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**May
2013**

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

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Chairman's Corner

Self-Control and God Control

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

With the priceless gift of life, the Creator has granted us the astonishing gift of emotions. There seem to be but four basic emotions: joy, anger, fear and sadness. Would that God had not granted us anger; how different our lives would be without experiencing anger, irritation, frustration and the like. But wait, the writer of Timothy firmly stated that God has granted us power and "a sound mind" to exert control over our emotions. Interestingly, the Creator has arranged our head [thinking ability] to be above our heart [emotions], perhaps intending our thoughts to regulate our emotions and thereby prevent us from being overwhelmed by emotions. But how does this relate to Emmaus Walks? Please read on.

Psychologists often emphasize that we need to develop self-discipline or self-control to achieve our goals in life, acquire happiness and to solve our problems. Self-control is not easily or quickly mastered and, in fact, may require a lifetime of effort to fully develop. But what if we were to substitute God control for self-control... how would our lives be lived?

On our Emmaus Walks, many of us made a bold decision to surrender control of our thoughts, emotions and behaviors to an all-knowing God, Who loves us with a fullness which is beyond our poor powers to comprehend or completely experience. What if you and I ceased to be worried about the "ups and downs" of daily life and instead fully relied on God to guide our thoughts, emotions and behaviors? Just stop your reading for a moment and meditate on such a life, a God-controlled life.... Ready? Imagine, if you can, how your life would be, how the Emmaus community would be, how your family would be, and well, the list is lengthy indeed. God in control; isn't that what all of us said we wanted on our Emmaus Walk? Conceptually, a simple action on our part; however, consider the consequences of God being in control of your thoughts and actions...would you be "allowed" to become afraid? Would you respond with a willing heart if He called you to serve the Emmaus community in some manner?

Now, having written one method of how to achieve God control, we are faced with the inevitable choice: Will we commit to God or not? Realistically, most of us respond with, "I'll try" with the sincere hope that trying will indeed bring us closer to God through His glorious Son, Jesus, where God earnestly desires us to be. Keep the faith.

De Colores,

Brian Wood, Community Lay Director

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.



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NOMINATIONS

The nominations committee is looking for people to run for board positions that will be up for election. The board positions that will be up for election in November are Agape, Book Table/Normandy Rep., Documentation, Men's Worship and Secretary. Each of these is for a three year term that will begin January 1, 2014. Please see me or a current board member for details on the positions. Mentoring is available on all positions. The nominations for the board positions are due by September 15. If you are interested in serving the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community in any of these positions, or would like to nominate someone else, please contact me (pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org.) Your Brother in Christ, Neal Stout, Nominations Chair

HIGHLIGHT - DOCUMENTATION BOARD CHAIRPERSON - UP FOR ELECTION

When I have served on teams, I sometimes hear questions from pilgrims such as: "How does this thing work? How does everyone know what to do and what is next? Where does this Emmaus concept come from?" The Holy Spirit has gathered us all together to facilitate the experience called the Walk to Emmaus and it is the responsibility of the Documentation chair and her/his team to provide the current and most up to date forms, guidelines and schedules for this purpose. When changes or suggestions come to me from the teams, all significant changes are taken before the Emmaus Board for discussion and decision. Other minor changes are updated into the existing electronic forms with a new revision date, then printed out and presented to the next Emmaus Lay Director, with a revision date change.

If you are a detail person, and LIKE yourself that way, this position may be that perfect fit for you. It is recommended that you have some keyboarding skills and can use MS Word. If you can burn a CD, that can be handy too. Serving on the Emmaus board has been a blessing to me in many ways and I would like to share that blessing and pass it on! If you would like more specific discussion on what this position requires, or if you would just like to help me this year by serving on the Documentation team, please contact me at documentation@greaterdaytonemmaus.org. Peace, Barbara Courtice

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:5

⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:9-10



WE NEED YOU!

Many hands will be needed for the Summer Walks at Sulphur Grove UMC in Huber Heights. Plans are already being made to move all the Walk supplies from Normandy to Sulphur Grove, among many other activities that require additional time and hands to get into place. Please contact Coley Logan or Steve Uphouse or any board chairman to take advantage of this special opportunity!

