

# **GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS**

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**FEBRUARY 2023**

## **WOMEN'S WALK # 109 FEBRUARY 16-19, 2023**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:  
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*We love because  
he first loved us.*

**1 JOHN 4:19**

# The Gospel in one word: LOVE



*One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

*Matthew 22:37-40*

*Do you remember the words to that melodious song that is sung during the winding journey through the aisle at Candlelight service? "Love, love, love, love, the Gospel in one word is love. Love your neighbor as your sister/brother, love, love, love." I'll bet you had to sing that in your head as you read it. Perhaps you even smiled as you recalled a familiar face you saw behind the warm glow of a candlelight that Saturday evening of your journey on the Walk to Emmaus. It's hard to find the words that adequately describe all the emotions that can well up over the weekend. We laugh, we cry, we sing, we pray. The second versus goes on to say, "Jesus, Jesus, can I tell you how I feel? You have given me your Spirit, I love you so." For some this victory of moving from a head knowledge of "Jesus loves me," to a heart knowledge of "Jesus loves me" is one of the greatest gifts of the weekend.*

*Thanks to the selfless acts of the Emmaus community serving us in real and tangible ways, we are moved closer and closer to the realization that God loves us. From sponsoring us and carrying our luggage, to cleaning the bathrooms, cooking our meals, providing special music, writing us letters, praying for us for 72 hours, and showing up at special times throughout the weekend, we eventually get the message. If each job were done by one individual it would take hundreds of people to pull off a Walk to Emmaus weekend. I know you want to do your part to show God's love to his pilgrims.*

*The third verse of the song, has just one word. But it's the one word that is the highest form of praise. It's the one word that is translated the same in multiple languages around the world. It's the one word that we should all sing now as we prepare to serve and thank God for what he will do at our Women's Walk later this month.*

*Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah*

DeColores,

Palmer Jason  
Spiritual Director



# From the Community Lay Director

## **Greetings Friends!**

Wow!!! What a powerful Men's Walk # 69 in January!!! Thank you, Emmaus Community, for sponsoring so many pilgrims and for coming out to support the pilgrims in so many ways including preparing and serving meals, carrying luggage, writing and creating lots of agape, attending special services to show the pilgrims God's love through your presence and actions, coming early Sunday morning and afternoon to restore Normandy for morning church services, and on and on.

With February our thoughts often turn to matters of love. But "we love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) "...God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 5:38-39) These are such comforting words to us that our Creator God loves each of us so much that we cannot truly comprehend His unfailing, never-ending, all-encompassing, complete and total unmerited love for each of us.

Recall your original Walk to Emmaus -- do you remember all the different ways you felt and experienced love, peace, comfort, assurance, grace, and agape that weekend? God loves YOU! God loves each of us! God wants each of us to know "...God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them." (1 John 4:16)

*Does everyone you know, know that? Do the leaders in your Church all know that? Do they know God's love just in their head? Have they experienced and felt God's love through the Body of Christ in their heart and in multiple, real ways? What could be more important than to know God in a real, personal way through a personal one-on-one relationship that He loves you unconditionally, has a plan for you (Jeremiah 29:11) "...to give you hope and a future", that you are "...God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph 2:10)*

*Wow! God is the Greatest Of All Time Encouragers! And He needs YOU to be involved in His continued work and love in our world!*

*One way He needs your personal involvement is with His Walk to Emmaus Ministry here in the Greater Dayton area to reignite the Body of Christ, His Church, in love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for His people -- you, your family, your friends, your co-workers, your neighbors, everyone. It is only a couple more weeks until Women's Walk # 109 starts on February 16 at Normandy UMC, and we need your help please.*

*Please respond to the Holy Spirit in the ways He is urging you. We have made it easy to sign up and to come help support these pilgrims and team with preparing and writing agape, carrying pilgrim luggage, preparing and serving meals, attending special weekend services, praying, praying, and reflecting Christ's love onto these pilgrims and team to reignite their passion for what Jesus Christ has already done for us.*

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Sign up through links on page 5 of this Newsletter or on the website to help with Housing for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, with Kitchen to help prepare and serve meals for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sponsors, after bringing your pilgrims on Thursday, come back and bring your share groups and Emmaus friends to the special services during the Walk weekend so the pilgrims can experience God's love in a new way. Let's make it standing room only again! And let there be abundant help and support as we share Christ's love in real, tangible ways throughout the Walk weekend.

