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Chairman's Corner

Two Challenges

I have a friend named Rich who has a gift of reaching out to people that God has placed upon his heart. Early in my Christian journey, Rich called my wife one day, as God had laid her onto his heart. She had been struggling and he felt the urge from our Creator to call and spend a few minutes on the phone with her. She was truly touched that someone reached out to her, especially someone she didn't know well. The interesting part, Rich did not know she was struggling.

I have often thought about that story. God lays people on our hearts. Do we waive it off or do we pick up the phone, stop by or write a note. I guess today's social media would equate to tweeting, Facebooking, texting, instagramming or some other electronic way to communicate. Since I am not on social media other than through other's posts, I have probably embarrassed those in my family who are "social media savvy."

A couple of years ago, God placed my sister –in-law on my mind as I was driving. My first thought was, "That was random." My second thought was my friend Rich. I called her and told her God had laid her on my heart and I asked her how she was really doing. I could hear the sobs on the other end of the line and knew this wasn't random at all, but a divine appointment.

Recently, I had the chance to call Rich's wife during a recent struggle. Our God is good.

Who has God laid upon your heart? Whose face popped in your mind out of the blue? Has this person been placed on your heart more than once? God may have a divine appointment in your future. You need not be concerned about what to say, as He will give you the words. So your first challenge, is to take action when God puts someone on your heart. Reach out and call.

Secondly, I wish to issue another challenge to our Emmaus Community. I am asked each member of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community to invite a guest to the September, October, November or December Gatherings. For you over-achievers, bring someone to each one. Bringing someone to a Gathering introduces them to the community and puts faces and names to this "Emmaus" thing.

We have changed the format of the Gatherings to be more of a worship service. They generally run quicker and are designed to feed the Emmaus members serving in their churches with a meal of worship, communion and fellowship. Guys (and some gals), you can even come to a Gathering and be home in time for Monday Night Football.

Will you join me in inviting a guest to one of the next Gatherings?

DeColores

Keith Crabtree

WALK SCHEDULE

2014

At Normandy UMC

WW#94 Sept 18-21

2015

At Normandy UMC

MW#59 Jan 15-18

WW95 Feb 19-22

WW97 Sept 17-20

At Sulphur Grove UMC

WW96 Jul 16-19

MW60 Aug 18-21

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you remember how you felt God's love on your pilgrim walk? Were you moved by the outpouring of love and generosity that was shown to you during those 72 hours?

Did you know you can be the hands and feet of Christ for someone else on their pilgrim walk?

The purpose of Emmaus is to train leaders for the local church. While serving in your church is a priority, would you consider helping to serve in the Emmaus Community as well? Opportunities abound, whether serving a meal, setting up or tearing down for the walk, carrying luggage, or being present at candlelight and closing.

You also have the opportunity to serve on a live-in team. This experience is as close to your pilgrim walk as you can get. Can you imagine serving and helping to guide pilgrims as they come to the realization that God loves them? A live-in team is a commitment — there are training meetings before the walk and you need to be present for the entire walk. What a wonderful way to pay what you received forward — so that others can see Christ in you.

Recently the Emmaus Board voted to waive the one-year waiting period for serving on a live in team. You can serve as soon as a spot is available!! The only requirements for service is to be in a share group and to be active in your local church. That's all! Please prayerfully consider turning in a Willing Servant form. This can be done online at www.daytonemmaus.org or you can fill out a paper form. There is great joy in serving the Lord through Emmaus! Remember:

Christ is Counting on YOU!

And while we're talking about willing servants, do you play a musical instrument? Do you sing? Do you enjoy leading worship?

We have a great need for volunteers to serve as Music Directors and Assistant Music Directors on the walks. You do not have to play an instrument in order to serve in this capacity — you simply have to be ready to lead others in song.

You can also sing special music at Gatherings and during walk weekends. Just indicate your availability on your Willing Servant Form!

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



Congratulations to Jean Jarusiewicz, who was elected the Vice-Chairman/Leadership for the Board. Her term will begin in January 2015. Please pray for Jean as she begins this new adventure and let her know that her willingness to serve is greatly appreciated!

Please pray for our Lay Director for Women's Walk 95 in February, Rita Anspach.

Rita was anointed for service in August and has begun filling her team as directed by the Team Selection Committee.

Several Board Positions will be open at the end of 2014. The terms are for 3 years. You must have served on a live-in team to be eligible for Board Service.

Elections to the Board will be held in November and the terms begin in January 2015. Open positions are:

- Men's Registrar
- Kitchen
- Housing
- Good Shepherd

As any member of the Board for more information on any of these positions. If you would like to run, please contact Brian Wood at pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org.



From the Spiritual Director



Back To School Time

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (KJV) 2Timothy 2:15

Well, it's **back to school time**. What fun it is for the kids to go shopping for their school supplies and to attend open houses to meet their new teachers and catch up with classmates they have not seen all summer. The thrill of riding the bus (or driving to school with a freshly minted new license, oh no!) shows on the faces of kids throughout the neighborhood. And if the kids aren't excited enough, I know a few parents who are doing the happy dance. Some kids have even gone off to college; which just begs for a remodeling project. I love the commercial where the kid comes home on break and asks, 'where is my room'? And the father replies by holding his fingers slightly apart and saying 'we had to take just a little of it for the kitchen'.

