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Emmaus Walks

Held at Normandy UMC
September. 19 - 22 Women's Walk #91

Summer Walks
Held at Sulphur Grove UMC

July 11-14 - Women's Walk #90
August 15-18 - Men's Walk #56

CANDLELIGHT
8:30 PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING
4:30 PM Sunday of Walk

GATHERING - Normandy UMC
2nd Monday every month 7:15 PM

Board Meeting
4th Tuesday every month 7:00 PM

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"Pray Like You Mean It"

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

The above title of this month's article comes from the book, *Be The Miracle*, by Regina Brett, which I strongly recommend. The book is composed of 50 "lessons," which the author has derived from her life experiences. In summary, this lesson about prayer involves approaching God in prayer and then having the faith to accept that God heard your prayer, and that in the fullness of His time, will answer your prayer according to His will. Or expressed in other words,

"Ask God to give you what you want. Help Him to justify your wants by the way that you live, and then having given Him your prayer, have the faith and courage to rely on His power to do the thing that is right in His eyes." (Source: n.d. Civil War Soldier Joseph Portnory to his wife Ruthy)

Have you ever experienced a time or situation in which you earnestly prayed for your or other's healing, securing a job, reconciling a relationship, wanting to be comforted, and, well, a very lengthy list indeed, but you have the idea. The book's author uses the following example to illustrate an important point.

"Let's say I call my friend Beth and ask her to have lunch with me Thursday, and she says yes. Then I call her every 15 minutes to double-check if she wants to have lunch with me on Thursday. She'd start to wonder, Why doesn't Regina believe me? Doesn't she trust me to show up? That's how I've been with God. I'm an asker and doubter.

If I'd had more faith, I would have trusted the prayer the first time I said it instead of repeating it."

Well, that caused me to stop and evaluate my faith in God and my faith about prayers. The author later states that since she may not "know what's best for me," she begins to trust that God does.

Then, the author states that after she prays she will pause and acknowledge "...that I have complete confidence in a God who loves me. I consciously receive from God what I have requested." Finally, as the last part of her prayer, she gives thanks to God and acts as if God heard her.

As I read this lesson, it challenged me to re-examine my beliefs about my process of praying. Perhaps not all of what the author has written will apply or be acceptable to you—some challenging thoughts were presented. Nonetheless, the author's main point seems to be to pray in earnest, use our faith to accept that God not only received our prayer, but to trust in God's wisdom as to how and when He chooses to answer our prayers. I wonder what would happen if I was able to accomplish that...

Keep the faith.

De Colores.

Brian Wood
Community Lay Director



Giving Our Hands to Christ



Notes from your Board of Directors

WALK REGISTRATION

“Yes – We want and need new applications, but to get new applications, we need sponsors who want to step forward. Will you be the Shepherd who gets someone on a walk? If so, we are looking for people who will consider receiving the gift of sponsorship. Yes, it will involve a little work, but it is worth it. Are you feeling God’s nudge to talk to someone about going on a Walk? Is he presenting you an opening to start a conversation with someone? Explain what the walk has meant to you? Explain it, as it is – A Gift from GOD! Then, give them a Emmaus brochure and an application. But before you give it, pick up a pen and fill out your side of the application first!

Coley Logan Men’s Registrar, 937-353-6231, or mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

People of Emmaus, pray for the upcoming walk, WW #90, to be held in our new summer location. Applications are being taken for both July and September walks. Please indicate on the application which walk is preferred. God will determine what is best for your candidate and for you as sponsor. Thank you for easily read applications and inclusion of email addresses. If you have questions, please contact, Pam DeHart, Women’s Registrar, at womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org or 937-318-8760

If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving – large or small – it will be used to measure what is given back to you.

AGAPE NEEDS

We still need halos for the women’s walk in July. Is there a share group willing to make and donate them? These are very well received by our pilgrims! Do you have unused men’s ties? A share group makes agape for the men’s walks out of them. Bring to any gathering or contact me to donate.

Thanks and blessings, Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chairperson

CHOICES

If you would like to have your Emmaus Newsletter sent to you electronically instead of by US mail, please request by sending an email to newsletter@daytonemmaus.org.

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. The next session is March 14.

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 937 849-0353 or at the next Gathering.

KITCHEN

Thanks again to all those who volunteered to be Jesus’ hands and feet by serving in the kitchen during the January and February Walks- and to the kitchen managers and co-managers as well!! Until the next Walk in July..... De Colores (Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair).

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,
²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-26



From the Spiritual Director



Tis the Season to Tremble

At that time some Pharisees said to Him, “Get away from here if You want to live! Herod Antipas wants to kill You!” Jesus replied, “Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish My purpose. Yes, today, tomorrow, and the next day I must proceed on My way. For it wouldn’t do for a prophet of God to be killed except in Jerusalem!

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let Me. And now, look, your house is abandoned. And you will never see Me again until you say, ‘Blessings on the One who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Luke 13:31-35 NLT

We travel together in the season of Lent. Week by week, we travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem and to the cross. Day by day, our Christian tradition calls us to a discipline of prayerful penitence as we strive to contemplate once again what Jesus was willing to do for us and our sin-sick, broken world ruled by the powers of evil. Step by step, hour by hour, we walk with Jesus toward his destiny to conquer, redeem, heal, and save. Perhaps, just perhaps, along this journey God may open our hearts and minds to grant us a deeper understanding of just what the words, "grace" and "mercy" truly mean for us and for our world.

My daily Lenten discipline this year is to prayerfully listen to the song written by Marian Anderson, "Were You There?" The lyrics are,

"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in his side?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble."

