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**March
2014**

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

March

New

2nd Corinthians 5¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Pastor Don Burley spoke to the West Ohio Chrysalis Candlelight Service on Sunday, February 16th, using the above scripture as the base for his introduction of the word "new" to the audience. He tied it through the entire service including communion. He asked us to say the word "new" right before we partake of the sacraments.

He spoke of Paul's uttering of the words, "the new creation has come." When each of us accepted the Lord into our hearts, we each became a new creation. The question I have for you today is: When was the last time you felt "new?"

I think we have many times in our walks that we are reminded we are "new." I know for me, one of those times was my Emmaus Walk. There was such a freedom in giving Him all of my "stuff," that gave way to the joy of being loved by God.

From the comments of the January Walk, there may have been several who were also reminded, they too were "new." New husbands, fathers, sons, workers, leaders for Christ.

We have such a wonderful loving Father, who knows us inside and out, and still says, "I love you." As I ponder on that thought tonight, I think it will never become old, the creator of this world, reaching down to you and me, lifting us up, telling us He wants a personal relationship with each of us.

At the Chrysalis Candlelight, we saw the faces of the young men, some of whom realized again they were "new." Many who were experiencing the love of the body of Christ.

In the last few years, we have reached out to the Chrysalis Community and will be meeting with them to further our community ties. I encourage you to look for them at our Gatherings and Candlelights. We are able to attend their Candlelights as well, with the next two dates being, July 12th and 26th this year. The "Flights" are held at Greene Street United Methodist Church in Piqua. For more information, check out their website at www.westohiochrysalis.info.

Early this month, we have the opportunity to assist our Kairos Bothers and Sisters with cookies. Will you join with them and help another member of God's family be reminded they are "new."

I pray today that you feel "new" in His Love and Grace.

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Keith Crabtree

+ Giving our Hearts to Christ +

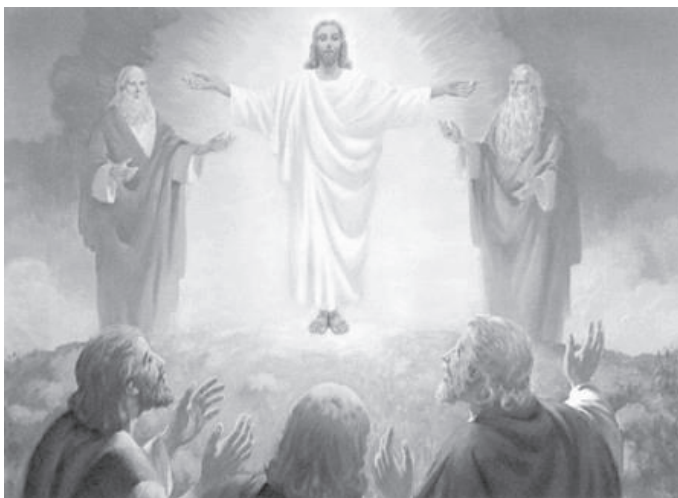
Joel 2:12-14

*Yet even now, says the Lord,
Return to me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
Rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain-offering and a drink-offering
for the Lord, your God?*



Mark 1:12-15

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the Good News."



Mark 9:2-10

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.



From the Spiritual Director



“I can see Your breath”

When I was writing, it was a cold day and I could see my breath. (I hope the weather is warmer as you read this.) One good thing about cold weather is that it allows me to see my breath. I'm praying that I also recognize the breath of the Holy Spirit as he blows around us. (The Hebrew word ruach means either breath or wind or spirit.)

The Holy Spirit really is blowing around us.

He blows around us stirring us to Piety. We worship with others as join our voices and hearts together in prayer and praise in our local churches and in our gatherings. Through reading the Scriptures, prayer, music, and other soul exercises (spiritual disciplines), he blows around us in our personal and family worship.

He blows around us stirring us to Study. Together, we grow in discipleship groups and classes. In our personal study, we grow as we read and study good Christian material—solid food from the classics and newly written material.

