

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

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*"Whoever
believes
in me,
as Scripture
has said,
rivers
of living
water
will flow
from
within them."
John 7:38*

WOMEN'S WALK #115

August 20-23

**Sulphur Grove UMC,
Huber Heights**

**Weekend Lay Director:
AJ Puderbaugh**

22 Pilgrims Registered

Gathering: Mon, Aug 10,
7:15pm, Normandy UMC
*Sign up for Kitchen and Housing,
drop off your agape.*

THE BIG MOVE

Saturday, Aug 15, 8am
From Storage to Sulphur Grove

Walk Send-Off

Thursday, Aug 20, 6pm

Candlelight Service

Sat, Aug 22, arrive at 8pm,
service at 8:30pm

Closing Service

Sun, Aug 23, arrive at 4pm,
service at 4:30pm,
meet in the Fellowship Hall
use the side door entrance #3

Pack Up Day

Saturday, Aug 29, 9am
From Sulphur Grove to Storage

A Season of Growth and Connection



Summer often evokes a sense of opportunity. According to the calendar, we are already at the midpoint of the season. Longer daylight hours, shifting schedules, blooming gardens, children playing outdoors, and families seeking moments to pause and reconnect are common. Yet summer can also bring busyness, travel, uncertainty, heat, and change. Throughout this season—whether joyful or challenging—faith reassures us that God is already present, preparing our hearts for what lies ahead.

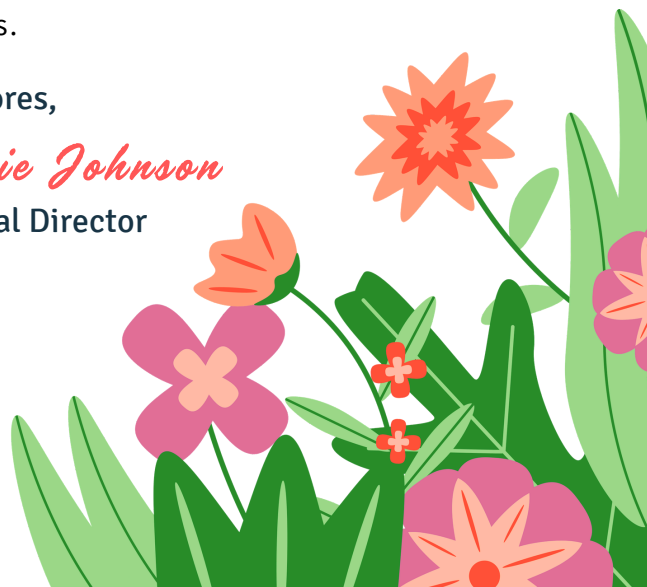
As we experience the summer season, we are reminded to see it as a blessing. It offers opportunities to recognize divine benevolence in everyday moments: the sunrise on a serene morning, a neighbor's kindness, sharing a meal, a safe journey, or tranquil moments after a busy day. Faith reminds us that renewal is not always found in grand events; often, it appears in modest signs of God's proximity.

Although we cannot foresee all that summer may bring, we place our trust in the One who walks alongside us. Faith does not promise effortless days but assures us we are never alone. God meets us in moments of joy and concern, throughout bustling days and tranquil nights, in answered prayers and in times of waiting.

This summer may be a time for God to invite you to cultivate patience, forgiveness, courage, generosity, or hope. It may also offer opportunities to serve others, welcome new people, support families, or build community. Whatever the season brings, we can trust that God uses each moment to help us grow into people of grace.

May this summer not only mark a time on the calendar but also become a season of beautiful growth and connection. I hope it's filled with greater trust, renewed joy, meaningful connections, and open-heartedness. As the sun's warmth surrounds us, may we also feel God's everlasting, generous, and constant love shining upon us.

De Colores,
Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director



GDE Emmaus to host training session on leading Walks

Make plans to join us Saturday, Sept 12, for our next Weekend Lay Director Training. This session, for all potential Lay Directors, will be held from 9 am to 3 pm at Normandy United Methodist in Centerville. All Lay Directors must attend at least six months prior to serving in that capacity.

In addition, anyone who hopes to serve as a Walk Lay Director at some point in time, as well as anyone who loves serving on Walk teams, are welcome to attend. The training provides important information about the team process and how Emmaus works in general.

A continental breakfast will be served as well as lunch. There is no fee, but you must register to ensure we have enough food for everyone. *Please contact Jean Keillor, via text or phone call, at 937-681-7468 to let her know you plan to attend.* We look forward to seeing you!



