



**Greater Dayton Community**  
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## December Newsletter

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### 2020 WALK SCHEDULE

#### At Normandy UMC

Men's Walk #67

January 16-19, 2020

Women's Walk #107

February 20-23, 2020

#### At Sulphur Grove UMC

Men's Walk #68

June 11-14, 2020

Women's Walk #108

July 16-19, 2020

### NEXT GATHERING

Monday, December 9

7:15pm at Normandy UMC

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### BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 10

7pm at Normandy UMC

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## Chairman's Corner

In 1963, the song, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" was released. It served as a reminder to a nation in mourning following the November assassination of President John F. Kennedy. December was time for celebration. A time to move on and to look forward to better days ahead. The lyrics speak to bells jingling, children singing, cheerful people, and friends coming to call. It is supposedly "the happiest season of all." "Parties for hosting, marshmallows for toasting, caroling out in the snow, and hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near" are good reminders of how people celebrate the holiday season. Something is missing. No mention of Christmas, the birth of our Savior. This omission is not surprising. Songs need to be marketable to be successful. Materialism has won out in many households. Some families only care about the gifts under the tree. (Three gifts were enough for the King of Kings.)

The birth of Jesus Christ is the greatest gift the world has received. Nothing can compare to the sacrifice He made to come to earth to die on the cross to save all mankind from sin. This December give the gift of knowing Jesus a bit better by sponsoring a family member, a friend, a colleague or co-worker for MW #67, January 16-19, 2020 or WW #107, February 20-23, 2020. In the words of Tiny Tim, "God Bless us, every one!" Merry Christmas!

Hugs to you and yours,

Pam DeHart, Community Lay Director





# December 9th Gathering

## COME ONE! COME ALL!!

### Come one! Come all!

The Emmaus Gathering is a time for friends to come together and enjoy praise and worship for our Lord. There are many different ways you can serve the Lord at the Gatherings. We need communion and offering servers, musicians to lead Gatherings, and special music servants. In addition to these positions, there are opportunities for you share your Fourth Day testimony or offer the community prayer. It's easy! Just go to the Greater Dayton Emmaus website and click on the tab that says Monthly Gatherings ([Learn more](#)). At the bottom of the page you will find a tab that says - SIGN UP TO SERVE. It will take you directly to a our SignUpGenius webpage where you can pick and choose the activity you would like to help with. Worship will receive notice when you have signed up to serve. Blessings to all.

**Monday, December 9, 2019**  
**at Normandy UMC**

**Share Group Reunion**  
@6:15pm in Chapel

**Sponsor Training**  
@ 6:30pm in Loggia

**The Gathering**  
@7:15pm in Sanctuary

**Sign up to serve**  
**for the December Gathering!**

**Visit SignUp Genius.**

**Click [HERE](#).**

# Walk Information

## Men's Walk #67 • January 16 - 19, 2020

## Women's Walk #107 • February 20 - 23, 2020

The deadline for pilgrim applications for Men's Walk #67 is December 26, 2019.

Questions? Men's Registrar: Dennis Leach  
[mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

The deadline for pilgrim applications for Women's Walk #107 is January 30, 2020.

Questions? Women's Registrar: Lisa Keller  
[womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

Download application form: Click [HERE](#)

- Please bake and pray over **BROWNIES** for the Men's Walk send-off on Thursday, January 16. You may either bring brownies to the church kitchen Thursday morning while the kitchen team is preparing, or immediately before the send-off begins—between 5pm and 7pm.



### Men's Walk #68

June 11-14, 2020 at Sulphur Grove UMC

### Women's Walk #108

July 16-19, 2020 at Sulphur Grove UMC

## Serve on the Kitchen Team

Each Emmaus weekend offers many opportunities to serve. There are 111 willing servants needed to fill all the kitchen positions. No experience is necessary, on-the-job training provided: [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up online for a shift.

## Serve through Prayer

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for the prayer vigil for January Men's Walk #67.



## Serve on the Housing Team

With the Men's Walk coming up in January and then the Women's Walk in February, Greater Dayton Emmaus Housing can always use your help. You can assist with the Walk setup on Wednesday, carry the Pilgrim luggage on Thursday, or help to tear down on Sunday morning or Sunday afternoon. To sign up for a shift [CLICK HERE](#).

# What Shall I Give?

Many, many years ago in a different life, I lived and worked in the New York City metropolitan area. One of the odd things (among many) I remember from that experience was a record and electronics store in the city named Crazy Eddie. There was a guy named Eddie and he was crazy. Crazy Eddie blitzed the television stations with crazy and goofy commercials announcing new sales almost every week. Crazy Eddie's biggest annual sales extravaganza was his "Christmas in July" event. Eddie would be dressed up in a Santa costume, jump around, and shout, "It's Christmas! Come and get it!" Christmas in July? Really? I thought, "only in New York..."

Every year it seems retailers are shouting, "It's Christmas, come and get it!" earlier and earlier. This year I saw "Black Friday" sales ads before Halloween. I guess Crazy Eddy was a prophet ahead of his time. Yes, it seems that the day we honor the birth of our Savior and the Redeemer of our sin-sick, sorrow-worn world as the years pass becomes more and more commercialized. How many more years will it be until we see the ads in July?

Of course, we know that Christmas is all about giving and not getting: "God so loved the world that He gave... My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life, an abundant life in all its fullness."

