



Greater Dayton Community
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd., Centerville, OH 45459

February Newsletter

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2018 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC
WW #103 February 15-18

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, February 12
2nd Monday Every Month
7:15 PM, Normandy UMC

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 27
7PM, Normandy UMC

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Are We Stuck?

February already? Where did the month of January go? As I look outside and see snow on the ground, after we just had some really warm weather, I wonder...are we stuck?

Do we look at what was? Or do we move forward to the new day and what it may bring? We should wake up every morning and examine ourselves, reviewing the day before and ask, "How was my Christian walk yesterday? Did I share Jesus all day, or at times, did I deny Jesus?" Simply put, did I love all or just love where I felt I should?

At one of our community events we sing, Love, love, love, love. The gospel in one word is love..." It's an encouraging song and should be sung with the highest praise to the One who came for us and loves us. We should be out in the world loving on others.

Emmaus offers many experiences to share with our churches, in our homes and throughout our lives. All of the Emmaus experiences guide us to help others move forward in their daily walk. Emmaus is based on Luke 24:13-35, and as I think back to all I experienced on my walk, I truly see how it helped me put my focus on God, quit looking back and realize it's all about love.

DeColores!
Dennis Leach
Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairman



Sponsor Sweet Dreams

With your help, the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community plans to purchase 60 new sleeping mats for pilgrims and team. These new, high-quality foam sleeping mats are expected to last 20 years. If you are interested in creating some sweet dreams for pilgrims and team, please consider making a \$50 donation to purchase a mat. Just write the word "MAT" in the memo of your check and mail to: Greater Dayton Emmaus Community, 450 W. Alex-Bell Rd., Centerville, OH 45459 or bring a check to the February Gathering.

Leadership Training

Leadership training will be offered on Saturday, March 17 from 9am - 4pm at Sulphur Grove UMC. If you are interested in serving as a Lay Director (LD) on an Emmaus Walk, leadership training is required within 15 months of serving.

Additionally, leadership training provides an indepth look at the workings of Emmaus. The training explains the "why" behind how Emmaus does the things it does. It is not only beneficial to LDs, but helps all Emmaus community members gain a deeper understanding of Emmaus. Those interested in Leadership Training may contact Jean Jarusiewicz by email: jjarusiewicz@yahoo.com at 937.681.7468 or sign up at the gatherings—sign up sheets located in the Narthex.



GDE Holy Land Trip

Gary and Myra Wheeler (pictured right) will host a Greater Dayton Emmaus Community (GDE) trip to the Holy Land October 28 – November 7, 2019. The trip will provide a deeper understanding of the Bible, explore biblical destinations, and offer communion in Emmaus. Optional extensions retracing the Exodus to Mt. Sinai, Cairo and the pyramids, or going to Jordan, Mt. Nebo and Petra are offered. Educational Opportunities is organizing the trip and has specialized in Christian trips since 1974.



For more information and a brochure, see the Holy Land table at Gatherings, contact Gary at 937.204.4400. or go to www.germantownchurch.com/grow/holy-land-trip-2019/. Talk to your share group, family and friends about joining you on this incredible spiritual pilgrimage with your Greater Dayton Emmaus Community.

— *Don't just imagine Emmaus and the rest of the Holy Land – see and experience it!*

www.westohiochrysalis.com

Boys Chrysalis #65 - February 17-19, 2018

Girls Chrysalis #66 - July 6-8, 2018

Boys Chrysalis #66 - July 27-29, 2018

www.kairosOhio.org

Lebanon Correctional Institution (LECI) #56

March 8-11, 2018 Jeff Vogel, Leader

Dayton Correctional Institution (DCI) #12

March 15-18, 2018 - Pat Crotty, Leader

Team Selection Committee (TSC)

If you play an instrument and love to praise the LORD through music, Emmaus Live-In team could be the place for YOU! Please submit a Willing servant form ASAP.



Message from the Spiritual Director

Love, Love, Love, Love...

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a

It's that time of year again — February. And isn't it appropriate that this year Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the highest and holiest of holidays in the Christian faith — Resurrection Sunday on Easter morning we are reminded that it all began with love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

As I recall my original Walk weekend and reflect on the Walks that I have been able to serve on, either on live-in team or as a part of this Greater Dayton Emmaus Community, the one ingredient that makes it all work is Love. Love is the secret sauce. I know we say throughout the weekend "don't anticipate." Nevertheless, I am here to tell you that the one thing you can anticipate is that Jesus Loves You!

I remember the first Gathering that I attended as a guest before I had gone on my Walk. The Fourth Day speaker said that he had two goals for his Walk weekend — he wanted "to hear from God and he wanted to see God." Then through tear-filled eyes and a joyful voice he declared, "and I did." Isn't that good news? It is amazing to me what God can do with a few sold out servants who are in love with Jesus.

There's a Walk weekend this month, so don't miss your opportunity to show someone else what love is all about. When you help with set-up or tear-down you are showing God's love. When you get up at 2am to pray for the Pilgrims and Team by name, you are showing God's love. When you come to make or sort gifts of agape, you are showing God's love. When you come to cook a meal, cut up fruit, load the dishwasher and reset the tables, you are showing God's love. When you agree to sponsor a Pilgrim and pray for them and take care of outside family concerns so that they can be fully present for the Walk, you are showing God's love. And when you come to a candle-light service to "let your light shine so they see Him and so they may know that our God of love's in the land," you are showing God's love.

