

July Newsletter

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WALK SCHEDULE

At Sulphur Grove UMC
WW #106 July 18-21, 2019

At Normandy UMC
MW #106 Jan 16-19, 2020

SEND-OFF

6-7:30pm Thursday of Walk

CANDLELIGHT

8:30PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING

4:30PM Sunday of Walk

NEXT GATHERING

Monday, July 8
2nd Monday Every Month
7:15 PM, Normandy UMC

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 23
7PM, Normandy UMC

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Chairman's Corner



The Declaration of Independence states that people “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

This Independence Day on July 4, we are reminded of these well-known words that mark the beginning of this great nation which afford us freedom of religion. Is freedom based on the country in which we live or is there a deeper meaning?

The core message of the Christian faith is that Jesus Christ rescues us from the slavery of sin and offers true freedom in this life and beyond. While Christ followers still battle with sin, they are no longer slaves to it. “For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”
—John 3:16

As a member of this Emmaus community, many of us upon completion of our Emmaus walks, gained:

- a greater awareness of the reality of God's love and a fresh commitment to Christ,
- emotional and relational healing,
- a greater understanding of the Christian faith,
- a desire to grow spiritually and make prayer and study a part of our daily study,

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- a new sense of divine purpose and direction,
 - readiness to share Christ's love in daily settings and in the greater community,
 - awareness of the contradictions between the way life is and the world God intends,
 - new friendships with peers, younger or older persons, and clergy, and more appreciation for Christians who hold different perspectives.
- (section 1-The Emmaus Story, Emmaus Ministries Community Manual)

Love of others and the prayers of many surround the Emmaus experience. Love is a verb and by the action of strangers, new pilgrims experience the joy of knowing Jesus in a more in-depth way. There is a sharing of "agape" love as brothers and sisters in Christ come together to serve.

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not

use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." —Galatians 5:13

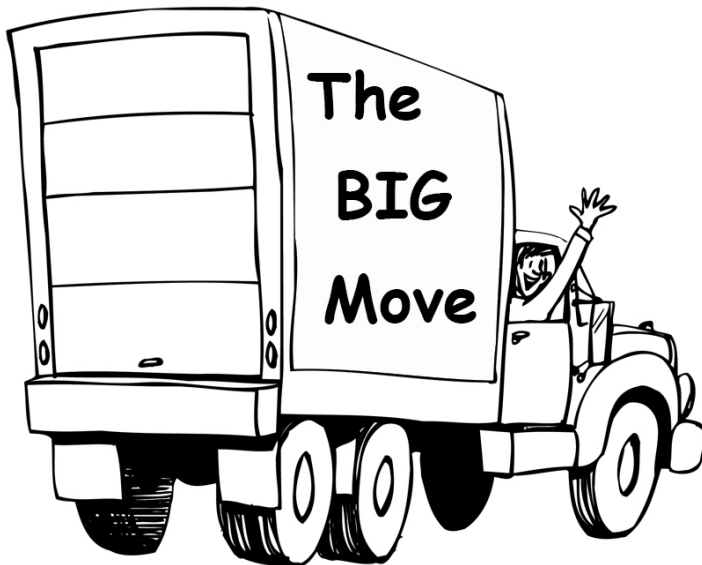
By receiving the grace and love of Jesus Christ through the anonymous service of the members of the community and very visible sacrifice of the team, lives are changed, strongholds are broken, and men and women are freed from their past mistakes. After completion of a Walk to Emmaus, the members want to go out into the world to pursue happiness for their families and friends, by sharing what they experienced in the seventy-two hours, setting new priorities and sponsoring others on a Walk to Emmaus.

"Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the Son remains forever. So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." —John 8:34-36

This Independence Day celebrate the freedom offered by knowing Jesus Christ as your Savior.

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Pam DeHart
Community Lay Director

Help with the Big Move



Pick an opportunity and come out to help with the Big Move! For more information, contact Steve Uphouse (937) 435-0028 email: housing@daytonemmaus.org

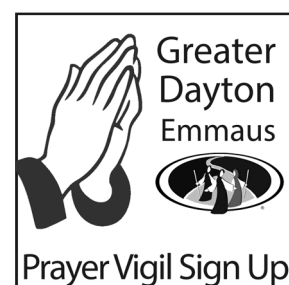
Monday, July 15 at 10am (Normandy UMC)- the moving truck will be loaded up. Note that no food items, chemicals, or electronics are to be loaded.

Items to be loaded include foam mats, beds, room dividers, gray bins, coolers, agape racks, etc. Also note that the truck will be unloaded at Sulphur Grove UMC during setup on Wednesday, July 17.

Monday, July 22 at 10am (Normandy UMC)- the moving truck is to be unloaded and the contents placed back into storage. Note that the truck will be loaded during teardown (morning and afternoon) on Sunday, July 21.