FOURTH DAY

Would you like to share your Fourth Day Story? You do not have to be a Matthew or John, but maybe you are a Lois or Eunice. In any case your life has been touched by Jesus Christ and you have chosen to follow and serve Him. We would like to hear about your journey.

No article is too short, but we do have to make some concessions on the length of the article. Please keep it to about a half page or less and, of course, it will have to be approved before it is posted. If you have a bit of inspiration to share please send an email to newsletter@DaytonEmmaus.org

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³¹ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

³² And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

³³ And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

³⁴ Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Acts 4:31-35

AGAPE

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered your time and talents, we have halos for the women's walks covered for the remainder of this year! We also have halos for the February and July walks in 2014, if your share group would like to volunteer for September 2014, we'll have another year covered! Our women really enjoy this special agape.

Unwanted men's ties are needed for agape on the men's walks. If you have any ties cluttering your closet, would you donate them to us? You can donate by calling or emailing me, or by bringing them to a gathering.

Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chairperson,
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From the Spiritual Director



The Unconditional Love of God

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

I John 2:1-2 (NIV)

We’ve often been told there is nothing new under the sun. So then the events that occurred in Boston on Monday, April 15, 2013 should not have caught us off guard. From the perspective that we live in a world that is chaotic at best, we are often found in conflict with good versus evil. To make it clear, this bombing was tragic, senseless, and paralyzing to an entire community of people. Even if you didn’t reside in the city, the pain of the day was felt by people all over the world. These people respect life and understand that there are things that go against the will of God.

I pondered all of the events of that day, from the initial explosion, to the ongoing news reports, the search for the perpetrators, to the pursuit of those thought responsible, to the death of one suspect and the capture of another. I did not want to rush to judgment relative to their guilt or innocence for God is the one who truly knows yet all indicators point to the possibility that they have the guilty party in custody. And yet, if those responsible were to sincerely repent of their sin and receive Christ as their Lord, they will be saved. This seems unfair and unjust in light of the crimes committed, but it should give each of us cause to understand and think about the unconditional love of God.

As Christians, we want sin punished and we find no justice in sinners who continue to live in sin but the word of God tells us we are all sinners saved by grace. Paul says it this way in Ephesians 2:1-9 (NIV):

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

The same God that gives sight to the blind, heals the sick, raises the dead, provide food for the hungry, rest for the weary is the same God who restores the repentant sinner to whole. That’s some kind of love!

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director



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******* IMPORTANT NOTICE *******

Unfortunately some of the Willing Servant form renewal dates were not updated properly due to a glitch in the Computer System. The Computer team is working with the Atlanta group, who is in charge of the Emmaus computer system, to solve this problem.

We are asked to update our Willing Servant Forms on the even years to remain eligible to serve on live-in teams. If you have been sitting on the edge of your chair and no one has called you to help on an Emmaus Walk either obtain a Willing Servant form at the gathering and mail it to the address on the form or go to WWW.DaytonEmmaus.org, select the Forms tab and select the printable form. If you have updated or will update your form on-line on or after 01/01/2012 please confirm by sending a note to Keith Crabtree at vicechairman@daytonemmaus.org and he can have the renewal date corrected.

WALK REGISTRATION

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.

Luke 6:38

“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, or to 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 menstr registrar@daytonemmaus.org

People of Emmaus, pray for the upcoming walks, WW #90 and MW#56, 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

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 May 13th.

...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

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.

