

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS



GREETINGS FRIENDS IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*2022 PROMISES TO BE A VERY SPECIAL YEAR FOR EACH OF US
AND FOR OUR GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS COMMUNITY!*

*IT IS A TIME OF RENEWAL AND TO EXPAND OUR
COMMUNITY BY INVITING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND
COLLEAGUES TO THE NEXT WALKS. THEY TOO CAN BE
REENERGIZED IN THEIR PERSONAL WALK WITH OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST AND BE RENEWED AS CHRIST
RESTORES THEM MAKING THEM INTO A NEW CREATION. SO,
WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS COMING JUNE – ONLY 5
MONTHS AWAY – AND TO THIS COMING JULY – ONLY 6
MONTHS AWAY – TO RESTART OUR IN-PERSON WALKS TO
EMMAUS FOR MEN AND WOMEN. EMMAUS IS ALL ABOUT YOUR
INDIVIDUAL RENEWAL IN CHRIST. KNOWING THAT CHRIST
LIVES IN YOU AND WANTS TO BLESS YOU WITH A BRAND NEW
YOU!*

“HE WILL RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.” (ZEP 3:17)

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GATHERING: JANUARY 10TH @ 7:15
NORMANDY UMC

WALKS:
MENS JUNE 23-26, 2022 SGUMC
WOMENS JULY 14-17, 2022 SGUMC

WE NEED YOUR ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM TO REIGNITE OUR COMMUNITY AND HELP US TO FILL EACH WALK WITH NEW PILGRIMS. BY VOLUNTEERING TO PREPARE MEALS FOR THE TEAMS AND PILGRIMS, TO HELP CARRY LUGGAGE FOR THE PILGRIMS, BY BECOMING NEW MEMBERS OF FUTURE TEAMS SO YOU CAN GROW IN DISCIPLESHIP AND SPREAD CHRIST'S LOVE TO OTHERS. SUBMIT A WILLING SERVANT FORM TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE WALKS. THERE IS LOTS OF PREPARATION TO DO AND WE NEED YOU TO STEP FORWARD AS THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS YOU INTO ACTION TO DO HIS WILL FOR OTHERS. SEE YOU AT GATHERING EACH MONTH ON THE 2ND MONDAYS AT 7:15 PM. JANUARY GATHERING IS AT NORMANDY UMC, JANUARY 10, AT 7:15 PM!

EACH NEW YEAR MANY OF US THINK ABOUT WHAT CHANGES WE NEED TO MAKE IN OUR LIVES, TO LOSE WEIGHT, TO BE MORE INTENTIONAL ABOUT A CONTINUOUS EXERCISE PROGRAM, TO BE MORE DELIBERATE ABOUT DAILY DEVOTIONS, TO DEDICATE TIME TO READ THE BIBLE EACH DAY, TO RENEW OUR BODY, MIND AND SOUL.

ROMANS 12:2 INSTRUCTS US TO “**...NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND...**”

ISAIAH 40:31 PROMPTS US “**BUT THEY WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN AND NOT BE WEARY; THEY SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT**”.

LAST YEAR WAS A DIFFICULT YEAR FOR MANY, FOR YOU, FOR ME. PAUL WROTE TO THE CORINTHIANS IN 2 COR 4:16 “**SO WE DO NOT LOSE HEART. THOUGH OUR OUTER SELF IS WASTING AWAY, OUR INNER SELF IS BEING RENEWED DAY BY DAY**”.

THAT'S THE HOPE WE HAVE AS WE BEGIN THIS NEW YEAR. LAST YEAR'S FAILURES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS DO NOT HAVE TO FOLLOW US INTO THIS NEW YEAR. THIS IS A TIME OF RENEWAL, A TIME TO BEGIN AGAIN, A TIME OF FEELING LIKE A NEW CREATION – “THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW CREATION HAS COME: THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW IS HERE!” (2 COR 5:17)

OUR NEXT IN-PERSON WALKS ARE COMING UP FASTER THAN WE MAY EXPECT. INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES TO THE NEXT WALKS, BOTH AT SULPHUR GROVE UMC, ONLY **5** AND **6** MONTHS AWAY:

MEN'S WALK #68 – JUNE 23-26, 2022

MEN'S REGISTRAR: JEFF ADAMS, (937) 269-6023 MENSREGISTRAR@DAYTONEMMAUSORG

WOMEN'S WALK #108 – JULY 14-17, 2022

WOMEN'S REGISTRAR: LISA KELLER, (937) 684-3856,
WOMENSREGISTRAR@DAYTONEMMAUS.ORG

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

BLESSINGS, GRACE AND PEACE,
KIRK LEHNEIS
COMMUNITY VICE CHAIR/LEADERSHIP/TEAM SELECTION
GDEMW #14, TABLE OF PETER



MAKING ALL THINGS NEW IN 2022!

