

2019 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC
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

FEBRUARY GATHERING

Monday, February 11

Share Group Reunion

@6:15pm in Chapel

Sponsor Training

@6:30pm in Loggia

The Gathering

@7:15pm in Sanctuary

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 26

7PM, Normandy UMC

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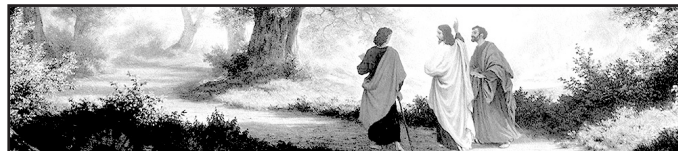
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Chairman's Corner



"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." — John 15:15

We are welcoming 22 men to the Emmaus Community as Fourth Day travelers; completing Walk #66. They have listened to the words of a fellow traveler on the Way of knowledge, holiness, the meaning of Life in Grace and a deeper communion with Jesus. Community members continue to look for those who are hungry for a deeper spiritual life and want to make a difference. Sponsor men for a Walk in June and women for July at Sulphur Grove UMC.

"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 to you." — John 15:16

We call upon those who have gifts of service, finance and intercessory prayer to again step forward and help the willing servants in the Emmaus Kitchen team, the Emmaus Housing team, the Worship team and Prayer team. Sponsors and fourth day pilgrims, come together and bless the women of WW #105 by helping February 21-24 at Normandy Church. Bless others as you have been blessed!

"These things I command you, so that you will love one another." — John 15:17

We are stronger together than we are alone and may wander off course. The backbone of Emmaus is in our reunion groups. We are also called upon to experience and give a type of love called AGAPE which has the power of God's love as its engine. Being a member of a reunion group keeps the engine going with accountability, service, study and action. Come to the Gathering and experience a reunion group before the worship time. Or join your table mates in forming a reunion group and review the service card together. Bless the women of WW #105 with a valentine of AGAPE love, as you have been blessed.

DeColores!

Barbara Courtice

Community Lay Director, Greater Dayton Emmaus

Message from the Spiritual Director: **Love Conquers Hate**

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

— Romans 8:35,37



I have always been inspired by the story behind the book “The Hiding Place” by Corrie Ten Boom. It is a true-life account of a Dutch Christian family who provided a safe house for Jews during World War II, and their eventual capture and imprisonment. Corrie and her sister, Bessie, found themselves in several prisons and concentration camps, living in conditions that were deplorable and inhumane.

In one place, they realized that their beds were full of lice. Bessie praised God for all things and thanked Him even for the lice. Later they realized that they were free to have Bible Studies and share the love of Christ without fear of discovery because of the lice; the guards would not come in. God could even use lice to further His kingdom.

As I read the book, I wondered how many women experienced God’s love in those places of hate because of Corrie and Bessie. Most of the women who were imprisoned with them had every right to hate and despise the Nazis, and even God. But Corrie and Bessie taught them that God’s love was more powerful than labor camps, disease, suffering and extermination.

Fortunately, as the pilgrims come for this month’s Women’s Walk, their accommodations will be absent of lice and the other hardships, but it will not be missing God’s love, demonstrated first through the Team and then through the Community. I can tell you as we observed the pilgrims on the Men’s Walk marvel at the commitment of love displayed by those that braved the winter storm to come to Candlelight and provide meals that their hearts became overwhelmed. Any obstacles to experiencing the Lord in their midst were broken down by the Agape love they witnessed. “Know, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

Jesus went through it all, and still loved those who were persecuting Him. His love conquers all things, even those troubles and disappointments you face. Remember that, as you go through the trials of life, that you can be a witness to others because you are a conqueror!

DeColores!
Gary Wheeler,
Spiritual Director



www.westohiochrysalis.com

West Ohio Boys Chrysalis #67 - Feb. 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

Message from the Good Shepherd: Army of God

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes ... against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms ... With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” — Ephesians 6:10-18

Well, here we are in His yoke, hemmed in by prayer and peace. We are His soldiers waiting at the frontline for the next battle, WW#105 February 21-24, 2019.

We watched God defeat the dark one in the January Mens’ Walk, 2019. It was not without heartache, pain, and destruction but He, our Lord and Savior, brought the pilgrims and team to sweet victory. The fight is not over for new members as they continue their 4th Days. These men will face challenges surmountable only with Christ by their side. Mens’ Walk #66, may you rely on the continued support of your new Emmaus family.

Our Greater Dayton Emmaus community strategizes, strengthens and fortifies as we await our next Walk to Emmaus. *“Now, the Lord is the Spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”*
— 2 Corinthians 3:17.

In the name of Jesus Christ, there WILL BE FREEDOM for the Women of Walk #105.

A healing field of God-love nourishes us as we, the GDE community, support each Walk weekend. We are made stronger by sharing our Christ with each other. We are blessed by each other while we serve on a Walk weekend. Christ’s enrichment in our souls!

