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## How about some Good news

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In Philippians 4:8, Paul writes, “Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is lovely, whatever is pure, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

When I read this familiar scripture I can’t help but think of *our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*.

Sometimes in the storms of life, the only thing we can control is what we chose to dwell on, (think about). Having faith doesn’t guarantee something good will happen, but that something good is possible. Whatever you faced yesterday, as well as today, and tomorrow, Jesus Christ walks with you. *That is some really terrific good news.*

*Is the glass half full or half empty?* I read somewhere recently a third scenario... *the glass is refillable.*

The Reunion Group is another tool to help *re-fill* our cup, or “give us oil for our lamp”, so to speak. It is a voluntary meeting of friends, or acquaintances who become your friends, to share with one another their efforts to live and grow in union with Christ. (Piety, Study, and Apostolic Action).

The Reunion Group is a friendship elevated to the highest level--that of being a permanent actual grace. The Reunion Group is by no means the only way to bring about the kind of sharing needed for growth in Christ. It is, however, an effective means.

Sadly, when I look back on the times when I was spiritually lazy, I wasn’t attending Reunion Group. In the same way, some of my greatest spiritual strength was nurtured and fortified through attending Reunion Group. If you ever find yourself in a spiritual rut, (and Lord knows I have at times in my walk), I would like to suggest you consider getting back at it or to it.

We hear a lot of bad news and we are constantly exposed to negativity. The world needs the Good News and positive encouragement. We should use whatever means and tools available to uplift one another to be a vessel of such.

God loves you, and so do I,  
Butch Seeley, Lay Director

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Secretariat meetings are held the third Saturday of each month. You are welcome to attend. Contact Lay Director Butch Seeley for the place and time of each meeting.

**God loves you and so do we!**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**The Battle Belongs to the Lord  
Ephesians 6: 10 - 17  
( Armor of God )**

We as a Team have moved from being called to be the light of the world and fishers of men to also being called to put on the armor of God and serve in his army. We're called to go out in this dark world and be the front lines of showing God's love and grace, training camp being this VdC Co-ed Weekend.

We have a great Team of men and women; some have no experience and some have served countless times and everything in between. They have put on the armor and are ready to serve as God's soldiers, showing his love and grace. We all have different talents and gifts to work as one unit to provide a meaningful and lasting experience for the Pilgrims.

We have been blessed with 17 pilgrims in this new adventure for Via de Cristo of Ohio. We are counting on You in the VdC Community to put on your armor and serve with us as we are all part of his army. How?

Pray first and foremost for the Pilgrims and the Weekend

Attend Send-off and Serenade and Wake-up ( check times and directions elsewhere in Newsletter )

Attend Closing

Send personal Palanca by giving it to a Team member you know or by sending it (early!) to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville, OH 44813.

The last thing I am asking is to check out Palanca lists that will be coming out the beginning of next week. These are the remaining 72-hour Prayer times and a food Palanca list so we can try to cut cost for the weekend.

The other Palanca is we are looking for anyone who is willing to come in to our chapel at Camp Mowana and pray during any of the Rollos, as this will free up some chas for their duties. If so contact Kevin Hoch or me with which one would work for you. (See Secretariat list on p. 1 for contact information.)

We as Via de Cristo Community are part of the front lines for the battle to change our environments. Let's all serve together to accomplish this as soldiers of God's army.

God bless you,  
Dave Lann, Rector, Co-ed Weekend

Thursday and Friday October 22 and 23, 2015		Saturday, October 24, 2015		Sunday, October 25, 2015	
Thursday, <b>Send-off</b> at Oswego Lodge, Camp Mowana <b>7:30PM</b>		Rollo and discussions at Oswego Housing and dining at Retreat Ctr.		<b>Wake-Up</b> Serenade at Fleming Falls Retreat Center, Camp Mowana <b>6:30AM</b>	
Friday		Study	8:40 AM	Environment	9:10AM
Ideal	9:55AM	Day in Life	9:55 AM	CCA	10:15AM
Habitual Grace	11:10AM	Apostolic Action	2:10PM	Life in Grace	11:45AM
Laity	1:55PM	Obstacles to Grace	3:25PM	Group Reunion/Ultreya	1:35PM
Actual Grace	3:10PM	Leaders	4:55PM	Fourth Day	2:50PM
Piety	5:10PM	Serenade Practice	5:15PM	Closing at Clay Memorial Lutheran Church	5:30PM
		Serenade	6:30PM		

