

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



AUGUST 2022



WELCOME WOMEN'S WALK #108 PILGRIMS!

SO THEN YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND ALIENS, BUT YOU ARE FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CORNERSTONE, IN WHOM THE WHOLE STRUCTURE, BEING JOINED TOGETHER, GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD. IN HIM YOU ALSO ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER INTO A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD BY THE SPIRIT.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22 ESV



From the Community Lay Director

Greetings Friends! Thank you community!

Thank you former pilgrims, thank you sponsors, thank you teams, thank you special musicians, thank you Board, thank you volunteers, thank you Sulphur Grove UMC pastors, staff, congregation and key workers!

Each of you are a blessing and I pray each of you were blessed with your involvement in the Men's and/or Women's Walks to Emmaus in June and July at Sulphur Grove UMC!

Thank you for responding with willing hands and feet by showing God's love, grace, and mercy to 44 new members of the community who completed the Walk to Emmaus this summer. All of you made it a very special weekend for these men and women by being present and sharing part of your life with them. Each of you made a difference in these men's and women's lives!

This is what sharing Jesus' love to each of us looks like! The love shown on each walk exemplifies Jesus' call for each of us to demonstrate to those He places in our path each day, as Jesus said in John 13:35, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Now, the vitally important steps that need to be taken after the Walk is for sponsors and friends to help our new members of the Emmaus Community:

- a. Answer the call of their local church for refreshed involvement in their local church's ministries.
- b. Find or start a Share Group where they can continue to develop their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In a group they can support other members and receive support as each shares their "closest to Christ moments", their calls to discipleship, and where they struggle and sometimes stumble in daily life to be Christ to others.

Our Community Good Shepherd, Che McGown, can help you find or start a Share Group: phone 216-857-8109 or email goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org

- c. Become involved in monthly Gatherings to worship and meet men or women from their own Walk and many others. Gatherings are the 2nd Monday of every month at Sulphur Grove UMC in summer and at Normandy UMC, September through May.

d. Stay in touch with happenings and future Walks occurring in the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community by subscribing to and reading this newsletter every month. Newsletters are archived at <http://daytonemmaus.org>

The Community Vision and Strategy and a lot of other information is found on the web page as well.

e. If you are interested in helping with future walks, Gatherings, and other Emmaus activities, including being a part of a future team, complete a Willing Servant Form found at Willing Servant Form (daytonemmaus.org)

f. Consider sponsoring a pilgrim for our next walks at Normandy UMC, 450 W Alex Bell Rd, Centerville, OH 45459:

Men's Walk #69, January 19-22, 2023

Women's Walk #109, February 16-19, 2023

To sponsor a pilgrim, please contact our Men's or Women's Registrars, see "[How to Be a Great Sponsor](#)" on the website, and consider attending Sponsor's Hour before Gathering at 6:30 pm in Jacoby Study (near the Small Chapel) at Sulphur Grove on August 8. Pilgrim Registration forms are also on the website.

Thank you for your willingness to serve and to help, and for answering the call of the Holy Spirit. God bless you as you seek every day to be more like Jesus.

DeColores,
Kirk Lehneis
Men's Walk #14, Table of Peter
Community Lay Director, Greater Dayton Emmaus

Embodied Wisdom

From the Past Chair

Life becomes a sacred classroom as we watch and listen with the eyes and ears of Christ. I believe God wishes for us to embody his teachings, and he will use everything to teach us. We, as Emmaus members, have a unique opportunity to watch what God puts on our horizon, and to work towards it together. God not only reveals a trajectory for the ministry, but also presents each of us an individualized plan for maturing in Him.

If the challenges we face are in equal measure to our rate of growth, I believe we are about to explode! God wants us to heal each day just like we did on our weekend...and we know the trust it took. I imagine God being excited to see what we've learned by showing it through our actions, words and deeds.

Can we be humble? Can we nurture the sweet spirit in our hearts and build this ministry strong? Can we see with open hearts the fresh perspective He's birthed in us? Are we brave enough to evaluate ourselves and continue to align with His will?

Let us stand in the wisdom of yesterday and allow Him to mold us into a new creation. Do you feel Him prompting you to step forward and serve? He wants us to do the thing that scares us most and it is the passion we have for Him that sustains in us in our vulnerability. When you step out as a willing servant you open the door where God can use everyone and everything to catalyze the change that will bring you closer to Him.

Staying strong enough in our individual walks enable us to withstand the fires of the enemy...united as One in Christ.

