



Greater Dayton Community
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May Newsletter

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2018 WALK SCHEDULE

At Sulphur Grove UMC
WW #104 July 19-22
MW #66 August 23-26

CANDLELIGHT
8:30PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING
4:30PM Sunday of Walk

NEXT GATHERING
Monday, May 7
2nd Monday Every Month
7:15 PM, Normandy UMC

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 22
7PM, Normandy UMC

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Chairman's Corner

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."
—Dr. Martin Luther King

Affirming one another is not only a spiritual gifting but is also a great way to show Christ's love for another; paying attention, listening, praying, and responding in love and truth. "Being silent about things that matter" can look like we don't care about someone or something, and we can send the wrong message instead of the right one. "They'll know we are Christians by our LOVE!"

When we do respond in love one to another, we can look to Paul the Disciple's example to:

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be generous, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."

—Colossians 4: 5–6.

The Emmaus Community is gearing up for some important events: The Team Selection Committee is transitioning new members; the Board is getting ready for The Big Move (to Sulphur Grove) for the July/August Walks; our two Walk Lay Directors are currently engaged in forming God's team for the Summer Walks!

The Holy Spirit continues to move in our city and in our Emmaus Community!

We have new luxurious sleeping accommodations (new mats!) for our team and pilgrims. And, I wonder if there is someone you know who has heard about the Walk to Emmaus and is waiting for an invitation? Let's not be silent; this is the time; and it matters.

Peace and DeColores!

Barbara Courtice
Community Lay Director

Time to Sign Up

Recently, a friend of mine went to the Holy Land. His pictures on Facebook reminded me of the trip Myra and I were on last November, and got me excited about the trip scheduled for 2019.

You can now sign up for the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community trip to the Holy Land October 28-November 7, 2019. We will see the places of Scripture, deepen your understanding of the Bible, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus, plus share Communion at Emmaus. There will be optional extensions afterwards, either retracing the Exodus to Mt. Sinai, Cairo, and the pyramids, or go to Jordan, Mt. Nebo, and Petra. The trip will be organized through Educational Opportunities, a travel company that has specialized in Christian trips since 1974.



The church at the Shepherds' Field in Bethlehem.

To get registered, go to www.germantownchurch.com/grow/holy-land-trip-2019/ or contact Gary at 937-204-4400.

Key Dates and Reminders

Next Gathering: Monday, May 7, 2018

Sponsorship Training: 6:30pm in Loggia

Gathering: 7:15pm in Sanctuary

Women's Walk #104: (Sulphur Grove) July 19-22, 2018

Men's Walk #66: (Sulphur Grove) August 23-26, 2018

Every Walk:

Candlelight - Saturday at 8:30pm

Closing - Sunday at 4:30pm

Sponsorship:

Seeking pilgrims for upcoming walks. Please start talking with prospective pilgrims and submit applications now to insure a place on the next walk.

Men's Registrar:

Bill Jones, mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Women's Registrar:

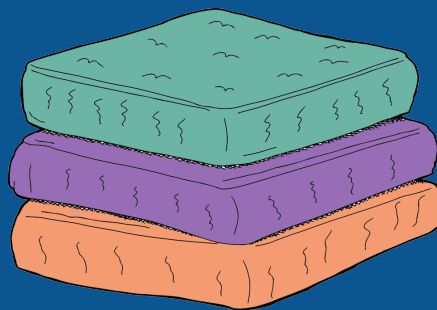
Shelly Crabtree, womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Sponsorship Training: Available before Gatherings at 6:30pm in Loggia at Normandy UMC

Application Forms: available at www.daytonemmaus.org, under registration tab, or link: <http://daytonemmaus.org/deForms.shtm>

Sew Mat Covers

If your gift is sewing, the Lord has an opportunity for you! We are currently sewing new mat covers for our brand new foam mats. Please contact Bob Knell at books@daytonemmaus.org or call (937) 479-3924 to learn more about this serving opportunity.



Serve at the Big Move

You have an opportunity to serve at the Big Move—Thursday and Friday, July 12-13, 2018. Duties including moving all of the equipment used for the weekend off the truck and into the appropriate location within Sulphur Grove. God provides a great time of fellowship as you are working side-by-side with your community brothers and sisters. Even if you can't do lifting and unloading, many hands are needed to organize and put away inside the church. Sign up at the Gathering or complete a [willing servant form](#).



www.westohiochrysalis.com

West Ohio Girls Chrysalis #66 - July 6-8, 2018

West Ohio Boys Chrysalis #66 - July 27-29, 2018



www.kairosOhio.org

A Call to Action©

“The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord.”

—Amos 8:11 (New International Version)

Sometimes we take so much for granted. This applies to Christians and non-Christians as well. When the fruit is ripe, the wine overflowing, and the meat plentiful, there is a tendency to forget about famine. There is also a tendency to forget about those who are in need and who live without the basic necessities. Yes, everyone likes to hear messages of God’s plan to prosper and make us a success but what about those who haven’t heard that word and they are just getting by. In fact, prosperity should not have its primary focus on things but on the knowledge and of the truths found in God’s word, which is in fact what is needed. Those who know the word of God and the will of God know that they are called to service, to share the love of Christ. But not just telling them about God but showing them God through your actions and attitude. We should care about all of God’s children, not just those of privilege but those who stand in need.

