



Greater Dayton Community

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February Newsletter

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2020 WALK SCHEDULE At Normandy UMC

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

Candlelight

8:30PM Saturday of Walk

Closing

4:30PM Sunday of Walk

FEBRUARY GATHERING

Monday, February 10
7:15pm at Normandy UMC
(details on pg. 2)

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 25
7pm at Normandy UMC

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From the Community Lay Director

Many of you are suffering. It has always been that way, and Jesus warned that it would be. "In this world you will have trouble," He said. "But take heart: I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

The evil one's assaults against us are to keep us busy and distracted, sick and hurting, so we are not doing our part in prayer making it nearly impossible to do the work we are called to do in His name. If Satan is scheming to take each of us off the battlefield as he ramps up his attacks on the world, are we falling for it? I hope not. This is a spiritual battle and we are not equipped to fight it without the armor of God. This armor does not spring up overnight. It comes from much prayer and study and a deep knowledge of, and faith in, God's Word.

The mission of the Walk to Emmaus is to raise up Christians as prayer warriors and leaders for the local church. We become part of the Priesthood of all Believers. Too often, our focus shifts from Jesus to all the troubles in our world. When we focus on the problem, we cannot see the greater good or bigger picture that only Our Father sees. Prayer is talking to God. Study of scriptures promotes listening to God.

Men's walk #67 helped me to re-focus on Jesus and His promises. The men readily bonded together Friday evening. As they rejoiced through singing very loudly, the windows of the church were vibrating in the frames. Many lives were radically changed through these seventy-two hours of instruction, fellowship, singing, sharing, laughing, laying down of burdens, crying and the breaking of bread together. The love, grace, and power of the Holy Spirit permeated the hallways of Normandy UMC. The presence of Jesus at each worship service pierced the hearts of pilgrims and by their testimonies, my heart was pierced as well.

The peace that passes all understanding came upon me, healing a wound I have held onto for twenty years. Thank you, Abba. Emmaus weekends bring the Christian Community together to celebrate God's great LOVE for us and His amazing grace poured out throughout on volunteers, conference room team and the new 4th day members. People became aware of their calling into new and different areas of service within the Emmaus community, the local church and into the world.

Where is God calling you to serve? I hope to see many of you during February 20-23, 2020, for WW# 107. I invite each of you to come to the closing ceremony on Sunday. You will be inspired.

DeColores,
Pamela DeHart, CLD
Women's Walk 59, Table of Rebekah

Information for Upcoming Walk

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- The pilgrim roster is on page 3 and the team roster is on page 4.
- All willing servants throughout the weekend are to arrive when scheduled and to serve joyfully and graciously.
- We are here to support the pilgrims and the conference room team.
- ONLY team and pilgrims are allowed in the conference room area.
- Emmaus Community members are reminded that children are ONLY permitted to come to Send-Off on Thursday evening.
- Only 4th Day graduates serve or take part in worship services.
- No photography/video taping is permitted during the walk weekend.
- There is NO SMOKING permitted on the Normandy UMC campus.
- Please bake and pray over **BROWNIES** for the WW#107 Send-Off Thursday, February 20. Bring brownies to the church kitchen Thursday morning or prior to Send-Off.
- Send-Off is between 6pm and 7pm. Thank you for supporting Women's Walk #107.

Please Pray for our Lay Directors!

MW #68
Steve Holmes
Lay Director

WW #108
Julia Crowl
Lay Director

Lay Directors will be calling to fill team roles. Have you completed a Willing Servant form? If not, click [HERE](#).

2020 SUMMER WALKS AT SULPHUR GROVE UMC

Men's Walk #68

June 11-14, 2020 at Sulphur Grove UMC

Women's Walk #108

July 16-19, 2020 at Sulphur Grove UMC

Women's Registrar: Lisa Keller,
womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Men's Registrar: Jeff Adams,
mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

APPLICATION FORM: Click [HERE](#)
<https://tinyurl.com/PilApp>

The Gospel in one word is LOVE!

JOIN US FOR THE FEBRUARY GATHERING

Monday, February 10, 2020 at Normandy UMC

Share Group Reunion @6:15pm in Chapel

Sponsor Training @ 6:30pm in Loggia

The Gathering @7:15pm in Sanctuary

To volunteer to serve at the Gathering, Click [HERE](#)

Is God Calling You?

