

# GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS



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JUNE 2026

**GATHER WITH US Monday, June 8, 7:15 PM**

4<sup>th</sup> Day Speaker Tom Donaldson  
Music Leaders Jason & Josiah Hoang  
Sponsorship Training at 6:30 PM  
Normandy UMC, Centerville



## PLEASE REMEMBER

*ALL Gatherings are now held at Normandy UMC, Centerville... AND ALL Walk Weekends are now held at Sulphur Grove UMC, Huber Heights.*

## WOMEN'S WALK #115

LAY DIRECTOR AJ PUDERBAUGH  
AUGUST 20-23  
SULPHUR GROVE UMC  
**12 PILGRIMS STILL NEEDED**

## MEN'S WALK #75:

COMING JANUARY 2027  
**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**



# The Power of Remembering

*Do you remember the last situation you faced, and it looked as though you wouldn't make it.*

*Aren't you still here?*

The power of praise. The power of forgiveness. The power of worship. The power of remembrance. Can you remember your Emmaus Walk? The talks, the songs, the food, the friends. How about your "first" Fourth Day? Just mentioning some of these things took you back, right? The power of remembering is an awesome thing. It is a gift from God. I truly believe that the ability to remember was given to us to recall all the good things God has done.

I am not naive to think that this process doesn't work in reverse. Sometimes it is easier to remember the bad than it is the good. But my point in all of this is we need to make a concerted effort to remember and look for the good. The same is true about our Fourth Days. We all wished we could stay in that place where we found ourselves at the end of our walk...things were easier and simpler. And the power to remember those things we learned and were exposed to has the awesome ability to transform those tough days into tolerable ones.

God tells us in Isaiah 43 to put him in remembrance, "remembrance of what?" Again we have the tendency to go in the direction of how unworthy we are, how hard things are, how desperate we are...and while those things have a place in our worldview, they should never outshine how

faithful God is, how loving He is and how well He cares for us even in the times we may not be aware of it.

The Apostle Peter reminds us in his writings that we should urge those around us to remember the things of God, and I don't think we do it enough. Walking with God should bring improvement to so many areas because there are things we should know by now. Why do I say that? Do you remember the last situation you faced, and it looked as though you wouldn't make it. Aren't you still here? You have survived 100% of your "bad" and "impossible" days and you are still here. That says a lot. Sometimes we don't remember those days because in some instances we were just trying to survive them (and we did).

Going through something tough? Remember you've been here before and survived and with the grace of God you will again. Remember.

De Colores,

*Bishop Brian Hayes*

Spiritual Director



## Gathering Dates

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month  
7:15pm at Normandy UMC

MONDAY, JUNE 8

MONDAY, JULY 13

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
*Welcome the new Pilgrims!*

## WW #115

### THE BIG MOVE

August - Date TBD  
From STORAGE to Sulphur Grove

### WALK WEEKEND AUGUST 20-23

Sulphur Grove UMC  
\*Details in July & August News  
\*Servant Sign-ups at  
July & August Gatherings

Many hands will be needed:  
Set up & Teardown  
Movers  
Kitchen Help  
Prayer Warriors  
Agape Makers and more

## Board of Directors

Chairman: Mike Baughman  
Vice Chairman: Jean Keillor  
Past Chair: Brenda Baker

**\*Secretary: NEEDED**

*Tanya McDougle*

Treasurer: Keith Crabtree  
Spiritual Director: Palmer Jason

**\*Agape: NEEDED**

Communications: Amy Fitzwater  
Documentation: Debbie Hayes  
Good Shepherd: Emily Adams  
Housing: Tom Donaldson  
Kitchen: Samantha Hoang  
Men's Registrar: Gary Stanforth  
Supplies: Xenia Jean-Louis  
Women's Registrar: Julia Crowl  
Worship: Linda Haller



# Reflect, Reconnect and Grow this June

As we step into the month of June, we are reminded of the many blessings that come through fellowship, service, and community. This month gives us meaningful opportunities to reflect, reconnect, and continue growing together in faith and purpose.

**Happy Father's Day!** First, we would like to extend a heartfelt acknowledgment to all fathers, grandfathers, spiritual fathers, and father figures as we celebrate Father's Day this month. Thank you for your guidance, strength, sacrifice, and love. Your presence and leadership continue to make a lasting impact within our families and our Emmaus community. We pray God's continued blessings upon each of you.

**Juneteenth Remembrance.** June also brings the observance of Juneteenth, a time to remember freedom, resilience, unity, and hope. As we honor this important day in history, may we continue striving toward love, understanding, and togetherness within our communities and beyond.

