

# **GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS**

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



**JANUARY 2024**

**Sponsor a PILGRIM for**

*Women's  
Walk 111*

**in February!**

application attached



## **GATHERING**

January 8, 7:15pm  
Normandy UMC

*Oh! Sing to the Lord  
a new song!*

*For he has done marvelous things;*

*Psalm 98:1*

# SHALOM AND HAPPY 2024, EMMAUS FAMILY!

As we move into this new year, be reminded, YOU are LOVED with an Everlasting LOVE! You are His child and heir! No matter what comes - Understand that the battle belongs to the Lord.

In the passage below, Paul emphasizes the spiritual battle and how to prepare and go through each day IN CHRIST.

*“Each part of the battle gear keeps us IN CHRIST. From the Helmet to the Shoes with only one weapon, the WORD of God, Jesus empowers us and covers us to victoriously overcome.”*

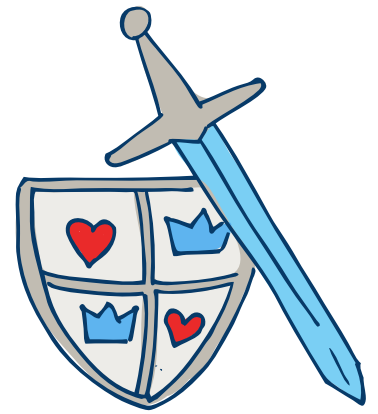
Notice in this Ephesians passage the scripture says to STAND more than once. Did you know ‘to STAND’ means to be at REST in an erect position, to be fixed in an upright or firm position? We are to stand firm (Rest & Trust) in the Lord for everything from the beginning to the end of this journey of life.

My husband and I have prayed daily together in the morning before we go our separate ways for over 25 years. Part of our prayers include getting spiritually dressed with the scripture passage below.

If you don’t already have the habit of getting spiritually dressed every day, please consider making this a new habit in this New Year by putting on what Christ has provided for us to be strengthened and aligned with the King of Kings!

The Apostle Paul says in Ephesians 6:10-20, The Passion Translation:

*“Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you. Put on God’s complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser.*



*Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.*

*Because of this, you must wear all the armor that God provides so you’re protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious. Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph. Put on holiness (Breastplate of Righteousness) as the protective armor that covers your heart.*

*Stand on your feet alert, then you’ll always be ready to share the blessings of peace. In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the evil one!*

*Embrace the power of salvation’s full deliverance, like a helmet to protect your thoughts from lies. And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword of the spoken word of God.*

*Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers. And pray also that God’s revelation would be released through me every time I preach the wonderful mystery of the hope-filled gospel. Yes, pray that I may preach the wonderful news of God’s kingdom with bold freedom at every opportunity.*

*Even though I am chained as a prisoner, I am his ambassador.”*

DeColores,  
Pamela Wantz  
Spiritual Director

# MEN'S WALK POSTPONED



**Dear Emmaus Community,**

*It is with a heavy heart that we have made the decision to postpone the January Men's Walk 71 until the weekend of June 27-30th 2024 at Sulphur Grove Church in Huber Heights.*

*I wanted to dispel any rumors about the reasoning behind this decision. It was not made lightly. It was made with prayerful consideration for the best outcome for our community. While it may seem to some that it was made quickly, I want to assure you that it was made for the benefit of all of the community. Many, many hours of discussion, prayers, meetings and deliberation to come to this decision. We have needed to postpone walks prior to this occasion, and just as in those cases, it was in the hope of providing the best experience for the men who will attend this walk. This decision was made due to the reasons which I will explain here.*

*The first reason is the number of confirmed pilgrims for this walk. The Men's Registrar reported that we had just eight men who had agreed to be on the walk. As a community, we were hoping to extend the deadline for applications until December 22nd in the hope that we could get the number needed for a walk, however, even with outstanding applications, our number was only five additional people who we were waiting on applications and confirmation. Even if all of those pilgrims were confirmed, that gives us 13 pilgrims which is not even halfway to our goal.*

*Our desire is always to have a full walk. It is designed to have 30 pilgrims. This is an important aspect as when we have fewer than 30 pilgrims it changes the table dynamics, as there is a stronger need to rely on the table leaders and assistant table leaders to help with discussions. It also can strain the table bonds after the walk to form share groups as the table leaders are already in established share groups.*

*As a community we have agreed that a minimum of 20 pilgrims is needed for us to fund the walk. As you can see, we can not rely on unconfirmed numbers. We made this decision based on the number of confirmed and committed pilgrims.*

*The second reason for this decision was because of the sudden and unexpected need to find replacements for the team. It is very common for the team formation process to experience changes, after all it is God's weekend and we serve at His pleasure. The team meetings had already started but due to unforeseen circumstances, many of the volunteers we rely on to hold walks needed to drop from the team for a variety of reasons including health, work and family commitments. We felt that the tight timing of the approaching holidays and the availability and necessity for cohesive team meetings did not allow for volunteers to prayerfully consider joining the team. The ability to have a committed, cohesive team is essential for all of the spiritual challenges that can happen during a walk weekend.*

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*It is expected to have a few changes during the team formation process, however, with the upcoming holidays, this was a challenge that had not been faced before. Following the Emmaus guidelines, the leadership of the community and the walk discussed the challenges and how to best serve the community.*

*The postponement of the walk allows both the pilgrim numbers and team challenges the time needed to be resolved. As we all know, things happen on God's time, not ours. We all want the walks to bring the pilgrims closer to knowing the love of Christ. We all need to do our part for the success of the walk weekends.*

*Right now there are not enough pilgrims to have a Women's Walk in February, we currently have nine confirmed pilgrims for Women's Walk #111. We have some additional time, however, the deadline is quickly approaching and we may need to postpone this walk as well. **We need your help!***

*As a community it is important that we have good sponsors who are able to fulfill all the duties needed for a walk weekend. Our guidelines state that a sponsor should only have one pilgrim and if they have more than one pilgrim that the sponsor should have a co-sponsor to help with the duties. Team members are also discouraged from sponsoring pilgrims unless they have another Emmaus brother or sister to attend to sponsor duties while on the walk. Our pilgrims are only as strong as our sponsors and the duty and privilege of a sponsor can not be taken lightly. Please follow this [link for sponsorship information](#) about sponsorship.*

*Our walk weekends rely on the live-in team to be successful. The team process begins with the willing servant form. Each position that you would be interested in serving on should be marked on that form - [linked here](#).*

*It is essential to have team members who are active in their church, our community and in a share (accountability) group. If you need to find a share group please contact our Good Shepherd, Stephen Cultice. <https://daytonemmaus.org/share-groups>*

# SAVE THE DATE

## **JANUARY GATHERING:**

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

## **FEBRUARY GATHERING:**

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

## **WOMEN'S WALK #111**

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

These walks take everyone, our entire community. Please pray for the teams of volunteers both for the upcoming Men's and Women's walk. Please pray for the pilgrims who will be served on our upcoming walks. And finally, pray for the strength of our community as we all continue on our 4th days.

I am available to answer any questions that you may have. Please email or call me with any concerns that you might have. My contact information is available on the [website](#). It is a privilege to be your Community Lay Director.

DeColores!

Your Brother In Christ,  
Jeff Adams

Greater Dayton Emmaus  
Community Lay Director  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

## Share Groups

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

**Stephen Cultice**

**937-823-9262 or scultice424@gmail.com**



## A Better Night's Sleep

# Agape

**Don't forget agape for**

**Women's Walk III!**



## 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 would like to compile 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*

**GREATER DAYTON  
EMMAUS**

**IS ON FACEBOOK**



# Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

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

- Registration Form Revised 07/15/2023  
The **Walk To Emmaus** is a highly structured weekend designed for strengthening and renewing the faith of Christians, and through them their families, congregations, and the world in which they live. Emmaus is organized through the United Methodist Church, but is ecumenical – open to any Christian denomination.

