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Chairman's Corner

Greetings. June is often a transition month. Many graduations either take place in June or have just recently occurred. There are many weddings in June. It is the first month of what most people consider summer, even though the weather people say that summer doesn't start until June 20th. For me, I love warmer weather and I tend to spend more time outdoors in the summer. Spending time outdoors means being around more people, including many more people who really don't know me. I umpire many baseball and softball games in the spring and summer. I pray before games, asking that God will help me to do a proper and fair job in all of my decisions during the game. Because there can be many stressful situations in a game, I also pray that I handle those properly. I pray that those people who know that I am a Christian will never see me act in a way that would cause them to say something bad about Christians in general because of my actions.

What about you? Are you around more people in the summer? Do you wear a shirt, or a piece of jewelry, that might lead strangers to know that you are a Christian? For people who know that you are a Christian, you are a witness for Christ in every action that you do. Make sure that in everything you do, you bring glory to Christ and to God. As in many other situations, many positive experiences can be undone by a single bad experience. Someone who is not a Christian, or who is trying to make a commitment, will often look at Christians with a very critical eye. Make sure that they see your actions in a Neal Stout positive way at all times.

De Colores,
Neal Stout

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:

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: June 11, 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.

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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 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 the chapel. 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, 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.

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

*In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty;
And In All Things, Charity*

No one really knows who said this first. It is attributed to many over the centuries. We might not know who said it, but we do know that it is a powerful witness to help us live out our Christian faith together.

In some of my recent reading I discovered this startling fact: Today there are between 10,000 to 30,000 different/separate kinds of Christian churches in the world! It seems trying to count them is like trying to count snowflakes in a snowstorm! Is this good or bad? On the one hand, we can say we have a richness of diversity. On the other, we can say that there is little we Christians can agree on concerning what we hold “essential” to our belief and practice and that we have little tolerance with those who disagree with us.

In an effort to answer the “good” or “bad” question, I do what I often do when faced with a dilemma: I search the Scriptures. I landed in John’s gospel and heard again Jesus’ beautiful prayer for his disciples that he lifted up the night he was betrayed,

(Jesus prayed to the Father) “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in Me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as You and I are one—as You are in Me, Father, and I am in You. And may they be in Us so that the world will believe You sent Me.” [John 17:20-21 NLT]

I have noticed these last few years an increasing polarization in our culture. This is increasingly true in our politics, and unfortunately, it is becoming true in many of our churches and denominations as well. Somehow we have lost the blessing of “liberty”, the freedom to respectfully disagree with one another in love (“charity”). We are promised that one day all will be revealed, but in the mean time, perhaps we can seek humility over certainty over “non-essential” things that divide us and claim agape love/charity in all things. Can that be possible? Only with God’s grace...

I believe the Walk to Emmaus community helps us all in the midst of our diversity to focus on what is “essential” to our Christian faith: Believe Jesus is our Example, our Teacher, our Redeemer, and the Savior of the world; that through him we have the opportunity of experiencing a deep and growing friendship with God lived out in a life of piety, study, and action guided by the Holy Spirit.

Yes, we may agree to disagree over this or that “non-essential”, especially as the November elections draw closer. But I pray, may we never disagree over Jesus’ “essential” prayer for us: “I pray that they will all be one... so that the world will believe You sent Me.”

The world still needs saving. Jesus did his part. Will we do ours?
In all things, charity. May it be so!

Your Brother in the Christ,
Pastor George Brewer

DeColores!

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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

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). 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

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.

AGAPE

Sponsors, please make sure that your pilgrims have at least 15 pieces of agape for their Sunday letter packet. First and last names should be on each envelope – this helps the agape room get the letters distributed correctly! Please remember that no gifts will be given with the Sunday agape letters. Pilgrims may not receive individual gifts. If you want to give bedtime or mealtime agape, you need to prepare 30 pieces of identical agape for bedtime or 57 pieces for mealtime agape gifts. Thank you for your cooperation. We want every pilgrim to enjoy the agape experience of the Walk to Emmaus. Blessings, Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chairperson.

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

The summer Walks will be here before you know it, and we are planning to do something different. Because the Dining Hall will also be used as the Conference Room for the summer weekends the cooking will be done at another location. This will help to reduce heat, noise, and crowding. Volunteers are ALWAYS needed to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus in serving the pilgrims. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next Gathering or you can send me an email request at kitchen@daytonemmaus.org. De Colores, Steve Uphouse (Kitchen Chair).

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**“Hosea put it well,
I’ll call nobodies
and make them
somebodies; I’ll call
the unloved and
make them be-
loved.”
Romans 9:25 Msg.**



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