

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



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Lord, oh Lord!
How majestic is
your name
on all the earth.
Psalm 69



Gathering

October 14, 7:15 pm
Normandy UMC
Centerville, OH

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

"Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."

2 Corinthians 4:16b, New International Version

Autumn is upon us; it's a beautiful time. The sun rises later each morning and sets earlier each evening, allowing us to see God's majesty at its best. It is as if God, like a master painter, has taken a brushstroke across a painter's canvas with colors so vibrant they are breathtaking.

There's nothing like driving along the countryside and seeing God's majesty at its best, watching the foliage turn into a beautiful array of colors. How better can you explain the wonder of God than to look out upon all of His creation? Yes, we'll soon be turning the page of fall as we move into the harsh reality of winter, and yet, each season serves its purpose. But let's not move so quickly into what is to come.

Autumn is a time of change, a season of dying and rising. As the leaves begin to fall, we realize it is a message of life. Those trees that fall asleep awaken again as the sun's warmth begins to shine, bringing its warmth as they are renewed.

It is a reminder that we, too, experience seasons, and just like those trees of autumn, there will be a time of sleep. Still, unlike those trees awakened by the s-u-n, we will be awakened by the Son, the One who passes us from death to eternal life—no more autumns but days of bright Sonshine.

Yes, we, too, are changing, but through prayer, study, and the power of God's Holy Spirit, we're also being renewed daily. So, take in all the beauty that God created, and don't forget the beauty He made, which is "you!"

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

Agape

It's not too early to start thinking about the next walks in January and February. We can always use more table agape. There are many ideas online, Pinterest etc.



FROM THE *Community Chair*

Happy Fall!

I love this time of year. Who is ready for hoodies, hot chocolate, cozy campfires, the smell of a pot of chili simmering or apple pie baking? Yes, Please!

What I notice with this scenario is everything I mentioned, brings you comfort and warmth. When is the last time you reached out to God and sought His comfort and warmth?

When have you prayed for others to feel his comfort? I have sure been praying for healing, comfort, strength, and restoration for so many hurting people.

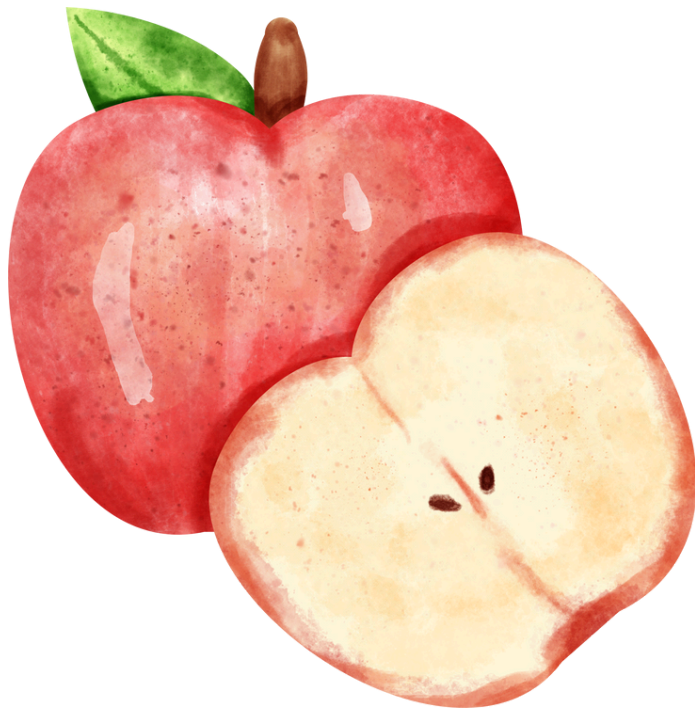
It is a grim reminder that we live in a broken world. What the world needs now is love sweet love from our Savior.

We just finished with our Lay Director training so they are prepared to pour out love to their teams and train the teams to pour out love to the pilgrims.

Team formation is in full swing for January and February walks. If you get a call, text, or email, please respond to the Lay Director.

