



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

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Corner

Greetings.

We all know that July is the month that Americans celebrate Independence Day. The American colonists fought a tough war to gain independence from Great Britain. There were many times that the outcome was uncertain, and it even looked like the colonists would not be successful in their effort to break free. But in the end, after many people had given their life in the struggle, we were free. Even after the war there were questions about whether it could last. Today there are still questions about whether a collapse is possible.

Through much of my life, I was tight in the grip of sin. In my late 20s I decided that a change was needed. My wife, whom I truly believe God placed in my life, helped me in the right path. Even then, there were times that I felt that I was fighting the battle alone, through no fault of hers. But then I found the truth. While I could not truly be free of sin, God could look on me as if I were sinless. And it just took one death. Jesus died for me to give me my independence from sin. When I realized that, and accepted Jesus as my savior, I was free. Yes, I am still a sinner. I continue to ask for forgiveness for the sins that I keep committing. And Jesus keeps granting me my independence. And of course, He grants independence to all who are willing to accept Him as their savior.

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 August 16—19  
Women's Walk #88 Sept. 20—23

#### **2013 Walks**

Men's Walk #55 Jan. 17—20  
Women's Walk #89 2/14—17  
Women's Walk #90 9/19—22

### 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:** July 9, 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:** Aug. 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 August 13. Sponsors, please bring your pilgrims to this session in the chapel. Sponsors, if you have not attended a sponsorship training session, please do so. Verna Drake, Good Shepherd Chair

## WORSHIP

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

## 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)

## 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**

## For Your Summer Reading

For some of us, summer is a great time to enjoy reading. Sitting on the beach or by the pool, relaxing on the deck of the porch, some of us like to pick up a good book.

I might be enjoying a novel with mystery, political intrigue and/or comedy. I could be working through a book that will teach me skills to help me with my work. Maybe I'll read a Christian book for inspiration and devotions. (I will probably have all three going simultaneously.) Always I will read The Good Book.

As we grow as Christians, time in God's Word is essential for our spiritual maturity. My plan is to read some of the Bible each day.

If you are on a reading plan, cool! God will bless you! If you haven't started, the best thing is to dive in; the water's fine.

First, find a Bible that is easy for you to read. Different faith traditions have different emphases, so you might ask your pastor or a mature Christian in your church for their recommendations. Some Bible versions are easier to read and understand. It makes sense to me to start with one of those.

Study Bibles have notes at the bottom of the page, to help you to better understand what the Bible is saying. I have favorites I have enjoyed. Ask your pastor or friends which they find helpful.

Second, develop a plan. If you spend some time in the word each day, God will teach you. If you read a chapter a day, you will read through the entire Bible in 3 years and 3 months. If you read 3 chapters each week day and 5 on Sunday, you will read through the Bible in a year. (Actually, my current plan is to read several chapters each day as I read through my Bible. I am currently in Isaiah.)

Some people use books with plans to get through the Bible in a year. Some start at Genesis and end with Revelation, others have a little of the Old, a little of the New and a Psalm each day. You can also download reading plans from the internet. (Search: Daily Bible Reading Plan.)

If you read through the entire Bible, there will be parts that are more interesting to you than others. For me, the lists of genealogies and laws are difficult to slog through. It's hard to get through the less interesting parts, but it's a worthy goal. God teaches us new things if we get outside our comfort zone instead of focusing on the parts that are more familiar to us.

Thirdly, pray that God will open his word to you. He inspired the Bible. By his Holy Spirit, he will give you understanding.

Fourth, stick to your plan. "Plan your work and work your plan." I like to read early in the day, but my commitment is to get my reading done sometime during the day, and I make reading a priority before I watch sports or television programs in the evening. If you miss a day, if you miss a week or a month, get started again. "Get back on the horse."

Fifth (or is it really first), get started. The best day to begin any worthy task is today.

I pray that you may enjoy the summer with whatever work and leisure activities that come your way. I pray that you will spend time serving others and making a difference for Jesus. I also pray that you spend some time in the Word each day. God will bless you with spiritual growth.

de Colores Brad Martin

# Pray for One Another

## Women's Walk #87

### JULY 19-22

WOMEN'S WALK #87		TEAM ROSTER		
PILGRIM	CITY	Name	Position	Talk
Carmille Akande	Beavercreek	Lori Ammon	ATL	
Lori Alejandro	Englewood	Barbara Burrows	ATL	
Marsha Anderson,	Trotwood	Leroy Chamblis	ASDL	Prevenient Grace
Ardath Babel	Kettering	Lucretia Chisholm	ATL	
Nancy Bailey	Germantown	Julia Crowl	AMD	
Lori Banks	Huber Heights	Chantele Dow	MD	
DeeAnn Berry	Dayton	Dana Eldridge	LOG	
Margaret Bockhorst	Fairborn	Kristi Fritts	ATL	
Kathe Bricker	Beavercreek	Trudi Gilchrist	ALD2	Fourth Day
Jan Burrowes	New Carlisle	Debbie Hayes	LOG	
Nancy Curry	Union	Debbie Hildreth	LOG2	
Christine Davis	Kettering	Samantha Hoang	ATL	
Lori Desch	Germantown	Linda Holmes	TL	Life in Piety
Dolores Dilworth,	Moraine	Heidi Jones	LOG	
Angela Eborg	Kettering	Janie Kear	PS	
Pam Everly	Beavercreek	Cathy Kooser	ALD	Priority
Wanda Gossett	Xenia	Michelle Lafferty	TL	Changing Our World
Pamela Gray	Franklin	Alix Litton	TL	Body of Christ
Claire Harsh	Fairborn	Jackie Martin	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Dianne Israel	Dayton	Sandy Pappenfus	SD	Means of Grace
Mia Karl	New Carlisle	Cindy Pierson	BR	
Alicia Lykins	Lebanon	Barbie Rose	TL	Christian Action
Mollie Magee	Clayton	Linda Stout	LD	Perseverance
Tina Mathews	Englewood	Emily Stumpf	ATL	
Che McGowan	Dayton	Roiann Ward	ALD	Grow Through Study
Vicki Metzger	Middletown	Dene Wells	PS	
Christina Miller	Englewood	Anne Wolcott	TL	Life in Piety
Teresa Paynter	Morrow			
Janet Ramey	Xenia			
Jeannie Stookey	Lebanon			
			<b>CLERGY</b>	
		Peggy Cromer		Justifying Grace
		Palmer Jason		Obstacles to Grace
		Mamie Johnson		Sanctifying 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

We are accepting applications for September 20-23, 2012 Women's Walk #88. ALL walks will cost \$85.00. Please get your applications in soon, as September is already filling up! **If you are interested in being the Women's Registrar, please contact me so you can join me at the July and/or September walk registration table.** 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)

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*

## NOMINATIONS

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 contact me ([pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org)). Your Brother in Christ, Louis Caldwell, Nominations Chair

## 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

## AGAPE NEEDS

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**".

## 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](mailto:kitchen@daytonemmaus.org). De Colores, Steve Uphouse (Kitchen Chair).

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“My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.”

Psalm 73:26 NLT



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