“Behold, I make all things new.” Rev. 21:5

I AM SOME KIND OF NEW! NOT BECAUSE OF WHAT I HAVE DONE, BUT BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID FOR YOU AND FOR ME A LONG TIME AGO ON CALVARY’S TREE. WHILE I WAS YET A SINNER, WHILE I WAS LIVING MY LIFE AS AN ENEMY TO THE CROSS OF CHRIST, CHRIST DIED FOR ME. HE DIDN’T JUST SAY THAT HE LOVED ME, BUT HE DEMONSTRATED HIS LOVE FOR ME, HE PROVED HIS LOVE FOR ME. HE DIED, SO THAT I MIGHT LIVE. HE GAVE UP HIS LIFE SO THAT I MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO THE FULLEST. AND THAT IS JUST WHAT I PLAN TO DO IN 2022.



“THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME!” 2 COR.5:17

I LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR BECAUSE WE START WITH A BRAND NEW CLEAN SLATE, WITH TIME ON OUR HANDS AND ANTICIPATION IN OUR HEARTS. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO EMBRACE THIS TIME OF YEAR AND CELEBRATE WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO FOR YOU AND IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU. THE LYRICS TO ONE OF MY FAVORITE SONGS SAYS, “WHAT HE DID BACK THEN, HE’S DOING ALL OVER AGAIN. GOD IS WORKING MIRACLES, TODAY! THERE WAS MOSES AT THE RED SEA, DANIEL IN THE LIONS’ DEN, JONAH AND THE BIG FISH, BUT THE MIRACLES DIDN’T STOP THEN. HE HEALED MY BODY WHEN I GOT SICK, MADE A WAY OUT OF NO WAY, THE MIRACLES OF YESTERDAY, ARE MIRACLES TODAY!”

EVERY TIME A PERSON GIVES THEIR LIFE TO CHRIST, IT’S A MIRACLE! AND EVERY TIME WE GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR TESTIMONY WITH SOMEONE ELSE, WE GIVE THEM THE CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW THE ONE WHO MAKES ALL THINGS NEW. LET’S DO MORE THAN RING IN THE NEW YEAR. LET’S GET OUT THERE IN THIS DARK WORLD AND LET OUR LIGHTS SHINE, SO THEY SEE HIM AND SO THEY MAY KNOW THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND!

DECOLORES,

PALMER JASON, SD



HELLO GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS COMMUNITY.

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR. IN FALL OF 2019, I WAS ASKED BY THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR IF I WOULD PRAY ABOUT SERVING ON THE GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS BOARD AS THE MEN'S REGISTRAR. I PRAYED ABOUT IT AND SAID "YES". DURING MY TENURE I HAVE BUILT TRUST AND GREAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOARD MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY. THEN, IN DECEMBER OF 2021, I WAS ASKED BY OUR VICE CHAIRMAN TO PRAY ABOUT MOVING UP TO LEADERSHIP AS THE NEXT VICE CHAIRMAN. I WILL ADMIT I WAS SURPRISED TO BE CONSIDERED AND *HAD* THOUGHT ABOUT THIS ROLE A YEAR EARLIER. HE SUGGESTED I TAKE SOME TIME TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT IT. I REACHED OUT TO FELLOW EXPERIENCED MEMBERS TO GLEAN THEIR PERSPECTIVE. AFTER MUCH PRAYER I DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE NEW ROLE AS VICE CHAIRMAN BEGINNING IN APRIL 2022. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING WITH YOU IN THIS NEW CAPACITY.

WE NEED YOUR HELP RESTARTING THE GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS MINISTRY. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE YOU AT EMMAUS GATHERINGS AND UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS IN 2022. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE YOU SPONSORING PILGRIMS FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WALKS THIS SUMMER. WE ARE AT OUR STRONGEST WHEN WE STAND AS ONE IN CHRIST. WE HAVE OPEN POSITIONS ON THE GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS BOARD THAT NEED FILLED IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE PRAY AND CONSIDER BLESSING THIS COMMUNITY WITH YOUR GIFTS. THEY ARE POSTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE JANUARY EMMAUS GATHER ON JANUARY 10TH. YOU MAY CONTACT MICHELE CREMEANS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

GOD'S PLAN MAY INCLUDE YOU TO PLAY A LARGER ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE ALL MUST DO OUR PART TO HELP THIS COMMUNITY GROW.

I WANT YOU TO THINK BACK TO YOUR PILGRIM WALK. REMEMBER THE PERIOD OF SILENCE WHEN YOU FIRST OPENED YOUR MIND TO THE WALK EXPERIENCE? REMEMBER WHEN THE NAIL WAS PLACED IN YOUR PALM? REMEMBER WHAT YOU LEFT AT THE ALTAR AND THE EXPERIENCE OF CANDLELIGHT? REMEMBER THE GIFTS OF AGAPE LOVE THAT YOU RECEIVED, BOTH FROM PLACES FAR AWAY AND PLACES CLOSE TO THE HEART?