**Emergency Phone Number 513-667-6884**

**Pilgrims for Via de Cristo Co-ed Weekend**

Pilgrim	Church	Sponsor
Jen Coile	Clay Memorial Lutheran, Mansfield	Susan Smith
Lorie Blanton	Belmont Community, Mansfield	Susan Smith
Marilyn Wheaton	Maddox Memorial, Mansfield	Susan Smith
Anthony Wheaton	Maddox Memorial, Mansfield	Susan Smith
Linda Crum	Emmanuel Lutheran, North Georgetown	VK and Zane Ziegler
Russ Crocker	Trinity Lutheran, Kent	Sarah Royka
Mike Schock	Trinity Lutheran, Kent	Dave Lann
Sandy Luby	St. Paul Lutheran, Mansfield	Carol Kilgore
Stacy Warner	Pleasant Valley Lutheran, Lucas	Ronald Kilgore
David Warner	Pleasant Valley Lutheran, Lucas	Ronald Kilgore
Linda Sweval	Holy Trinity Lutheran, Mansfield	Kathryn Glessner
Stephanie Laser	St. Paul Lutheran, Mansfield	Carol Kilgore
Jeff Rueckert	St. Paul Lutheran, Mansfield	Carol Kilgore
Mary Voelker	Trinity Lutheran, Kent	Dave & Jackie Lann
Amy Bauer	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Westlake	Dale Mortensen
Linda Nowakowski	Arise in Christ Lutheran, Donnelsville	Chuck Fannestock
Judy Moncrief	Good Shepherd Lutheran, West Milton	Chuck Fahnestock

### Co-ed Weekend Team Members

#### Team Member and Role

**Dave Lann**, Rector, Group Reunion/Ultreya, Fourth Day  
**Jackie Lann**, Head Cha  
**Pastor Doug Fidler**, Spiritual Director  
**Pastor Carol Kilgore**, Spiritual Director  
**Kevin Hoch**, Palanca Cha  
**Dale Mortensen**, Chapel Cha  
**Dan Brill**, Music Cha  
**Dick Brenneman**, Go-fer Cha  
**Dave Lann**, Ideal Rollo  
**V.K. Ziegler**, Laity Rollo  
**Jon Paul**, Piety Rollo  
**Chuck Fahnestock**, Study Rollo  
**Nancy Martin**, Apostolic Action Rollo  
**Kevin Hoch**, Leaders Rollo  
**Paul Martin**, Environment Rollo  
**Leslie Crowe**, Christian Community in Action Rollo  
**Dave Lann**, Group Reunion/Ultreya/Fourth Day  
**Mark Ludrosky**, Head Kitchen Cha  
**Cy Kilgore**, Kitchen Cha  
**Sherryl Patterson**, Kitchen Cha  
**Vicky Sakala**, Kitchen Cha  
**Irene Hoch**, Head Rollo Room Cha  
**Zane Ziegler**, Rollo Room Cha  
**Warren Butch Seeley**, Rollo Room Cha  
**Vickie Johnson**, Rollo Room Cha  
**Sarah Royka**, Rollo Room Cha

#### Home

Rootstown  
 Rootstown  
 Cuyahoga Falls  
 Lucas  
 Cincinnati  
 North Olmstead  
 Lewis Center  
 Fredericktown  
  
 Beloit  
 Cuyahoga Falls  
 Fairborn  
 Bellville  
  
 Bellville  
 Parma  
  
 Clinton  
 Lucas  
 Marion  
 Lexington  
 Cincinnati  
 Beloit  
 Westerville  
 Kent  
 Kent

#### PALANCA!

Palanca for a VdC Weekend can be so many things. The most important Palanca is your prayers for the Pilgrims and Team Members! But Palanca can also be items—letters, snacks or food for the Weekends, and small cards or items which are representative of God's love and grace.

For any tangible Palanca you'd like to give, please be sure to get it to any Team member by Wednesday, October 21 or mail it (early!) to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville, 44813 for the Co-ed Weekend. You may also bring it to the Fleming Falls Retreat Center at Camp Mowana when you come for Serenade.

To choose a time for the 72 hour Prayer Palanca for the Co-ed Weekend, please contact Palanca Cha Kevin Hoch at 513-667-6884 or [khoch@cinci.rr.com](mailto:khoch@cinci.rr.com) or contact a Team member.

**You can deliver your Prayer Palanca to God's ears anytime!**

**Emergency Phone Number  
513-667-6884**

*Directions for Sites for Co-ed Weekend*  
(Directions are from I 71, coming from north or south.)