Why all this talk about back to school? -- because the Walk to Emmaus is a short course on Christianity. Aren't you glad you signed up and/or someone thought enough about you and your faith walk to invite you to attend? I was a seminary graduate, and senior pastor of a church when I attended my Walk. And I can honestly tell you that my walk was more valuable to me in terms of my education on Grace and God's Agape love than all the time I spent on campus. Believe me when I tell you, that 72 hour weekend investment of time has paid far more dividends than all the papers and classes and lectures and debates.

I hope you pull out your notes periodically and review what you were taught through the five grace and ten lay talks on the weekend. If you have had the opportunity to serve on a live-in team, you will find that each time you hear the talks you learn something new that you can apply to your walk of faith. Perhaps it's time for you to fill out that Willing Servant Form so you too can go Back to School by serving in the community on an upcoming Walk. I know one person for sure who will be more than happy to show you how to do the happy dance, yours truly!

DeColores

Palmer Jason, SD



Pray for One Another

Women's Walk #94 Normandy UMC September 18-21, 2014



Please keep these Pilgrims and team in your daily prayers.

Pilgrim Roster

| <u>Name</u> | <u>City</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Kim Adams | West Milton |
| Carla Anderson | Fairborn |
| Sue Barbar | Kettering |
| Victoria Carter | Bellbrook |
| Amanda Fugate | Dayton |
| Stephanie Guthrie | Trotwood |
| Cheryl Horn | West Milton |
| Katie Jordan. | Troy |
| Sharon Kingrey. | Celina |
| Pandora Klipfer | Kettering |
| Ruth Leeds | Huber Heights |
| Cindy Lamb | Dayton |
| Heidi Miller | Tipp City |
| Stacy Mitchell | Centerville |
| Terra Norris | Huber Heights |
| Susan Person | Troy |
| Christa Puckett | Dayton |
| Sandra Schum | Centerville |
| Traci Sheaf | Dayton |
| Karen Tucker | Germantown |
| Donna Turner | Troy |
| Anna Wilson | Fairfield |
| Alyson Wollpert | Kettering |
| Christina Wood | Huber Heights |

Team Roster

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Talk</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Laurie Blucker | ATL | |
| Amy Brooks | ATL | |
| Cheryl Carter | MD | |
| Donna Courtney | TL | Life of Piety |
| Julia Crowl | AMD | |
| Chris Davis | TL | Christian Action |
| Pam DeHart | PS | |
| Liz Frye | ATL | |
| Sandy Hedge | LD | Perseverance |
| Char Hinkley | LOG | |
| Jean Jarusiewicz | BR | |
| Wendy Kline | LOG | |
| Cathy Kooser | LOG 2 | |
| Sonya Lemmerbrock | ALD | Priority |
| Susan Lehneis | PS | |
| Roberta McMahan | TL | Discipleship |
| Cathy Miller | TL | Changing our World |
| Shelly Miller | ATL | |
| Barb Nagel | ATL | |
| Rachel Ormsby | LOG | |
| AJ Puderbaugh | ALD 2 | Fourth Day |
| Barb Ricketts | ALD | Grow Through Study |
| Pam Rafdal | TL | Body of Christ |
| Mary Ann Schum | ATL | |
| Myra Wheeler | TL | Priesthood of All Believers |

Clergy

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Talk</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Sandy Pappenfus | SD | Means of Grace |
| Leroy Chambliss | ASDL | Obstacles to Grace |
| Mamie Johnson | ASD | Prevenient Grace |
| Tori Smith | ASD | Justifying Grace |

PLEASE REMEMBER,
Pilgrim fees are \$85.00.

Position Legend

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|------|
| Lay Director | LD | Assistant Music Director | AMD |
| Assistant Lay Director | ALD | Table Leader | TL |
| Logistics | LOG | Assistant Table Leader | ATL |
| Prayer Servants | PS | Spiritual Director | SD |
| Music Director | MD | Assistant Spiritual Director; Live In | ASDL |
| | | Assistant Spiritual Director | ASD |

Would you like to help? Let us know if you could be a volunteer LOG

Please note the Team and Pilgrim rosters are subject to change after press-time. Prior to the Walk week-end, 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 September 8, 2014. Hope to see you there!

Your Good Shepherd, Verna Drake

Thanks to all the willing servants who have served in the kitchen as the hands and feet of Jesus to the pilgrims at Sulphur Grove!! We definitely need more helpers for the upcoming Women's Walk #94 at Normandy. Also, if you are interested in serving a specific meal on every Walk as a "regular" helper, or if you would like to serve as a kitchen manager or co-manager, please send me an email at kitchen@daytonemmaus.org. (Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair)

AGAPE

Thanks to all of you who have so generously supported the Agape Room! Our pilgrims have 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 2015 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 Litton, Agape Chairperson

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

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 September 8th.

REGISTRATION—Applications are being accepted for all walks. Thank you for turning in complete applications with readable addresses. Please copy down the close friend information, church and pastor information so when you receive the information letter you can see that the info. is correct before the walk. Respectfully submitted. Pam DeHart, women's registrar

Remember

- September 8th at 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!

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ...

James 2:14-26

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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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