Through accountability groups we identify, unify and fortify the STRENGTH of our faith. With support and love we create our hearty constitution to endure battle with the dark one.



This is the charge of Greater Dayton Emmaus: “Unify and go to war for Christ, so that He may endure in our hearts forever!”

May we share and support each other throughout the year, stay in the word and be sanctified by Christ so we are ready to stand with our community during the Walk weekends.

Be blessed by serving on a Walk in the Kitchen, Housing, or Prayer: (see page 5 for sign up links)

Be blessed by turning in your Willing servant forms to serve on a Live-in team: tinyurl.com/GDEserve

SHARE GROUP ORIENTATION

Join us, new and established members at Normandy UMC on February 11 at 6:15pm in the chapel before our monthly Gathering at 7:15pm. This is your opportunity to network, find a share group and ask questions.

RISE UP, GOD’S WARRIORS!
The fight has just begun.

Love,

Michele Cremeans
Good Shepherd

Sharing is Caring!

If you’re seeking a share group, switching groups/times or have openings for more members, please be sure to communicate those changes to our Good Shepherd. Remember, you’re always welcome to join our monthly Emmaus community share group in the chapel of Normandy UMC at 6:15pm before each Gathering — you always have a share group available to you.

Share Group Opportunities

Dave Brooks at 937.204.0596 is starting a share group in the Miamisburg area. He would like to possibly meet at 5pm on Saturdays. Please call him for more information.

We have a woman looking to join or create a share group in the Beavercreek/Bellbrook area. Please contact Good Shepherd, Michele Cremeans goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org if you have openings or are interested.

Team Formation:

The ins and outs of building a Walk to Emmaus team



Do you remember all those smiling faces who greeted you Thursday night as you filed into the conference room to begin your Walk to Emmaus? All of you gathered together for a grand pilgrimage — the Emmaus Road Experience.

You didn't know who was new, like you, or who was there to lead the discussions and give the talks until introductions were made. The prayer servants (PS), assistant lay directors (ALD), logistic people (LOGS), spiritual directors (SD) and Lay Director (LD) were identified the first night yet it wasn't until Friday morning when you learned who would become YOUR leaders and table mates.

The Holy Spirit determines who serves and who belongs together at the table for each walk. The process of team formation begins six months before every walk weekend. The LD is selected by the Board of Directors then the team selection committee (TSC) committee begins their job. The TSC meets eight times per year. This committee is made up of the Vice Chair of the Emmaus board, a community Spiritual director,

two men and two women from our community. Past Lay directors or highly experienced team members serve on the TSC for a term of two years.

The purpose of the TSC is to pray for the LD of each walk, assemble call lists from which team members are selected, and encourage and assist people to fill out an online willing servant form at Gatherings.

To be honest, the lists for some positions are short. We need more willing servants to serve on team. We need individuals who are spending time in prayer and asking God if they are being called to serve on a team. God equips those He calls.

Great things occur on Emmaus weekends. Burdens are lifted, restoration occurs, guilt and shame is left behind. A closer walk with Jesus often results and people grow through study after completion.

Christ is counting on you. The LDs and team lists have been made up as you read this article because our summer walks begin in 6 months. Please spend time in prayer with Our Father regarding your role at Emmaus. Serving in the kitchen, helping with housing, praying at your prayer vigil time are all vital experiences on the weekend, however, more people are needed to serve on a team.

Thank you for your service thus far and continue to be His hands and feet in some capacity at future walks.

DeColores,
Pamela DeHart,
Vice Chairman/ TSC/Leadership

Men's Registrar:

Men's Walk #66 Summary

It was a challenge from the beginning; the devil was attacking from every direction. We were facing snow, ice and a lot of our support people couldn't make it there. But even before the walk started, I saw such an eager group of excited men. They were ready and the tables started coming together from the first talk. I have never seen such a group of excited Sponsors. I had several calling me about getting their pilgrims on this walk; they were insisting this was the walk they were meant to attend.

It appears they were right! Come to the February Gathering and meet 22 new members of the community that are on fire and excited.

De Colores!
Bill Jones
Men's Registrar

Upcoming Walk Information:

Women's Walk #105 • February 21 - 24, 2019

Send-off: Thursday, February 21

Join pilgrims and their sponsors as they begin their Walk to Emmaus. The Send-Off begins around 6pm at Normandy UMC dining area. Pilgrims and sponsors should arrive no later than 7pm. Enjoy sandwiches, veggies, chips and brownies. Any member of the Emmaus community is welcome to attend. Children of the team and pilgrims are welcome (Please Note: this is the ONLY time children are permitted to attend any part of an Emmaus weekend).

Candlelight: Saturday, February 23

ALL Emmaus community members are encouraged to attend this special agape event for our pilgrims. Please arrive prior to 8:30pm and sign in at the Normandy UMC sanctuary.

Tear down: Sunday, February 24

Conference room reset begins at approximately 4pm — many hands make light work.

Closing: Sunday, February 24

ALL Emmaus community members are encouraged to attend closing at 4:30pm in the Normandy UMC dining area. You will be blessed and encouraged!

Special notes: All prayer partners, candlelight and closing attendees must be 4th day graduates of Emmaus or a similar program. No photos or video taping is permitted at anytime on an Emmaus weekend.

Men's Walk # 67

June 20-23, 2019 at Sulphur Grove UMC

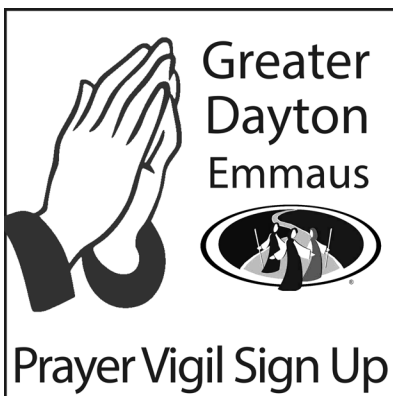
Questions? Men's Registrar: Bill Jones, mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Women's Walk #106

July 18-21, 2019 at Sulphur Grove UMC

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

Download application form: tinyurl.com/GDEwalk



Prayer is the foundation of the Walk to Emmaus. Please choose a time you can commit to anchor the pilgrims in prayer for their Walk weekend.

<https://tinyurl.com/GDEprayer>



Housing help is needed for setting up for the pilgrims, carrying their luggage and resetting afterwards. Lifting, carrying and steps are involved.

<https://tinyurl.com/GDEhousing>



Kitchen help is needed from Thursday through Sunday breakfast. Duties include prep, assembly, cooking, serving and cleaning. No experience needed.

<https://tinyurl.com/GDEkitchen>

Women's Walk to Emmaus #105
February 21 - 24, 2019
Normandy United Methodist Church

PILGRIM	CITY
Violet Askins	Germantown
Vicki-Lynn Babb	Xenia
Rhonda Baer	Dayton
Rebecca Bickle	Springboro
Lareen Bowman	Germantown
Debra Bradley	Dayton
Cortney Butler	Dayton
Carrie Cogley	Springboro
Shannon Denman	Urbana
Katherine Durham	Troy
Kathryn Gaker	Middletown
Cheryl Golia	Xenia
Danielle Guilbault	Liberty Township
Robin Gobell-Hanson	Jamestown
Cristy Kettering	Jamestown
Vernessa King	Huber Heights
Shelly Kirby	Trotwood
Becky Kistner	Dayton
Nikki Knoopman	Dayton
Barbara Neyhouse	Dayton
Tina Payne	Clayton
Lauryn Powers	Dayton
Erzy Sheets	Dayton
Janice Smithart	New Carlisle
Carol Storer	Ludlow Falls
April Swett	Union
Lyndsi Thompson	Hamilton
Vicki Thompson	Vandalia
Michelle Tobias	Vandalia
Angie Walton	Dayton

TEAM MEMBER	POSITION	TALK
Myra Wheeler	LD	Perseverance
Mamie Johnson	SD	Means of Grace
Heth Corl	ASDL	Sanctifying Grace
Kathy Kitchel	ALD2	Fourth Day
Donna Courtney	ALD	Grow Through Study
Alix Litton	ALD	Priority
Michelle Coolman	TL	Changing Our World
Elsie Hipshire	TL	Body of Christ
Teresa Howson	TL	Christian Action
Lisa Keller	TL	Priesthood of all Believers
Elaine Kitchin	TL	Discipleship
Heidi Miller	TL	Life of Piety
Tracy Collett	ATL	
Karri Lewis	ATL	
Allyssa Miller	ATL	
Kimberly Prater	ATL	
Jenny Reibert-Wolfe	ATL	
Kristen Scolastico	ATL	
Cindy Cultice	Log2	
Tonga Baniel	Log	
Diana Marcott	Log	
Glenda Vance	Log	
Susan Lehneis	PS & LD Mentor	
Lori Ammon	PS	
Sandy Hedge	MD	
Linda Haller	AMD	
Kristina Vogel	BR	
Bill Halter	ASD	Justifying Grace
Chris Reese	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Gary Wheeler	ASD	Obstacles to Grace

Agape Instructions

<https://daytonemmaus.org/agape>

Please pray for the upcoming walks of our neighboring Emmaus Communities:
Greater Sidney Area Emmaus

Team Position Descriptions

LD	Lay Director
ALD	Assistant Lay Director
SD	Spiritual Director
ASD	Assistant Spiritual Director
ASDL	Assistant Spiritual Director (live-in)
TL	Table Leader

ATL	Assistant Table Leader
LOG	Logistic
PS	Prayer Servant
MD	Music Director
AMD	Assistant Music Director
BR	Board Representative