The Good Shepherd plays a vital role in the life of our Emmaus community and serves on the Emmaus Board of Directors. Duties include:

- Instructs new members of the community about what a share group or reunion group is and to assist the 4th day pilgrim in finding a share group.
- Provides outreach to individuals and churches that need more information about Emmaus.
- Facilitates share group orientation held before the Gathering in the chapel each month after a walk weekend.
- Ensures prayer vigil is full or filled during Sponsor's hour.
- Attends Candlelight and Closing.
- Sells books to sponsors before closing.
- Prepares post cards to send to the pilgrims as a reminder of the share group orientation.
- Attends monthly board meetings

To apply, contact Pam DeHart at (937) 608-6468 or chairman@daytonemmaus.org.

Women's Walk to Emmaus #107

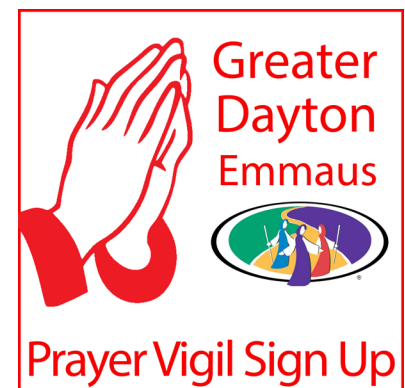
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Normandy United Methodist Church

PILGRIM	CITY	HOME CHURCH	SPONSOR
Stephany Araujo	Kettering, OH	Mosaic Charch	Carmen Rafdal
Jan Barker	Fairborn, OH	Rona Community church	Elaine Kitchin
Beverly Blosser	Kettering, OH	Christ Church	Andy Blosser
Debbie Bolner	Vandalia, OH	New City	Tammy Reese
Kimberly Craycraft	Dayton, OH	Shelter community	Terri Harrell
Shirley Garreth	Centerville, OH	Hoffman Methodist	Nancy Studebaker
Judy Harrison	Waynesville, OH	Fearless Church	Kathleen Hosner
Callie Inkrott	Bowling Green, OH	Cedar Creek Church	Jordan Wilson
Angela Joyce	Germantown, OH	New City	Kendra Wilson
Diana Leighner	Dayton, OH	New City	Rhonda Baer
Linda Leszczuk	Dayton, OH	Aley UMC	Susan Lehneis
Linda Long	West Milton, OH	Hoffman UMC	Carol Storer
Teri Pickl	New Carlisle, OH	North Huber Heights Baptist church	Michelle Flannery
Sandy Reese	Vandalia, OH	New City	Tammy Reese
Susan J. Richardson	Eaton, OH	COF/Lewisburg	Teresa Moore
Elizabeth Riley	Dayton, OH	Belmont UMC	Richard/Pam Kooser
Jasmine Roberts	Centerville, OH	Phillips Temple	Joy Parson
Erzaline Sheets	Dayton, OH	New City	Chris Reese
Terrie Smith	Bellbrook, OH	Mt. Zion	Donna Conley
Jane Snyder	Arcadia, OH	Arcadia UMC	Karen Corl

Volunteer to Serve on Women's Walk #107

Click on an image below to visit SignUp Genius to see available days and times to serve.



NAME	TEAM POSITION	TALK
Emily Adams	Assistant Lay Director	Priority
Deb Atkins	Assistant Table Leader	
Rhonda Baer	Assistant Table Leader	
Lesla Bame	Table Leader	Changing our World
Holly Bidwell	Assistant Table Leader	
Cheryl Carter	Music Director	
Heth Corl	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Michele Cremeans	Table Leader	Grow Through Study
Cindy Cultice	Assistant Lay Director 2	Fourth Days
Jeri Evenden	Assistant Music Director	
Michelle Flannery	Logistics	
Bill Halter	Assistant Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Kathleen Hosner	Prayer Servant - Mentor	
Charlene Jeong	Assistant Table Leader	
Mamie Johnson	Assistant Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Wendy Kline	Logistics 2	
Wendy Lybarger	Assistant Spiritual Director Live-In	Sanctifying Grace
Tanya McDougale	Assistant Table Leader	
Claire Merkes	Logistics	
Allyssa Miller	Table Leader	Life of Piety
Shelly Miller	Board Representative	
Mary Morrow	Prayer Servant	
Pam Rafdal	Table Leader	Discipleship
Michele Ruff	Assistant Lay Director	Priesthood of All Believers
Gail Simpson	Lay Director	Perseverance
Kristen Smith	Table Leader	Christian Action
Tori Smith	Assistant Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Michelle Tobias	Assistant Table Leader	
Myra Wheeler	Logistics 2	
Heather Wofford	Table Leader	Body of Christ

Agape for Pilgrims and Team

You are encouraged to provide Agape for pilgrims and team members. Please review the rosters on pages 3 and 4. If you are acquainted with a pilgrim through your church, please consider not only providing Agape, but attending Thursday Night Send-off, Saturday Night Candlelight and Sunday Closing. Christ is counting on YOU!

