

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



APRIL 2023

Join us at the April Gathering!
April 10 at 7:15 at
Normandy United Methodist Church

He is not here.
For He has risen!

Luke 24:6



The Holiest of Weeks

Holy Week. Including the bookend Sundays, these are the most sacred eight days of the year for Christians.

Also called Passion Week, it is Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem. It has great highs, devastating lows, then a history-changing climax. We find here the crux of the Christian faith between the two Sundays. In fact, a little over one third of the content in the Gospels is dedicated to recording the events of this week. And as we examine the details, we see how the week began with "Hosannas" and ended with "Crucify Him."

Here is one incredible fact: Jesus knew exactly what He was doing. He knew this trip to Jerusalem would lead to the end of His life by way of crucifixion, yet with steady determination, He turned neither left nor right from God's will and design.

Paul wrote that Christ "...gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross." (Philippians 2:7-8, NLT)



May I pose the question? Could you have done that? Could you have knowingly faced an excruciating and humiliating death? I would venture to guess no. I know I wouldn't. It would be too much to contemplate, too much to bear. Even considering His sacrifice brings tears to my eyes. Maybe then we can understand more fully the agony of Gethsemane.

I recently became aware of a hymn-like song written by Stuart Townend. Let me share the first verse. Take it with you as you make your way through this Holy Week.

*How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure.
That He should give His only Son,
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.*

The cross—in all its horror—brings us to glory. The whipped, thorn of crowns laden Son of God, dying a criminal's death, produces a righteousness within us. His death gave us life!

Gary Wheeler
Spiritual Director



From the NEW Community Lay Director

Hello Greater Dayton Emmaus Community!

My Name is Jeff Adams and I am honored to be your new Community Lay Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community. I am looking forward to working with you all and the board of directors to have another great year.

I attended the Greater Dayton Emmaus Men's Walk Number 46 and sat at the Table of Matthew. I have been a part of this community since 2008, so I took my pilgrim walk almost 15 years ago. It is hard to believe it has been that long.

I have served on many live-in teams over the years and it is awesome to see how God changes the lives of the pilgrims on each walk weekend.

I would like to encourage those pilgrims that were on Men's and Women's walks in January and February along with those that were on Men's and Women's walks last summer to fill out a Willing Servant Form. We love to see many of you come back and serve on a Men's or Women's live-in team to see how things work and give back to new pilgrims.

I would like you to work with your sponsor to serve in the kitchen or even sponsor a friend or family member to be a pilgrim for this summer's walks in June for the Men, and July for the women --both at Sulphur Grove UMC in Huber Heights, Ohio.

Please pray about serving on a team. If you have not served on a team in some time, please fill out a Willing Servant Form or reach out to me and we will get your information to our computer chair and to our Lay Directors so they can call you for the men's or women's live-in teams. I would like you to pray for our community, our Board of Directors, our Lay Directors for Men's and Women's walk this summer and for the live-in teams that are being formed.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Greater Dayton Emmaus Gathering April 10th 7:15 PM at Normandy UMC.

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Jeff Adams
Community Lay Director



Welcome New
Board Members!

Mike Baughman - Kitchen Chair

Tanya McDougle - Secretary

Ed Kruse - Treasurer

Kathy Kitchel - Documentation Chair

Myra Wheeler - Women's Registrar



GATHERING DATES

April 10 @ 7:15 p.m.
Normandy UMC
Centerville, OH

May 8 @ 7:15 p.m.
Normandy UMC
Centerville, OH

Contact us. Volunteer. Learn more.



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We are on  Greater Dayton Emmaus

**SUMMER WALKS at Sulphur Grove UMC
are coming up soon!**

Men's Walk #70, June 22-25, 2023

Men's Registrar:

Steve Holmes, phone 937-681-1986, or email mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Women's Walk #110, July 20-23, 2023

Women's Registrar:

Myra Wheeler, phone 937-204-5368, or email womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org