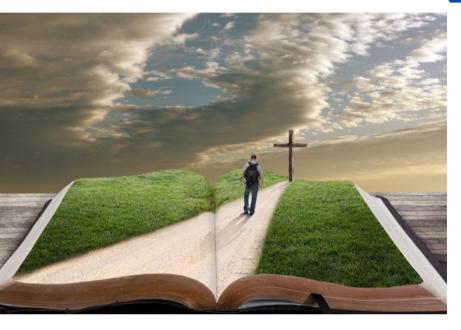
GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS



450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459

JUNE 2022



AT LAST ... MEN'S WALK #68 IS HERE!

JUNE 23-26

GOOD NEWS FROM THE MEN'S REGISTRAR

I am happy to announce that at this time we have a least 21 pilgrims signed up for our Emmaus Men's Walk at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights, Ohio!

This walk could not happen without the support of the sponsors in our Greater Dayton Emmaus Community and the churches in the Dayton area that support the Emmaus Upper Room ministry.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next Gathering on June 13th at Sulphur Grove UMC. We can have up to 30 pilgrims, so there are still spots available if you plan to sponsor someone. **Please let me know ASAP** so I can get the information to our housing and kitchen chairs on any pilgrim needs.

The Live-In team will also need to be making final calls to the sponsors and pilgrims to make sure they are still planning on attending and to ensure they know everything they need to know prior to arrival on Thursday evening.

I thank each of you all for your support and prayers to get pilgrims on our summer walk. Remember if you have someone who cannot go this summer, we can add them to the list for the next men's walk in January 2023 at Normandy UMC.

Please continue to keep the pilgrims and team members in your prayers as we prepare in the next couple weeks.

God Bless,

Jeff Adams Interim Men's Registrar Men's Walk #46, Table of Matthew

From the Community Lay Director

Greetings Friends!

May God's Holy Spirit be moving in your life in new ways and preparing you for service to His children. Your Emmaus Community brings you two great opportunities this month and next month as our 2 year and 4 month wait finally ends!

On June 23 to 26, we will once again hold an in-person Walk to Emmaus in the Miami Valley Greater Dayton area at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church at 7505 Taylorsville Rd, Huber Heights 45424! The Walk is UPON US NOW. And our Emmaus community of over 5,500 strong is ready!

Many of you are sponsoring a pilgrim on this Walk and we thank you! There is still time for a few more pilgrims, but hurry and submit your pilgrim and sponsor information THIS WEEK to the Men's Registrar!

Many of you have already signed up to serve one or more meals on the Walk and we thank you!

Many of you are planning to come Thursday night from 5 to 7 pm to help carry pilgrim bags and their bedding, and to help them get settled into their "luxurious accommodations" and we thank you!



We invite you, your Share Group, and your Emmaus friends to rekindle your sense of mission, your sense of serving others, your sense of showing God's love, mercy and grace in real terms by participating in this Walk in multiple ways. As you come and bless these pilgrims and team, you will be filled with the Holy Spirit to overflowing and you will be blessed and feel God's love, mercy, and His truly amazing grace.

And while I have your attention, just a few weeks after the Men's Walk, our first Women's Walk in over 2 years will occur at Sulphur Grove UMC as well!

We pray your spirit will be still flying high with excitement and you'll jump back in to serve again.

If you sponsored someone on the Men's Walk, please bring them along to serve in multiple ways and to experience aspects of the Walk all over again.

The well-known Christian hymn comes to mind: "And they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love..." which is based on John 13:35 "By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Come out to demonstrate your Christian love for others by participating, supporting, serving, and giving of yourself to the pilgrims and team on Men's Walk # 68 and Women's Walk # 108. We need you -- ALL HANDS ON DECK!

God bless you. DeColores,

Kirk Lehneis Community Lay Director MW#14, Table of Peter

Notes from the Women's Registrar

URGENTLY NEEDED!

I am still in need of a few volunteers to be sponsors for some pilgrims. I have had phone calls from people who want to go on a walk yet do not have someone within their church to help them.

Please let me know ASAP if you could help out! You will be a blessing to the pilgrim by offering a helping hand.

Remember, God is counting on us!

Also -- there is still room for pilgrims for the Women's Walk in July. At this point there are 13 signed up and more are coming in weekly!

I have had something happen recently that has never happened before in my time as registrar, I had TWO pilgrims call me and ask to go on a walk!!! People are so READY to be involved in something to bring them closer to Christ. I also know that we as a community are also excited to get things moving again and to help serve in this wonderful Emmaus ministry.

