

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



JANUARY 2025

Dear friends,

*since God so loved us,
we also ought to love
one another.*

1 John 4:11

Women's Walk #113 February 13-16, 2025

Community volunteers are needed to set up and move pilgrims in, and to help serve meals.

Sign up at Gathering on February 10 or see **page 4 & 5** for info. See the WW #113 pilgrim and team lists on **page 6!**

Message from the Spiritual Director

"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Luke 10:23b-24

Many people have much to say about love. Whether it's romantic, platonic, practical, familial, or obsessive love, love—as a concept—has existed throughout human history. Yet, while sincere love, selfless love, divine love, or more specifically, agape love, may exist, they are not present among everyone.

In recent months, there has been division, strife, hate, and vitriolic language that is hurtful and repulsive. The 2024 election has revealed the true nature of many, and it is incredibly disappointing.

Social media has become a barrier to meaningful conversation and the sharing of opinions and differences without fostering division or hate.

More specifically, children of God have a responsibility to one another, not just to fellow Christians but to everyone.

Jesus, our ultimate example of agape love, would be deeply saddened to see that those who follow Him have strayed from His teachings. Where is the love?

Jesus was not concerned with ethnicity, national origin, politics, or socioeconomic status. His primary focus was on the welfare of others, salvation, and seeking to save the lost. How have we wandered so far from this?

Emmaus aims to inspire and equip local church members to take Christian action. The Emmaus movement seeks to unite people; it embodies spiritual renewal to strengthen the church, rediscover Christ, build friendships, oppose injustice, and demonstrate solidarity with those in need. That is the church, at least the church that I believe Christ calls us to be.

So, the next time you hear, "love, love, love, love," remember that the essence of the gospel can be captured in that one word: love.

God's word commands us: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

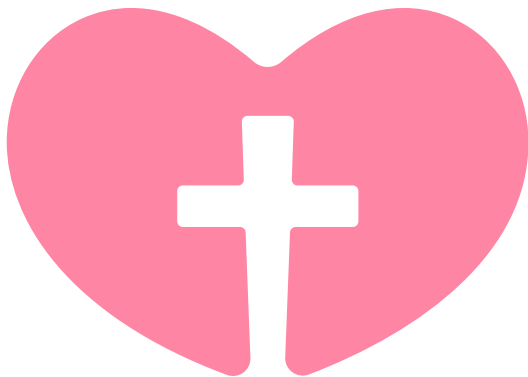
Love is for everyone.

We should take the time to reflect on ourselves and see if this is really the case.

DeColores

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director





A WORD FROM THE COMMUNITY CHAIR

Happy February Community!

First of all, I would like to welcome our new pilgrims from Men's Walk #72 to our Community.

We look forward to seeing you at Gatherings and invite you to join us as we serve Women's Walk #113 in a few short weeks.

The first three months of the year are usually busy for Greater Dayton Emmaus with Walks in January and February.

Please keep the women's walk in your prayers and attend as many of the community events as possible.

Soon, we will be revamping Sponsorship by asking you to attend a Sponsorship training...even if you have already sponsored many pilgrims, refreshers and updates are always good.

Did you know that we have a booklet for sponsors to read prior to sponsoring a pilgrim? We do, and you will get one when you come to the training.

We are going to ask you to sign in so we can keep track of folks who have done the training and check this list when we get our pilgrim applications.

You may be very surprised at what you will learn after reading your book.

In addition to Sponsor Training, we will also be adding a Sponsor's Minute to each Gathering agenda. The Registrars will be providing tips to help Sponsors enhance their experience with their pilgrim.

Lastly, I want to talk about attendance at our Gatherings. What we are noticing is that we average about 20 pilgrims a weekend, multiplying that by four weekends and we have about 80 folks participating in a Walk to Emmaus each year.

However, our Gatherings are only averaging about 40 people. We have a lot more people in the month after a walk and then suddenly, we are back down to average of 40 people.

How can we get our Gatherings to grow back to a full house? What would bring you back month after month...I want to know.

This is a time to reconnect with your table, the community, get recharged by hearing a 4th Day Speaker, worship together, share Holy Communion and so much more.

I think that some churches like to use the Weekend as an end to a program that their people have done at their church. The Walk to Emmaus is more than that and is meant to grow leaders in your church.

Please consider making the 2nd Monday of every month, a rock on your calendar that contributes to your Spiritual growth.

Since this is a month that people like to think about love, consider Jesus as the one love that will never forsake you or leave you. He writes the best love letters to us.

Remember the greatest commandment, love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself.

See you at the next Gathering!

**DeColores,
Brenda Baker**





Kitchen Volunteers Are Needed

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve food and clean up after meals for WW #113.