As I listen I imagine I am standing at the foot of the cross and staring into the dying, pain-filled but still loving eyes of Jesus hanging above me and hearing him say, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34a)

And I tremble. Tremble with shame. Tremble with pain. Tremble with horror. Tremble with tears of thanksgiving as I realize once again what Jesus was willing to do for me, for you, and for all.

May God grant you a special blessing of grace and mercy this Holy Lent and perhaps the opportunity to tremble, tremble, tremble.

In Christ's love I am,
Pastor George Brewer

DeColores!



Giving Our Hands to Christ



MIGRATING NORTH FOR THE SUMMER



The Greater Dayton Emmaus Board would like to announce, the 2013 summer Walks will be hosted by Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church. Coley Logan and Steve Uphouse are pleased to be “The 2013 Summer Walk” committee, co-chairs. Normandy United Methodist Church will continue to host the fall and winter walks. We are so grateful for the hospitality of both of our host churches!

⁴ Prepare a pathway for the Lord's coming! Make a straight road for him! ⁵ Fill in the valleys, and level the mountains and hills! Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places! ⁶ And then all people will see the salvation sent from God.

Luke 3:4-6 NLT

The Emmaus Woman's Walk 90 is scheduled for July 11-14 and the Men's Walk 56 is August 15-18.

We ask for your prayers that God continue to show us His will for the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board, the Emmaus Community, and our hosting churches. Our God is an awesome God and He loves His children very much. Because all good things come from Him, we pray to God for help to put His plan in place as we begin the planning and communication process with our new summer host.

It takes a lot of people working together to conduct an Emmaus Walk Weekend. There is much work that needs to be done as God has opened doors for our new journey. We are asking you to serve in many new and unforeseen ways. Please contact Coley Logan either at 937-353-6231, or mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org, or Steve Uphouse, at 937-435-0028 or Kitchen@daytonemmaus.org, to volunteer or ask questions. We need your help now as we get the systems in place, and during the walk week-end. There are many opportunities for working together toward our mutual goal of spreading Christ's Love.

~ Greater Dayton Emmaus Board of Directors

WELCOME FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

A NEW SONG AND A NEW VERSE

The excitement is building! The Greater Dayton Emmaus Board has accepted the most gracious offer of the Sulfur Grove congregation to be the host for the 2013 Summer Walks! We will indeed be singing a song to the Lord, but this song will include a new verse about Walks in the place the Lord has lead us. The Greater Dayton Emmaus Board believes the Emmaus community was guided to this congregation because they have a “heart for Emmaus” and because we need to reach another part of our community.

To address this new and exciting development, the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board has formed a committee, the Summer Walks Transition Committee, to develop the logistics of holding these Walks at Sulfur Grove. The Board strongly encourages you to become a part of this vital transition, to add your voice to our song of praise, by contacting the Committee chairpersons listed above.

Please make your plans now to join us at Sulfur Grove United Methodist Church, 7505 Taylorsville Road, Huber Heights, Ohio 45424 (937 236-5970) for these Summer Walks. Add your voice to the chorus as we sing to Jesus our new song!

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His Name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Psalms 96:1-2

DeColores, Brian Wood, Community Lay Director



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WANT TO SHARE A STORY?



¹ The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Did you hear they are looking for short articles for the monthly Emmaus newsletter?

Do you want to share an antidote about your walk with Jesus? I believe they want to keep it down to about half a page or less and of course it will have to be approved before it is posted. If you have a little inspiration to share please send an email to newsletter-chair@daytonemmaus.org

AN INVITATION FOR PASTORS TO BE WILLING SERVANTS

We have several pastors who have served our community willingly and faithfully as Spiritual Directors and Assistant Spiritual Directors. We are always looking for other pastors who would be willing servants. We look to pastors for service in two ways during our weekends. 1) Pastors may give one of the five clergy talks during each weekend. B) There is one live-in Spiritual Director and one live-in Assistant Spiritual Director each weekend both of whom are clergy.

These clergy can be pastors, associate pastors, retired pastors, and other ordained or licensed clergy. We are looking for graduates of Emmaus or another similar three-day retreat.

If you are clergy and would be willing to serve or if you would like your Emmaus-grad pastor to be considered, please let one of the community spiritual directors know. If your pastor has not enjoyed the blessing of a walk yet, please invite him or her to attend an upcoming weekend.

The community spiritual directors are George Brewer, Palmer Jason, Mamie Johnson, and Brad Martin. Our email addresses are in this fashion:

Firstname.Lastname@daytonemmaus.org.

de Colores, Brad Martin

Remember


- ✦ March 11th at Normandy Church
 - Gathering; 7:15 Sponsorship training 6:30 in room 214, second floor;
 - Share group Orientation 6:15 in the chapel
- ✦ Update your willing servant's form especially if you wish to be on a live-in team
- ✦ Get your pilgrim applications in to either the men's or women's registrar.
- ✦ Kandle lights are on sale before the Candlelight services
- ✦ Sign up to serve **NOW** in preparation for the July Walk, many hands make for a light load
- ✦ Send serious/urgent prayer requests for members or their immediate families, or request to be a member of the Community E-mail Prayer chain, to Charles Benner either by email to bennercl@notes.udayton.edu or phone 937-879-2118
- ✦ Send your email address to Newsletter@daytonemmaus.org if you would like to receive a notification when the newsletter is posted on-line. Please specify if you would like to discontinue your postal copy.
- ✦ The Agape Team needs you
- ✦ Return your loaner Kandle lights to the Worship Team
- ✦ Jesus loves you!

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He causes wars to end throughout the earth.
He breaks the bow and snaps the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God!
I will be honored by every nation.
I will be honored throughout the world."
The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.

Psalm 46:9-11



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