

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



JULY 2024



Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit
of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

– 2 Corinthians 3:17 [NIV]

Women's Walk #112

Community volunteers are needed to set up and move pilgrims in, to attend sponsor hour for team members, and to help serve meals.

Sign up at Gathering on July 8 or see **page 4** for info. See the WW#112 pilgrim/team list on **page 6!**

July 18-21
Sulphur Grove UMC

Spiritual Director

In the beginning

I was reading Genesis 1 this morning. You know this famous passage. It is the creation story in six days (the seventh day of rest is recorded in chapter 2). Scholars have noted the interesting progression in the passage:

Day 1: *Light and darkness*

Day 2: *Separation of the waters and the air*

Day 3: *Dry land and plants*

Day 4: *Sun and moon*

Day 5: *Creation of fish and birds, the inhabitants of the water and air*

Day 6: *Animals and humans who live on the land and ate the plant*

God created the light before there was a sun, then the environment for His creation before He created them. It is a progression that is extraordinary.

But before all that, verse 2 reads, “The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” (Genesis 1:2, ESV)

I was struck by that verse. God had created the heavens and the earth, but the earth was nothing like what it would become. It was without all the marvelous things that would be there at the end. There were no inspiring sunrises, no peaceful mountain lakes, nor the wonder of the ocean.

Instead, its dominant characteristic was that it had no form, was empty and dark, yet with the presence of the Spirit, the ruach, hovering or moving over it.

Likewise, it is the same way for one who finds salvation in the Lord. Their life, despite all that may have come before, is nothing, empty, and without light.

Then God creates. The Hebrew word is bara, which always refers to divine creativity. God begins to divinely create the beautiful things of the kingdom in a person’s life, things like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (see Galatians 5:22–23).

Before Christ, our lives were nothing. Only through the Lord can the beauty and wonder of all the magnificent things of the kingdom be created in us. It is God Who does all that. Praise be to Him!

Gary Wheeler
Community Spiritual Director

From the Community Chair

Summer Greetings!

I hope this finds everyone enjoying the warmth of God's love during these mid-summer days.

While many may have been out and about with barbecues and summer fun, 25 men took their Emmaus Walk in the last weekend of June. Welcome to our community, Men's Walk #71!

Speaking of walks, we are now gearing up for Women's Walk #112, July 18-21. Please sign-up to serve at our next Gathering on July 8 at Sulphur Grove. Set-up time will be 7:30pm on July 17. Many hands make for lighter work.

With the wave of activities in June and July, we felt it was necessary to postpone the Lay Director Training until September 28. This will give those who have served on recent walks a much-needed break before another Saturday meeting.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us remember, "through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus Christ has liberated us from the bondage of sin and death, offering us the ultimate freedom in Him. As we celebrate Independence Day, we also reflect on the blessings of liberty that we enjoy as citizens of a free nation."

From "Embracing Independence Day: A Christian Perspective"

And may we never forget the words of Jesus in John 8:36, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

May you be blessed with love, peace and joy in your 4th Days.

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Brenda Baker
Greater Dayton Community Lay Director

FIND THE INFO YOU NEED ON THE WEB:



DAYTONEMMAUS.ORG

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve food and clean up after meals for WW #112. 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

Or click [SignUpGenius](#)

Thursday, July 18

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, July 19

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, July 20

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, July 21

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

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

WOMEN'S WALK #112

JULY 18-21

SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

SET UP

JULY 17, 7:30PM

CANDLELIGHT

JULY 20, 8:30 PM

CLOSING & CLEAN UP

JULY 21, 4 PM CLEAN UP
4:30 PM CLOSING

JULY GATHERING:

JULY 8 @7:15 PM
SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

AUGUST GATHERING:

AUGUST 12 @7:15 PM
SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

SEPTEMBER GATHERING:

AUGUST 9 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

LAY DIRECTOR TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 28
TIME & LOCATION TBA



Remember back on your walk? What did you think when you went to the dining room and found all of the agape on your table? Did you realize how much love was put into making all those things for you?

Agape love. We want to continue to shower our pilgrims with that same love.

Please remember that if you are doing table agape, you need to have 60 pieces, enough for team and pilgrims. If you want to make bedtime agape for team, you will need to make 30. OR if you want to just do pilgrim agape for Sunday packets, do 30.

