

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



FEBRUARY 2024

Women's Walk #111

February 15-18!

Community volunteers are needed to set up and move pilgrims in, and to help serve meals. Sign up at Gathering or see **pages 3 & 4** for info.

See the WW111 pilgrim list on **page 6!**

Gathering

February 12, 7:15pm
Normandy UMC



SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Agape Love!

Every year, my church celebrates the Lenten season. This year's Lenten season begins on Valentine's Day, which was initially a Christian feast day, but has been represented as a day of romantic love, an eros kind of love.

With Lent beginning on February 14th, it is an opportunity to remember God's agape love. God showed love for us by giving us redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ.

We begin our service by placing ashes on the foreheads of those who attend with these words; "from dust, thou art, and to dust you shall return." The ashes are from the palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday and are placed in the sign of the cross as a reminder that Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Lent marks a solemn occasion, a time of denial, reflection, and meditation, although not a Biblical mandate but an excellent opportunity to connect or, in some cases, reconnect and build one's relationship with the Lord.

For forty days (which does not include Sundays; however, some continue their devotion forty-six days to include Sundays), devoted worshippers seek to build their relationship with God, honoring Him through fasting, prayer, and abstinence, ridding themselves of distractions and focusing more on God.

As we enter this season of denial and reflection, I'm reminded of one of the songs we often sing at our Emmaus gatherings: "The Gospel in One Word Is Love." What an excellent opportunity to show that love through sacrifice, demonstrating His love, and serving others. In this season, let us focus on His love, the agape kind of love that was then is now and forevermore.

Decolores!

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

Share Groups

If your share group is looking for new members please reach out to the Good Shepherd,

Stephen Cultice

937-823-9262 or scultice424@gmail.com



FROM THE COMMUNITY CHAIR



Dear Emmaus Community,

We need your help for the Women's Walk coming up February 15th through 18th at Normandy UMC.

We are asking sponsors to commit to doing at least one kitchen shift or more. We will have 30 Pilgrims and close to 30 team members for this women's walk. Your help is greatly needed and we are asking fellow community members to come help with Housing, Kitchen, and Agape.

Please ask pilgrims you have sponsored on recent weekends to come back and serve in the Kitchen with you.

Randy Barty, Housing Chair, needs your help with housing needs on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Early Sunday Morning and Sunday Evening before closing.** If we have many folks helping, it will make getting things done easier and quicker.

If you wish to serve, please contact **Kitchen Chair Mike Baughman** at **937-689-2433** and **email mbaughman100@aol.com** and **Housing Chair Randy Barty** at **937-602-7003** and **email rbarty@woh.rr.com.**

Call, email or text them if you wish to serve to tell them when you are available. OR sign up at the Greater Dayton Emmaus Gathering February 12th at 7:15pm at Normandy UMC.

If you remember when you took your Emmaus Walk, whether it was recently or 20 plus years ago, you had sponsors and many Emmaus Community members who came and showed support throughout the weekend.

It takes almost 100 volunteers to make a weekend a success. We strive to make the weekend as enjoyable as possible for Pilgrims because it is about them! We also need to ensure the live-in team can focus on the weekend and not have to help in other areas.

Invite those that have been on an Emmaus Weekend to come and serve with you. Please call folks you have not seen in sometime and let them know we have a walk coming up and need their help.

Having pilgrims see the volunteers helping throughout the weekend means a lot to them as well as seeing familiar faces. I remember when I took my Emmaus Walk almost 16 years ago, I saw folks from my church or other ministries that I was a part of and did not know had been on an Emmaus Walk.

It made me feel good when they showed up to help with Housing, Kitchen, and when they came to candlelight or closing.

Many of those folks I later served with on team or on the Emmaus Board of Directors and many became some of my closest friends. I know we all have things going on in our lives, but if we make time to just come and give support, it will go a long way for many folks on this Emmaus Weekend.

Your prayers for the weekend are needed as well!

God Bless

Jeff Adams

**Community Lay Director/Chairman of the Board
Men's Walk #46, Table of Matthew**



Kitchen Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve food and clean up after meals for WW111.

Be sure to sign up early and not just show up, so we are assured of a full, but not over-staffed shift.

Call, text or email Mike Baughman

Cell phone/Text: 937-689-2433

Email: mbaughman100@aol.com

Thursday, February 15

Weekend Prep 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Brownie dropoff. 5:00 p.m.

