



Greater Dayton Community

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January Newsletter

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2019 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC

MW #66 January 17-20

WW #105 February 21-24

At Sulphur Grove UMC

MW #67 June 20-23

WW #106 July 18-22

CANDLELIGHT

8:30PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING

4:30PM Sunday of Walk

NEXT GATHERING

Monday, January 14

2nd Monday Every Month

7:15 PM, Normandy UMC

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 29

7PM, Normandy UMC

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Chairman's Corner

"O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

—John 17-25-26

As we prepare for Men's Walk #66 and Women's Walk #105, the Dayton Emmaus Community is called to gather together to devote 72 hours displaying God's love for each one of the pilgrims He is sending. This will require a transformed heart, a transformed personality brought about by His Love.

Servants of Jesus, our mission now is to prepare the Lord's table for His guests; preparing our hands and feet for service to His disciples (pilgrims and team). The Pilgrims will have Housing needs met by sponsors, share groups and friends of Emmaus. The meals served and prepared will have people who can work side by side in unity, opening cans and baking coffee cake and chicken, cutting up fruits and vegetables.

I invite you to use the online sign-ups to commit time for these needs in Housing and Kitchen. Click on HOUSING and KITCHEN links below:

[HOUSING](#)
[KITCHEN](#)

I also invite you to come to the Gathering on January 14 and February 11, and fill the open slots for Prayer Vigil, Housing set up and tear down and kitchen time slots. We know God always shows up, so we don't want to miss this. Put your commitment to Emmaus on your calendar so you don't forget.

The Holy Spirit has provided the pilgrims to populate this Men's Walk during January 17—20. We are blessed and privileged to respond willingly and with generosity to the invitation to be Jesus' hands and feet for His mission of Emmaus.

May His Light Shine so all may see Him,

Decolores!

Barbara Courtice
Community Lay Director
Greater Dayton Emmaus

Walk Information

Men's Walk #66 • January 17 - 20, 2019

The pilgrim and team lists are on PAGE 5. If you have a someone you would like to be part of Men's Walk #67 in June at Sulphur Grove UMC, please contact the Men's Registrar, Bill Jones mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org.

- Please **CLICK HERE** to sign up for the prayer vigil for January Men's Walk #66.
- Please bake and pray over **BROWNIES** for the Men's Walk send-off on Thursday, January 17. 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 Men's Walk #66.



Women's Walk #105

February 21-24, 2019 at Normandy UMC

Women's Walk #106

July 18-21, 2019 at Sulphur Grove UMC

Download application form: Click **HERE**

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

Serve on the Kitchen Team

Each Emmaus Weekend offers many opportunities to serve. There are 111 willing servants needed to fill all the kitchen positions. No experience is necessary, on the job training provided: **CLICK HERE** to sign up online for a shift.

We are in need of Kitchen Manager for the Ice Cream Social. In addition to online sign up, sign up sheets for the Men's and Women's Walks will be available before and after the January Gathering.

DeColores!

Mary Ann Schum, Kitchen Chair



Serve on the Housing Team



With the Men's Walk coming up in January and then the Women's Walk in February, Greater Dayton Emmaus Housing can always use your help. You can assist with the Walk setup on Wednesday, carry the Pilgrim luggage on Thursday, or help to tear down on Sunday morning or Sunday afternoon. To sign up for a shift **CLICK HERE**.

De Colores!

Steve Uphouse, Housing Chair

Message from the Spiritual Director

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.” —1 John 5:11

You hear the heartwarming stories and acts of kindness during the Christmas season. Strangers extending good cheer through random acts of kindness. Whether buying a cup of coffee or paying for groceries for complete strangers, these do gooders spread love in some of the most unexpected ways. Such behavior is something our world lacks and could benefit from more of it. When you give to someone else it brings a feeling of satisfaction and joy. That’s something money cannot buy. Your giving demonstrates love and compassion.

