

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



MAY 2025



We regret to inform the community that Men's Walk #73 has been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances.

MEN'S WALK #73 CANCELED!

Gathering

MAY 12 @ 7:15pm
Normandy UMC, Centerville





Notes from the Spiritual Director

The Gift of Motherhood

Mothers significantly impact a child's life. Beyond bringing the child into the world, a mother's role is crucial to the child's development.

Many young girls aspire to become mothers. The thought of nurturing an infant is both exciting and overwhelming. From the endless nights without sleep to the constant feedings and addressing their discomfort or illness, being a mother entails tremendous responsibility. This responsibility doesn't end with infancy; as the child grows, they go through various developmental stages, and you are there as a guide, protector, and teacher. Additionally, providing emotional support is crucial for children to grow into respectful and responsible adults. If that weren't enough, there is one vital thing that a mother can do for her child: model her faith.

When mothers model their faith, they demonstrate the character that their children should aspire to emulate. You, moms, are among your children's first teachers, and being a mom is a role that should not be taken lightly. As we reflect on the mothers in the Bible, two specifically come to mind: the mother of Samuel and the mother of Jesus. Hannah was childless yet longed to be a mother so desperately that she could be found in the church crying to God, asking Him to bless her with a child. God heard her pleas. That child was Samuel, and in her prayer, she promised to give him back to God, which she fulfilled. Because of her faith and obedience, God allowed her to have more children.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, had not known a man, but God deemed her worthy to bring His Son, our Savior, into the world through her. Out of obedience, she responded to the news, "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."

Being a mother is a special gift that is not given to everyone. Your child may have already reached adulthood, yet it's never too late to redeem the time. Share your faith, show your love, and remind them of the blessings that they are, the gift from God.

To all the mothers out there, embrace this precious gift of love that God has allowed you to bring into the world, and be an example of a godly mother- one who loves God and loves others.

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Mamie Johnson Spiritual Director



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A WORD FROM THE COMMUNITY CHAIR



Happy May Community,

What a celebration we just went through, our Lord has risen, and His Holy Spirit is alive and well in all who has received Him as their Lord and Savior, Hallelujah. I love how May ushers in our season of new growth too. The trees are filling out with their beautiful leaves that will provide us with shade on those hot summer days that will soon be here.

May also is a time that our Men and Women Lay Directors will begin their weeks of team meetings. Please keep them in your prayers as they are still waiting for the Lord to complete their teams. Please keep the June and July pilgrims in your prayers too, God knows who they are, but they have to be invited to come... get your applications in soon.

If you are looking for opportunities to serve, consider attending Gathering and signing up to serve in the Kitchen or Housing. We have the Summer Move coming up and many hands will make for lighter work. Did you sponsor a pilgrim lately? Bring your pilgrim, serve together and then go out for ice cream after. UDF is just around the corner, just sayin.

I am going to talk about Gatherings again. I attended GDW Walk #62...that was 4/16/05 and I remember the Sanctuary was packed at Gatherings. I couldn't wait to get there and I felt so good when I left. What was it that drew me.... people who loved me and didn't even know me, people who genuinely cared about me and how my 4th Days were going. The hugs were so healing and needed. People were on fire for the Lord and was excited to share that love with me...we all need this on days. Hebrews 10:25 reminds us, Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Where are you? Come back. We miss you.

Once you have gone on your weekend, your walk is not over, it continues in all your 4th Days. It is important to come back and lift each other up, fellowship together, pray together, worship together, celebrate holy communion together.

There are a few changes I am going to try, and I hope you will like them and tell your people to come back and check it out. Let's fill the Sanctuary and expect the Holy Spirit to be there to meet you right where you are. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

I believe it would help to have a Good Shephard, and I am praying for you to accept the call. This is an urgent call to you. We must go out to the churches and tell them about Emmaus and get excited about helping them build leaders in their church. We also need to share with them the importance of staying connected by attending the monthly Gatherings. Let's grow our community by inviting and sponsoring the right people and let's fill the Sanctuary at Gatherings...I loved last month hearing so many people chatting and laughing before we started. Let's do it again.

*DeColores,
Brenda Baker
Community Lay Director*



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

Patti Kepler - Communications Chair



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Try it on the website!

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Mark your Calendar

MAY GATHERING

MAY 12 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC

JUNE GATHERING

JUNE 9 @7:15 PM
SULPHUR GROVE UMC

THE BIG MOVE

JULY - DATE TBD
FROM NORMANDY TO SULPHUR GROVE

MEN'S WALK #73 CANCELED

JULY GATHERING

JULY 14 @7:15 PM
SULPHUR GROVE UMC

WOMEN'S WALK #114

JULY 17-20
SULPHUR GROVE UMC

AUGUST GATHERING

AUGUST 11 @ 7:15 PM
SULPHUR GROVE UMC



BOARD MEMBERS URGENTLY NEEDED

If you have a gift for talking to people, here's your chance to put that spiritual gift to use.

If you like to talk to people, the GDE Community can use that talent! The **Men's Registrar** talks to every single (male) pilgrim and sponsor and helps them get ready for upcoming walks. The **Good Shepherd** aids Emmaus graduates in finding 4th Day Share Groups and helps to get the word out about Emmaus to local churches. If this sounds like you, **PRAY ON IT** and call Brenda Baker, Community Lay Director at 937-215-2592 with any questions. **If you have a friend who fits the description, talk to them!!**



More pilgrims are needed for
Women's Walk #114 in July!

Contact the registrar,
Gail Simpson, for more information -
GDEWomensregistrar@gmail.com



It's not too soon to start working on AGAPE for the summer walks. Pilgrims love to see your little gifts of love on the tables at meals. It's a great activity to do with your share group!