Worldly wealth is fine but there are many who have worldly wealth but live a life of poverty. They live absent of the presence of the spirit of the living God. Nothing to give to anyone and holding onto everything for themselves. Those whom God has blessed should always be open to the care of others. Proverbs 21:13 says, Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered (English Standard Version). Woe to us if we do not hear the word of the Lord. It is a call to action, a call to serve, a call to care.

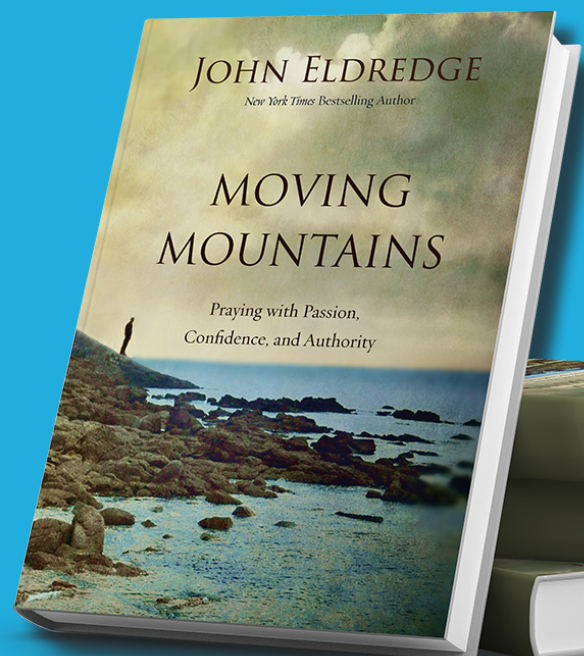
This is at the heart of the purpose of Emmaus, developing leaders for service fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

In His Service,
Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

Moving Mountains: Praying with Passion, Confidence and Authority

Have you been looking for a way to strengthen your prayer life? Please consider picking up a copy of *Moving Mountains: Praying with Passion, Confidence and Authority* by John Eldredge. The book is about effectively praying with “the thought that things can be different, we can move mountains, and have some role in bringing that change about.” The author speaks to the battle we face against “the collision of kingdoms—the kingdom of God advancing with force against the kingdom of darkness, which for the moment holds most of the world in its crutches.” John Eldredge leads the reader into a process of praying more effectively. Because we do possess the authority of God we too can move mountains. If you were at the APRIL Gathering and were moved by the corporate prayer, thank John Eldredge.

Pam DeHart, Vice Chair GDE



40 Year Anniversary Cruise

Join us as we celebrate “40 years of the Walk to Emmaus Ministry” by joining us on a Caribbean cruise!

Experience a time of fellowship, music, worship and fun with fellow Emmaus pilgrims! Each morning you will have the opportunity to share in worship together. When we are at sea, you will have the opportunity to hear speakers talk about their Emmaus experiences and how it affected their Christian lives:



Rev. Stephen Bryant, currently serves and Publisher of The Upper Room and Associate General Secretary at Discipleship Ministries. From 1986-1992, he served as Director of Spiritual Formation for The Upper Room and as the International Spiritual Director of The Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. Steve is an author and launched Discipleship Resources International, a resourcing initiative for Central Conferences.

Pat Luna, is an international consultant/instructor in stewardship, board member of the General Board of Church and Society and a recipient of the Denman Award for Evangelism. She has been a retreat leader for the Academy for Spiritual Formation and is deeply involved with the Emmaus ministry since her Walk in 1985.

Jacob and Rachel Armstrong, founded Providence Church near Nashville TN in 2008 to see those who are disconnected from God and the church find hope, healing and wholeness in Jesus Christ. They co-authored the book *The Connected Life: Small Groups that Build Community*. Jacob attended Chrysalis in 1998 where he felt called to the ministry. Rachel attended the Walk to Emmaus in 2002.

Emmaus Ministries staff will share about newer ministries like Discovery Weekend, Chrysalis, Journey to the Table, and Face to Face in a question and answer period. When we are in port you will have an entire day to discover Cozumel, Mexico.

The link to download a brochure, get more information and to register is: <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/cc19032819y#.WsTpEFI5Dcs>

You are welcome to share this with your community through your newsletters or email.

Registration is now open!

Board Retreat Summary

Your 2018 Emmaus Board met on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Sulphur Grove UMC for a day of training, education and spiritual growth. The board received training on Bylaws; Board Procedures; Robert's Rules of Order; Board Financial Reporting; Handbook; Covenant; Functional Report; Upper Room governing structure.

Your board members received updates and education on Walk Board Rep. duties; Team Selection (TSC) process, Team Selection Reports; LD Reports; Database capability; Cloud, Sponsorship; Equal Commitment rule; Application Changes.

As part of the Board's spiritual growth, Spiritual Director, Gary Wheeler, and Sulphur Grove UMC representative, Amy Brooks, shared inspirational messages and devotions. Board members were given an opportunity to reflect on how God has impacted them through their commitment to the Walk to Emmaus and shared their Shining Moments (pictured above) with one another.