Send off Dinner 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 16

Breakfast 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dinner 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 17

Breakfast 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dinner 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social after candlelight to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 18

Breakfast 6:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Also needed: *Someone to do a load of towels and aprons each of the four days.*

SAVE ^{THE} DATE

FEBRUARY GATHERING:

**FEBRUARY 12 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH**

WOMEN'S WALK #111

**FEBRUARY 15-18
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH**

CANDLELIGHT

**FEBRUARY 17, 8:30 PM
CLOSING
FEBRUARY 18, 4:30 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH**

MARCH GATHERING:

**MARCH 11 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH**

EASTER

MARCH 31

APRIL GATHERING:

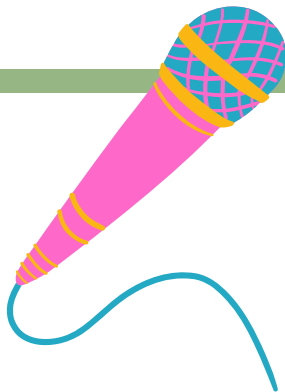
**APRIL 8 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH**



Don't forget agape for Women's Walk III! We have 30 pilgrims! See page 6.

A reminder that pilgrims only receive 15 pieces of agape in their Sunday packets (the others go home with them). Please write FA on agape from family and FR for friend so they are sure to get those in the packets.

SOUND BOARD HELP NEEDED



We need your help! we are looking for people who are interested in doing the Sound Board for our Gatherings at Normandy UMC.

NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!

Randy, Jason Hoang, and Jeff Null are each willing to train you and be part of the rotation to do sound each month.

Please contact them with questions if you have interest in learning to do the sound board.

Jason Hoang - 937-672-4988

Jeff Null - 937-430-2230

Randy Barty - 937-602-7003

Most of you already know the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community is trying to get rid of the foam sleeping pads. They are bulky, sometimes hard to handle and difficult to store.

The new train-of-thought is to have sponsors/pilgrims and team provide their own cot or air mattress.

If we have a sponsor, pilgrim or team member who cannot provide a cot or air mattress; we are compiling a list of community members who have them and would be willing to allow someone to use them during a walk weekend.

If you have cots and/or air mattresses you would be willing to share, please reach out to either of the registrars and share your contact information.

Your help is greatly appreciated. This is just one more way, we as a community, can demonstrate the extravagant and unending love of Christ!

If you would like to be added to this list as a community member to call if the need arises, please email both Steve Holmes and Myra Wheeler and we will add you to the list!

Steve Holmes - sbh0914@live.com

Myra Wheeler - chattymyra@gmail.com



**Find the info you need
on the web:**

www.daytonemmaus.org



Women's Walk #111



Team Member

Team Position

Pilgrim - Home Town

Michele Donaldson Lay Director
Lesa Bame Assistant Lay Director
Kathleen Hosner Assistant Lay Director
Kristina Vogel Assistant Lay Director
Palmer Jason Spiritual Director Live-in
Sandy Pappenfus Asst. Spiritual Dir. Live-in
George Brewer Assistant Spiritual Director
Karen Hall Assistant Spiritual Director
Mamie Johnson Assistant Spiritual Director
Pam DeHart Board Representative
Emily Adams Music Director
AJ Puderbaugh Assistant Music Director
Susan Lehneis Prayer Servant
Chris Holmes Prayer Servant/Mentor
Donna Courtney Table Leader
Tanya McDougle Table Leader
Allyssa Miller Table Leader
Gail Simpson Table Leader
Kristen Smith Table Leader
April Zimmerman Table Leader
Marsha DeWeese Assistant Table Leader
Danielle Kirk Assistant Table Leader
Cathy Miller Assistant Table Leader
Amy Muran Assistant Table Leader
Jeanne Porter Assistant Table Leader
Nancy Williams Assistant Table Leader
Robyn Cooper Logistics
Janie Davis Logistics
Teresa Moore Logistics

Aurora Anderson - Dayton
Hannah Ball - Kettering
Anita Blair - Kettering
Brittany Boedeker - Bellbrook
Ann Brugger - Englewood
DeJaNay Caffey - Dayton
Sandra Combs - Kettering
Leah Edmonson - Dayton
Amy Fitzwater - West Carrollton
Yuki Hall - Beavercreek
Marty Hammons - Moraine
Luree Hereford - Moraine
Sharista Houston - Fairborn
Karen Hunt - Dayton
Rebecca Ingebo - Celina
Shelley James - Dayton
Vondelia Layne - Dayton
Leslie May - Fairfield Township
Lisa Myers - Dayton
Kelli Neff - Dayton
Samantha Piersall - Dayton
Holly Pyles - Dayton
Jacque Roese - London
Donna Sanchez - Dayton
Darcy Shepherd - Dayton
Halle Spahr - Dayton
Linda Thomas - Dayton
Megan Turner - Brookville
Barb Wilson - Vandalia
Rachel Wright - Dayton



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