilgrims, check in Pilgrims on Thursday send off of Women's walks

**SUPPLY CHAIR:** Scott Anspach—Purchase food and conference room supplies for walks, take inventory of all items after walks.

**COMPUTER CHAIR:** Gregg Hayes—Update membership data base, provide IT support for walks/worship, run roster and labels, maintain Walk PC, interface with National database, maintain community website.

**NEWSLETTER:** Karen DuBro—Prepare monthly newsletter with reports from committees chairs, send newsletter to printer and computer chair, mail newsletter to subscribers.

## PLEASE PRAY

This is from our Community LD. We would like the Community to, "**Please continue to pray for the search for a location for the summer 2013 Walks**".

## 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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**“My counsel for you is simple and straight-forward: Just go ahead with what you’ve been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live in Him.”  
Colossians 2:6 Msg.**



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