- Pilgrim's individualized agape is limited to cards and letters
- A notebook with Agape ideas will be in the Agape Room on Walks and in the Narthex at Gatherings
- If you bring meal agape, bring enough for all the pilgrims and team
- Bedtime agape can be for pilgrims only, team only, or for everyone
- If you bring agape for everyone, 60 is a good number to bring
- If you bring agape for Pilgrims only, 30 items are needed
- Please put your name and phone number on your Agape package so that unused agape can be returned to you for future walks

See Agape Chair to retrieve excess agape at Gatherings (Narthex) or at Walks (Agape Room).

I See Fire



*As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.*

—Proverbs 27:17

The Men of Walk #67 walked up to give their testimony, and I Saw Fire. I saw men who had been in the forge of life for far too long. Clawing, gnashing, working...these men had been heated to extremes and learned to be too strong on their own. If what we need is not readily given, we must find a way to survive. Their strength, limited by worldly understanding, underwent the “finishing forge” by God’s own hand over the weekend. The fire that once singed their lives assimilated within to become the HOLY SPIRIT SET ABLAZE!

“I can boast I know Thine heart, Lord.
With sickle and sword, I protect and defend,
all of God’s people until the end.
Twisted are we, until we get upon Your breast, and
twisted we will be with great unrest,
until the day we know Your great love, Lord.”

They had taken on the shape of renewed grace for themselves and one another; there was solidarity in Christ among them.

The team, the iron that sharpened iron, God’s footmen who witnessed the windows shaken loose, proverbial walls crumbled, and lives changed under the force of the God’s presence. “Well done, good and faithful servants.” Matthew 25:21

Welcome, new community members!
Resuscitation for our community comes from the Living Water that moves through these Walk to Emmaus weekends. Take time to give, God will be pleased.

I’ll see you at Share group orientation on February 10th at 6:15 in the Normandy Chapel. Our monthly Gathering will follow at 7:15.

DeColores!

Michele Cremeans
Good Shepherd/Outreach

Chrysalis

Chrysalis is a 3-day retreat VERY similar to Emmaus walks with the same patterns and teachings as Emmaus. Chrysalis flights are geared toward young people age 15 to 24, and is held at Greene Street UMC in Piqua, Ohio. An Emmaus or Chrysalis sponsor is required for attendance on a Chrysalis Flight.

West Ohio Boys Chrysalis #69 - Feb 15-17, 2020
(At this time, dates for the summer boys or girls’ flights have not been set.)

Registration links are located under the “CONNECT” tab on the website: www.westohiochrysalis.com

Kairos

Women’s Kairos:

Dayton Correctional Institution
March 19-22, 2020 and September 17-20, 2020

Contact Pam Shively at pjshively@yahoo.com for more information.

Men’s Kairos:

Lebanon Correctional Institution Kairos Inside #60
Mar 12-15, 2020

Contact Ron Herre herre@earthlink.net for more information.



Mark your calendar and save the summer Gathering dates of Monday, July 13, 2020 and Monday, August 10, 2020 to be hosted at Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Road, Huber Heights, OH 45424. This change in venue is only for these two summer months so the pilgrims who complete their summer walks can come back and reconnect with sponsors and friends where they took their walk.

Love Is What We Need

“For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another (1 John 3:11).”

Talk is cheap but love (costs) something. Using a lot of words without demonstrated action means nothing. It’s just noise.

The best teacher, the best preacher, the academically and spiritually gifted can preach a good word and have great oratorical skills, receive straight A’s in Seminary and yet their efforts are not worth anything if they’re doing it out of selfish ambition instead of the sincere love of God and love of others.

Having strong faith in God and lacking the understanding that your belief must match your actions and demonstrate the essence of Christ is an exercise in futility. Selflessness, sacrifice, humility and love, are the characteristics of sincere love.

That is exactly what Emmaus is all about, LOVE.

Over the years we have seen men and women visibly moved by His love and more than that, lives are being changed through active acts of gratitude from pilgrims who want to give back what they received.

Talk is cheap but love cost something, it cost Christ His life. Whatever the cost of godly love it’s worth it and it is His love that has the strength to change a world. Love is all we need.



“What the world needs now
Is love, sweet love
It’s the only thing that there’s just too little of
What the world needs now
Is love, sweet love
No, not just for some, but for everyone”

(Lyrics by Hal David, music composed by Burt Bacharach)

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director