TAKE A MINUTE TO ASK GOD, "WHO ARE YOU LAYING ON MY HEART TO SPONSOR? WHO IN MY LIFE NEEDS THE GIFT OF AN EMMAUS WEEKEND?"

DECLORES
JEFF ADAMS
MW #46 TABLE OF MATTHEW
MEN'S REGISTRAR/INCOMING VICE CHAIRMAN APRIL 2022

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. - Luke 12:32

Beautiful Humans

I think we all can agree that Life is so beautiful and sometimes just doesn't seem to make sense.

We are God's children made in His image and life is a vapor. Why does it seem like such a mess? I wonder why we waste time being at odds when we could be loving one another instead. After all, isn't that so much more fun? Then I remember we are also here to learn Grace-to learn about God while being in human form. We learn Grace by failing (sometimes miserably) at it ourselves and continuously being offered it! Unworthy and so Blessed! How tremendous the opportunity we have to learn through our experiences together.

I, for one, am oftentimes at odds with myself. I want most of all to "get it right" to "do well" and "to make the most of the ride". I spend most of my time at the control board trying to figure out how to make it run rather than just boarding and throwing my hands up with screams of delight! Oh, how I am learning to let go and let God.

These past years have been an adventure in deepening in Faith. Active Faith through loving devotion of God and remembering "He has it" and I do NOT need to touch the controls! In the 7 years since my Emmaus Walk (through serving), I have seen and felt more faith, grace and love in action than all the years of my life before. I have seen it in this community, and I have seen it in the world because THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY SHOWED ME WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE. And I love you for it.

DeColores!

Michele Cremeans, Community Lay Director



STAY TUNED-THE DATE AND DETAILS OF OUR SPRING CELEBRATION WILL POST IN FEBRUARY'S NEWSLETTER!

WHAT IS YOUR MINISTRY?

MY DEAREST BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, WE ARE IN NEED OF REAL HELP NOW TO GROW THIS MINISTRY. IT HAS BEEN AN ADVENTUROUS AND ARDUOUS FEW YEARS. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED LOSS AND TRAGEDY. WE HAVE GRIEVED MORE THAN CELEBRATED, SOMETHING YOU NEVER WANT TO HAVE TO SAY ABOUT LIFE. WE HAVE STAYED WATCH KINDLING THE FIRE OF EMMAUS WAITING FOR THE DAY IT WOULD ONCE AGAIN BLAZE BRIGHTLY. AS WE BEGIN TO COME TOGETHER OVER THE NEXT YEAR LET US REMEMBER THE EMMAUS MINISTRY NEEDS TO BECOME SELF SUSTAINING SO IT MAY THRIVE FOR YEARS TO COME. THIS HAPPENS BY MEMBERS STEPPING FORWARD AND WEAVING THEIR HEARTS AND HANDS INTO THE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITY.

THIS PAST WEEK I DREAMT OF CHRIS WISSINGER. HE WAS IN MY ARMS WEeping OUT OF FEAR HE MIGHT NOT DO A GOOD ENOUGH JOB IN HIS UPCOMING ROLE. HE AND MANY OTHER BROTHERS AND SISTERS WERE CALLED TO BE WITH OUR FATHER MUCH TOO SOON. I WONDER IF THAT IS HOW WE WOULD FEEL BEING CALLED TO SERVICE AT OUR FATHER'S SIDE. WE ARE CALLED. ARE WE WORTHY? WE KNOW THEY HAD A VISION FOR THIS MINISTRY AND WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN TO SEE IT STRENGTHEN AND GROW INTO THE POWERFUL MINISTRY WE KNOW IT CAN BE. THIS IS DONE BY THE THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND ME.

TO HONOR THEIR MEMORY IS TO LIVE OUT THE COLLECTIVE VISION OF BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO ALL GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH EMMAUS (OR YOUR PERSONAL MINISTRY). I FIND STRENGTH AND HUMILITY IN FOLLOWING THESE GOD-LOVING SISTERS AND BROTHERS. WE ARE SUSTAINED THROUGH THE HARDEST OF TIMES BY REMEMBERING HOW CHRIST WILLINGLY SUFFERED FOR US. JESUS DIDN'T STOP AND NEITHER WILL WE. MAY GOD AND HIS ANGELS WATCH OVER US AS WE FULFILL CHRIST'S MISSION IN THE WORLD. GOD BLESS US ALL.

~M. CREMEANS
WW95, TABLE OF REBEKAH

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:
WE NEED A PERSON FOR EACH
POSITION IMMEDIATELY**

**OPEN/UNFILLED BOARD POSITIONS:
COMMUNICATIONS
MENS REGISTRAR
MENS WORSHIP**

**BOARD POSITIONS THAT SHOULD BE
IN TRAINING FOR APRIL 1ST START
(NO CANDIDATES TO DATE):
TREASURER
WOMENS WORSHIP**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION:
COMPUTER ADMINISTRATOR**

"THEREFORE, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, STAND FIRM. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