So let's not wait until February to get in this game called love. "Love, love, love, love, the gospel in one word is love. Love your neighbor as your sister (brother), love, love, love."

DeColores,
Palmer Jason, SD

Women's Walk #F103 at Normandy UMC

February 15 - 18, 2018 Roster

PILGRIM	CITY
Cindy Albrecht	Centerville
Shadonne Bannister	Englewood
Sophie Bennett	Springfield
Natalie Collins	Springfield
Maria Cubol	Trotwood
Ciara Flynn	Dayton
Bobbie Green	Huber Heights
Bobbie Harewood	Trotwood
Rochelle Harvey	Hilliard
Dawn Hedrick	Dayton
Jessica Humphrey	Dayton
Becky Johnson	Kettering
Robin Kenney	Troy
Kathy Koeller	West Milton
Karen McFadden	Pleasant Hill
Sherree Meade	Dayton
Allyssa Miller	Pickerington
Alka Prasad	Dayton
Jenny Riebert-Wolfe	Kettering
Tammy Sheen	Dayton
Haleigh Smith	Tipp City
Mary Jo Spittle	New Lebanon
Nancy Watson	Miamisburg
Patty Westerwelle	Fairborn
Nancy Witherspoon	Brookville

TEAM MEMBER	POSITION	TALK
Emily Adams	MD	
Pat Bobst	TL	Life of Piety
Kat Colclasure	ATL	
Barbara Courtice	LOG	
Pam DeHart	BR	Christian Action
Jeri Evenden	AMD	
Clela Farlee	ATL	
Melanie Fox	PS	
Sherry Fugate	ATL	
Melissa Gross	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Karen Hall	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Sandy Hedge	LOG	
Mamie Johnson	ASD-LI	Sanctifying Grace
Carie Jorgenson	TL	Discipleship
Lisa Keller	TL	Grow through Study
Elaine Kitchin	ATL	
Diana Marcott	TL	Changing our World
Che McGowan	LOG	
Claire Merkes	PS	
Heidi Miller	ATL	
Sandy Pappenfus	SD	Means of Grace
Pam Rafdal	ALD	Body of Christ
Barb Ricketts	LD	Perseverance
Barbara Rose	ALD	Priority
Steve Rudisill	ASD	Justifying Grace
Glenn Sweigart	ASDL	Obstacles to Grace
Glenda Vance	LOG	
Myra Wheeler	ALD	Fourth Days

If you have questions about Women's Walk #103, please contact the Women's Registrar, Shelly Crabtree
womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Attention Sponsors:

On Sunday, please arrive around 4-4:15pm for the closing at Normandy and please:

1. Park in the back/lower lot and load your car with the pilgrim's luggage
2. Help tear down conference room then meet in Fellowship Hall at 5pm to go to the Sanctuary for closing as a group.

Sponsorship training is available before the February Gathering at 6:30pm. When selecting a Walk location for a pilgrim with mobility considerations, please review the site descriptions:

- **Normandy UMC** - 1 spiral staircase, full flight of steps, no elevator
- **Sulphur Grove UMC** - elevator available in lieu of full flight of steps, ramp available for entryway steps

To download a pilgrim application form, [Click Here.](#)





Willing Servant Form

If you would like to get more involved with your Greater Dayton Emmaus Community, please fill out a Willing Servant Form. The information you provide will make you eligible to serve in a variety of positions including live-in team, Fourth Day speakers, worship team and more! Fill out a Willing Servant form at the February Gathering or click [HERE](#) to complete it online.

Brownies for Sendoff!

Please bake and pray over brownies for the Women's Walk sendoff on Thursday, February 15. You may either bring brownies to the church kitchen Thursday morning while the kitchen team is preparing, or immediately before the sendoff begins—between 5pm and 7pm. Thank you for supporting Women's Walk #103.

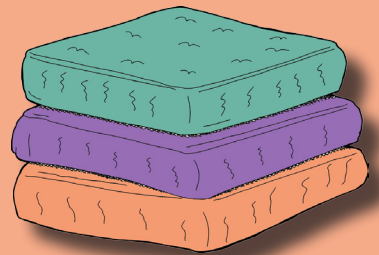


Prayer Vigil

Please sign up for the prayer vigil for February Women's Walk #103. Sign up sheets are available before and after the February Gathering.

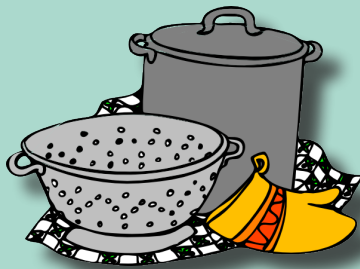
Serve on the Housing Team

There are several opportunities to serve on the housing team throughout the upcoming Women's Walk, especially Wednesday night, Sunday morning tear-down and at closing. Please email Tony Ammon where you can serve: Tone861@aol.com or housing@daytonemmaus.org.



Serve on the Kitchen Team

Serving with the kitchen team is one of the very best places for new Emmaus community members to serve. New members get to work with seasoned members to learn more about the inner-workings of an Emmaus weekend from the other side. If you are relatively new to the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community, please sign up to serve at Women's Walk #103



The kitchen team will prepare and serve nine meals February 15-18. Shifts are about three hours. Each servant will be greeted by a meal manager who will provide assignments such as food prep, table set-up, serving and clean-up. All you need to bring is your servant's heart.

Sign up sheets for the Women's Walk will be available before and after the February Gathering or email Mary Ann Schum with the date you want to serve at kitchen@daytonemmaus.org.