



Greater Dayton Community
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November Newsletter

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November GATHERING

Monday, November 12
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, November 27
7PM, Normandy UMC

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Chairman's Corner

Keep Going and ABIDE

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you." John 15:16

How to keep going and abide with patience and serenity? God's time is not our concept of time, so in John 15:7-8, Jesus teaches about the true vine and branches, then continues a discourse on the benefits of abiding in Him, "If you abide in me and if my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you; Here in is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit so you shall be my disciple."

Am I looking for the fruit to prove I am a disciple without allowing time for the fruit of God's grace to abide in me? To live our story of God's Sanctifying grace is what our Fourth Day is all about, and every morning we should be able to express our gratitude for His presence in each moment of the day.

In Dayton Emmaus, the Board is preparing for a third of its members to transition off and new members to step into positions of servant leadership. This service is an offering and a sacrifice of time, energy and commitment. We are rewarded with prayer, worship, friendship, family, spiritual growth and maturity. We learn, are mentored, make mistakes, ask forgiveness and try again. It's risky because we must put "SELF" aside and depend on God while we ABIDE.

You, the Emmaus Community, are on the team who support, encourage, and elect the Board. You also take part in the servanthood of putting on a Men's or Women's Walk. You are the sponsors who present Pilgrims so that there can be a Walk to Emmaus in Dayton. I encourage each of you to print off the poster for the Walk to Emmaus and post it in your Church. Be sure to put a name and contact phone number. This contact could be YOU! Jesus commands us to love. It's risky and takes sacrifice, and the fun part is you know the outcome! God Wins! You did not choose God, He chose YOU. It's the best long-term investment you can make, and it begins with ABIDING.

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,
under "ENCOUNTER CHRIST" dropdown
menu "WALKS" or [CLICK HERE](#)

Women's Registrar, Shelly Crabtree
womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Men's Registrar, Bill Jones
mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

For Tomorrow

Benjamin Reaves wrote a story about a young boy. His mother had passed away. His father, in trying to be both mommy and daddy, had planned a picnic. The little boy had never been on a picnic, so they made their plans, fixed the lunch, and packed the car. Then it was time to go to bed for the picnic was the next day. He just couldn't sleep. He tossed, and he turned, but the excitement got to him. Finally, he got out of bed, ran into the room where his father had already fallen asleep, and shook him. His father woke up and saw his son. He said to him, "What are you doing up? What's the matter?"

The boy said, "I can't sleep."

The father asked, "Why can't you sleep?"

In answering, the boy said, "Daddy, I'm excited about tomorrow."

His father replied, "Well, Son, I'm sure you are, and it's going to be a great day, but it won't be great if we don't get some sleep. So, why don't you just run down the hall, get back in bed, and get a good night's rest."

So, the boy trudged off down the hall to his room and got in bed. Before long, sleep came – to the father, that is. It wasn't long thereafter that the little boy was back. He was pushing and shoving his father, and his father opened his eyes. Harsh words almost blurted out until he saw the expression on the boy's face.

The father asked, "What's the matter now?"

The boy said, "Daddy, I just want to thank you for tomorrow."

When I think of my past and the fact that our loving Father would not let me go — reached down in His divine providence — lifted me out of the depths of sin — when I think of what He has done for me and then think that He is planning a new thing for me that will surpass the past — let the record show this night in this place that Gary Wheeler testified, "Father, I want to thank you for tomorrow!"

How about you?

Gary Wheeler
Community Spiritual Director

CHRISTMAS MUSICIANS

Come one! Come all! If you are interested in singing or playing special music for the December 10 Gathering sign up today. There are a limited number of spots available to bring your talents and joy for Lord to share with the community. Please send your name, number of artist(s), instrument(s) to the worship chairs:

Julia Crowl
(937) 296-0056
womensworship@daytonemmaus.org

Chris Wissinger
(937) 657-9139
mensworship@daytonemmaus.org

Deadline to sign up November 16th.

ON THE CORNER OF CHESTNUT AND W 8TH

At a restaurant in Chattanooga, TN on the corner of Chestnut and W 8th, my youngest daughter and I waited near the front for a dinner table. We were on vacation as a family and a bizarre (albeit safe and fine) chain of events split us up for a few hours. We were greeted by the lovely owner and I knew the Spirit was there. It brings tears to my eyes remembering that familiar feeling knowing the Holy Spirit was afoot. There was a small street fair on W 8th with music and a playful feeling in the air; we anticipated dinner and a new experience.