Be sure to sign up early and not just show up, so we are assured of a full, but not over-staffed shift.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Weekend Prep 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Brownie dropoff 5:00 p.m.
Send off Dinner 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb 14

Breakfast 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Dinner 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb 15

Breakfast 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Dinner 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Ice Cream Social after candlelight to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 16

Breakfast 6:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Also needed: Someone to do a load of towels and aprons each of the four days.

Call, text or email Mike Baughman

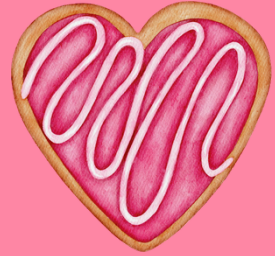
Cell phone/Text: 937-689-2433

Email: mbaughman100@aol.com

Or click

[SignUpGenius - Women's Walk](#)

SAVE THE
date



FEBRUARY GATHERING:

FEBRUARY 10 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

WOMEN'S WALK #113

FEBRUARY 13-16
NORMANDY UMC

SEND-OFF

FEBRUARY 13 - 6PM

CANDLELIGHT

FEBRUARY 15 - 8PM

MARCH GATHERING:

MARCH 10 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC, OH

APRIL GATHERING:

APRIL 14 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC



Housing Help!

MUSCLES NEEDED!!

Sign up to serve with our new Housing Chair,
Tom Donaldson.
Call (be sure to leave a message) or text 937-470-9114.

Times needed:

Wednesday - Setup - 5:30 pm
Thursday - Suitcase service for pilgrims! 5pm
Sunday morning (get church ready for regular services)- 6:30 am
Sunday afternoon (pack up and put away) 4pm

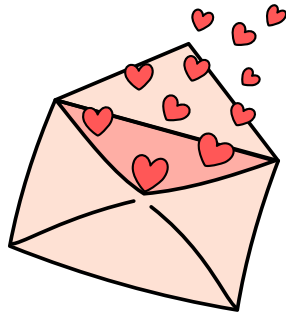


FIND THE INFO YOU NEED ON:
.DAYTONEMMAUS.ORG

**Need to speak to a
board member?
[Click here.](#)**

Agape

Agape love. We want to continue to shower our pilgrims with that same love you felt on your pilgrim walk.



Please remember that if you are doing table agape, you need to have 60 pieces, enough for team and pilgrims. If you want to make bedtime agape for team, you will need to make 30.

Pinterest is full of ideas if you don't know what to make.

We ask that you don't put names on your agape -- this is about love, not recognition.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Shelly Crabtree, kidnurse75@gmail.com

**Are you good at
writing newsletters and
social media posts?**

**Find out how doing these
things could be your new
way to serve the Lord!**

**Call Michele at
937-684-3828 to
find out more!**

Training is provided!

WOMEN'S WALK #113



Position - Team Member

Lay Director - Carie Jorgenson
Spiritual Director - George Brewer
Asst. Spiritual Director - Debbie Roth
Board Rep - Michele Donaldson
ALD - Shelly Miller
ALD - Dawn Hedrick
ALD - Wendy Kline
Prayer Servant - Lori Ammon
Prayer Servant - Cathy Berry
Log - Diana Marcott
Log - Melanie Reigelsperger
Log - Tessa Judkins
Log - Jeanne Keillor
Music Director - Suzzi Luken
Asst. Music Director - Julia Crowl
Table Leader - Heidi Miller
Table Leader - Roberta McMahan
Table Leader - Pam Rafdal
Table Leader - Danielle Kirk
Table Leader - Helen Berberich
Table Leader - Laura Wofford
Asst. Table Leader - Vernessa King
Asst. Table Leader - Lynn Compton
Asst. Table Leader - Hope Smalls
Asst. Table Leader - Tricia Tankersley
Asst. Table Leader - Beverly Blosser
Asst. Table Leader - A.J. Puderbaugh

Pilgrim

Hometown

1. Kathy Applegate Dayton
2. Estella Benton Centerville
3. Dedrea Blackston Fairborn
4. Sheila Davidson Spring Valley
5. Ki'Asha Diggs Miamisburg
6. Lori Farr Dayton
7. Debbie Gustin Germantown
8. Rebecca Houghton Dayton
9. Ezzy Jason Dayton
10. Charlene Jones Dayton
11. Amy Kirby Dayton
12. Robin Lange Kettering
13. Sandy Lucas Miamisburg
14. Beth Maxwell Dayton
15. Carol O'Neill Kettering
16. Kristin Rimi Dayton
17. Ashley Rutledge Springboro
18. Marsha Seibel Dayton
19. Shayna Terry Middletown
20. JoAnn Wetrich Dayton
21. Nicole Young Dayton

