

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



SEPTEMBER 2025

Reclaim Our Mission Retreat and Workshop

September 26-27, 2025

**Bergamo Center
for Lifelong Learning**

4400 Shakertown Road
Beavercreek, OH 45430

Open to the **first 75**
GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS
and **DARK COUNTY EMMAUS**
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**THERE'S
STILL TIME
TO SIGN UP!**

Join us for a
retreat and
workshop where
we will plan the
future of Dayton
Emmaus together!

*REGISTER/PAY
at September
GATHERING*

Gathering
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
7:15 P.M.
NORMANDY UMC

PLEASE NOTE:

**MOVING BACK TO
NORMANDY!!**



From the Community Chair



I am very excited to report that Reclaim Our Mission (RCM) retreat/workshop is almost here. Some of our Board members met the leader of this event and we are hopeful that you will be in attendance, we are praying for you. It is so important that not only does the Board get this valuable opportunity, but you do too.

Our community is where the Board comes from, did you ever think about that? Each Board member was invited to spend three days learning how to have a closer walk with our Lord and Savior, just like you did.

What if we changed up the 4th day talk and rather than answer the question, what did my walk mean to me? Answer the question, what does my community mean to me?

After our walk, we come back together to fellowship, pray together, worship, commune just like we did on our weekend. What if we added 30 min. before to meet with prayer partners to pray with you? We should be walking together in our 4th days.

You reconnect by coming to Gatherings, being on live-in teams and serving at Gatherings and on weekends. There have been so many people who have touched my life over the years. Sometimes, all I needed was for someone to smile and let me know they were glad I was there. Sometimes a hug was also welcoming.

Our community has some great musicians that share their gift with us, thank you!

Our Spiritual Directors always share important nuggets that breathe life into us, give us hope and reminds us of how much our Father loves us.

RCM is to remind us of our Why. We pray that it will help us learn how to bring our community back from striving to thriving.

There are communities that host 6 weekends a year, have wait lists continuously, have sent 350 pilgrims on weekends in a year. We used to do 8 weekends a year. There are things our community does VERY WELL. We also have growing edges...things we could improve on. **Join us on a journey to revive Greater Dayton Emmaus.**

Come to the Gathering, registration forms will be available and there will be people waiting to assist you. The weekend is September 26-27 at the Bergamot Center. Cut off date is the week before.

I believe God has many more people that He wants to invite to spend 3 days with Him so they can learn how to grow closer to Him, walk with Him, and lead others to Him.

At the last gathering we had 19 brothers and sister attend. Thank you. It was a small group but we He still blessed us, and He will bless you. I look forward to seeing you on September 8 at Normandy UMC.

DeColores,

Brenda Baker
Community Lay Director



Greater Dayton Emmaus

A WORD FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

The Dog Days of Summer

"This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 13:49-50 NIV

The United States has been experiencing intense hot weather. Heat alerts have been issued, warning people to be cautious when going outside. Extreme heat is becoming common and seems unstoppable. Excessive heat can harm health, so it's very important to stay safe during these times.

During these times, we are advised to stay hydrated, especially with water, and to find shaded areas if we need to be outdoors. Additionally, we are instructed to limit outdoor activities, seek air conditioning, take cool showers or baths, use sunscreen, wear a hat, and do more. These are times that suggest slowing down and paying attention to the warning signs of excessive heat.

As hot as it has been outside, there is a heat more intense than anything we have ever experienced or that God would want us to endure.

The imagery of hell is that of intense suffering and punishment, associated with fire and burning.



Let's face it, there's nothing pleasant about burning heat, and God has provided us with the remedy for that fiery punishment: salvation through Jesus Christ, His Son.

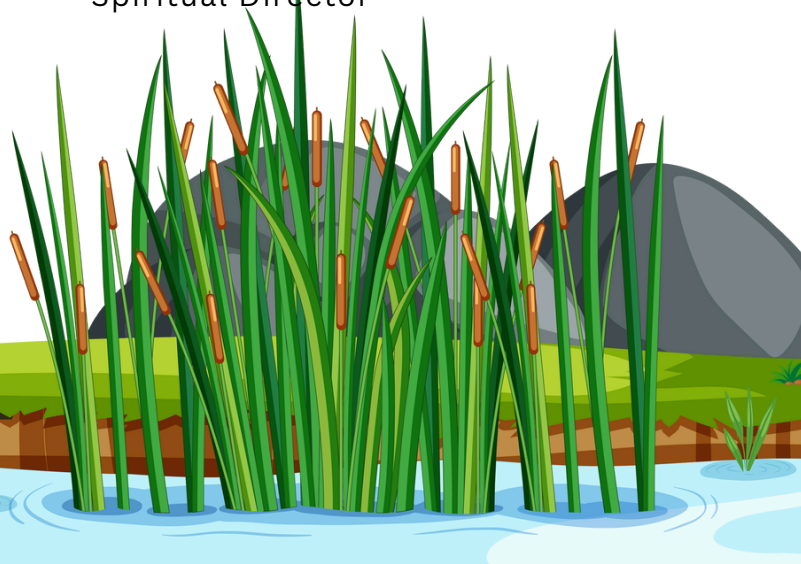
Just as the world warns us about the effects of heat on our bodies, Jesus offers guidance for your spiritual well-being so you won't face the fiery fire of hell.

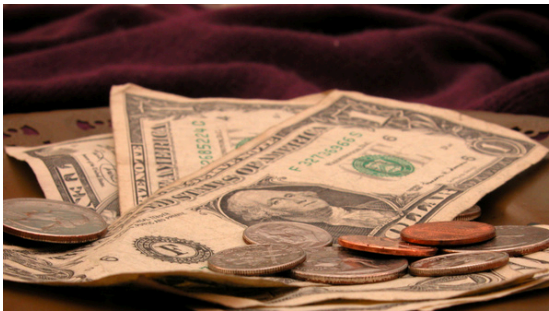
No one would want anyone to experience the burning fire of hell, and as Christ's disciples, it is our duty to tell them about a suffering Savior who offers salvation to all.

A life in Christ is like cool water that drenches the soul, offering salvation to everyone.

De Colores,

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director





We need you at Gathering!

*Communion servers, offering
collection , Fourth day speakers
and Community prayer folks are
needed for Gatherings!*

Contact

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Try it on the website!

www.daytonemmaus.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER GATHERING

**SEPTEMBER 8, 7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC**

"RECLAIM OUR MISSION"

RETREAT/WORKSHOP

**SEPTEMBER 26 & 27
(FRIDAY EVENING IS OPTIONAL)**

**CALL FOR MORE
INFORMATION!**

OCTOBER GATHERING

**OCTOBER 13, 7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC**

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THEN we ask what "growing edges" our communities have. The idea is to come up with a consensus of three items the community wants to focus on in the next year and recruit volunteers to serve on Task Forces.

This gathering will also empower people for future service on Emmaus Boards and help to create the Committee structure where many share the burdens rather than just a few.

ENJOY Music, worship, guest speakers and much more!

COST: \$69 per person PLUS LODGING

\$79 for a single room

\$100 (\$50 each person) for a double room

or come for the evening and return in the morning.



Use the QR to register or visit
www.daytonemmaus/reclaim-our-mission

Questions? Call Brenda Baker @ 937-216-2592 or Brenda1smith@aol.com

Schedule

Arrive Friday 5-6 pm, dinner at 6pm,
program follows dinner
Saturday starts with breakfast at 8 am,
program ends mid-afternoon.