



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

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## Greater Dayton Community

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### Chairman's Corner

Greetings. As I write my final article as Community Lay Director, I would like to start by thanking the Community for all the hard work that they have done through this past year. The members of your Board spend many hours each month in their area of responsibility. Our Community Spiritual Directors are very dedicated to our Community and deserve a special Thank You. The people on the five live in Teams this year put together truly inspiring weekends. And last, but certainly not least, the countless members of our Community who have helped out during Gatherings and Walk weekends are what make this a truly awesome Community. The love that is shown in every activity of this Community is something to be proud of, and I have had the privilege to be a part of the leadership for this year.

At this time of year, I am certainly not one who complains about gifts. I like to both give and receive gifts. I just try to keep gifts reasonable and meaningful. I like saying Merry Christmas, and I really don't care who feels uncomfortable by that. Christ is the reason for this season, period. Yes, there are many aspects that don't show any respect for Christ, and I try to avoid those. I don't see the sense in rushing out and fighting people for special prices on "Black Friday", the day after I said a special prayer of Thanksgiving for what I and my family already had. No, I prefer to spend time thinking about the best gift ever, when God sent his Son to earth as a present to us on the first Christmas. God had been telling mankind for thousands of years how he wanted us to live, and we just wouldn't listen. It seemed like people said that we just can't live how God wants us to live. So he sent his Son, to live as a human, to show us how to do it. He followed the rules. He showed love to everyone, even people who were supposed to be enemies. He was honest when he talked to others. He genuinely showed his emotions. He even wept. And in the end, he showed love and compassion to even those who tortured him. And then he proved that he was truly the Son of God when he overcame death and gave to us the ultimate gift of eternal life. So at this time of year, can we spend a little extra time in prayer? Can we pray for those whom we feel have wronged us, because maybe we don't know all the circumstances? Can we give our time or money to those less fortunate than ourselves? Can we pray for a revival of faith in our country? Can we pray for another wonderful year for our Emmaus Community, as we work to provide more people with tools that they can use to go into their church and community to show the love of Jesus Christ?

I hope that all of you have a wonderful and truly blessed Christmas season, and a Happy New Year.

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)

### 2013 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:** January 14, 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](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 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](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**

## **“Timing is Everything”**

*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”*

*(Isaiah 7:14 NIV)*

Have you ever heard the statement, “Timing is Everything”? Well I have heard it many times but never stopped to think how true a statement this really is. Recently I had to get my car serviced and one of the areas that was checked was the timing belt. Sure I could have ignored it and saved myself a few dollars but ignoring it could have resulted in engine failure or a catastrophic breakdown of my vehicle.

Timing isn't only important in taking care of our vehicles but in many activities in our lives that we often perform without much thought like clapping and dancing. For instance, when clapping, if your rhythm is off it distorts the music or causes a distortion in how the music is being heard or perceived. In dancing timing is equally as important. If you make a misstep you can throw off the entire routine. Just take a look at “Dancing With the Stars” and you'll understand what I mean. On the more serious side, if you're driving your car and fail to brake at the proper distance chances are you will surely experience an accident or, with God's help, only a near miss. While these are obvious areas where timing is important there are some other areas that are significantly more important than these. One such area that comes to mind is the prophecy of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The book of Isaiah chapter 7 and verse 14 foretold of a time that was yet to come when he by the spirit of the living God would foretell of the coming Savior ( *“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel”* ). It was in the beginning of time that God knew that mankind would need a way of being reconciled back to Himself. Timing in this case required waiting until the proper amount of time had passed before the maximum result would be realized. Sin had taken us so far from what God had designed and desired for His people that He put in place a time and manner in which He would send His Son as a sacrifice that would reconcile us back to Himself. That is what Christmas is all about, God sending His son Jesus so that we through acceptance of Him as Lord of our life will have eternal life!

Children will awake on Christmas morn excited about all of the items they've requested hopeful to see them beautifully packaged under the tree. Others have planned and planned for a wonderful holiday and have gone about seeking the best present(s) ever not realizing that the best present has already been given.

No matter what gift you give or receive, nothing will ever measure up to what God has already given us. The key is has He been received in your house, in your heart, and in your life? Why not offer your loved one's Jesus this season. Remember, “Timing is everything” and the time is coming when each of us will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. This season receive the best gift that has ever been given, Jesus Christ our Lord! *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:6)

Mamie Johnson  
Spiritual Director

# 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 Emmaus Board would like to welcome the following new members that you elected. Thank you so much for your servant heart. These members will serve you for the next three years. We would like to thank the outgoing members for their service to the Board and continued service in the Community

<b>Women's Registrar</b>	<b>Computer</b>
Pam DeHart	Bob Cannata
<b>Women's Worship</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>
Jean Jarusicwic	Kathy Postell
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Supply Chair</b>
Andy Courtice	Debbie Hayes

Y.B.I.C. Lou Caldwell

***WE WISH YOU A VERY BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS***

## MEN'S REGISTRAR

Before you know it, it will be Christmas, you guessed it Happy New Year and then..... January 17<sup>th</sup> 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 STILL and LISTEN 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 Registrar.

## 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. I would like to thank all those who helped to make the December Gathering so special. I want to welcome Jean Jarusiewicz to the position of Women's Worship. She will be an asset to the community in this position.

Linda Heller, Tim Macy, Jean Jarusiewicz Worship Chairs

## 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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shepherds in the  
fields nearby,  
keeping watch  
over their flocks by  
night.”  
Luke 2:8**



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