There is a saying around our church, "We sing what we believe and believe what we sing." One of my spiritual disciplines during the high seasons of the church year is to pray the great hymns. This week I'm spending time with, "In the Bleak Midwinter":

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, in bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign. In bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Angels and arch-angels, may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshipped the beloved with a kiss.*

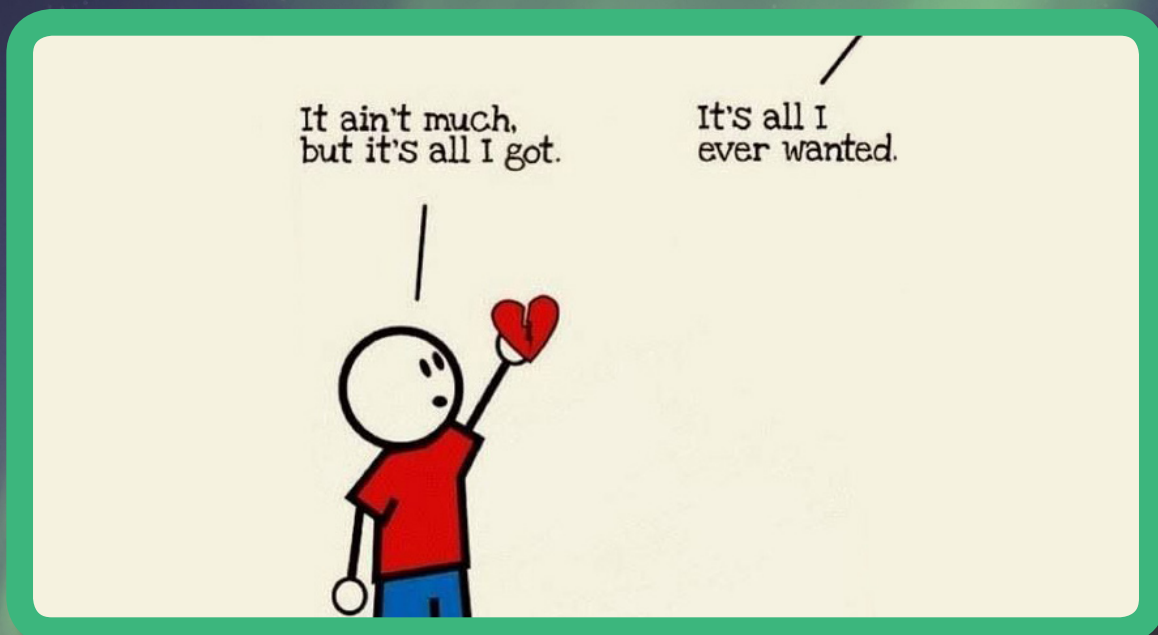
*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part, yet what can I give him: give my heart.*

What can I give him this Christmas? What can you give Jesus this Christmas? What can we, the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community, give him this Christmas?

Let us give him our hearts! Merry Christmas!

DeColores!

Pastor George Brewer



## EMMAUS BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to our newly elected 2020 Greater Dayton Emmaus board members.

| POSITION      | Board Member     |
|---------------|------------------|
| Men's Worship | Jonathan Taulbee |
| Secretary     | Kirk Lehneis     |
| Agape         | Linda Haller     |
| Documentation | Karen Heydinger  |

## BOARD VACANCIES

Additionally, the board currently has three open positions which may be filled by appointment. If you feel God's call to serve and are interested in learning more, please contact Community Lay Director Pam DeHart at (937) 608-6468 or [chairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:chairman@daytonemmaus.org).

- **NORMANDY REPRESENTATIVE**
- **MEN'S REGISTRAR**
- **GOOD SHEPHERD**



[www.westohiochrysalis.com](http://www.westohiochrysalis.com)

West Ohio Girls Chrysalis #69 - Jan 18-20, 2020  
West Ohio Boys Chrysalis #69 - Feb 15-17, 2020



[www.kairosOhio.org](http://www.kairosOhio.org)

Dayton Correctional Institution (DCI) #60  
March 12-15, 2020 Pat Crotty, Leader

## Bringing the Father forth

*Michele & Jon Cremeans, Pam DeHart, Chris Wissinger and Gregg Hayes visited Stillwater Church on Saturday, November 9, 2019. They spoke at the "Men of God" breakfast about why men would benefit from an Emmaus walk. Multiple guests gave testimony and it was productive and wonderful.*

Our soul desires unity with our One true Love, Christ himself. The best people take our hand and place us in unity with Him — the center of all rightness. We rely on each other to supplement our own path with Christ.

When I arrived, I was pleasantly surprised to see they had "Men of God" on their shirts. When I had been preparing the words to share, I dubbed them Men of God without knowing that's what they call themselves. I'm not surprised because That's How God Works. I was delineating between a "man" and "the man that has committed himself fully to Christ."

There's a stature of a Man of God that sets him apart from other men. Let me say first, it's the actions, words, and deeds that make him a Man of God not merely dubbing oneself. He is a man who displays both conviction & righteousness and compassion & love and uses them appropriately. Regardless of our "spiritual mile marker" no one will ever be perfect like Jesus; however it's the consistent commitment a person makes every day that proves their worth (in God's eyes) to

carry the title.

Looking back at men I've encountered in my life, I can see a distinct difference between a man vs a Man of God. A man who steps up to protect and provide. A man who stands as a sentinel, stays up, sticks it out, and carries us through; a man who can be relied upon. We burn our tall flames against their rock every day and still they stand strong.

When I walked in and they were wearing "Men of God" shirts I knew I was in good company. Here was a room of men saying "hold me accountable to my mission" as a Man of God. They are Christians who want me to know the power of God through them. Teachers of Jesus' ways saying, "This way child, let's go find Jesus together."

These Men of God trust God as Moses did. And they abide in Him as they present themselves to the world. Praise Jesus!

DeColores, All people of God!  
Michele Cremeans  
Good Shepherd/Outreach