



Greater Dayton Community  
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## October Newsletter

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### OCTOBER GATHERING

Monday, October 8  
2nd Monday Every Month  
7:15 PM, Normandy UMC

**Share Group Reunion**  
@6:15pm in Chapel at  
Normandy UMC

**Sponsor Training**  
@ 6:30pm in Loggia at  
Normandy UMC

### BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 23  
7PM, Normandy UMC

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### Chairman's Corner

#### Ambitious or Obedient Competition or Cooperation

*"Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit but in humility, count others more significant than yourselves." Phil 2:4*

As part of my personal "Grow through Study" exercise, I am reading a revealing book called *Jesus on Leadership* by C. Gene Wilkes. My share group partners are readers and generously pass on what they are learning from some of their resources. (This is one of the many benefits of a Share Group!) This caught my eye, since we have Emmaus Board elections coming up:

"Biblical leadership always begins with a God-sized mission in the form of a call by God. Those commissioned by God to carry out that call become leaders because they first follow God's call. Biblical servant leadership never begins with the individual's wishes to better the world or attain a personal goal. Servant leadership finds its motive from God's commissioning a person to carry out a divine plan among a group of people. Becoming servant to the mission and a follower of the God who called you is the heart of servant leadership."  
[*Jesus on Leadership*; pg.77]

Our joint mission is to disciple those leaders of the future through mentorship, service, answering the "Call." Whether we work in the Emmaus kitchen, carrying mattresses, buying and moving supplies or writing agape, we are contributing to the Mission. If we are called to be on a live-in team as a LOG, or as a Walk LD, ATL or AMD, we are answering the call (are we answering the phone?) to service, mentorship and sacrifice. Giving our testimony about how the Great Creator breathed new life into us in our Fourth Day, is our witness to what is possible with God using a humble person. Our community works toward the common goal when we have obedient, cooperative servant leaders. There is no place for ambition or competition among us. That is not heaven on earth, I think!

My friends, October 20 at Normandy is the Leadership training for those who want to walk the path of the servant leader in Emmaus. This is open to all the Emmaus community and especially invites those who are hearing and answering the "Call" to be Walk LDs, Emmaus Board Members and those considering these positions. This is also open to those who have experienced the Walk to Emmaus and want to know how this Mission comes together for HIS GLORY! Only our LORD knows YOUR future!

Let your light shine, so they see HIM!"

Peace,  
Barbara Courtice  
Community Lay Director

## Greater Dayton Emmaus 2019 Walks

### Men's Walk #66

January 17 - 20, 2019  
Normandy UMC

### Women's Walk #105

February 21-24, 2019  
Normandy UMC

### Men's Walk #67

June 20-23, 2019  
Sulphur Grove UMC

### Women's Walk #106

July 18-21, 2019  
Sulphur Grove UMC

## Pilgrim Application Forms

available at [daytonemmaus.org](http://daytonemmaus.org),  
under "ENCOUNTER CHRIST" dropdown  
menu "WALKS" or [CLICK HERE](#)

**Women's Registrar**, Shelly Crabtree  
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**Men's Registrar**, Bill Jones  
[mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

## Sponsorship 101

*"They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" — Luke 24:32*

Anyone who has participated in an Emmaus Walk can sponsor another person to Emmaus, as long as they understand the aim and responsibilities of sponsorship, and are willing to fulfill them for the pilgrim. People who have participated In Chrysalis can also sponsor adults to Emmaus under the same conditions.

Given the importance of sponsorship, Our Board of Directors has developed guidelines and reasonable expectations to ensure responsible sponsorship. Our Walk application forms have a list of expected activities the sponsors are to follow for the pilgrim. Registrars expect and ask potential sponsors to indicate that they have attended a sponsorship training session that are available every month before the Gathering.

Day Four: The Pilgrim's Continued Journey has an excellent chapter on "The Next Generation: Sponsorship," which elaborates on these ten steps in sponsoring.

- Pray for the person's openness to God's Call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her on a Walk.
- Make an appointment with the person for the purpose of discussing participation in an Emmaus Walk.
- Extend an invitation. Invite the prospective pilgrim to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus. Share your faith; explain the basic elements of the Walk. Take the attitude that you are giving the person a wonderful gift rather than he or she needs to go.
- Ask the person to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both.
- Continue to pray for your prospective pilgrim, and enlist the support of their pastor. Collect fifteen personal agape letters. Do not ask the team to deliver personal gifts during the three days.
- Support the Walk through your prayers during the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil and your presence at Send Off, Sponsors' Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Support the pilgrim's family by any means needed.
- Encourage the pilgrim in his or hers Fourth Day involvement. Help the pilgrim find a share group. Take the pilgrim to the Gatherings for a couple months.
- Help the pilgrim reenter his and her church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm
- Inform the pilgrim of ways to serve the Emmaus community and future Walks.
- Help the pilgrim sponsor others.

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the pilgrims, for the Emmaus community, and for the church. It demonstrates agape love, making us instruments of prevenient grace.



