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2014 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC

MW# 57 January 23-26
WW#92 February 20-23
WW#94 Sept 18-21

At Sulphur Grove UMC

WW#93 July 17-20
MW #58 Aug 21-24

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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Chairman's Corner

Philippians 1:3,6 ³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (NIV)

In the beginning, oh wait, that is the start of another book. What do you think of the word beginning? As we enter into 2014, yes, that's right, 2014, we begin another year. We can reflect on the past year and see what happened during that blip of time called 2013.

Beginnings also cause us to pause and reflect on the previous period. Reflection is a time to ponder and to be thankful.

I am thankful for family, both relatives and our extended Emmaus family.

I am thankful for an active Emmaus Community.

I am thankful for the service of so many for the benefit of others.

I am thankful for the untiring service of Board Members and Spiritual Directors who have given their time to further the Greater Dayton Emmaus body.

I would like to extend a special thank you for those who have completed their three year commitment to our community; Neal Stout, Tim Macy, Barb Courtice, Cindy Pierson, and Dick Hoback, well done thy good and faithful servants. And also for the new Board Members who have stepped forward to fill the shoes of the ones leaving. Barbie Rose, Mike Cornelius, Howard Creek, Jason Hoang and Alix Litton, welcome to the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board and may your service be both a blessing to the community and to you. Perhaps you may want to give them a thank you also.

I am thankful for the Men's Walk 57 Team as they meet and prepare for the January 23-26 Walk. (Note the dates are for the 4th weekend in January) I am thankful for the Women's Walk 92 Team as they too meet and prepare for the February 20-23 Walk. And for the upcoming Walk teams that have not been selected yet.

I am thankful for the Pilgrims and Sponsors as they prepare for the winter Walks, whether they are aware now or not.

I am thankful for the Holy Spirit showing up each Emmaus Walk and pouring into the hearts of all who come in His presence.

I am thankful for our Precious Lord and Savior, for His unfailing Love, Grace and Mercy for us all.

As you begin the year anew, ask yourself, what are you thankful for and what "new beginning" do you want to see in 2014.

I would like to hear your 2014 new beginnings.

Happy New Year



The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^a it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to

those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and^a is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

John 1:1-18

THE GIFT

THE GIFT is a program initiated by the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis movements to ensure that many from all over the world can enjoy the fruits of this beautiful ministry. THE GIFT is a financial program that allows the international communities as well as the emerging new communities to tap into the generosity of pilgrims and butterflies that the Lord has so richly blessed. Here are some facts that you may not know:

- The Chrysalis and Walk to Emmaus movements are interdenominational, interracial and international.
- The Emmaus movement began in 1978 and the Chrysalis movement began in 1985.
- More than one million Christians have experienced a Chrysalis or Walk to Emmaus weekend.
- The 600 Emmaus and Chrysalis communities are in 38 countries and 12 countries respectively.
- Our resources have been translated into 13 languages on 6 continents.
- We do not receive any funds or money from the United Methodist Church or any church denomination.
- Internationally, we need funds to assist emerging communities that do not have the resources to secure facilities, provide scholarships, train and teach team participants and conduct weekends.
- In the United States, we want to bring our Leadership Development Program resources into the 21st century through the use of technology that will empower leaders in each Community.
- If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to respond to "THE GIFT" of grace that you received make your check payable to: **International Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis** and send your offering of love to:
The International Emmaus/Chrysalis Office, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, TN 37213
1-877-899-2780 Ext. 7227



From the Spiritual Director



Another Chance

"Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert".

Isaiah 43:18-19 (New King James Version)

Well it's here again, another New Year. If you're reading this message, God has spared you and given you more time to accomplish His will and plan for your life. What a blessing that is to be given "another chance!" I'm sure some of you have already made commitments (some of you call them resolutions) and set the start date for January 1, 2014. So ask yourself, "How will this year be different than any other year? Is this the year that I achieve that long elusive goal?" Unfortunately I don't have the formula for success but I do know who does and His name is Jesus! There is not a plan He has purposed that He has not accomplished.

Whether making a commitment, setting a goal, or making a resolution it's important to have a plan to ensure success. Life in Christ is a journey; you've heard that message in the Sanctifying Grace talk. Sometimes it's not day by day but moment by moment. I dare say not many people would go on a journey without packing wisely. So why not take note from God's book of success (His Word-The Bible) and use it to pack your bags as you travel on. Here are a few things that I think you'll need on your journey so open your bags and pack wisely:

Trust

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (New King James Version)

Belief (Faith)

"The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us..."

2 Peter 3:9a (New King James Version)

God Confidence

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".

Philippians 4:13 (New King James Version)

...and don't forget proper clothing

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints..."

Ephesians 6:10-18 (New King James Version)

God speed on your journey, I think you've packed quite well!!

Mamie Johnson, Spiritual Director



Pray for One Another

Men's Walk #57 Normandy UMC

January 23-26, 2014

Mark 9:35 "...Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Please keep these Pilgrims and team in your daily prayers.