As I sat and listened to my daughter's sweet voice from inside the restaurant, Holy Spirit called my attention to a woman outside standing away from the crowd with her back turned to the activity. I can't recall if she was smoking or not, but I know she was dressed to impress — heels and hair, the whole works. She kept turning her head looking back, wrestling with something in her mind. Something was causing her pain that she couldn't quite figure out. Such a beautiful woman, dressed so well, struggling with something so deeply ... until she turned one final time, face flooded with grief and tears and I ran to her.

I do remember now, she was smoking and I turned her around and hugged her like I was her long lost grandma from Lithuania welcoming her long lost grandchild into her arms. I had God's arms, God's heart, and God's fearlessness holding her, holding her, holding her — this perfect stranger but no stranger in Christ as her body released all the tears and all the pain, surrender to Jesus all the conflict in her heart. I wonder now what my daughter must've been thinking as she waited in the restaurant. Had I not been met with the kind soul of the owner, my heart may have not been softened and prompted to recognize this sister on the street at a party, in need. We are all at a party and we are all **STILL IN NEED**. She was startled but could not deny that God was with us there at that moment. She asked who I was, where I came from, why I was with her, and I could say is God loves you. You are loved. Be gentle with yourself. I am here. You are loved. God loves you. God loves you.

Peace be with you, sweet friends.
God loves you. Let's get these Walks filled.

Michele Cremeans
Good Shepherd

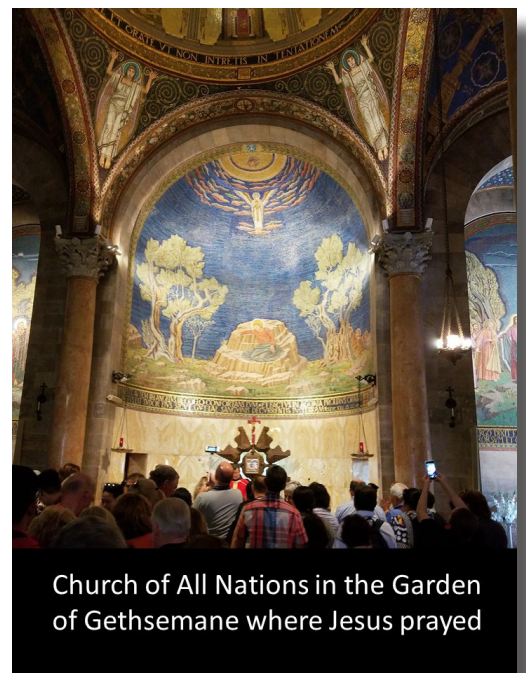
Save \$150 Between Now and November 29

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.



Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed

EMMAUS BOARD ELECTION

Elections for the board positions below will be held at the November 12th Gathering. In addition to those listed below, nominations will be accepted from the floor, however the nominee must be present at the Gathering to accept the nomination.

Communications - Brenda Donnelly

Treasurer -

Women's Registrar -

Women's Worship - Julia Crowl

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

SEEKING TREASURER

As the outgoing Greater Dayton Board of Emmaus Treasurer, I encourage those with an understanding of accounting principles to consider this position. The Treasurer uses Quick Books, an accounting software program. QuickBooks automates standard bookkeeping tasks such as entering transactions, performing calculations and organizing data to keep our books balanced. QuickBooks imports our bank transactions and organizes them. I average about 10-20 hours per month performing the Treasurer's duties and will be available to help train you through March 2019. If you're interested in learning more about the position or would like to be our next Emmaus Treasurer, please contact me.

Terry Kierce, Treasurer
937-238-6401



GROW THROUGH STUDY BOOKS

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

MAKE GIVING TO "THE GIFT" PART OF YOUR FOURTH DAY EXPERIENCE!

It's time again for the Walk to Emmaus Gift Fund called, *The Gift*. *The Gift* was introduced in 2007 during the International Advisory Committee, to help support the emerging Christian communities throughout the world who need additional funds to train and transport leaders, and to buy resources to launch their first Emmaus Walk. *The Gift* Fund makes it possible for pilgrims everywhere, like South America and Africa, to have a closer journey with Christ.

As part of our Covenant with the Upper Room, your Board has been asked to have a fund-raiser to support *The Gift*. The Greater Dayton Emmaus Board has decided again this year to offer a second collection at the Gathering, during the month of November, the "Giving" month. So, while we are all giving thanks for the LORD's bounty in our lives, we can now have the opportunity to tithe God's resources back to Him by supporting *The Gift*. In 2017, generous people like YOU, gave \$127,369.22 to help Christians around the world experience the grace of God.

Please make plans to come to the November Gathering, on Monday, November 12 at 7:15pm; Normandy UMC. See you there!

If you can't make it to the Gathering
You may mail your checks Check to:
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Fellowship of Upper Room Ministries
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Nashville, TN 37230-9891