Pinterest is full of ideas if you don't know what to make.

We ask that you don't put names on your agape- this is about love, not recognition.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Shelly Crabtree,
kidnurse75@gmail.com

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

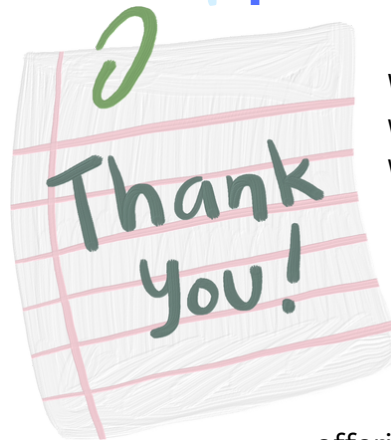
Welcome New Board Members

The GDE Community is blessed to have hard-working board members who chair different areas of need.

This month, please welcome Alix Argobright as the new treasurer and Doug Pelfrey as the new men's registrar.

For a complete list of board members, see the website at: <https://daytonemmaus.org/board-of-directors>

Worship & Gathering Help



Worship Chair, Linda Haller, would like to thank all those who help with worship needs for our walk weekends.

There is a need for help at Gatherings as well. We need people to serve communion, take up the offering, give a Fourth Day talk, pass out and distribute prayer cards, provide music, and set up and clean up communion.

If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Linda or for offering, contact Tonya McDougle.

REGIONAL GATHERING

Regional Gathering in Buffalo, NY, August 30-31. This will be a great opportunity to connect and brainstorm with many other Emmaus Communities. The information and registration link is live at: <https://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/events/regional-gathering>

Women's Walk #112



Position - Team Member

| Pilgrim Name | City |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Joyce Barrier | Dayton |
| 2. Valerie Bell | Dayton |
| 3. Cheryl Bogen | Lebanon |
| 4. Logan Brock | Englewood |
| 5. Sara Burchett | Miamisburg |
| 6. Morgan Claude | Englewood |
| 7. Amy Cornelius | Franklin |
| 8. Danielle Debruge-Justice | Dayton |
| 9. Ruth Geiman | Fairborn |
| 10. Tanyer Harbut | Dayton |
| 11. Sarah Hibbard | Dayton |
| 12. Karen Jackson | Dayton |
| 13. Samantha Johnson | Dayton |
| 14. Makailyn Kelly | Washington C.H. |
| 15. Tavia Kettles | Dayton |
| 16. Kimberly Martin | West Milton |
| 17. Debora Massaro | Clayton |
| 18. Sherri Mullenix | Dayton |
| 19. Melora Newsome | Miamisburg |
| 20. Denise Norton | Union |
| 21. Dawn Patterson | Huber Heights |
| 22. Chantel Stringer | Dayton |
| 23. Tanya Velasquez | Englewood |
| 24. Leslie Webb | Xenia |
| 25. Debra West | Jamestown |
| 26. Tera Winchek | Kettering |
| 27. Vickie Winfield | Xenia |
| 28. Heather Wright | Dayton |

Lay Director - Claire Merkes
Asst. Lay Director - Melissa Gross
Asst. Lay Director - Alix Argabright
Asst. Lay Director - Debbie Slife
Logistics - Dona Speakman
Logistics - Cathy Berry
Logistics - Eden McDonald
Prayer Servant/Mentor - Myra Wheeler
Prayer Servant - Char Hinkley
Board Rep - Kathy Kitchel
Music Director - Julia Crowl
Asst. Music Director - Emily Adams
Spiritual Director - Pam Wantz
Asst. Spiritual Director - Hope Williams
Asst. Spiritual Director - Fritz Merkes
Asst. Spiritual Director - Palmer Jason
Asst. Spiritual Director - Don Trumbull
Table Leader - Laura Wofford
Table Leader - Amy Muran
Table Leader - April Tedore
Table Leader - Tanya McDougle
Table Leader - Rhonda Baer
Table Leader - Tessa Judkins
Asst. Table Leader - Becky Kistner
Asst. Table Leader - Kathy Loveless
Asst. Table Leader - Jessica Lucas
Asst. Table Leader - Kristi Parker
Asst. Table Leader - Amanda Thompson
Asst. Table Leader - Kiskeya Young