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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 May 2014

"Standing on the shoreline, looking out to sea
At oceans of Your hopes for me, just beyond my reach
I've been here on this island for way too many years
A prisoner of my comfort, a slave to my own fear
Doubt is saying got to stay Faith is saying sail away"

Some of you may recognize the words to the Phillips, Craig & Dean song, Freedom of the Seas. It has been a song that I keep coming back to from time to time. I'm like many other Christians, in I have my moments when I am "deeper" in my relationship with Jesus while other moments, not so much. With Spring in full bloom, I find myself looking again at the depth of my relationship with Christ.

I see His Glory all around. Birds. People. Grass. Trees. The hibernation, which lasted a bit longer this year, has finally been stirred and growth is around us. It was in May of 2008, that I sought another type of growth, that being the attendance of the Walk to Emmaus. I had some head knowledge, some heart knowledge, and some soul knowledge. But I felt there was more. I spent a portion of my life walking around the fringes of this "relationship."

As the weekend progressed, I felt a rustling in my spirit and spent some time with the Spiritual Directors. In Philippians 1:6, the Word says "that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion..." In that Walk weekend, my faith found new depth. I pray yours did as well. Will you allow the Creator of the Universe to enter into your heart and carry it on to completion?

How is your depth today? Do you have an urging to grow closer to Him? Remember back to your Walk weekend. Was there an inferno raging in your belly, or was it a spark? No matter what the level of the flame, our Savior is reaching for you, ready for you.

Sometimes that urging is to grow by serving others. Who are you reaching towards? Have you felt the call to serve on a team? Bonding with the other team members and stepping aside during the weekend as the Holy Spirit takes over is a wonderfully, humbling experience. You know you are not alone, someone has gone before you in preparation.

Recently, I asked an Emmaus brother if he had served on a team yet. He said he hadn't. I shared with him that someone needed to hear his story and perhaps, His story. You could see the contemplation on his face. Maybe it is serving on a Walk. Maybe it is serving in your church, or home, or workplace.

As they say, the best way to get out of a hole is to stop digging. However, the best way to get deeper is to start digging, in His Word. He wants to finish the good work He has for you.

May the month of May be a time of growth in you and me. Tell me how you feel he is working in your life.

The song closes:

Doubt is saying got to stay But I'm taking up the anchor
Faith is saying sail away And I'm heading for the deep
The freedom of the sea....

DeColores , Keith Crabtree



From the Spiritual Director



GO AND TELL

*“The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then **go quickly and tell** his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, **and ran to tell** his disciples.” Matthew 28:5-8*

I hope that your Easter Resurrection Sunday was full of wonder and amazement! The story of how we were brought from death to life through the sacrificial act of Christ shedding his blood on the Cross and rising from the dead is nothing short of a miracle. And it’s certainly nothing to keep silent about.

It’s only been a few weeks since celebrating Lent, the Passion, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection of Christ. So what do we do now? Why not do what Mary and her companions did, **run and tell** someone that you have “seen the Christ.” Why not do what the disciples dedicated the rest of their lives to after Pentecost, *“we can’t help but to **tell** what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20* Why not do what the two who were walking on the Road to Emmaus did? -- *“They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two **told** what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.” Luke 24:33-35*

Do you remember what the early days of your Fourth Day were like? When you returned home after your 3-Day weekend, what was the first thing you wanted to do? If you were like me you wanted to **tell** someone about how you had “seen the Christ.” Perhaps you saw Him in the morning Chapel, or during the nail ceremony on Friday evening, or doing Dying Moments Communion or at the Candlelight Service, or in the letters you received from loved ones. Don’t lose the wonder of your weekend, by keeping silent. **You’ve got something to tell** and there’s a whole bunch of people who need to hear. Pay close attention to the questions asked by the writer of Romans, *“...how can they believe in the one whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching (telling) to them? And how can they preach (tell) unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Romans 10:14-15*

Now that Easter Resurrection Sunday has come and gone for this year, make sure you don’t wait a day longer before you **go and tell** someone the good news!

DeColores,

Palmer Jason, SD



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 Aug 11, 2014. Hope to see you there!

Your Good Shepherd, Verna Drake

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

...but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

John 19:25-27

It is that time again...

Have you filled out a willing servant form lately? Forms are kept for two years and this is how live-in teams are selected. If it has been a year since you have completed your pilgrim walk and you would like to serve, please fill one out. If you have one on file but aren't sure how old it is, go ahead and fill another one out. Willing servant forms can be found at the Greater Dayton Emmaus website: <http://www.daytonemmaus.org/>.

Blessings, Trudi Gilchrist, Leadership Chair



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



Remember

- May 12th Normandy Church
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!



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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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