WW #115: WAYS TO SERVE



MANY OPENINGS LEFT

REQUIREMENTS: AVAILABILITY, CHRISTIAN LOVE AND A HEART TO SERVE

KITCHEN HELP

Click here to sign up online:

[Kitchen Signup - Women's Walk](#)

PREP FOOD, SERVE FOOD, CLEAN UP

Thursday, Aug 20 Weekend Prep 9 am - noon
Brownie dropoff 5 pm
Send off Dinner 5 to 8 pm

Friday, Aug 21 Breakfast 6:30 to 11 am
Lunch 11 am to 3 pm
Dinner 3 to 7:30 pm

Saturday, Aug 22 Breakfast 6:30 to 11 am
Lunch 11 am to 3 pm
Dinner 3 to 7:30 pm
Ice Cream Social after Candlelight to 10:30 pm

Sunday, Aug 23 Breakfast 6 to 10:30 am

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

Need more info? Call, text or email

Samantha Hoang

Cell phone/Text: 937-287-5850

Email: samantha.hoang82@gmail.com

HOUSING HELP

Click here to sign up online:

[Housing Signup - WW #115](#)

MOVE IN, SET UP, TEAR DOWN, PACK AWAY

Saturday, Aug 15 starting at 8 am
MOVING DAY Storage unit to Sulphur Grove

Wednesday, Aug 19 starting at 7 pm
Help set up the church for the walk

Thursday, Aug 20 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Greet pilgrims and carry luggage

Sunday, Aug 23 starting at 6 am
Get church back to normal for worship

And after closing service, approx 5 pm
Finish tearing down

Saturday, Aug 29 starting at 9 am
Help to pack the U-haul to return Emmaus supplies to storage unit

Need more info? Call, text or email

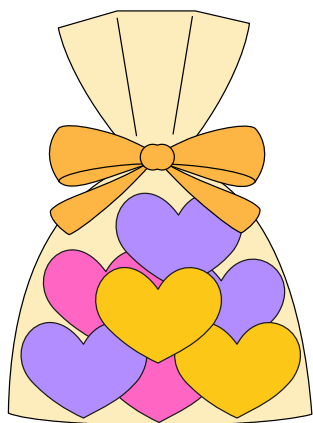
Tom Donaldson

Cell phone/Text: 937-470-9114

Email: tdonald557@hotmail.com

Shower the WW #115 pilgrims with agape

Remember all the agape items you received during your Walk? Let's shower the pilgrims of WW #115 with that love. Please make 60 of each item to show love to pilgrims and the #115 Emmaus team, or 30 of each for bedtime only agape. To show agape love, we ask that you keep your gifts anonymous to the pilgrims. Make agape with your Share Group or family and friends. Look up "Emmaus Agape" on Pinterest if you need ideas. Bring your completed gifts to the August 10th Gathering. **DE COLORES!**



GDE WOMEN'S WALK #115

Pilgrim

Hometown

Pamela Abers	Tipp City
Lacie Blessing	Hilliard
Cheryl Bogen	Lebanon
Madison Burkitt	Dayton
Molly Bush	Grove City
Julie Crabtree	Dayton
Jamie Curry	Fairfield Township
Brooke Isaacs	Dayton
Jamie Jenkins	Dayton
Tasha Johnson	Xenia
Emily Kinzig	Dayton
Kathy Kuritar	West Carrollton
Shae Lane	Dayton
Andrea Ludd	Dayton
Billie Maurice	Saint Paris
Moriah Nash	Riverside
Tammy Peak	Springfield
Laura Ranney	Grove City
Jamie Smith	Dayton
Maelin Strausbaugh	Dayton
Annie Walker	Huber Heights
Julie Wehrkamp	Dayton

Team Member - Position

AJ Puderbaugh - Lay Director
Emily Adams - Asst Lay Director
Dawn Hedrick - Asst Lay Director
Rhonda Baer - Asst Lay Director
Wendy Lybarger - Spiritual Director
George Brewer - Asst SD Live-in
Leroy Chambliss - Asst SD
Karen Crowford - Asst SD
Laurie Steele - Asst SD
Cathy Berry - Board Rep
Julia Crawl - Music Director
Jessi Voline - Asst MD
Susan Lehneis - Table Leader
Brittaney Breach - Table Leader
Robyn Cooper - Table Leader
Danielle Kirk - Table Leader
Laura Wofford - Table Leader
Roberta McMahn - Table Leader
Tavia Kettles - Asst TL
Michelle Morgan - Asst TL
Lacey Pike - Asst TL
Melissa Schuler - Asst TL
Kathy Loveless - Asst TL
April Zimmerman - Asst TL
Tanya McDougale - LOG
Dona Speakman - LOG
Tricia Tankersley - LOG
Wendy Kline - Prayer Servant
Linda Haller - Prayer Servant



Time to write Agape



Praying, Serving, Sharing... Christ is counting on us

As we look ahead to Walk #115 on August 20–23, there is a growing sense of excitement throughout our Emmaus community. Before the pilgrims ever arrive, God is already at work—preparing hearts, calling leaders to serve, and surrounding this weekend with prayer.

One of the greatest gifts we can offer our team and pilgrims right now is our prayers. Please join me in praying for each team member as they continue their preparations. Pray that they will serve with humility, wisdom, and joy. Pray also for each pilgrim, that they will come with open hearts, ready to experience God's grace, His love, and the blessing of Christian community.