So, friends we need your help in two ways!

a. First, we need your help by signing-up through the "Sign-Up Genius" links in our Newsletter or the website to support the Walk in Housing and Kitchen areas.

c. Second, we also need your help in expanding the number of Share Groups in the Greater Dayton area now and after the Walk so new pilgrims will have a better opportunity to find a Share Group near where they live. If you are looking for a Share Group, you can contact our Good Shepherd, Che McGowan, at 216-857-8109 or email [goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org).

To see just some of the benefits to you and your church from being in a Share Group, go to Vision and Strategy | Greater Dayton Emmaus and click on "Why Join a Share Group".



Thank you for your willingness to support the next Emmaus Walk, to sponsor a pilgrim or two, and to continue to develop your faith journey by being involved in a Share Group. May the Lord continue to bless you and your family as you seek a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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

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

**Learn from the website:**

Click "**EXPLORE EMMAUS**" on the top navigation, then "**Vision and Strategy**" to learn about Emmaus Church Talking Points, Why Join a Share Group, and Recruiting Pilgrims.

Learn how to be a better sponsor by clicking "**SERVE CHRIST**" on top navigation and then "**How to be a great sponsor!**"

**Greater Dayton Emmaus**

# Sign up here to volunteer!



## **KITCHEN:**

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## **GATHERING:**

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## **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Greater Dayton Emmaus Community**

*God's children, but He has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He really is. (1 John 3:2)*

*I lift up everyone suffering from chronic pain, anxiety and depression. May the Lord comfort and heal you, and grant you His peace, love, hope and unspeakable joy, full of His glory. We need to work to get through COVID, be safe, and to jump back into our share group and attend the monthly Gatherings. It would be fantastic to see a packed Church monthly for worship and praise.*

*Serving on a team for a Walk is truly an honor. It is such a joyous time and a blessing to watch pilgrims grow, and experience God's grace and love like never before. Putting yourself aside and being the hands and feet of Christ. The table is set; come commune and worship our great God and Lord and savior Jesus Christ!*

*There is nothing like serving with your time, talents, gifts and treasures can become our agape to give back to our Emmaus Community. Our dying moments and candlelight experiences on the Walk should carry over into our daily fourth days, in the sense of displaying our gratitude to what Christ has done for each of us.*



*We all need to participate and enjoy God's blessings as Christ followers marching and reaching others for His Kingdom, building with awesome love, grace, and mercy.*

*Sponsor a brother or a sister, your besties today, for the upcoming Walks to Emmaus. It's time to get back into the swing of things, hop to it -- F. R. O. G. -- Fully Rely on God! The pilgrims see you serving throughout the weekend, making them feel special and loved. Watching the Lord change and transform people's lives is so awesome to see God's work. Jesus will use and bless you, for your dedication and commitments, serving as willing servants. God is so good, and God is good all the time! Happy times ahead! Be someone's agape today, being the hands and feet of Christ because Christ is counting on YOU!*

*I love all my brothers and sisters in Christ!  
DeColores!*

*Dave Brooks  
GDE MW #41  
Table of Mark*

**ATTENTION SPONSORS**  
**The Walk EMERGENCY**  
phone number has changed!  
**It's now 937-797-5688.**



## **CANDLELIGHT**

8:30 pm

Saturday of the walk

## **CLOSING**

4:30 pm

Sunday of the walk

# **Agape**

Don't forget about agape for the upcoming women's walk.

Remember your name does not go on the agape gift. However, you can put the name of the church where your group is from on the agape. Our gifts are to be given in love not for recognition.

