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**June
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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FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Treasure Hunting

"7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body."

2 Corinthians 4:7-10 (New King James Version)

Aye, Aye Matey. That is what pirates say isn't it? Pirates are said to be very bad people. Casual research suggests that they are barbaric and often leave their captives hip deep in blood. Pirates are also interesting in that they frequently go out in search of treasure and will have it at whatever the cost and no matter what it takes. In every pirate movie I've ever seen some find the treasure but it is not clear what they really do with it.

Did you know that as Christians we have a treasure that should not be hard to find? This treasure we have in earthen vessels is not attained based on barbarity yet some would liken the acts against Christ as such. No, this treasure was planted within us when we accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. This treasure is more precious than gold yet many have it and don't know what to do with it. Had you ever thought of it that way? It really is something to think about wouldn't you say? The treasure that lies within us was given to us upon our acceptance of Jesus as Lord and no one can take it away.

This treasure we have gives us power, power to overcome the attacks against the flesh and give us oneness with the One who is All Mighty and All-powerful! It is a treasure that will empower you to stand in the most difficult of times and the most challenging of circumstances. *"...hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—"* Thanks be to God for His buried treasure!

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director



Giving Our Hands to Christ



Where have you been called to serve the Lord?

1 Corinthians 12 (NIV) - Concerning Spiritual Gifts

¹ 12 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12:5 states that there are different kinds of service but one Lord. One of my primary questions is how much to serve and am I slacking if I don't serve everywhere that man calls me (or that I desire to serve). I have learned that the primary word here is "man" and that where I am to serve is where God calls me.

I keep hearing follow your passion that is where you need to serve. But God doesn't always call us to our passion, but he does call us to our first love and that is Him. My calling these days is one that I wish that I didn't have to serve. I have prayed as Jesus prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." still the situation remains and I am willing to serve as I am called; gratefully not as a sacrificial lamb but as a willing servant.

I have a passion and the Lord has granted me one more opportunity to serve that passion in July. You see I believe He has a plan for me, he knows that in order to do His will I am going to need the strength and encouragement that only He can provide through his people, and the satisfaction that we can only derive by serving others and I pray that I can do that with the same Love that Mary had when she anointed Jesus' head with perfume.

So, Where are you being called?

Kathy Postell
Newsletter Chair

Jeremiah 16:16

Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks..



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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 August 11, 2014. Hope to see you there!

Your Good Shepherd, Verna Drake

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

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 June 9th.

REGISTRAR

Hey everybody, it is time to Pay It Forward! We need pilgrims!

For some reason applications are not being sent in to the Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus community mailbox. Have we lost sight of God's call to make disciples of all men and women? Does your local church have enough leaders to take care of all the ministries of the church? Has requesting you take sponsorship training hindered our process? I do not know the answer but our Abba Father does. Look into your heart and see who He is asking you to sponsor. The Good News is.... Summer has arrived and people are on vacation, therefore there are some openings remaining for Women's Walk #93, July 17-20, 2014 at our air conditioned summer location Sulphur Grove UMC in Huber Heights. Please get applications in ASAP. Once the application is received, you will receive notification the application has been processed. Be sure to include the \$20 registration check or money order.

Thank you. Pam DeHart, Women's Registrar

KITCHEN

"Next month starts off another set of monthly Walks and the kitchen is always in need of willing servants to be the hands and feet of Jesus. If you wish to be a regular helper at a meal you can indicate it on the sign-up sheet at a Gathering or email me at kitchen@daytonemmaus.org. De Colores, Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair"

Remember

- June 9th 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!

Isaiah 6:8

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

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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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