PILGRIM ROSTER

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Name		City	Name	Position	Talk	
Barnes	Doug	Dayton, OH	Baker	Bill	Asst Table Leader	
Beall	Coleman	Dayton, OH	Clark	Will	Logistics	
Berberich	Michael	Vandalia, OH	Courtice	Andy	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Burns	Harold		Crabtree	Greg	Lay Director	Perseverance
Bushong	Jamie	Miamisburg, OH	Dunigan	Grant	Prayer Servant	
Cook	Bryan	Dayton, OH	Flannery	Mark	Logistics	
Croxdale	Paul	Medway, OH	Fowler	Michael	Asst Table Leader	
Culbreth	Marcus	Trotwood, OH	Freeland	Dennis	Asst Table Leader	
Deisher	Phil	West Alexandria, OH	Hinkley	Jeff	Asst Lay Director	Christian Action
DiTommaso	Joseph	Miamisburg, OH	Kline	Ron	Logistics	
Donnelly	Brian	Dayton, OH	Kline	Kerry	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Duncan	Dan	Centerville, OH	Logan	Coley	Board Rep	
Fortunato	Michael	Dayton, OH	Mabry	Monte	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Frazer	Jeff	Centerville, OH	Macy	Tim	Asst Lay Director2	Fourth Day
Graef	Chad	Dayton, OH	Mallaney	Denny	Asst Lay Director	Priority
Griffith	Mike	Huber Heights, OH	Maranka	Paul	Prayer Servant	
Haddox	Cliff	Dayton, OH	Matthews	David	Logistics2	
Hiatt	William	Riverside, OH	Null	Jeff	Music Director	
Jacobsgaard	Larry		Ormsby	Scott	Asst Table Leader	
Martin	Alex	West Carrollton, OH	Pelfrey	Douglas	Asst Table Leader	
Masiya	Emmanuel	Fairborn, OH	Reed	Keith	Table Leader	Discipleship
Ostrander	Bill		Srode	Bill	Table Leader	Life of Piety
Parrott	Zachary	Huber Heights, OH	Stout	Neal	Table Leader	Growth Through Study
Schwarz	Jack	West Milton, OH	Taulbee	Jonathon	Asst Table Leader	
Shaw	Byron	Huber Heights, OH	Wilson	Paul	Asst Music Director	
Snider	Andrew	Huber Heights, OH				
Stewart	Mike	Englewood, OH				
Vieth	Ben	Huber Heights, OH				
Williamson	Adam	Kettering, OH				
Wilson	Ron	New Carlisle, OH				
Woods	Scott	Miamisburg, OH				

CLERGY			
Name	Position	Talk	
Brannon	Paul	Asst Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Hayes	Brian	Asst Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Jason	Palmer	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Venema	Thom	Asst Spiritual Director - live in	Sanctifying Grace
Wantz	Pamela	Asst Spiritual Director	Preveient Grace

Would you like to help? Let us know if you

PLEASE REMEMBER,
Pilgrim fees are \$85.00. As the cost of food and supplies increases, this fee increase will make

Please note the Team and Pilgrim rosters are subject to change after press-time. Prior to the Walk weekend, the Newsletter is updated with the most current Pilgrim / Team rosters and posted on the Dayton Emmaus website:
<http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm>



Giving Our Hands to Christ



IS YOUR SHARE GROUP OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS?

Do you have a share group? Is your share group open to new members? If so, please let me know so that I can help those without share groups get connected. If your contact information has changed updates would be appreciated. I can be reached via email at Goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org or by phone at (937) 849-0353. It would be my pleasure to help bring the children of God together.

We have an orientation before the gathering after every walk weekend at 6:15 in the chapel of Normandy UMC, you can attend any scheduled orientation. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2014. Hope to see you there!

Your Good Shepherd, Verna Drake

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. — *Romans 12:3–8*

AGAPE

Thanks to all of you who have so generously supported the Agape Room! Our pilgrims have been touched by your tangible symbols of God's abundant love.

We have a share group that will make halos for the July walks on a permanent basis. We need volunteers for 2014 to make halos for the February and September walks. If your share group would like to take this on, please contact me.

I look forward to working with all of you!

Blessings, Alix Liitton, Agape Chairperson

Remember

- January 13th at Normandy Church
Gathering; 7:15
- 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, it is never too early!

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John 1: 9-14

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:1-7

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

Do you want to give your pilgrims the most out of their Emmaus journey? If so, then please attend one of our sponsorship training classes. The sessions are held at 6:30pm before each Gathering in the Loggia by the Chapel 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 January 13th.

REGISTRATION—Attention Emmaus community, when emailing the women's registrar, please use this address: womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org. My old email address has been changed. Invitations have gone out for WW 92 in February. If an application for a woman is not yet in, names received/postmarked after Nov. 1st will go on the waiting list. Invitations are sent out in order of postmark date. What a joy it has been serving this community for the past year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me with questions anytime.

In His service. Pam DeHart

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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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