- For Emmaus use only -

- Book & Application Response Card Sent
- Sponsor's Application Response Card Sent
- Data sent to Computer Chairperson

Application postmark date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Check \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Information to be completed by Pilgrim (Incomplete forms will not be accepted and will be returned)

\*Required information

### Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Age: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Sex  M  F \*email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name as preferred on name tag: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

\*Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Spouse's Walk # & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Given the opportunity, I would be able to attend a Walk on short notice.

### Work Information

\*Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### Church Information

\*Current Church Home: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Do you regularly attend worship services? \_\_\_\_\_ \*Do you participate in other ways in your local church? \_\_\_\_\_

### Close Friend /Emergency Contact Information (other than sponsor)

(Please DO NOT omit this information)

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

### Special Needs for the Walk Weekend

\*Dietary: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vegetarian, allergies, etc.)

\*Medical: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Medications, allergies, etc.)

\*Mobility: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Assistance, trouble with stairs, etc.)

(Briefly state why you want to attend Emmaus and what you expect :)

I understand this signed application does not reserve a position on a particular walk, but does put me on the list for upcoming Greater Dayton Emmaus Walks.

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Include a **NON-REFUNDABLE** pre-registration deposit of \$20.00 (Please make check payable to **Greater Dayton Emmaus**) which will be applied toward your \$85.00 charge for the weekend, and **return this form to your sponsor**. Your sponsor will complete the reverse side and forward it to the registrar. Please send a separate check for each registration.

# Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is not an evangelistic tool or a place to solve deep emotional problems. Individuals recommended for Emmaus should be currently active in a local church and believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. They should have a desire to deepen their faith and to become closer to Christ in their Discipleship.

It is the responsibility of the sponsor to provide information to the applicant to assist them in the decision to attend a weekend, to pray for and support them during their weekend, and to help them get involved in the life of the Emmaus community through "Share Groups" and Emmaus Gatherings after their walk.

## Information to be completed by Sponsor (Incomplete forms will not be accepted and will be returned)

\*Required

### Sponsor's Personal Information

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

: \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*Emmaus  Cursillo  Chrysalis weekend  
attended:

\*Location

\*Number

\*Date

**Yes No**

Do you get the Emmaus newsletter?

#### **SHARE GROUPS**

\*Are you in a share (reunion) group?

\*Will you help your pilgrim get into a Share Group?

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

\*I have attended a Greater Dayton Emmaus Community Sponsorship training (held the hour before each Gathering)

\*Have you read about and do you understand your duties as a sponsor (found in the "Fourth Day" booklet)?

\*Will you accompany your pilgrim to and from the weekend?

\*Will you attend the events that are in support for your pilgrim?

\*Are you willing to pray and sacrifice for your pilgrim?

\*Are you aware of the importance of minimal contact with the pilgrim during the weekend?

#### **PILGRIM'S SPOUSE**

\*Has his/her spouse already been on a Walk weekend?

\*Have you invited his/her spouse to attend a Walk weekend?

\*Is the spouse supportive of this pilgrim's participation?

### Information about your pilgrim

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Sponsor's relationship to pilgrim: \_\_\_\_\_ # years known: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Why do you think the pilgrim is a good candidate for the Walk to Emmaus? What benefit do you see for him/her and the local church?

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Walk Weekends

Normandy UMC / Sulphur Grove UMC

#### Men's Walk

January (Normandy UMC)

June (Sulphur Grove UMC)

#### Women's Walk

February (Normandy UMC)

July (Sulphur Grove UMC)

Exact dates are posted on the Emmaus Website: [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org) - Encounter Christ - Walks

Mail completed application forms and deposits to (or email to: [mens.registrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mens.registrar@daytonemmaus.org))

**Men's Registrar**  
Greater Dayton Emmaus  
PO Box 292224  
Dayton, OH 45429

or [womens.registrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womens.registrar@daytonemmaus.org))

OR

**Women's Registrar**  
Greater Dayton Emmaus  
PO Box 292224 Dayton,  
OH 45429



Please fill out and send with your Pilgrim Registration Form!  
Thank you!

## GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS Pilgrim/Team Emergency Information Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any health conditions (allergies, medications etc.) that would be helpful in an emergency situation:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_