<p><b>To Camp Mowana from I 71</b>  <b>2276 Fleming Falls Road, Mansfield</b>                  Exit at St. Route 30 (north of Mansfield)                  Go west to Laver Road and turn right                  Go to St. Rt. 42 and turn right                  Go to Fleming Falls Rd. and turn right                  Go to Camp Mowana and turn right</p>	<p><b>To Clay Memorial Lutheran Church</b>  <b>1061 Amoy East Road, Mansfield</b>                  I 71 to Rt. 30, west on Rt. 30 to Rt. 13                  Go right (north) on Rt. 13/N. Main St.                  Go to Harrington Memorial Rd., turn right                  Go to Cairns Rd. and turn left                  Go to Bowman St. and turn right                  Go to Amoy East Rd. and turn right</p>	<p><b>To St. Timothy Lutheran</b>  <b>1262 Ashland Rd., Mansfield</b>                  I 71 to Rt. 30                  Go west on Rt. 30 to Rt. 42                  Go right on Rt. 42 to church</p>
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At Camp Mowana, the **Send-off** for the Pilgrims will be at Oswego Lodge at 7:30PM. Drive into Camp Mowana about a quarter mile to Oswego, ahead of you at the point where you turn right for Fleming Falls retreat Center. Rollos, discussions, evening chapel times and evening Decuria will be at Oswego. Housing, dining, morning chapel times, evening socials, Saturday evening **Serenade** and Sunday morning **Wake-up** will be in Fleming Falls Retreat Center.

Serenade practice will be at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on Saturday at 5:15PM **preceded by an Ultreya at 3:30PM.** Further update about the Ultreya will come next week with the lists of remaining 72-hour Prayer Palanca times and remaining Food Palanca. Serenade will be at Fleming Falls Center on Saturday at 6:30PM.

Closing (Clausura) will be at Clay Memorial Lutheran Church on Sunday at 5:30PM. We'll see you there!

**SPRING 2016 Via de Cristo Weekends**

<p><b>Men's # 75 April 21 - 24, 2016</b></p>	<p><b>Women's # 79 May 19 - 22, 2016</b></p>
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**Wanted: Someone to become the Prayer Chain Coordinator for Via de Cristo of Ohio.**  
 If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity in order to see if God may call you to His service with this position, please contact Lay Director Butch Seeley ([harleyrider751@ymail.com](mailto:harleyrider751@ymail.com) or 614-332-1357) or Newsletter Editor Nancy Martin ([vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or 419-886-4420 )for more information.

*Ultreya News*

<p>Ultreyas in the Akron-Kent area of Ohio are often the third Saturday of a month, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kent, at 4:30 pm at 600 S. Water Street, and potluck will be included. For more information, please call Dave Lann, 330-296-6929, or Pr. Doug Fidler, 330-673-5445.</p>	<p>Cincinnati area Ultreyas are usually the first Saturday of each month at 4:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Healthy. Address is 1553 Kinney Avenue, Cincinnati 45231. For questions, please call Kevin Hoch, 513-931-8797.</p>	<p>Bellville Ultreya will be the second Sundays of January, April, July and <u>October at 3:00pm.</u> It's at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church Street, Bellville 44813. Worship and Holy Communion are followed by Potluck, table service and drinks provided. Call Ken and Josie Riling with questions, 419-886-2437, or Paul and Vicky Sakala, 419-884-1573.</p>	<p>North Dayton Ultreyas are usually the third Saturdays of every month at 7pm at the United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd, Clayton, OH 45315. (Bring snack to share.) For questions, please call Wes Scoates at 937 533-7605.</p>
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**Ultreya in Bellville this Sunday at 3:00 at St. Paul. See next page.**

Please Join Us  
**ULTREYA**



*ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

48 CHURCH ST. BELLVILLE, OH

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00 P.M.**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT 3:00  
AND CLOSING WITH HOLY COMMUNION

JOIN US IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM  
FOR OUR POT LUCK MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP.  
BEVERAGES AND PAPER PRODUCTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

*PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE*

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:

Ken & Josie Riling at 419 886-2437 or Paul & Vicky Sakala at 419 884-1573

## A Message from VdC Ohio Music Advisor Jen Briner

*"Trading My Sorrows", written by Darrell Evans, was initiated as an ad-lib moment at a church service in 1997, where Darrell and his worship team were providing a worshipful atmosphere for the congregation to pray--"washing people's feet with worship," as Darrell vividly describes it. People were at the altar praying in what he describes as a very tender moment, as well as a significant one for many in the church.*

*During this time, Darrell began to think about his own life. What would he be bringing to the cross? "I got the picture of myself, too, on my knees at the cross. What would I be laying down in my own life?" he recalls. "The initial ideas of my sorrows and shame, and sickness and pain were rolling around in me--especially shame. That was a big one, as I thought about my own failures and mistakes in life. I thought, Man, I'd like to trade those things in. And so I began singing that, which became the opening lines to the song."*

*As the congregation continued to pray, in part led by Darrell's words, the band began to pick up the pace. Instead of a dirge, he says, it became a celebration. "Hey, I'm trading these things in for the joy of the Lord, which will be a renewed strength for me," says Darrell. As they continued to sing, people in the congregation began to stand up and dance, even the pastor, which Darrell says was very unlike their church.*