Volunteer to Serve on Women's Walk #106

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



Keeping Our Eyes Open



No one in this Emmaus Community needs to be told that our Dayton area is suffering. From poor sections of Northridge to well-to-do sections of Beavercreek, the scene is the same: devastation.

Unfortunately, we are not the only one's suffering!

I read a newspaper article yesterday that reported that as of some date (it didn't say), Ohio farmers had 88% of their crops planted in 2018, but only 28% this year. Travel to the northern part of the state, and you won't see crops; you will see wet and waterlogged fields. Our farmers are suffering.

Most of you know where my wife Myra works. She has story after story of children, teens, and adults, who are hurting, either because of mental illness, drug addition, or for no fault of their own.

I recently got connected to a completely different community of people. In that group, a man's marriage is falling apart, another is dealing with Meniere's Disease, another's girlfriend has just been diagnosed with breast cancer, and another will live the rest of his life with severe back pain. Suffering.

It's not hard to see suffering. It's everywhere. There are periods of our own lives when we are suffering.

The hard thing is to not close our eyes to it. Like moving from the darkness (say of a house) into the bright sunlight outside, we squint to restrict what we allow into our eyes and our hearts. We can become jaded, closed off from suffering, because there is just so much of it.

Multitudes of suffering people came to Jesus – the deaf, blind, demon possessed, the lame, the lepers, and many more – searching for relief, healing, a chance. Look what Matthew says:

“Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.’”

—Matthew 9:35-38, NLT2

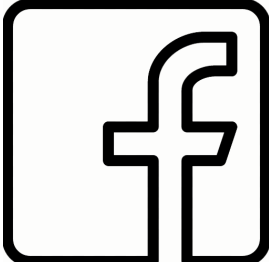
Jesus is praying for the Lord to send more workers into his fields. He is praying for you! Don't become closed off from the suffering and needs of our fellow human beings. Keep your eyes open, no matter how hard it is, and go into the fields.

Gary Wheeler
Spiritual Director



Emmaus Website

It's the place to go for info about Gatherings, Walks, Share Groups, Serving and much more. Be sure to bookmark www.daytonemmaus.org and visit often!



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Women's Walk #106 at Sulphur Grove UMC

25 Pilgrims July 18 - 21, 2019 Roster

PILGRIM	CITY	HOME CHURCH	SPONSOR
Katie Arnold	Vandalia	Mosaic/Ginghamsburg	Michelle Tobias
Christina Baker	Dayton	First Baptist Kettering	Jodi Blacklidge
Linda Bihlman	Xenia	Linden Avenue Baptist	Mike Bihlman
Lareen Bowman	Germantown	Germantown UMC	Myra Wheeler
Grace Bridges	Dayton	Fairhaven	Christine Holmes
Lois Bubeck	Dayton	Belmont UMC	Kathy Beachler
Karen Bustamante	Kettering	Concord Church Englewood	Adrianna Bustamante
Christina Carter	Dayton	Hope Church	Kara Hitchens
Rhonda Coleman	Fairborn	Medway	Becky Brittingham
Donna Evans	Clayton	Christian Life Center South	Judy Busch
Sally Green	Riverside	Beavercreek Christian	Kathleen Hosner
Carolyn Hickman	Middletown	New Era Baptist Church	Melanie Morrett
Katelynn Hill	Troy	Ginghamsburg	Diana Begley
Shirley Howard	Lebanon	Urbancrest Baptist	Melanie Morrett
Sheila Johnson	Trotwood	Ginghamsburg	Tina Payne
Wanda Lovely	Lebanon	Urbancrest Baptist	Melanie Morrett
Vina Maloy	Tipp City	Ginghamsburg	Diana Begley
Linda Moorehead	Dayton	Central Presbyterian Church	Pat Settles
E.Lynn Owen	Troy	Christian Life Center	Judy Busch
Joy Parson	Miamisburg	Exodus Ministries	Mamie Johnson
Lucy Parsons	Xenia	Xenia Nazarene Church	Brenda Benedict
Cathy Pavao-Webb	Springboro	Vinyard Franklin	Allyssa Miller
Theresa Russell	Dayton	Patterson Park	Helen Hoke
Jacqueline Smith	West Milton	Potsdam UMC	Pastor Pam Hitchcock
Chelsea Smith	Troy	Ginghamsburg	Diana Begley