Letter agape is to be completed and brought by candlelight on Saturday night so they can be put into packets if needed. If the pilgrims have all 15 letters before candlelight, the sponsor will be asked to save the extra letters to give to their pilgrim as 4th day gifts on the ride home.

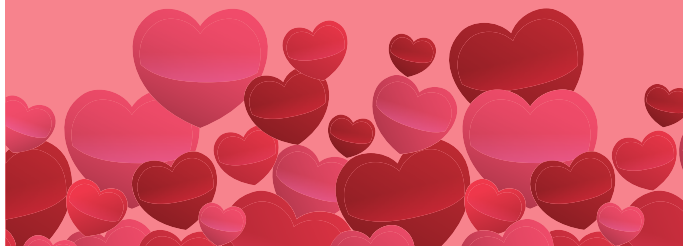
## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**FEBRUARY GATHERING:**  
FEBRUARY 13 @7:15 PM  
NORMANDY UMC  
DAYTON, OH

**WOMEN'S WALK #109**  
FEBRUARY 16-19  
NORMANDY UMC  
DAYTON, OH

**MARCH GATHERING:**  
MARCH 13 @7:15 PM  
NORMANDY UMC  
DAYTON, OH

**APRIL GATHERING:**  
APRIL 10 @7:15PM  
NORMANDY UMC  
DAYTON, OH



# Women's Walk #109

## Team Roster

Team Member	Team Position
Barbara Courtice	Lay Director
Lori Ammon	Assistant Lay Director
Robyn Cooper	Assistant Lay Director
Pam Rafdal	Assistant Lay Director-2
Sandy Pappenfus	Spiritual Director
Leroy Chamblis	Assistant Spiritual Director
Michele Cremeans	Board Representative
Emily Adams	Music Director
Jessi Voline	Assistant Music Director
Shelly Crabtree	Prayer Servant
Martha Logan	Prayer Servant
Brittaney Breisch	Table Leader
Michelle Coolman	Table Leader
Amanda derSarkisian	Table Leader
Cindy Wagner	Table Leader
Rhonda Baer	Table Leader
Debra Slife	Table Leader
Tammy Reese	Assistant Table Leader
Rachel Puderbaugh	Assistant Table Leader
Brandy Clark	Assistant Table Leader
Kara Hitchens	Assistant Table Leader
April Zimmerman	Assistant Table Leader
Athena Johnson	Assistant Table Leader
Paula Reams	Logistics
Teresa Moore	Logistics-2
Kikeyia Young	Logistics
Allysia Miller	Logistics

## Pilgrim Roster

### Pilgrim - Home Town

Kim Bautz - <i>Beavercreek</i>
Kathy Bowen - <i>Dayton</i>
Sheryl Campbell - <i>Dayton</i>
Anne Carter - <i>Tip City</i>
Marsha DeWeese - <i>Beavercreek</i>
Teri Dwillis - <i>Brookville</i>
Becky Filson - <i>Xenia</i>
Cathy Hughes - <i>Dayton</i>
Carmel Johnson - <i>Dayton</i>
Ron'Nea Judkins - <i>Dayton</i>
Joy Kinsler - <i>Dayton</i>
Alana Leon - <i>Dayton</i>
Beth McDonald - <i>Dayton</i>
Rachael Menzies - <i>Beavercreek</i>
Carla Merritt - <i>Dayton</i>
Michelle Morgan - <i>Kettering</i>
Heather Oberle - <i>Dayton</i>
Renata Stephenson - <i>Kettering</i>
Dawn Rice - <i>Brookville</i>
Tricia Tankersley - <i>Dayton</i>
Brenda Tucker - <i>Miamisburg</i>
Paula Turner - <i>Kettering</i>
Jolene Westafer - <i>Xenia</i>
Christine Weter - <i>Fairborn</i>
Nancy Williams - <i>Fairborn</i>
Tiffany Wilson - <i>Hamilton</i>



Subject to change -  
check back often

## Get Ready for SUMMER WALKS at Sulphur Grove UMC

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

Men's Registrar:

Steve Holmes, phone 937-681-1986, or email [mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

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

Women's Registrar: email [womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)