*Raising their hands to the Lord, Darrell and the congregation began to sing, "Yes, Lord, Yes, Lord, Yes, Yes, Lord" as an agreement with what God was doing in their lives at that moment at the altar. A song was born, not from a belabored songwriting session in a tiny room as a writer searched for the right words, but instead flowing naturally out of a worshipful and personal experience with the Lord.*

*Later that week in his office, Darrell took the bones of the song and added the verse. Drawing from Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 4:8 & 9, he continued on—"I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed." The redemption came as he continued, "I am blessed beyond the curse for his promise will endure that His joy's gonna be my strength." Darrell continued, inspired by words from his favorite worshipper, David, in Psalm 30:5, "Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes in the morning!"*

*For some people who may feel they are going through good times in their lives, Darrell hopes that they will see "Trading My Sorrows" as a song of intercession. "Have you thought about the people around you? When you're singing this, you're singing it over someone, interceding for someone in your congregation or setting. That's how it was written. I was thinking about myself and some things I'd like to trade, but I was singing it over people." Now, as a worship leader in Ft. Worth, Texas, and a touring recording artist and songwriter, Darrell continues to lead people into the heart of God. He's written and recorded over 70 songs, and amazingly, an estimated 20 of those are sung every Sunday in churches around the world.*

God loves you, I love you,  
Jen Briner

**I**  
f you know someone who does not get the VdC Ohio Newsletter but would like to, please send the contact information to Nancy.

If you know someone from the Via de Cristo Community who has changed their street address or email address or telephone number, please send the new information to Newsletter Editor Nancy Martin at [vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or 419-886-4420 or 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.

**The Clergy Experience #2 has been deferred to fall of 2016. Information will come next summer.**



**Via de Cristo of Ohio is now on Facebook!**

We hope you will "like" our new Facebook Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/viadecristoooh>

Get on the Web – Ohio Via de Cristo [www.vdcoho.org](http://www.vdcoho.org)

National Via de Cristo Website [www.viadecristo.org](http://www.viadecristo.org)

Kairos Website [www.kairosohio.org](http://www.kairosohio.org)

Upcoming weekends:

Men's INKY VDC North #73 - Oct.1-4, 2015; Women's INKY VDC North #74 - Oct. 8-11, 2015; Coed INKY VDC South #22 - Nov. 5-8, 2015.

MN Walk to Emmanus - Men's #109 - Oct. 15-18, 2015; Women's #110 - Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2015.

Faith Walk South Louisiana - Men's #15 - Oct. 8-11, 2015; Women's #16 - Oct. 15-18, 2015.

Central Carolinas Emmanus Community - Men's - Oct. 8-11, 2015; Women's - Oct. 22-25, 2015.

Kairos Outside of Maryland - Women's KO #19 - Oct. 16-19, 2015.

Georgia Presbyterian Pilgrimage - GPP #47 - Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2015; GPP #48 - April 21-24-, 2015.

Ultreya - Saturday, October 3, 2015 5:00 p.m. Hampshire Colony Congregational Church 604 S. Church Princeton, IL 61356

Priaire Sonshine of Central Illinois - Men's #18 - Nov. 12-15, 2015.

Wiscousin SonRise VDC - Covenant United Methodist Church  
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin - Coed #11 - Oct. 15-18, 2015.

Rainbow VDC, Upper Marlboro, MD:Men's Weekend: Oct. 8-11, 2015;Women's Weekend:Oct. 15-18, 2015.

Texas Lutheran VDC: Coed #93 - Camp Chrysalis, Kerville, TX - Oct. 15-18, 2015.

Tennessee VDC: Mixed #33 - October 15-18, 2015; Miexed #34 - Oct. 20-23,2015.

Arkansas-Oklahoma VDC: Weekend #35 -- Oct 15-18, 2015 -- St. Scholastica Monastery, Fort Smith, AR.

Southern Arizona VDC: Co-Ed SALVdC #36, Oct. 15-18, 2015.

Gold Coast VDC Women's #91 - Oct. 15-18, 2015, North Palm Beach, FL.

***Indian River VDC: (Space Coast FL) Women's #64 Weekend - October 22nd - 25th, 2015***

***Lighthouse VDC: (Upper Easr of Central FL) Men's #47 - Oct. 15-18, 2015;  
Women's #47 - Oct. 22-25, 2015.***

**Sonbeam VDC (Tampa Bay):November 12-15, 2015 - Men's #65 Weekend; November 19-22, 2015 - Women's #65 Weekend.**

**Sonshine North VDC (NE Coast-FL): Men's #60 - Oct. 15-18, 2015; Women's #60 - Oct. 22-25, 2015.**

**Sonshine VDC Southern FL: Women's 113 - Oct. 22-25, 2015. Prayer Vigil link:  
<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=11297&commid=509>**

**Blessings from your Palanca Chair,  
Sherryl Franklin-Patterson**