



*Via de Cristo of Ohio Newsletter*  
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# *De Colores!*

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## **SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH...**

"I long to see you and share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you--rather, what I wish is that we may be mutually encouraged by our common faith." (Romans 1:11-12)

*The following is cited from your Pilgrim's Guide on page 35: "The 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. To be fruitful, it must include a sharing of our commitment to Christ (Piety), our efforts to grow in our understanding of God's gifts (Study), and our efforts to share our knowledge and love of Christ with others according to a pre-determined plan (Apostolic Action).*

The Three-Day Weekend is a source of many insights for those who take part in it. These insights vary widely according to the background and temperament of each individual, but one insight is almost universal: the value of sharing our Christian hopes and experiences with brothers and sisters in Christ. The Group is a friendship elevated to the highest level, that of being a permanent actual grace."

The sponsorship of a Pilgrim to a weekend includes assisting the Pilgrim in locating and participating in a group reunion as well as attending Ultreya.

I am asking anyone in the community who has sponsored a Pilgrim to reach out to them ***in the month of September***. Find out how they are doing and assist them in partaking in the Fourth Day tools of perseverance that the Via de Cristo methodology embraces. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect and rededicate.\*

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10: 24-25)

"Christ is counting on you; and you, on whom or what do you count?"  
God loves you and so do I!

Warren (Butch) Seeley  
Lay Director

\* (For assistance to find or form a Reunion Group for your Pilgrim—or yourself—contact Nancy Martin, [vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or 419-886-4420. I can look in the VdC Archive for names of people in your area and give you their most recent contact information I have.)

Hello VDC 4th day community,

I hope everyone has had a pleasant summer and enjoyed vacations and other functions related to family. This leads me to updating you on some opportunities for you with the Via de Cristo family.

The week of September 26 - 29 we will be holding our second Clergy Experience at the Saints Peter & Paul Retreat Center in Newark, Ohio. This is held during weekdays for clergy and their spouses; other than that, it is for the most part the same as your Weekend. If you know any clergy who would benefit from learning about VDC, invite them to attend as we still have room. Contact Warren ( Butch ) Seely, 614-332-1357, or Dick Brenneman, 740-398-0945, for more information.

Wednesday evening there will be a Serenade at 6:00 pm. This includes all VDC Community, so please get together with friends and plan to attend. Thursday evening at 5:00 pm will be the closing at the center. Plan also to attend that. At this time I do not know if there is a send-off Monday evening at the retreat center.

Look for an update to this Newsletter to come to you later in September with information about Serenade practice, remaining open prayer times and additional Pilgrims' names as well as other details.

The other opportunity for you is palanca.

**Prayer** Watch for prayer times that are open in the coming weeks and sign up for a spot. If you have a certain time that you would like to pray, contact Sharon Gsellman, [sgsellman@neo.rr.com](mailto:sgsellman@neo.rr.com) or 330-688-4965.

**Personal** Send a note of gratitude for God's blessings and encouragement. The list of Pilgrims and Team is in this newsletter. Thanks for all the individuals who are faithful in this. I am asking for reunion groups to step up and send palanca. Let's show the clergy and team that we do have a strong VDC community. Table palanca is welcomed also.

**Monetary** This is one you don't hear or see much. Since we may no longer use the center in Columbus, the cost of putting on a Weekend is much higher. If the Spirit moves you to donate money to help offset the cost, please make a check to Via de Cristo Ohio and mail it to Treasurer Raleigh Sandy, 9148 Hacker Farm Lane, Centerville, OH 45458.

God Loves You And So Do I  
Dave Lann  
Fourth Day Shepherd

**Clergy Experience #2 Set for Monday September 26 – Thursday 29, 2016****At St. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Newark, OH****2734 Seminary Road SE****Newark OH 43056***Talk to a Pastor you know about it*You may go to [stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com](http://stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com) for directions**Blessings to one and all!**

Clergy #2 is set for the last week of September. While it really still is a “Weekend”, it is not held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday...it will be held on Monday evening, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday! It still is a "Three Day Experience" walking with our Lord. Please continue your prayers for the team and Clergy whom you have called to attend.

We have one more team meeting set for **September 17th**. The team got to "Tour" St. Peter's and St. Paul's Retreat Center at our last meeting.

Palanca is always needed. Sign up times for the 72 hour prayer chart is enclosed with this newsletter. And perhaps your reunion group could send Palanca for the weekend.....posters, bookmarks, covers, candy.....whatever you would like to send is always welcomed and appreciated.

The list of Pilgrims and team is here in the newsletter! Again, remember the closing on Thursday at 5 pm and Serenade at 6 p.m. on Wednesday! Please continue to lift the Pilgrims and Team in your prayers!

**GLY & SDI**

Dick Brenneman  
Rector, Clergy Experience #2

Please pray for these Pilgrims for Clergy Experience #2 and for those yet to register

Pastor Blanche Tyree  
Pastor Holli Burkard  
Pastor Lorann Breyley  
Pastor Steve Gellatly  
Pastor Darla Ann Kratzer  
Pastor Robin Ramos

