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Chairman's Corner

Greetings. Here in the United States we often talk about giving thanks in the month of November, due to our Thanksgiving holiday. People often talk about the "things" that they are thankful for. Perhaps they talk about being thankful for their good health, or their loving family and friends.

I will admit, sometimes I look at things a little different from some other people. I often thank God for the times that have not gone so well in my life. When I was in my early 20s, I was out of work for some time. There were some times that I didn't have much food to eat, and I lived far from any family. Some friends of mine, who were my parents' age, owned a small cafeteria. This couple usually bussed tables themselves. They told me that I could bus tables in exchange for some meals, which I gladly did. Some of the customers would even leave tips for me. God had clearly made sure that I had enough to eat. I thanked God for providing during this minor setback.

At other times when I had plenty and saw people who were in need, it made me remember my bad time and remind me to provide for these other people.

Last spring, I was umpiring a fast pitch softball tournament. Between innings a pitcher was warming up and missed her catcher and hit me in the back of the head. I was knocked unconscious. I was taken to the hospital and was told that I was OK, just sore. The person with me in the ambulance was a little surprised that I was thanking God. I told her that I understood that I could have been hurt much worse, and that I was blessed by the caring people that were there very quickly to help me. In fact, I found out that I had very high blood pressure, and I am now on medicine that has brought that potentially deadly problem under control. God can use the bad times in our life to show us His grace and mercy, if we are open to seeing it.

De Colores, Neal Stout

HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd
Centerville OH 45459
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: November 12, 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: February 11, 2013 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 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 February 11, 2013. 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, 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.

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) 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

From India with the Love of Jesus

I am writing this article from the other side of the world. I've been in Chennai, India for the past several days. In a few days, I will go north to Nainital, India where my mother was born. I will spend about a week there. Please pray for me and for Christians here.

I came to India to share the love of Jesus. I discovered when I arrived that the love of Jesus is already here. For the past several weeks, people have asked me why I was going. I told them "to share the love of Jesus" and in doing so I shared the love of Jesus with them.

I shared with my hairdresser, clerks in several stores, the flight attendants, the Indian born doctor who lives in Cambridge, England, the businessman who likes to smoke marijuana in Amsterdam, and the Hare Krishna guru. I met all of these (except the hairdresser and clerks) on airplanes. I got to share the love of Jesus in six house churches and one church church in India.

I was privileged to be "an honored guest" at a consecration/ordination service. I didn't understand a lot of the spoken words. Two things really, really touched me during the service. We sang, "The Church's One Foundation." It was printed both in Tamil and English, so you could sing whatever you chose. I chose English. When we got to the verse, "Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth." I was deeply moved. That song will never mean the same to me.

A choir of great singers from Mumbai seminary sang in English "Crown him Lord of all." Again I was deeply moved when I sang with them, "Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all." For too long my knowledge of the worldwide Christian movement has been book knowledge and head knowledge. But after experiencing the worldwide movement of the love of Jesus, my heart will never be the same. Yea, God!

One night I had a dream. God said, "Tell everyone you meet that I love them." I have now been allowed to do that on another continent. How cool is that! I invited/challenged Christians here to share the love of Jesus with other people. I challenge you to do the same.

Namaste. That roughly translates to "de Colores."

Brad Martin

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

Women's Registrar	Computer
Pam DeHart	Bob Cannata
Other _____	Other _____
Women's Worship	Newsletter
Jean Jarusicwic	Kathy Postell
Other _____	Other _____
Treasurer	Supply Chair
___ Chantele Dow	Debbie Hayes _____
___ Andy Courtice	___ Other _____

Y.B.I.C. Lou Caldwell

MEN'S REGISTRAR

Before you know it, it will be Thanksgiving, then Christmas, you guessed it Happy New Year and then..... January 17th Greater Dayton Men's Walk 55. Don't wait, I need your Vote, I mean your APPLICATION, application for the guy, the guy GOD is telling you, telling you to get to know (have conversation, talk to) & then commit to attend a WALK in 2013! Can you do that, can you be that person, hear GOD call you, I can, I bet, you even know this person, if not, listen, BE STILL, again, concentrate, slow down, BE S T I L L and L I S T E N to GOD, GOD will tell you. After that get me the guy's application, and don't delay, now hurry up, but make sure it is very readable, really, you know, like measure twice, cut once (it's a guy thing). One person typed the information, you know....., we serve an AWSOME God. De Colores, Coley Logan Men's Regis-

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

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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Hebrews 11:1



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