## October Gathering

Monday, October 7 @ Normandy UMC  
6:15 Share Group Reunion • 6:30 Sponsor Training  
7:15 Gathering

## The Worship Team could use your help!

Musicians, communion distribution, donations plates, Fourth Day speaker, community prayer, help with sound, slides, general set up. Please contact:

[womensworship@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womensworship@daytonemmaus.org)  
[mensworship@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensworship@daytonemmaus.org)

## Shhh, God is Speaking

*“The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”” — 1Kings 19:11-13*

Do you ever reflect on your Walk weekend and marvel at how thought out and thorough it is? Do you remember the Thursday evening night of silence? It’s an opportunity for each of us to prepare our hearts for the 72 hour experience and ready ourselves to hear from God. For some, it is an uncomfortable time of silence and for others it is a welcomed retreat from having to talk too soon.

In the book of 1 Kings 19 we find the story of Elijah fleeing from Mount Carmel to Mount Horeb. This takes place after Elijah’s mountaintop experience and show down with the false prophets of Baal. He sets up a challenge after asking the people this question, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” I invite you to read the full account on your own, but suffice it to say that the Lord showed up as an all-consuming fire and the false prophets were put to death. Yet, after this mountaintop experience Elijah received a death threat and ran for his life. He ran and ran, until he ended up on the mountain of God hiding inside a cave. “And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?””

Many pilgrims come to the walk weekend running from something and little do they know that God can use the Walk experience to help them come out of the cave and confront that very thing. Only, this time when He speaks, it won’t be in the great and powerful wind. Neither will it be in the earthquake, nor in the fire like it was on Mount Carmel. This time, it will happen in the silence. *“And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. And what did God say to him? “Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?””*

Thank God for the Thursday night period of silence. SHHHH, God is Speaking.

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Palmer Jason, SD

## Save \$150 Between Now and November 29

If you are thinking about going on the Greater Dayton Emmaus Holy Land trip in 2019, register by November 29 and get \$150 off your trip.\* Gary and Myra Wheeler will be your hosts on this incredible spiritual pilgrimage to walk in the footsteps of Christ and the saints. There is something wonderfully special and meaningful about being in the places Jesus walked and talked. It’s not sight-seeing - it truly is a spiritual experience. And imagine, partaking in Communion in the town of Emmaus!

For more information and a brochure, see the Holy Land table at Gatherings, contact Gary at 937-204-4400, or click [here](#).

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!

\*After November 29, you can still register for the trip, but there will be smaller discounts.



## BECOME AN EMMAUS BOARD MEMBER!

Being a board member allows you to put your skills/gifts to use to serve God and the community. We are always seeking new people to bring new ideas to Emmaus.

### Current Openings:

**Computer** - got an idea and skills to make our database awesome?

**Communications/Newsletter** - like to write short messages and design small ads?

**Treasurer** - like to manage money, and see where it's going?

**Women's Registrar** - do you like people and getting new Pilgrims on board?

**Women's Worship** - love worshipping God through music? Does organizing Gatherings sound fun?

To be placed on the ballot or to find out more information about the position of ministry, please email: [pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org) or call Dennis Leach at: 937-414-0305.

## OCTOBER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Upcoming leadership training October 20, 9am-4pm at Normandy UMC, downstairs (kids classes) lunch included. Please RSVP to Jean (Jarusiewicz) Keillor, email: [jjarusiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:jjarusiewicz@yahoo.com) or text: (937) 681-7468.

Leadership training is required for all upcoming LD's to attend, however is helpful to everyone. It teaches the proper procedures of Emmaus and more important it explains a lot of why we do the things we do.

## GROW THROUGH STUDY BOOKS



Please bring to the Gathering in October and November, Christian-themed books in new or gently-used condition. These will be used on the Book Table for January/February Walks.

## YOUR "GIFT" FUNDS AT WORK...

As groups like Boko Haram and ISIS threaten to spread violence far beyond North and West Africa, church leaders in Central Africa are organizing to form a line of prayer that reach from the east to the west coast of the African continent. Nigel Warr, the regional leader of Emmaus Ministries in Africa explains, "Church leaders had a vision to stop the spread further south and they identified The Walk to Emmaus as a leadership development program to create leaders in Central Africa and to encourage people to get more involved and spread the word of Christ in this region."

As a Greater Dayton Emmaus Community, we are committed to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world and to help those Christians in the emerging communities throughout the world. It is a part of our Covenant/Letter of Agreement.

There are 3 ways that you can help:

1. Pray—Praying for those communities who are experiencing spiritual warfare, to let their light shine!
2. Scholarship—Fees to travel and house pilgrims and team usually fall between \$50 and \$125 for a participant in Emmaus. Can you provide the means to allow one or more persons to attend a weekend?
3. Large Gift—Your "spiritual gift" of giving has afforded you the means to make a generous donation. At the Gathering in November, a special second collection will be taken to fund "The Gift".

Details can be found at <http://emmaus.upperroom.org/leaders/gift>.

To give an online donation, visit: <http://emmausgift.org/>

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