



Walk to
Emmaus
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**September
 2013**

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

Summer Walks
 Held at Sulphur Grove UMC

CANDLELIGHT
 8:30 PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING
 4:30 PM Sunday of Walk

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

Board Meeting
 4th Tuesday every month 7:00

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Chairman's Corner

When Emmaus People Become Easter People

[We] are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees without fruit and uprooted...
 Jude 1:12

For just a moment, here and now, close your eyes and take a deep breath. Then reflect on how your faith and life would be if Jesus had not fulfilled the Atonement and Redemption. Perhaps we would indeed be clouds without rain, blown along by the wind empty and adrift without the direction of His life and words. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life". Then perhaps we become Easter People at the moment His words enter into our hearts and minds.

Becoming Easter People, however, appears to be vastly different from *sustaining* ourselves as Easter People. Each day the cares of the world pull at us and we often succumb and too soon we cannot recall His words or His love and grace. Yet we seek an effective approach to sustaining ourselves with His love and words. But do we recall His words; do we select and memorize a particularly meaningful story or assurance from Jesus. If, or more likely when, we feel the cares of the world blow us along, we would repeat this scripture until His Spirit overcomes these cares then we will abide in Him.

Then there is the mission or commission of living as Easter People. Brother Lawrence, author of "*The Practice of the Presence of God*," reminds us to practice living in God's presence by being mindful of God in each act. If we are mindful of God during the large and small moments of our lives, this will reveal God's power to sustain us, and thus empowered, we will live in Jesus' Spirit—how is it possible to do otherwise?

Even with this clear understanding of the power and purpose of Jesus' word, we still occasionally develop into autumn trees without fruit. Easter People begin again. We remind ourselves of the unsearchable depths and riches of God's grace, and Jesus' redemption of us and His great joy in presenting us without fault before God.

We become Easter People when we experience and accept the inexhaustible gift of God's grace.

DeColores,
 Brian Wood
 Community Lay Director



From the Spiritual Director



Speechless

*“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, **there was nothing they could say.**” Acts 3:13-14*

Have you heard the expression, “I can’t hear what you are saying because what you are doing is speaking so loudly?” It sort of begs the question, “What have you been doing since your Walk to Emmaus?” I hope you periodically sit down to reflect on what it was like when you first returned from your 72 hour experience. If your results were anything like mine you may recall being lighter, having left some things at the Altar that only the Master could handle. You may recall being more in tune with the Holy Spirit and finding those God moments around every corner. You may remember having a better attitude at work and a more positive outlook on life and life’s situation. You may recall what it felt like to receive emotional healing, or to have a cathartic cry or a deep-from-the-belly laugh that was unexpected but long overdue.

You may recall wanting to serve and to give others the same opportunity that we experienced as our hearts were warmed as He shared with us the scriptures as we walked along the way. It is amazing and astonishing what God can do through unschooled, ordinary men (and women) who are willing to spend time with Jesus.

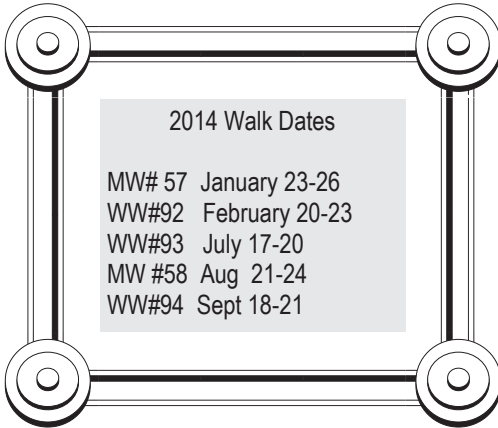
So, who has God placed in your path that he’s counting on you to be courageous enough to share Jesus Christ of Nazareth with? Listen to the reaction of the people who encountered this changed man: “When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.” The Sanhedrin were greatly disturbed and brought Peter and John in for questioning “and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, **there was nothing they could say.**”

DeColores,

Palmer Jason, SD



Giving Our Hands to Christ



2014 Walk Dates

MW# 57 January 23-26
 WW#92 February 20-23
 WW#93 July 17-20
 MW #58 Aug 21-24
 WW#94 Sept 18-21

REGISTRATION

God is faithful and has filled the pilgrim roster for Women's Walk #91. Applications are needed for the 2014 walks. Mail them to Women's Registrar, P.O. Box 292224, Dayton, OH 45429. Invitations are usually sent out 120 days before the walks. We have 4 pilgrims for the February walk. It will fill quickly. Thank you for your participation in growing our community.

In His service. Pam DeHart

Please send in your applications for 2014 for both men's and women's walks. If you could verify your pilgrim's information prior to submission it would be a great help!

Thank you, Coley Logan, Men's registrar

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT: Article V. Committees, Section 3

AMENDMENT: include Past Community Lay Director to the Board Executive Committee

~Any concerns may be addressed to your Greater Dayton Emmaus Board.



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

~ St. Francis of Assisi

KITCHEN

"Only one Walk remaining for the year and the Kitchen can always use willing servants to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the pilgrims (and to Normandy by keeping the kitchen in good shape). So sign up and show up if are able! (Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair)"

Psalm 65 (NIV)

For the director of music. A psalm of David. A song.

- 1 Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.
- 2 You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.
- 3 When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave[c] our transgressions.
- 4 Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.
- 5 You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,
- 6 who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,
- 7 who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.
- 8 The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.



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1 Corinthians 13: 4– 13

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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

AGAPE

Thank you for your support of the Emmaus Walks through your generous gifts of Agape! The pilgrims (and team) appreciate the little gifts that are placed along their way during the Walk to Emmaus. This is a tangible expression of God's love for them!

Agape is distributed beginning Friday at dinner. Agape is introduced to the pilgrims during the Justifying Grace talk, and after the introduction they begin receiving their gifts.

Agape is sorted by the Chairperson in an effort to keep it evenly distributed throughout the weekend. Pilgrim or team only Agape is only delivered at bedtime. Sometimes the donor of the Agape requests a certain time period for it to be delivered and every effort is made to honor those requests, however we do reserve the right to alter the request if it is deemed necessary to keep an even flow of Agape.

Once Agape is placed in the bins for distribution, please DO NOT redistribute it. It is prayerfully placed with an effort to honor the flow of the weekend. Only the Agape Chairperson should change the distribution time once it has been established.

Agape gifts are appreciated. We go with whatever is provided for the weekend – whether it is abundant or just enough. We count on God to know what is needed for each walk and to place the desire to donate on the hearts of the community.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chairperson

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING – REQUIRED

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, [\$5] 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 next session is September 9th.

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 at goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org or by phone at 937 849-0353 or at the next Gathering. Verna Drake, Good Shepherd. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 6:15 in the chapel at Normandy UMC.

Remember

- September 9th at Normandy Church
Gathering; 7:15 Sponsorship training 6:30 in room 214, second floor. Share group orientation 6:15 Chapel
- September 21st Candlelight at Normandy UMC - Kandle lights are on sale before the Candlelight services and at Gatherings
- 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.
- Pray for the upcoming walk September WW#91
- Send your email address to Newsletter@daytonemmaus.org if you would like to receive a notification when the newsletter is posted online. 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

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

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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