

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

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WELCOME PILGRIMS

Women's Walk #110

I will instruct you
and *teach you*
in the way you
should go: I will counsel you with my
loving eye on you.

Psalm 32:8

“What It’s Like to Be on a Women’s Walk” ... by a man

I can't tell you how many Emmaus Walks I have been on, either live-in or walk-in. It is a joy to see how the Lord works not only in the pilgrims' lives, but to watch the growth of those who start out on Team as an anxious Assistant Table Leader and move all the way through the process to become a Lay Director.

The purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to "develop Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities."

I see that lived out in our community.

As a clergy person, I have a few opportunities not available to lay persons, including being a man who serves on a Women's Walk.

That's right, I'm in amongst `em, fellas. In doing so, I have discovered some unique aspects of Women's Walks that are different from a Men's Walk. Allow me to share a few with you:

The women sing an extra song before each Talk. It's not enough to do "Sing Alleluia;" they've got to add another one: "Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome." Why? I don't know. Maybe it's because they couldn't make a decision, like moving furniture or picking out an outfit or ordering at a restaurant. Or maybe the Women's Music Team is paid double. Extra luxurious accommodations? Who knows?

There are different items on the Hospitality Table. You know, the one that has an extra toothbrush and stuff. Coming from a family of all boys, it is shocking and makes me nervous to pass it.

There's a lot of crying, more than the guys. Both pilgrims and team. Now, some have reported the men use more tissues than the women.

If that is the observation, then I would suggest that the guys are dealing with more allergens. Bigger noses. That has to be the reason. Like baseball, there's no crying on a Men's Walk.

On Men's Walks, we do more burping, scratching, and other things. That's just a given! I've yet to hear a big ol' belch ripped on a Women's Walk, but you never know what God will do.

This might be my bias, but I like the names for the Men's Tables better than for the Women. They are just more fun. "Luuuuuuke." "Peter." You can't make silly sounds with "Lydia" or "Sarah" or "Dorcus."

Although, did you have a picture in your high school yearbook of an unnaturally ugly girl named Dorcus? I did. I heard she was in a bunch of others. Just curious.

There are more Jammie Pants on Women's Walks. That's okay for Walmart... I guess.

And the food! I bet the guys put away more than the gals. Of course, the ladies make up for it in chocolate consumption.

What's the good thing about being on a Women's Team? I get my own bedroom and bathroom! There isn't someone snoring like a freight train or hogging the potty. Pretty important stuff, I think you would agree.

In all seriousness, I am privileged to see the hand of the Lord work through His boys and girls, sometimes in different ways.

Thankfully, we believe as Paul said in Galatians 3:28, "In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ." (The Message)

God has created us uniquely for the situations He has placed us. Thank God I get to see that up close and personal.

*Gary Wheeler
Spiritual Director
Greater Dayton Women's Walk #110*

HELLO GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS COMMUNITY!

I would like to thank everyone who helped with our Men's and Women's walks this summer in June and July at Sulphur Grove.

Without the sponsors and the volunteers who bring pilgrims, help in the kitchen, and show up for the special services through out the weekend, the walks could not have been such successes.

We, as the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board, also thank those of you who served on the live-in teams, taking time away from families and jobs to attend several weeks of training to be part of the weekend.

Additionally, the board thanks Sulphur Grove Church staff, Trustees, and our church rep. for keeping us informed on the building issues and getting the problems fixed before the Women's Walk. Korrekt Plumbing deserves kudos for working hard to get the job done.

I am also thankful for the Huber Heights YMCA for allowing our teams and pilgrims to use the shower facilities during our walk weekends.

On another note, I want to encourage the pilgrims from the men's and women's walks to fill out the willing servant forms that were in your Sunday packet. I would encourage you check all the boxes of positions for which you might consider serving. You can always say yes or no when you are called by a future lay director for an upcoming walk.

We'd like to see some new faces serve on live-in teams on our future walk weekends.

THANK YOU!

Finally, I would like to introduce to you, two new board members.

Stephen Cultice will be our new Good Shepard Chairperson. He will assist new pilgrims or other folks in the community to find a Share Group.

Debbie Hayes has agreed to take over Supply Chair from Cindy Cultice because of Cindy's increased job commitments. The Supply Chair orders the food, paper products, Purple Books and other necessary items.

Please welcome them when you see them at the next Emmaus Gathering on August 14th at 7:15pm in the sanctuary at Sulphur Grove Church, Huber Heights.

God Bless,
Jeff Adams
Community Lay Director
Men's Walk #46, Table of Matthew



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Greater Dayton Emmaus

Watch for sales on air mattresses!!!!

We are asking pilgrims and/or sponsors to provide the bed for the pilgrim in the future. This can be an air mattress or cot.

We are phasing out using the mats that we have been providing to pilgrims. This is due to their condition, storage issues and labor needed to move them.

Many of our pilgrims are older or have mobility issues and cannot get up and down off the floor easily or at all. Now's the time of year to look for bargains!



AGAPE

A big thank you to the community for all the agape the pilgrims received on the men's and women's walks.

Now is the time to start making agape for the January men's walk and February women's walk.

If you need ideas, look on the internet and Etsy has some ideas.

De Colores,
Linda Haller



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There's lots of good stuff on the website! Learn how to be a better sponsor, fill out willing servant forms, learn why Emmaus exists and much much more.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST GATHERING:

AUGUST 14 @7:15 PM
SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

**GATHERINGS MOVE BACK TO
NORMANDY UMC IN SEPTEMBER!!**

SEPTEMBER GATHERING:

SEPTEMBER 11 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

JUST ANNOUNCED!

MEN'S WALK #71

JANUARY 18-21
NORMANDY UMC,
CENTERVILLE, OH

WOMEN'S WALK #111

FEBRUARY 15-18
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH