

# **GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS**

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**JANUARY 2023**

## **MEN'S WALK #69 JANUARY 19-22, 2023**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:  
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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come:

*The old has gone,  
the new is here!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

# Volunteers needed for kitchen and housing help



## A spoon full of news from the Kitchen Chair!

January 19 is quickly approaching and we will be in full swing of another walk weekend. As you know, we not only feed souls, but we must provide nourishment.

At minimum, it takes at least 80 people to serve in the kitchen throughout the weekend. We have a couple of ways you can sign-up to serve. One way is during monthly Gatherings and the other is online through Signup Genius.

Thus far, I have seen one person sign-up on line. We have approximately 15 who signed up at Gatherings.

Is Christ counting on you to serve in the Kitchen during the weekend? You experience not only good food, but awesome fellowship opportunities and ladles of love. We pray, cook and yes, even eat.

Sign-up will be available at the January 9 Gathering or Greater Dayton Emmaus Walk weekend: Kitchen Help MW 69, January 19-22,2023 (signupgenius.com) click on the link below and sign-up online. Bring your share group and come dip with us!

## Your chance to show God's love in practical ways

On Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023 at 5:30 pm at Normandy, we will begin set-up for Men's Walk #69. God provides a great time of fellowship as you are working side-by-side with your community brothers and sisters. Many hands make light work and we can use anyone willing to participate.

Volunteers are needed to carry the Pilgrims' luggage on Thursday, Jan 19.

People will also be needed to help teardown on Sunday, Jan 22 at 7 am. We will need to work quickly to reset Sunday school rooms, as well as later in the afternoon, to help reset the conference room.

Contact Randy Barty at 937-602-7003 or e-mail him at [housing@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:housing@daytonemmaus.org).



## Sign up here to volunteer!



### **KITCHEN:**

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### **HOUSING:**

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### **GATHERING:**

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# From the Spiritual Director

Brother Lawrence (a 17th Century peasant from France, once known as Nicholas Herman) shared the following encounter with Christ while looking at a lifeless tree in the middle of winter.

As Nicholas Herman gazed at the tree, he began thinking about the days ahead when the dead looking tree would be filled with fruit and green leaves again. Instantly, God spoke to Nicholas and showed him -- your life is just like this tree! The Lord impressed on him, "Only through a life IN Christ, will you find the TRUE life you are longing for - full and fruitful." God used this moment to bring clarity and stir up Nicholas' affections towards Him. This mundane moment became a divine encounter which led Nicholas Herman to a monastery in Paris where he served the Lord for the rest of his life as a monk named Brother Lawrence.

Brother Lawrence, led by the Holy Spirit, learned and practiced the presence of God while serving food to others, scrubbing dishes, cutting vegetables or baking cakes. He would prostrate himself on the kitchen floor and worship Jesus.

Hearing this true story reminded me of another true story...

*She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was continually listening to His teaching. But Martha was very busy and distracted with all of her serving responsibilities; and she approached Him and said, "Lord, is it of no concern to You that my sister has left me to do the serving alone? Tell her to help me and do her part." But the Lord replied to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered and anxious about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part [that which is to her advantage], which will not be taken away from her."*

Luke 10:39-42 AMP

Both women had the opportunity to practice the presence of God, however, only one of them really noticed WHO was in the room with them! Yes, Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and worship Him in that moment. However, Martha, could have chose the good part too, even in the midst of hosting the Savior in her home, just like Brother Lawrence.

This is what it means to practice the presence of God - being aware of His presence everywhere we go and in everything we do. Jesus is ALWAYS with us, ALWAYS welcoming us to delight in Him.

It's a New Year, so consider engaging Jesus in a NEW way.

Start with making a list of what He has done for you over the years (ask the Holy Spirit to remind you because we so quickly forget) and then add to the list daily throughout 2023. Keep this list with you to stir up your affections towards your Heavenly Father. As you read the Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to bring a fresh awareness of His presence throughout your day (be sure to write it down). I suggest the list not to create one more thing to add to your busy day, but as a great replacement for those times we do other things out of distraction (like Facebook scrolling and YouTubing).

The Lord delights in us; let's delight in Him as we learn to see Him IN all things and IN all ways.

DeColores,

Pamela Wantz  
Spiritual Director



# From the Community Lay Director

## **Greetings Friends!**

2022 was quite a year for the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community! After 2 scary years of COVID fears, losses of family members and friends, continued turmoil in our economy with inflation, and much uncertainty, we started up with in-person Emmaus Walks again with a Men's Walk in June and a Women's Walk in July.

We thank you for your generosity and support, we sponsored 44 pilgrims, creating tons of agape, carrying the pilgrims' luggage, and serving hundreds of meals nourishing their bodies while your prayers and presence nourished their souls and reignited their hope in and love for our Lord!

We look forward to each New Year with its new opportunities for each of us, opportunities to change, to try something new, to start some things over with more insight and awareness, to reexamine our lives and make positive changes that help our family to grow into the person God created each of them to be, to help others realize the great gifts God has given them to be used to fulfill God's mission for each of them.

It is only a couple more weeks until we have our Men's Walk #69 starting January 19 and our Women's Walk #109 starting next month on February 16, both at Normandy UMC.

The Holy Spirit has been preparing the pilgrims and the team for weeks, and we know the Holy Spirit is urging you NOW to roll up your sleeves and come help support these pilgrims and team with preparing and writing agape, carrying luggage, preparing and serving meals, attending special services, praying, praying, praying, and reflecting Christ's love onto these pilgrims and team to reignite their passion for what Jesus Christ has already done for you and me, and each of these pilgrims and team members.

See page xx for the links to signup to help with Housing for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, with Kitchen to help prepare and serve meals for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Sponsors are encouraged to come back and bring 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 and let there be abundant help and support as we share Christ's love in real, tangible ways.

We humbly ask each of you to pray and to work together to make this a truly banner year for the Lord as we strive to bring 120 new pilgrims to a Walk to Emmaus to rekindle their enthusiasm and love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, so they will return to their local church on fire to focus on the many ministries each church has to reach the lost, to share and spread the Good News, to ensure more men, women and children know they have a Savior and Lord who loves each of them and desires a personal relationship with them.

We cannot do this without your enthusiastic love and support and involvement. Christ is counting on YOU! And He walks with you every moment of every day as you do His Will and His Work that He has called you to do for Him in Emmaus and in your other ministry areas at home, in your church, in your community, and at your workplace.

Help us help you fulfill part of God's mission for you "...to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us [you] to do" (Eph 2:10).

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So, friends we need your help in two ways!

a. First, we need your help in registering more pilgrims for the next two walks in January and February 2023.

Ask your pastor to let you give your 2-minute testimony to your congregation on an upcoming Sunday to let others know that you would be honored to sponsor anyone in your church, including your pastor.

Find suggestions for talking to others on the "Vision and Strategy" page on the Greater Dayton Emmaus website.

Contact our registrars:

Men's Walk # 69, January 19-22, 2023

Men's Registrar:

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

Women's Walk #109, February 16-19, 2023

Women's Registrar:

Lisa Keller, phone 937-684-3856, or email [womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

We also need your help in expanding the number of Share Groups in the Greater Dayton area so pilgrims fresh off the January and February Walks will have a better opportunity to find a group near where they live.

If you are looking for a Share Group, you can contact our Good Shepherd Che McGowan at phone 216-857-8109 or email [goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org).



Thank you for your willingness to support the next two Emmaus Walks, 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 in this New Year.

Happy New Year and DeColores,

Kirk Lehneis

Men's Walk #14, Table of Peter

Community Lay Director, Greater Dayton Emmaus

[www](http://www.daytonemmaus.org) [daytonemmaus.org](http://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!"**



**Find us on Facebook:**

**Greater Dayton Emmaus**

# Greetings from the community agape chair

Don't forget about agape for the upcoming men's and women's walks in January and February.