Giving isn’t limited to material goods or a time of year. When you sacrificially love you’re willing to do what it takes to share that love with others. Serving in the Emmaus Community is a great example of such selfless giving. It’s contagious and usually results in others desiring to follow suit. Giving doesn’t have to stop when the celebrations of Christmas ends. Sacrificial giving that is what Christ did for us and He did it, not based on a particular day, but throughout

His time on earth. He saw a need (i.e. redemption) and realized a price had to be paid that none of us could afford or were capable of paying. But it was love, sincere love, uncompromised and unfailing love that stepped in and gave us what we needed.

Yes, Christmas has come and gone, but the spirit of Christmas does not have to end. Find a way to give throughout the year, giving as our Father gave, from the heart in true sincerity so that others will desire to know and understand where this kind of love comes from. It’s an easy way to demonstrate discipleship and to make an impact in the world. It comes from the heart of someone who realizes they have been given God’s very best! The gift of His love will never end.

Have a wonderful New Year filled with spreading the unending love of Christ!

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

Emmaus Ministries

- 600 Walks were hosted in 2018.
- 70 of those Walks were international.
- Emerging communities started to spring up in Kenya, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Poland, and Bulgaria.
- Face to Face, an Emmaus adaptation for older adults, hosted 35 encounters.
- The first-ever African Leadership Development Event was held in Harare, Zimbabwe.
- The second regional Leadership Development Event for Asian Emmaus and Chrysalis communities was held in Hong Kong.
- Discovery, a Walk to Emmaus-inspired retreat for middle schoolers, launched in April.
- The new Emmaus manuals were released.
- A new community support structure was set in place, featuring Community Trainers, Community Consultants, Start-up Trainers, and 20 area Communicators to offer front-line support to community leaders.

Because of your support in prayer, finances, and volunteering, Emmaus Ministries served people here and around the world, strengthening their walk with Christ and neighbor.

Emmaus Gift Fund

Thank you for your support to the Emmaus Gift Fund, a love offering that sustains international growth. As of December 12, \$37,844 has been raised. Yet it typically takes between \$60,000-\$70,000 to develop one emerging community outside the United States; and by the grace of God, there are seven emerging communities. Your gift will make a significant difference in the lives of people living in Kenya, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Poland and Bulgaria. Help us reach our 2018 goal of \$140,000—funds needed for leadership training, travel expenses, and resources. Can we count on you?

Join Us for the January Gathering

Start the New Year with your Emmaus community!
Monday, January 14, 2019 at Normandy UMC

Share Group Reunion
@6:15pm in Chapel

Sponsor Training
@ 6:30pm in Loggia

The Gathering
@7:15pm in Sanctuary

Warmth in Transition

I attended an outdoor wedding this past October. It was not a particularly warm day but the patches of sun shining through the trees provided enough comfort...until the sun began to set. A frigid sensation set in as the breeze blew. People scattered for coats and the indoors trying to find their norm in the sudden shift. Friends huddled by heaters and 250 candles were hung from the surrounding trees. It was fun to watch the friendship and community bind together as they tried to get comfortable again. New friends reflected beauty just as the candles reflected on the water by the bridge. The most interesting thing though, was how it didn't feel "as cold" once the sun was completely set, as if our desire for the sun to stay caused the primary pain. In seeing the sun go, before it was totally dark, there was the transitory time between light and dark where the mind had to let go of the desire for "what was" and accept "what is." Once I accepted the new "what is" I became comfortable.

With gentle perseverance and trust, I allow the arrival of the Lord's provisions in His time as His will dictates. A phenomenon I've experienced in my life with increasing awareness; the way the Lord provides my every desire if I have patience and relinquish "control." I oftentimes mislead myself down a path of my own doing sans consultation with the Maker of heaven and earth ... sounds kind of funny when I put it in those terms ... that I could "think" I'm more clever or powerful in ANY way without being tightly connected to the MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

Yea, right. Here in the ministry of Emmaus, all of us work ceaselessly to stay connected and listen closely to the next instruction for our community. We are in a time of transition and I speak for myself when I say transition can be complex, confusing, and uncomfortable. With ample life training we are able to see beyond the discomfort and springboard into the new paradigm on the strength of our faith.

"Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved." —Matthew 9:17

Our Emmaus community is always moving, shifting, transitioning and renewing. I pray all of you find your comfort through this time of transition, into the new year; that you may find your most special way to share your gifts with our growing community. We are growing because of our collective Love for Christ. I love following Jesus and I'm so glad to be in this Emmaus family.

Dear Lord, How can I serve you today? My heart is weary and my mind is worn. I need the sweet nectar of Your spirit to make me new. As in Peter 3:18, I grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

DeColores, Dear ones. You are SO LOVED.

Michele Cremeans
Good Shepherd



www.westohiochrysalis.com

West Ohio Girls Chrysalis #67 - January 19-21, 2019
West Ohio Boys Chrysalis #67 - February 16-18, 2019
West Ohio Girls Chrysalis #68 - June 21-23, 2019
West Ohio Boys Chrysalis #68 - July 19-21, 2019



www.kairosOhio.org

Dayton Correctional Institution (DCI) #14
March 21-24, 2019 - Lynnette Garrison, Leader

Men's Walk to Emmaus #66
January 17 - 20, 2019
Normandy United Methodist Church

| PILGRIM | CITY |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Timothy Bemis | Dayton |
| Mike Bihlman | Xenia |
| Andy Blosser | Englewood |
| Philip Brandenburg | Middletown |
| Aaron Butler | Dayton |
| Jon Cremeans | Troy |
| Gary Dickinson | Germantown |
| Greg Elmore | Dayton |
| Bob Fisher | Lebanon |
| Darren Fridlay | Hamilton |
| Ron Golub | West Carrollton |
| Ed Green | Riverside |
| Michael Harris | Lebanon |
| Heath Haynes | Dayton |
| Scott Hopper | Englewood |
| Dean Joyce | Germantown |
| Brian Kinney | West Milton |
| Christopher Long | West Milton |
| Steve McCullough | Bellbrook, MI |
| Steve McNabb | Germantown |
| Gary Miller | Vandalia |
| Tyson Peterson | Yellow Springs |
| Jonathan Smith | Tipp City |
| Jason Walker | Vandalia |
| David Wells | Columbus |

| TEAM MEMBER | POSITION | TALK |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Stout, Neal | LD | Perseverance |
| Wells, Dean | PS/M | Priority |
| Kierce, Terry | BR | |
| Hayes, Brian | SD | Means of Grace |
| Wheeler, Gary | ASDL | Obstacles to Grace |
| Baughman, Barry | ASD | Prevenient Grace |
| Lybarger, Wendy | ASD | Justifying Grace |
| Pappenfus, Sandy | ASD | Sanctifying Grace |
| Ammon, Tony | ALD2 | Fourth Days |
| Courtice, Andy | ALD | Life Of Piety |
| Uphouse, Steve | ALD | Grow Through Study |
| Hayes, Gregg | PS | |
| Macy, Tim | MD | |
| Prater, Seth | AMD | |
| Stanforth, Gary | TL | Discipleship |
| Smith, Rick | TL | Body of Christ |
| McCalister, Cleveland | TL | Priesthood Of All Believers |
| Adams, Jeff | TL | Changing Our World |
| Kedaitis, George | TL | Christian Action |
| Peeples, David | ATL | |
| Dick Kooser | ATL | |
| Slone, Ernie | ATL | |
| Hoback, Dick | ATL | |
| Miller, Chris | ATL | |
| Leach, Dennis | LOG | |
| Miller, Brian | LOG | |
| Simpson, Keith | LOG | |
| Spears, Ed | LOG | |

72 Hour Prayer Vigil

You have the opportunity to sign up online to pray for Men's Walk #66. The prayer vigil shows pilgrims the loving support of our community. Prayer is the most important ingredient in the Walk to Emmaus! Please click the button below.



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