If you talk to someone about becoming a pilgrim, but they can't come to the summer walk, please, please have them fill out an application and we will put them on the list for the next walk. I'm just as confident that after this summer's walk there is going to be a list of ladies ready to go!!! I don't know about you, but I am bustin' at the seams and not just from all the food I've been eating for the past two years, but also because I'm so excited for these upcoming WALKS!!

I know many of you feel the same way. As a community, we just love to serve others and new pilgrims. I'm thinking we are all ready to put on our aprons for kitchen work, getting our pens out for writing agape letters, and falling to our knees thanking God for this awesome Emmaus ministry!

At this point, we have pilgrim applications coming in weekly, but I am urging you to get your applications in as soon as possible. July and the Women's Walk will be here before you know it.

My visual for these summer Walks is that the Holy Spirit has been in this little confined box for two years (and yes, I know he's been with us, but go with me on this) and I feel like this summer he's going to BLOW the walls off that box! KABOOOM!!

Man, I can't wait! Decolores!

Lisa Keller Women's Registrar

Agape Room Supplies Needed

The Agape Chair, Linda Heller, needs donations of blank cards or note paper that can be used for writing agape.

She says we could also use some new stickers as our current supply is a little worn out.

Bring your donations to the June Gathering. If you cannot attend one of the gatherings, but would like to contribute, please contact Linda through email: Lmusicteach@aol.com.



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SERVE SO OTHERS WILL FOLLOW

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1

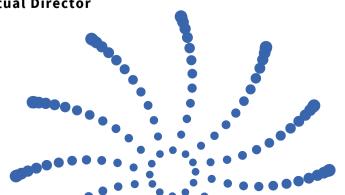
It's easy to tell someone to follow Christ when it is modeled by someone who wholeheartedly follows Him. The Apostle Paul, a true example of what it means to live a life for Christ, did just that. He didn't just tell people what to do, he exemplified someone who lived his life for Christ.

At Emmaus we have a significant opportunity to show others what it means to be a Christ follower. We have not had a walk in over two years and now we begin again to share the love of God through acts of selfless service so that pilgrims get to know and experience His love more than they may ever have before.

They see individuals who they don't know serving them, praying with them, sitting with them, listening to them, and most importantly, loving them. That was Christ. He loved the poor, the unclean, oppressors, racial enemies, He loved everyone because His message was all about love.

We all need examples and having people who have committed to being like Jesus makes it easier to see that we too can be like Him. So, the next time you hear, "follow me as I follow Christ", it is a call to dedicate your life to Him to find true joy and understanding of what happiness is because it is founded in Christ!

Mamie Johnson Spiritual Director





SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE GATHERING: JUNE 13 @7:15 PM SULPHUR GROVE UMC HUBER HEIGHTS, OH 4th Day Speaker-BARBARA COURTICE Community Prayer-CHRISTINE HOLMES

MEN'S WALK #68: JUNE 23-26 SULPHUR GROVE UMC, HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

WOMEN'S WALK: JULY 14-17 SULPHUR GROVE UMC, HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

JULY GATHERING: JULY 11 @7:15 PM SULPHUR GROVE UMC HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON A LIVE-IN TEAM?

Remember when you went on your Pilgrim Walk and were surrounded by caring people who became a part of your weekend? They included Table Leaders, Assistant Table leaders, Music Directors, Assistant Lay Directors, Prayer Servants, Spiritual Directors and several Logs who kept everything clean and moving.

If you have an interest in serving on a live-in team in one of these positions, I would like to encourage you to fill out a new Willing Servant Form.

Since it has been several years since our last walk, our database is not as up-to-date as it should be. People have moved, changed names, and created new email accounts. Maybe you learned to play the guitar while in COVID lockdown and want to serve in a new way!

We would also like to update our list for those who wish to serve behind the scenes: helping with kitchen and housing needs, Agape room, Men's and Women's registration, worship, documentation, supply, and with forming share groups.

The Greater Dayton Emmaus walk cannot happen without the help of volunteers from the community.

Please consider signing up at the next Gathering at Sulphur Grove UMC in Huber Heights, Ohio or log on our handy sign up apps.

Please pray for the pilgrims and team on the June Walk.

Please note If you have questions, you can contact any board member. See our website in the Board of Directors section for contact information.

https://daytonemmaus.org/board-of-directors

Decolores!

Jeff Adams Vice Chairman/TSC MW#46, Table of Matthew



Wear It on Your Sleeve!