Verna Drake, Good Shepherd



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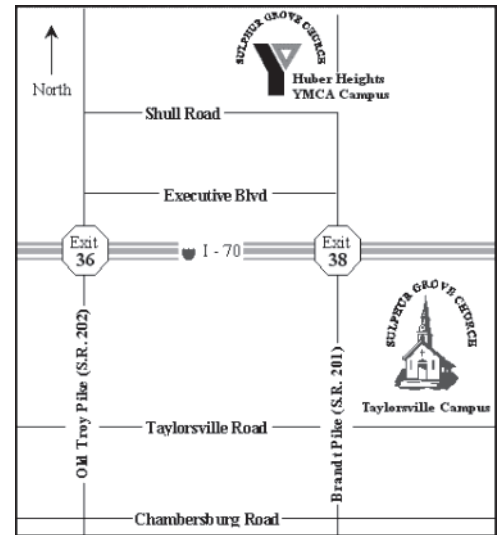
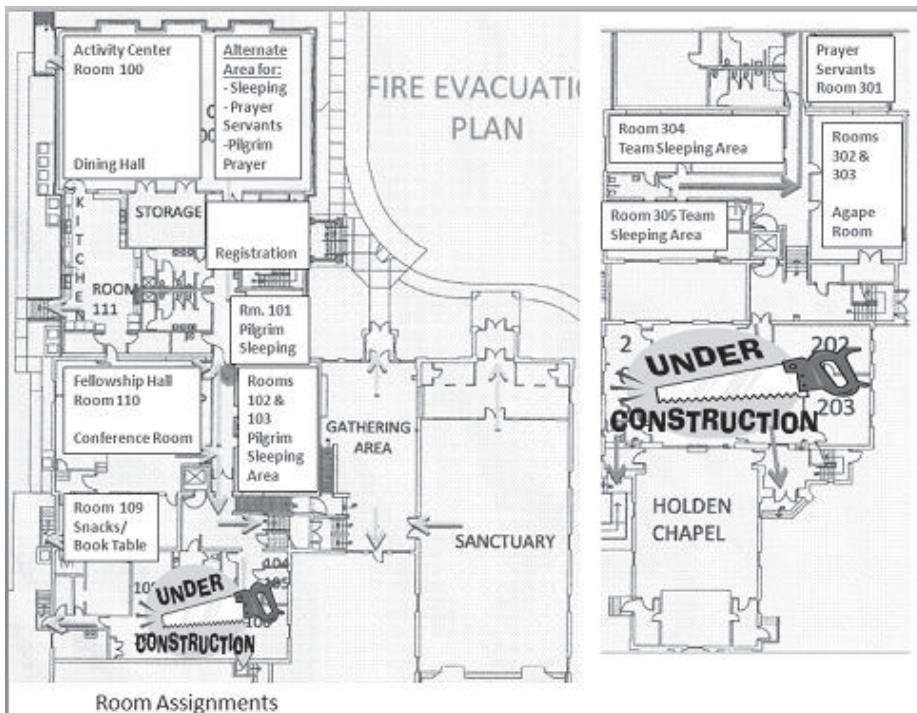
GETTING TO KNOW SULPHUR GROVE – TAYLORSVILLE CAMPUS

Isn't it nice that when you go someplace new that you have some idea about where you are going so that you don't wander around for 40 years?

If you get the opportunity to go visit Sulphur Grove prior to the summer Walks, please call and let them know you are coming (during the week days at 937-236-5970.) Sulphur Grove is open on Mondays 8:30am-2:30pm, and Tuesday through Friday 8:30am-4:00pm. Or, you can attend one of their worship services at 8:45am or 10:30am on Sunday.

If you do not have the opportunity to visit prior to the Walks you can find the room assignments and driving directions below.

Now remember we expect to see ***EVERYONE*** who is able to come to Candlelight and support our pilgrims (as we ourselves were supported when we were pilgrims.)



Directions

Remember

- May 13th at Normandy Church
Gathering; 7:15 Sponsorship training 6:30 in room 214, second floor.
- Update your willing servant 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 and at Gatherings.
- Sign up to serve ***NOW*** in preparation for the Summer Walks, many hands make for a light load.
- Send prayer requests for members or their immediate families 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.
- Return your loaner Kandle lights to the Worship Team
- Jesus loves you!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me....

I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now, I see

Prayer Warriors

Do you want to participate in our e-mail prayer chain? Have an Urgent prayer request? Contact Charles Benner at: (937) 879-2118 or e-mail bennercl@notes.udayton.edu to become a member of the prayer chain or to submit your prayer request. We ask that you limit your requests to a serious, urgent nature and to the needs of either a member of the Emmaus Community or your Family ~ Thanks

Do not be anxious about anything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. ~ Philippians 4:6

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