He blows around us stirring us to Action. As we roll up our sleeves together and as we find our personal service niche to serve outside the doors of our local churches, he blows among us as we make a difference for Jesus.

The Holy Spirit really is blowing around us and through us. It is his desire through sanctifying grace for us to submit to his will and to recognize his movement always.

I do want to serve him always, but today, I just want to thank him for the cold air. Until the weather warms up, each time I see my breath, I hope this will remind me of the unseen breath of the Holy Spirit.

Make a difference for Jesus.

deColores

Brad

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and **breathed** into his nostrils the **breath** of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7





Giving Our Hands to Christ



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

CALLING ALL WILLING SERVANTS!

Right now you are probably asking yourself: What is God calling me towards during 2014? Perhaps it is toward service on the Greater Dayton Emmaus (GDE) Board? Like every aspect of our Emmaus community, the Board needs willing servants to volunteer to be the Chairperson of various committees on the Board (more on this subject later), or to volunteer to serve on one of the Board's many committees (e.g., Housing, Kitchen)

On many occasions I have been asked, "What does the Board do?" A partial list of responsibilities would include ensuring that all aspects of Walks (food, housing, registration, etc.) are functioning and complete. The Board also determines policy for the Emmaus community and organizes various Emmaus community events, such as the monthly Gatherings.

"Sounds rewarding, please tell me more!" Well, every year the Board has openings for new Chairpersons and the election for these positions (3 year term of office) will occur at the November 2014 Gathering. Chairpersons are needed for Men's Registrar, Good Shepherd, Housing and Kitchen. Requirements for election to the Board are serving on at least one live-in team, being active in your church and being active in a Share Group.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact any Board member or the following: Men's Registrar, Coley Logan 937 353-6231; Good Shepherd, Verna Drake 937 849-0353; Housing, Dennis Leach, 937 414-0305; Kitchen, Steve Uphouse 937 435-0028.


Position descriptions are available for all Board positions and may be obtained by contacting Brian Wood, Nominations Chairperson at 937 293-7225 or bjwood68@att.net.


Please understand that service on the GDE Board does, of course, require your time and effort and attendance at monthly Board meetings. Service on this Board will bring you rewards beyond your every expectation. Hope to talk to you soon!
De Colores. Keep the faith.

God Bless, Brian Wood, Nominations Chairperson

Have you ever wanted to contact a Board Member but didn't know how? The contact information for every board member is listed on the Greater Dayton Emmaus Website at daytonemmaus.org — just click on the board link.

Please support our teens [Chrysalis] and our Prison ministry [Kairos]


<http://westohiochrysalis.no-ip.org/>


http://www.kairosOhio.org/Events_Calendar.html

1 Corinthians 1:25-30

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.



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 March 10, 2014. Hope to see you there!

Your Good Shepherd, Verna Drake

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. The next session is scheduled for March 10th.



KITCHEN

"Thanks again to all of you willing servants who served as the hands and feet of Jesus to the pilgrims & team of Men's Walk #57 and Women's Walk #92!! My appreciation to all of you- kitchen helpers, co-managers, and managers- for your service in setting up the tables, preparing the meals, serving the food, and the cleanup afterwards. You truly did not serve me but our Lord Jesus!! "

Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair

REGISTRATION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ our first two walks of the year have been faithfully completed. Some lives have been changed, others have been renewed and some folks have lots of things to think about before the next fourth day. Having been to the mailbox weekly for the past three weeks and finding no applications has been disappointing. Yet, the iPad email had at least 6 requests for placement on the February walk two weeks before it was to begin. The women's walk invitations go out 90 days before the walk to be sure the pilgrims God wants on the walk are placed on the walk. There is always a waiting list. That being said, please pray about your friend or family member who God has placed on your heart to attend a walk in 2014. Do not delay. Sixteen women have tentatively said yes to July. Applications are cheerfully accepted ALL year round.

In His service. Pamela C. DeHart, Women's Registrar

Remember

- March 10th Normandy Church
Share Group Orientation 6:15, Sponsorship Training 6:30, 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!

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
 and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
 though its waters roar and foam
 and the mountains quake with their surging



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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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