We were blessed with an overflowing amount of agape gifts for the pilgrims and teams of our last walks. Let's do it again!

This is your time to be creative in showing the pilgrims how much God loves them. If you are looking for ideas, look through the agape you received, that may help you.

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.

This is also the time for sponsors to start getting the agape letters together for their pilgrims. Remember: there are only to be 15 letters in the Sunday packet!

This is done for two reasons.

- 1. So that the pilgrims can read all the letters in the time they are given on Sunday afternoon.
- 2. So that each pilgrim is treated the same and no one feels left out.

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

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Enjoy your time with the Lord as you create agape for the pilgrims and team on our upcoming walks!

***De Colores,  
Linda Haller  
Agape Chair***



## IMPORTANT DATES

### JANUARY GATHERING

JANUARY 9 @7:15 PM  
NORMANDY UMC  
DAYTON, OH

### MEN'S WALK #69

JANUARY 19-22  
NORMANDY UMC  
DAYTON, OH

### 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  
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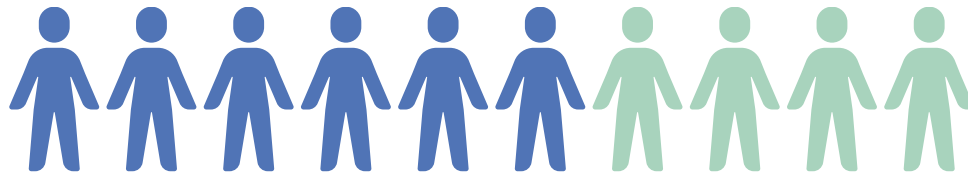
# Men's Walk #69

## Team Roster

Team Member	Team Position
Scott Anspach	Lay Director
Tony Ammon	Assistant Lay Director
Keith Simpson	Assistant Lay Director
Mark Flannery	Assistant Lay Director
George Brewer	Spiritual Director
Chris Reese	Assistant Spiritual Director
Jeff Adams	Board Representative
Dave Pappenfus	Music Director
Jason Hoang	Assistant Music Director
Steven Cultice	Prayer Servant
Steve Uphouse	Prayer Servant
Jeffrey Null	Table Leader
Dick Kooser	Table Leader
Dave Brooks	Table Leader
Randy Barty	Table Leader
Douglas Pelfrey	Table Leader
Kirk Lehneis	Table Leader
Tim Ketring	Assistant Table Leader
Joseph DiTommaso	Assistant Table Leader
Jeff Wilson	Assistant Table Leader
Steve Holmes	Assistant Table Leader
Gary Stanforth	Assistant Table Leader
George Kedaitis	Assistant Table Leader
Chris Kitchel	Logistics -1
James Taylor	Logistics
Kevin Reinert	Logistics

## Pilgrim Roster

Pilgrim	Home Town
Robert Fleischer	Dayton
Jay Apisa	Miamisburg
Larry Stroble	Beavercreek
Larry Allen	Centerville
Steven Jackson	Fairborn
Varn Frank	Dayton
Brandon Wilson	New Carlisle
George Garrett	Kettering
Brandon Davis	Centerville
Mel Brown	Centerville
Frankie Shands	West Chester
Clay Fensler	Middletown
Nick Miller	Dayton
Phil Mangan	Beavercreek
Jim Shedden	Beavercreek
Demaque Hardy	Beavercreek
Jim Brandon	Beavercreek
Caleb Hunnicutt	Lima
Kevin Belcher	Dayton
Lee Gephart	Homasassa, FL
Chris Grey	Bellbrook
John Ligier	Englewood
Shawn Morgan	Kettering
Ralph Avey	Tipp City
Michael Wise	Xenia
Mario Velasquez	Englewood
Lamar Washington	Dayton



**Subject to change -  
check back often**

**There's still time to sponsor a pilgrim!**

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