### Team Members for Clergy Experience #2

Rector	<b>Dick Brenneman</b>	ST PAUL LUTH	BELLVILLE
Lead Spittual Director	<b>Doug Pretorius</b>	ST PAUL LUTH	BELLVILLE
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Spiritual Director	<b>Rhonda Gallagher</b>	TRINITY LUTH	GIRARD
Spiritual Director	<b>Paul Schmidlin</b>	KING OF GLORY LUTH	SYLVANIA
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Professor: Laity	<b>Kevin Hoch</b>	TRINITY LUTH	MT HEALTHY
Professor: Piety	<b>Jackie Lann</b>	TRINITY LUTH	KENT
Professor: Study	<b>Jeanne Gaston</b>	LINDEN LUTH	COLUMBUS
Professor: Action	<b>Dave Lann</b>	TRINITY LUTH	KENT
Professor: Leaders	<b>Christine Brill</b>	ST ANDREWS ANGLICAN	LEWIS CENTER
Professor: Environment	<b>Ron Craig</b>	THE CHAPEL	KENT
Professor: CCA	<b>Butch Seeley</b>	ALL SHEPHERDS LUTH	LEWIS CENTER
Professor: GRU	<b>Bob Gsellman</b>	RESURRECTION LUTH	STOW
Head Cha	<b>Butch Seeley</b>	ALL SHEPHERDS LUTH	LEWIS CENTER
Head Rollo Room Cha	<b>Vicki Sakala</b>	ST PAUL LUTH	BELLVILLE
Table Cha	<b>Dennis Meyer</b>	TRINITY LUTH	MT HEALTHY
Table Cha	<b>Janis Marhenke</b>	ST PAUL LUTH	BELLVILLE
Hospitality Cha	<b>Wendy Seeley</b>	ALL SHEPHERDS LUTH	LEWIS CENTER
Music Cha	<b>Dan Brill</b>	ST ANDREWS ANGLICAN	LEWIS CENTER
Go-fer Cha	<b>Gayle Kanz</b>	ST PAUL LUTH	BELLVILLE
Palanca Cha	<b>Sharon Gsellman</b>	RESURRECTION LUTH	STOW
Chapel Cha	<b>Paul Sakala</b>	ST PAUL LUTH	BELLVILLE

## *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 October at 3:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church Street, Bellville 44813. Worship, Holy Communion, Potluck with table service and drinks provided. Call Ken &amp; Josie Riling, 419-886-2437, or Paul and Vicky Sakala, 419-884-1573 for questions.</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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### Open Times for the 72 Hour Prayer Palanca

To choose times, please contact Palanca Cha Sharon Gsellman,  
[Sgsellman@neo.rr.com](mailto:Sgsellman@neo.rr.com) or 330-688-4965

<b>Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup></b> 7-7:30 PM 7:30-8 PM 8:30-9 PM 9:30-10 PM 11-11:30 PM 11:30-midnight	<b>Tuesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup></b> 12-12:30 AM 12:30-1 AM 1-1:30 AM 1:30-2 AM 2-2:30 AM 2:30-3 AM 3:30-4 AM 4:30-5 AM 6-6:30 AM 6:30-7 AM 7:30-8 AM 8:30-9 AM 9-9:30 AM 10-10:30 AM 10:30-11 AM 11- 11:30 AM 11:30- NOON 12:30- 1 PM 1-1:30 PM 2- 2:30 PM 3- 3:30 PM 4-4:30 PM 4:30-5 PM 5- 5:30 PM 5:30- 6 PM 6- 6:30 PM 7- 7:30 PM 8- 8:30 PM 9:30- 10 PM 10- 10:30 PM 10:30- 11 PM 11- 11:30 PM	<b>Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup></b> 12- 12:30 AM 12:30- 1 AM 1:30-2 AM 2:30-3 AM 3:30- 4 AM 4- 4:30 AM 5- 5:30 AM 6:30- 7 AM 7:30- 8 AM 9- 9:30 AM 9:30- 10 AM 10- 10:30 AM 10:30- 11 AM 11:30- NOON NOON- 12:30 PM 1-1:30 PM 2- 2:30 PM 3:00- 3:30 PM 3:30- 4 PM 4:30- 5 PM 5- 5:30 PM 5:30- 6 PM 6- 6:30 PM 7 PM- 7:30 PM 7:30- 8 PM 8:30- 9 PM 9- 9:30 PM 9:30- 10 PM 10- 10:30 PM 11- 11:30 PM 11:30- Midnight	<b>Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup></b> Midnight- 12:30 AM 12:30- 1 AM 1:30- 2 AM 2- 2:30 AM 2:30- 3 AM 3-3:30 AM 4-4:30 AM 4:30- 5 AM 5:30- 6 AM 6:30- 7 AM 8- 8:30 AM 8:30- 9 AM 9- 9:30 AM 9:30- 10 AM 10:30- 11 AM 11- 11:30 AM NOON- 12:30 PM 1 -1:30 PM 1:30-2 PM 2-2:30 PM 3:30-4 PM 4-4:30 PM 5-5:30 PM
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### PALANCA: THE HEART AND LIFEBLOOD OF THE VIA DE CRISTO WEEKENDS!

The greatest Palanca you can give is your prayers. If you (including your friends, Reunion Group of Sunday School class) would also like to give tangible Palanca items, please give them to a team member or look for the update with directions for shipping the items.

VdC Prayer Chain is [prayingforvdc@gmail.com](mailto:prayingforvdc@gmail.com) or by phone at 419-884-1573. Vicky Sakala is Prayer Chain Cha.

If you know someone from the Via de Cristo Community who has changed their street address or email address or telephone number, or does not get the VdCNewsletter but would like to, 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.



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We hope you will “like” our new Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/viadecristoooh>

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

*What is a story of faith you could share with others? (You don't have to write it perfectly—I can fix it if you like.) You know how you feel when you read the stories in the Newsletter. Help someone else to feel that way. Send your story by email to [vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or by US Mail to 4025 Andrews Rd., Bellville, 44813.*

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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.

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