Have you thought about serving on a committee? Do you feel the passion to serve, but are unaware of your gifts? Have you been in Emmaus for a while and wonder how to implement all the ideas you have? I'll tell ya what...if you step forward, your gifts will surely begin to present themselves!

Seven years ago I would never have dreamt I would be in this position. All I knew is I had a burning in my heart to serve and had to be obedient. I can't wait to see what God has in store for *you* as you step into service.

We will have elections for board positions in November and will post specifics in the upcoming months. If you've ever been curious about serving on the board of directors, start asking questions now.

We have the next few months to reorganize, invite pilgrims and paint all the colors on our palette the future of the Greater Dayton Emmaus ministry. Let's go!

DeColores!

Michele Cremeans
Past Chair
WW95, Table of Rebekah

AGAPE NEWS

Greetings to all of the new Emmaus Community members from Men's Walk #68 and Women's Walk #108!

It has been a pleasure for me to serve as the Agape Chair for our community. If you wondered how those beautiful agape gifts and letters got to your table, bed or Sunday packet, you have to thank this wonderful community and your sponsors. Without them, the gifts of agape would not be possible.

Now you have a chance to pay it forward. The next walks are not until January and February of 2023. Soooo... you now have several months to work on agape gifts with your new share groups. I am sure you can come up with many creative ways to show the pilgrims how much God loves them. Remember this is part of the way share groups show others God's love!

I want to thank the community for stepping up with gifts of agape and letters for each pilgrim. We had so many letters that some had to be saved for the ride home!

What a blessing!! I want to remind all sponsors for our future walks that letters are limited to 15 per pilgrim. The reason for doing this is two-fold. First the pilgrims only have a very short time on Sunday to read their letters. So our guidelines state that 15 is about the right number of letters that can be read. The second reason is that we want all of the pilgrims to have the same number of letters so that no one feels left out. I know our sponsors will graciously follow these guidelines.

I will have all of the leftover agape at the next gathering. If you or your share group made agape, you might want to check to see if there were extras. You may be able to keep the extras and add to them for the January and February walks.

De Colores!
Linda Haller, Agape Chair

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on Your
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<https://greater-dayton-walk-to-emmaus.creator-spring.com>**

IMPORTANT DATES

**AUGUST GATHERING:
AUGUST 8 @7:15 PM
SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH**

**DAY FOUR RESTORE
AUGUST 20, 11:00 AM – 5:30 PM
WWW.UPPERROOM.ORG/DAYFOURRESTORE**

**SEPTEMBER GATHERING
SEPTEMBER 12, 7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH**



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Serve on a Live-In Team!

Remember your pilgrim walk? You were surrounded by your table leaders, music directors, assistant lay directors, prayer servants, Logs, and spiritual director.

These folks prepared weeks in advance to be part of your weekend. If you have a desire or interest in serving on a live-in team, I would like to encourage you to fill out a new Willing Servant Form so we may update our Greater Dayton Emmaus data base with the most recent addresses, emails, phone numbers, and positions you want to do on a live in team.

We would also like to update our list for those who wish to serve behind the scenes with food, housing, agape, worship, documentation, supplies, and share group assistance.

The Greater Dayton Emmaus Walks would not happen without the help of the Dayton Emmaus community. Please consider signing up at the next Gathering at Sulphur Grove UMC.

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Jeff Adams
Vice Chairman/TSC
Men's Walk #46 Table of Matthew



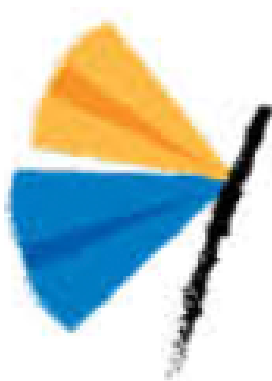
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Day Four Restore!

Day Four Restore is a new one-day retreat designed to refresh the spirit and renew the commitment of those who have attended an Emmaus Ministries event or that of another Fourth Day ministry. Day Four Restore will be held online and hosted by The Upper Room Emmaus Ministries office on August 20, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (CDT). There will be a \$40 fee to participate.

Day Four Restore is designed to be held annually and its thematic content to be cycled in a three-year rotation. This one-day retreat supports the spiritual growth of church leaders and empowers those leaders to expand their ministries beyond the Fourth Day community.

<https://www.upperroom.org/dayfourrestore>



Emmaus Online Training

The training is open to any community member and is helpful to learn about Emmaus Ministries, especially Sponsorship and Fourth Day.

Emmaus training is available at:
<https://emmausministriesuniversity.upperroom.org/p/community-training/>