Team Formation can be very challenging when folks don't return calls, respond to emails, or answer their phone.

You would be surprised at the number of calls the Lay Director must make until they get a full team and that really is only about 30 people.



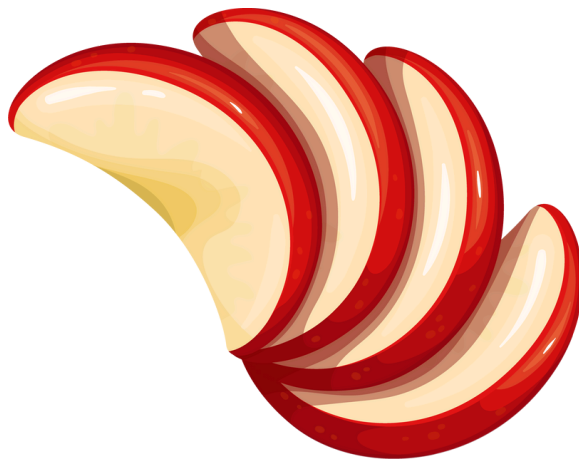
So, please pray on it and remember at closing when we said "Christ is Counting on You."

I also want to encourage you to attend our Gatherings. This is where you can reconnect with your table mates, be encouraged by fourth day speakers, worship and fellowship.

If you sponsored someone, please invite them to come with you. We are trying to get the community gatherings to grow back to where it used to be.

What is your reason for not attending?
We want to see you.

Next Gathering is October 14 at 7:15pm.
DeColores,
Brenda Baker, Community Lay Director





HELP IS NEEDED FOR GATHERINGS (ESPECIALLY FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING!)

There is a need for help at Gatherings to serve communion, take up the offering, give a Fourth Day talk, pass out and distribute prayer cards, provide music, and set up and clean up communion.

Christmas will be here before you know it! If you sing, play an instrument, or like to do readings, your help is needed to make the special Christmas Gathering a blessing for all who attend.

If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact the Worship Chair Linda Haller or for offering, contact Tonya McDougale.

The Worship Committee is always in need of volunteers for walks as well. If you would like to learn how to set up and use technical equipment, we need you!

Contact information is on the website:
<https://daytonemmaus.org/board-of-directors>

SAVE THE
date

OCTOBER GATHERING:

OCTOBER 14 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

NOVEMBER GATHERING:

NOVEMBER 11 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

CHRISTMAS GATHERING:

DECEMBER 9 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

JANUARY GATHERING:

JANUARY 13 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

MEN'S WALK #72

JANUARY 23-26
NORMANDY UMC

WOMEN'S WALK #113

FEBRUARY 13-16
NORMANDY UMC

Share Groups

If your share group is looking for new members, please reach out to the Good Shepherd,
Stephen Cultice at 937-823-9262 or scultice424@gmail.com



Hey You!

Are you hearing that little whisper from God that says “get involved?”

Nominations for
NEW Board Members
are being accepted now!

Position needing to be filled immediately: Housing Chair

Nominations needed for board members beginning April 2025

- Communications Chair (newsletter, website, etc.)

Please contact the Nominations Chair, Jeff Adams, or feel free to contact the individuals currently serving in the positions to hear more about the job and see if you would be a good fit.

Elections are at the November Gathering

<https://daytonemmaus.org/board-of-directors>

Time to update your Willing Servant form

- Haven't been called in a while to serve on a team?
- Want to get the latest newsletter in your email?
- Have you moved or changed your phone or even your name in the past few years?

If any of those situations apply, you probably need to submit an updated Willing Servant form so our database administrators have the latest contact information and know what areas in which you might wish to serve. It's easy to update. The form is located at the bottom of the forms page:

<https://daytonemmaus.org/downloads%2Fforms%2Flinks>



Pet Tenders Needed

We have a few community members who would like to serve on live-in teams, but have no one to tend to their fur babies. If you may be interested in helping someone in that capacity, please email the registrars.

Contact information is on the website.

