



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

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Corner

**Greetings.** My wife and I own a home that we had built over 20 years ago. For this group of homes, the builder left about half of each backyard as woods. The couple to our right cleared out all the brush and removed some of the trees in their backyard. Some very short grass grows there, but for the most part it is a place that is easy to walk through, and you can easily see clear through to the yard of their neighbor from the next street over. In the fall, the people in this house meticulously rake every leaf in their entire yard, even in "the woods", and bag them up and put them out with the trash. The people on the other side of us left some of the underbrush, but they took some of it out and added a tree house and other play equipment for their children. In the fall these people also rake up their leaves, but they put them in a big pile and burn them. My wife and I took a different approach. We left the woods pretty much as it was when we moved in. We have not taken out any of the small trees, small shrubs or weeds that were there. When branches break off of trees, I throw them back there. In the fall, we do mulch some of the leaves with our lawn mower, but others are raked up and scattered in the front part of the woods. It never ceases to amaze me how in the spring, there are new plants growing where the leaves had been piled up. We also seem to see many more small animals in our yard. I believe that it is because they have many sources of protection in the broken branches and small vegetation of our backyard.

I am so glad that God treats all of us like my wife and I have treated our yard. I can only speak for myself, but I know that there have been many times in my life when I have fallen like an autumn leaf. I am glad that neither God or those around me have discarded me like our neighbor on the right. Even more, I am glad that I have not been cast into a fire like my neighbor to the left. Instead, I have been given a chance. I have been pushed into a different place, and I was allowed to nurture a new beginning. Let us all remember that we have all had bad days, or weeks, or even years. But God does not give up on us, and we should not give up on others.

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)

### 2011 EMMAUS WALKS

#### Held at Normandy UMC:

2013

Jan. 17 - 20 Men's Walk #55  
Feb. 14 - 17 Women's Walk #89  
Sept. 19 - 22 Women's Walk #90

### 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:** October 8, 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:** October 8, 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 October 8. 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

## 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. 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).

## MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

**We have many articles that have been left at the Walks this year. There will be a Lost and Found box at the Gatherings. PLEASE look in the box to see there might be a special article, towel, pillow, etc. that's waiting for you to take it home**

## 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**

## A Note from the Spiritual Director

### "Time Management"

The apostle Paul was a man in a hurry. Like many of the early followers of Jesus he expected his sudden and immediate return in final victory. God's kingdom on earth would be complete and the "quick and the dead" would face judgement. In the seventh chapter of his first letter to the beloved folks in the Corinthian church he conveys a sense of urgency, urging them to make sure they understood what was important and what was not. "Don't waste your time, you have no time to waste!" he is saying over and over. An example:

What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

(1 Corinthians 7:29-31 NIV)

"Time is short... this world in its present form is passing away." Yikes! What to do? Paul, echoes the warning words of Jesus to Peter, "Get behind me Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Mk 8:33b NRSV). Paul seems to be saying, "Get your priorities straight before it's too late!"

At the closing ceremony of WW 88 this past month I heard one of the pilgrims say that it seemed all of the talks she heard during the weekend seemed, in one way or another, be about one thing - priorities. I thought, "Huh! When you think about it, that's true." As we walk closely with Jesus on our faith journeys experiencing prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying grace, don't we learn with each passing day what's truly important and what's not?

Years ago in another life I was a business person working for a great company. One year they gave each executive a Franklin Day Planner (I think they're called Franklin Covey Planners now) and a three day seminar on how to use it so that our productivity and effectiveness would be greatly enhanced.

I remember that the key to the whole thing was a pyramid. We were asked to name the most important "value" in our lives. We were told that all of our life's priorities, both personal and professional, were ordered by this paramount top of the pyramid "value." We lived-out our priorities through exercising time management that directly reflected our most cherished "value."

So, is your love of Jesus the most cherished "value" in your life? If yes, are you ordering your life's priorities accordingly? How we manage our time is, I guess, the test. Henri Nouwen, in *Bread for the Journey*, reminds us that "Jesus teaches us to live in the present time. He identifies our present time as the end-time, the time that offers us countless opportunities to testify for Jesus and his Kingdom."

When will Jesus return? God knows. But know this: he is coming back! "Time is short... the world in its present form is passing away!" Let's not say, "yikes!" Let's shout, "YEAH!!!"

Lord, with Spirit directed time management, help us use our time wisely! Help us see and take advantage of the countless opportunities you give us to, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved!" (Mk 15:15-16a NIV)

De Colores,  
Pastor George Brewer

# 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

The elections for open 2013 Board Positions will be taking place at the November 2012 Gathering. In addition to the votes that will be taken at that time, we will also be accepting absentee ballots. Please use the form below to vote for candidates if you are unable to attend the November 2012 Gathering. The absentee ballot can be mailed to:  
 Brian Wood, Greater Dayton Emmaus Leadership Chairperson  
 Normandy United Methodist Church

<b>Women's Registrar</b>	<b>Computer</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pam DeHart	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Cannata
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<b>Women's Worship</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Jean Jarusicwic	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Other
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Supply Chair</b>
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Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Y.B.I.C. Lou Caldwell

## 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 January Men's Walk #55. 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

## THANK YOU FROM THE KITCHEN CHAIR

Our last Walk for the year is finished, and my thanks goes out to the volunteers, the Kitchen Co-managers, and Kitchen Managers for their participation this year. Thanks for being the Hands and Feet of Jesus to the pilgrims!! Our next walk will be January 17—20 and we look forward to seeing you all again.  
 (Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair)

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the model for Sponsorship for Emmaus is found in the Book of Luke?

Read Luke 24:13-35 and you will find why we encourage friends to join us in this Walk to Emmaus.

1. Re-explain faith: Jesus walked with two people who were believers. What better place to share this sacred time with our friends.
2. Re-experienced faith: AGAPE— These are unplanned sacred moments, communion. What better place to experience this and show your Christian love than through these moments.
3. Disciples returned to their faith community. The Emmaus community encourages all of us to return to our faith communities. We can continue our Walk with those we sponsor as we mentor them as they invite others to share this experience.

## 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 looking for people to participate in our Christmas Gathering program. Please contact Linda or Tim to share your talent.** De Colores, Linda Haller and Tim Macy

## FROM THE WOMEN'S REGISTRAR

**ALL walks will cost \$85.00.** Please get your applications in for the February Walk. 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)

## AGAPE CHAIR

There's an agape opportunity for a share group! The share group that has been donating the beautiful roses on the dining room tables has decided that they will no longer be able to continue to provide this agape.

If you are interested in providing dining room table decorations for the walks, please contact me. Future centerpieces do not have to be roses, but can be an arrangement of your share group's choosing.

Please contact me if you are interested. DeColores, Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chairperson

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good, for at the  
proper time we will  
reap a harvest if  
we do not give up.  
Galatians 6:9**



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