**Share Groups.** We also want to encourage everyone to become involved in your Share Groups. These groups provide an opportunity to build deeper connections, grow spiritually, encourage one another, and strengthen our fellowship throughout the year. If you have been thinking about joining a Share Group, now is a wonderful time to get connected. If you need assistance in finding a share group or you

would like for the Good Shepherd to do an outreach at your church, please contact me at 937-478-2101.

**Willing Servants Forms.** Additionally, we are asking community members to please make sure your Willing Servant Forms are updated and submitted. Keeping this information current helps us better organize ministries and service opportunities throughout the community. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference.

**Women's Walk Coming Soon!** Lastly, preparations are underway for the upcoming Women's Walk in August, and we are still in need of pilgrims. We encourage anyone who has been considering sponsoring a pilgrim to prayerfully take that next step. The Women's Walk is a powerful opportunity for spiritual renewal, fellowship, encouragement, and personal growth. Please help us spread the word and invite others who may be interested in participating.

**Looking ahead to the Men's Walk.** We are also accepting applications for the upcoming Men's Walk this coming winter. Thank you all for your continued support, prayers, and dedication to Emmaus. We look forward to all that God has in store for us this summer.

Blessings,

*Emily Adams*

Good Shepherd/Outreach

**FIND EMILY  
AT THE RAINBOW  
TABLE AFTER  
THE GATHERING  
TO DISCOVER  
HOW TO GET  
CONNECTED**



## Share agape for WW#115



Remember all the agape items you received during your Walk? Let's shower the pilgrims of WW #115 with that love. Remember to make 60 of each item to show love to pilgrims and the #115 Emmaus team. Make agape items with your Share Group or family and friends. Look up "Emmaus Agape" on Pinterest if you need ideas. De Colores!

## Do you have the time?



We all still remember Sunday evening of our Emmaus Walk. Exhausted, not hungry, head spinning with thoughts of the weekend, questioning what's next, wanting to tell everyone about our experience. After a good night's sleep, we woke up with our minds recalling the weekend and thinking about how to apply the excitement and motivation that we felt. One of the talks on Sunday morning says that the purpose of Emmaus is to create leaders in our Church. Those words get skimmed over and quickly forgotten sometimes, but truly, most of us on Monday want to get out and do something for our church, for our family, to create a new vision for our lifestyle, to read the Bible or a Daily Devotional, and maybe be a different person going forward.

Some Emmaus graduates begin to immediately act on this enthusiasm and reach out to their own church to say, "what can I do to help". Some start seeking opportunities to serve at homeless shelters, to explore the Kairos Prison Ministry, to begin praying at every family meal, to talk to everyone they see about their Emmaus Weekend experience. For others, life happens pretty quickly again. The pressures of work, illness in the family, disagreements and the overwhelming busy-ness of the kids' activities, begin to distract us.

I just ask you for the moment to consider that each one of us lives with the same 24-hour day. What we do with that time does matter and is determined by our own decisions. Despite all of the critical obligations like jobs and family, there is time for each of us to see and explore the vision of God in our lives. Small incremental daily changes in how we apply our newfound faith and exuberance for the love we have found in the Lord can change our lives dramatically.

Let's not let our Emmaus excitement wane. Returning to our Gatherings each month to share in the worship and the friendship is a blessing we can look forward to. Volunteering on a weekend team allows us to experience our first weekend again, and hearing the talks repeated allows us to get even more out of them. Volunteering in the kitchen and making agape with friends brings joy to our hearts.

If you want excitement, love, joy, friendship and a vision of God leading your life, then come back to Emmaus. Join a team, serve communion at the Gathering, volunteer in the kitchen, make agape, sing joyously with friends. Then you will be God Blessed!

*Mike Baughman*  
Community Lay Director

## Will you serve?

*Will you help with our monthly Gatherings? A list of Willing Servants is kept to call upon monthly. We need people to help in the following positions (the number of people needed each month is listed).*

*Contact Linda Haller.*

- Prayer Leader (1)
- Prayer Card Servers (2)
- Communion Servers (6)
- Offering Ushers (4)
- Clean Up Crew (2+)
- Sound Crew (2-3)

***Will you serve on the Board?***

*There are two spots left to fill. Contact Mike Baughman.*

- Board Secretary
- Agape Chair

***Will you serve by promoting Emmaus at your church?***

*Contact Emily Adams.*

**Fill out a Willing Servant form on the Dayton Emmaus website... [Click here](#)**

**Contact a Board member... [Click here](#)**

**or stick around after The Gathering! Board members will be available in the foyer to answer your questions.**