MEN'S WALK #75:
JANUARY 21-24 2027
Now accepting applications
[CLICK HERE FOR FORM](#)

As always, it takes our entire Emmaus community working together to make a Walk possible. There are several opportunities to serve in the coming weeks:



Willing Servants are needed at Thursday send-off to help pilgrims with their luggage. This simple act of hospitality is often the very first expression of Christ's love they experience during the weekend.

We are also looking for helpers to assist with the housing team for the Big Move. Your willingness to help with housing is a tremendous blessing to our community. Many hands make light work.



Our kitchen team can always use extra hands. If you are available to serve, please visit the community website and sign up for a shift. Every meal prepared and served helps create the welcoming atmosphere that makes an Emmaus weekend so special.



As Good Shepherd, I also want to encourage everyone to stay connected with your share group. Share groups are one of the greatest strengths of our Fourth Day journey. They provide encouragement, accountability, friendship, and opportunities to serve together. Many of the opportunities to serve for Walk #115 are even more meaningful when your share group serves side by side. Working together strengthens not only our community, but also our own walk with Christ.

If you are not currently part of a share group, or if your group has changed, I would love to help you find a place to connect. Emmaus was never intended to be a weekend experience alone—it is a lifelong journey of growing in grace alongside Christian friends. Please email me if you need help forming a share group. (see below)

Thank you for the many ways you support this ministry through your prayers, your service, and your willingness to answer God's call. Together, we have the privilege of welcoming the pilgrims of Walk #115 into a community that reflects Christ's love in both word and action.

De Colores,

Emily Adams



Good Shepherd/Outreach
daytonemmausgoodshepherd@gmail.com

DAYTON EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Monday, Aug 10th last Gathering before WW115

Monday, Sept 14th meet the pilgrims!

*Gatherings are held at 7:15pm at Normandy UMC, Centerville
with Sponsorship Training at 6:30pm in the Logia Room.*

URGENT NEED FOR GATHERINGS:

*Sound system operators, music leaders, 4th Day speakers, etc.
EXTRA helpers needed at the September 14th Gathering.*

*Please contact Linda Haller at Lmusicteach@aol.com,
sign up at the Rainbow Table after Gathering,
or fill out an updated Willing Servants form on the website.*



Maybe Soccer Is the Answer



For the past six weeks, the United States hosted the FIFA World Cup Soccer Tournament, and, because of that event, the world has been blessed. Despite all of the political rhetoric, disputes between countries, wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, economic news, and debates, we had a reason to look forward to the sports reports about a simple game played with teams from dozens of countries of all sizes, shapes, ethnic backgrounds, religions and political beliefs. As the tournament progressed, it was fascinating to hear about the interactions of the fans. They had tremendous excitement and exuberance for each country's team, and everyone celebrated within acceptable behavior standards and appreciated each other. We all loved the Scottish kilts and bagpipes, the Norwegian rowing cheers, and the Irish controlled rowdiness in the Boston Pubs.

After the final goal ended this tournament, the news has been about how great the American people were at hosting these games. The USA has been described as friendly, inviting, sharing and polite. Apparently, we have been listening to the wrong news reports for quite a while because I am not sure that most of us would describe our country that way at this point in time. It took people from different cultures to see some of the good in America that we do not seem to appreciate, and I only hope that we can continue the message going forward.

Jesus traveled only a small portion of the Eastern Mediterranean, but Paul expanded to several other countries. There was plenty of strife and war in those times, also, but they preached the theme of love and acceptance, treating our neighbors kindly as we would want to be treated. To share and spread these good messages with others. People listened, they changed, they reached out to people they did not know and accepted them. Differences and disagreements in languages, customs, and politics existed then, too, but a few people started to make a difference.

Let us let this brief interlude with a soccer tournament be a catalyst to begin to unite the world in discussion of what is important to us and our families. Maybe we can continue to travel among the nations, appreciating each one for our differences. Yes, architecture and history and language and political strife will exist, but it is the people who count and, frankly, everyone in all the world really just wants peace and an opportunity to live in a nice community and raise their families. In this we are all the same.

The world has been blessed by the opportunity to share our cultures, and the current news reports suggest that we need to build on this opportunity, open our hearts and truly listen to one another. Jesus would be proud.

Blessings,

Mike Baughman

Community Lay Director

It takes a team

Are you a good listener? Can you take notes? Can you count? Are you orderly and task-oriented? Do you love people and want to support the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community as we continue to shine our light? We need you on the team!

DUTIES OF THE BOARD SECRETARY:

- *Gatherings*- Assign ushers, deposit offering.
- *Walks*- Collect fees at registration, collect and count Candlelight service offering. Deposit all money the week after the Walk.
- *Attend Executive Board and regular Board meetings*- Take minutes. Email meeting packet to members, working with the chair and treasurer.

Interested? Please contact Tanya McDougale at gdeww104.secnews@gmail.com or Chair Mike Baughman at mbaughman100@aol.com.