Agape for Pilgrims and Team

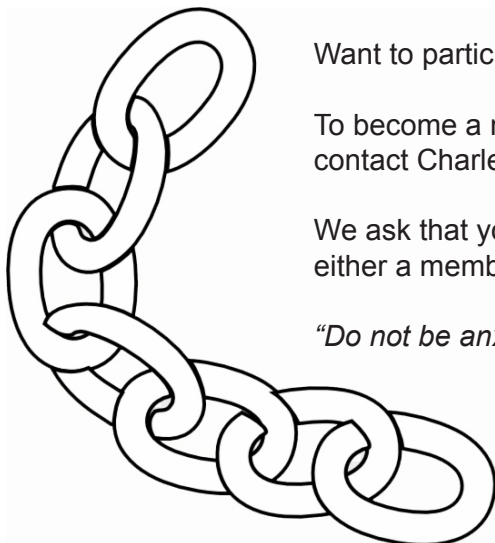
You are encouraged to provide Agape for pilgrims and team members. Please review the rosters on pages 4 and 5. If you are acquainted with a pilgrim through your church, please consider not only providing Agape, but attending Thursday Night Send-off, Saturday Night Candlelight and Sunday Closing. Christ 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 (AJ Puderbaugh) to retrieve excess agape at Gatherings (Narthex) or at Walks (Agape Room)

NAME	TEAM POSITION	TALK
Rosie Allen	Assistant Table Leader	
Barry Baughman	Assistant Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Samantha Browning	Assistant Lay Director	Grow Through Study
Barbara Courtice	Board Representative	
Shelly Crabtree	Lay Director	Perseverance
Michele Cremeans	Table Leader	Discipleship
Julia Crowl	Music Director	
Darlene Fugate	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Melissa Gross	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Debbie Hayes	Logistics 2	
Dawn Hedrick	Assistant Table Leader	
Karen Heydinger	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Samantha Hoang	Logistics	
Mamie Johnson	Assistant Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Carie Jorgenson	Assistant Lay Director	Priority
Jean Keillor	Prayer Servant/Mentor	
Jennifer Ketring	Assistant Music Director	
Martha Logan	Assistant Lay Director 2	Fourth Days
Stephanie Looney	Assistant Table Leader	
Sherry Loschi	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Kathleen Hosner	Assistant Table Leader	
Cathy Miller	Table Leader	Christian Action
Kathy Paice	Assistant Table Leader	
Sandy Pappenfus	Assistant Spiritual Director (live-in)	Sanctifying Grace
Barb Ricketts	Prayer Servant	
Barbara Rose	Table Leader	Life of Piety
April Tedore	Assistant Table Leader	
Jessi Voline	Logistics	
Pamela Wantz	Assistant Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace

Prayer Warriors for the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community



Want to participate in our e-mail prayer chain? Have an urgent prayer request?

To become a member of the prayer chain or to submit your prayer request, please contact Charles Benner at (937) 879-2118 or bennercl@notes.udayton.edu

We ask that you limit your requests to a serious, urgent nature and to the needs of either a member of the Emmaus Community or your immediate family.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” — Philippians 4:6

Contributions to the Gift Are Making A Difference in Bolivia



The Emmaus Ministries offerings are valuable tools for local churches' disciple-making system(s). This was made clear by Rev. Antonio Huanca, Bishop of the Iglesia Evangelica Metodista de Bolivia—and members of his cabinet—in a recent meeting with Rev. Stephane Brooks, the International Spiritual Director of the Emmaus Ministries. The group met in Cochabamba, Bolivia, during the recently held third set of walks organized by the Thui Rancho Emmaus Ministries Community.

On this occasion, nearly 40 men and women spent 72 hours hearing again about and reflecting on the Christian faith, worshiping, sharing in the means of grace, building community... before leaving renewed and committed to continuing their growth in grace, and to Christian service.

As we continue to observe the various ways in which the Emmaus Ministries offerings are impacting individuals' lives, local churches, and denominations around the world, we give thanks to God

for our many contributors to the GIFT who allow us to provide the necessary human resources and materials to new Communities outside of the US.

A big THANK YOU to the Greater Dayton Emmaus community for your contribution in November 2018!

Emmaus Ministries Regional Gathering

Greetings from the Emmaus Ministries International Office in Nashville Tennessee! It is with great joy that we want to share with you Emmaus Ministries Fall Gathering. This year, the semi-annual event* will be held in Columbus, Ohio at the Stoneybrook United Methodist Church, 485 Cherry Bottom Drive, Gahanna, Ohio on **October 24-26, 2019**. This Gathering will be a way for The Upper Room's Emmaus Ministries communities to celebrate, worship and learn. No matter whether you attended Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, Face to Face, Journey to the Table or Discovery, there will be activities for you.

This will be an opportunity to celebrate and affirm persons involved in Emmaus Ministries across the United States. We will participate in worship and conversations and we will build relationships and networks as brothers and sisters in Christ.

There is no cost for the event, but each person will be responsible for their own transportation and housing. Please visit daytonemmaus.org/regional-gathering-1 for hotel information and to download a registration form. So that the host Emmaus Ministries community and Stoneybrook UMC can make arrangements, the registration deadline is **SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**.

*Each year, Emmaus Ministries will sponsor two Regional Gatherings in areas across the United States.