Visit our 30th Anniversary Emmaus Merchandise Online Store

Be a walking testimony for GDE! It's quick and easy, so order what you like when you want. Visit the link below:

https://greater-dayton-walkto-emmaus.creatorspring.com

THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

Eight weeks prior to the start of the 2022 Men's Walk, I began reading the book, "Wild at Heart-Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul" by John Eldredge.

Two weeks later, as I am nearing the end of the book, I recognize this is no coincidence! I realize I am seeking my deepest possible understanding in support of the team and incoming pilgrims of Men's Walk #68. This is a special moment in time for this ministry and I believe we all want to be as connected as possible.

Truth be told, I don't want to miss one thing! As we encourage and uplift the band of brothers awaiting God's pilgrims, I would like to share some of what I found inspiring...

Eldredge speaks of "the crisis in masculinity today, where men are trained to be 'really nice guys'...but what we really need is a gathering of 'Really Dangerous Men.' The type of men who stand (in Christ) and fight with their brother sideby-side and never back down."

Eldredge quoted Henry V as he rallied his outnumbered troops, he reminds them that they are not mercenaries, but a 'band of brothers' saying,

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me Shall be my brother... And gentlemen in England, now a-bed Shall think themselves accursed they were not here: And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks That fought with us."

Eldredge goes on to say, "Yes, we need men to whom we can bare our souls. But it isn't going to happen with a group of guys you don't trust, who really aren't willing to go to battle with you."



"It's a long-standing truth that there is never a more devoted group of men than those who have fought alongside one another, the men of your squadron, the guys in your foxhole. It will never be a large group, but we don't need a large group. We need a band of brothers willing to 'shed their blood' with us." (pages 175-176)

Bathed in prayer and covered in the Armor of God, let us rally in support of our Brothers in Christ, the Pilgrims and Team of The Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus #68.

United in Christ, We are Emmaus Strong!

In Christ's love,

Michele Cremeans Past Chairwoman WW#95

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Summer time is moving time!



You have an opportunity to serve at the **Big Move** at Normandy Church on Thursday, June 16 at 5:30 pm, and again on Friday the 17th if we don't finish. Duties include moving all of the equipment used for the weekend onto the truck for the upcoming Men's Walk at Sulphur Grove UMC in Huber Heights.

On Wednesday June 22, 2022 we will unload the truck and put things into the appropriate location within Sulphur Grove.

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.

We also have many opportunities to serve at the upcoming walk. You can assist with the Walk setup on Wednesday, carry the Pilgrim luggage on Thursday, or help to teardown on Sunday.

Sign up at the Gathering or complete a Willing Servant form or signup here: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A8AC2BA0FA7-housing</u>

Contact Randy Barty for more information: housing@daytonemmaus.org or 937-602-7003

Sign up here to volunteer!



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Men's Walk #68

Please pray for the team and especially for the pilgrims on the walk.

Pilgrim List Walk #68

Pilgrim Name

Larry Allen Doug Gullett William Harlen Dennis Shumard Brian Rankin Joshua Newland Mike Webb Jason Brodnick Marshall Kepler James Satteson Paul Newman Scott Randall Frank Baniel Kendall Layne Alex Drewery Gary Johns **George Hames** Brian Burdine David Howell **Roy Nickels** Mike Inkrott Jim Grindel Steve Cassel Jeff Wilson

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Team Roster Walk #68

Team Member Jeff Adams Randy Barty Dave Brook Ed Buck Keith Crabtree James Elam Mark Flannerv **Brian Hayes** Jason Hoang **Steve Holmes** Jim Howe Palmer Jason Mamie Johnson George Kedaitis Dick Kooser **Bob Leibecke** Marc Littman Tim Macv Steve McNabb Sandy Pappenfus Douglas Pelfrey Ed Spears Gary Stanforth Jonathan Taulbee Table Leader Steve Uphouse Dean Wells Garv Wheeler **Assistant Spiritual Director** Paul Wilson Assistant Music Director

Team Position Assistant Lay Director Board Rep Assistant Table Leader Assistant Table Leader Table Leader Assistant Table Leader Table Leader Asst. Spiritual Dir. Live-in Logistics Lay Director Assistant Lay Director **Spiritual Director** Assistant Spiritual Dir. Table Leader Assistant Table Leader Logistics Assistant Table Leader **Music Director** Assistant Table Leader Assistant Spiritual Director Table Leader Doug Puderbaugh Assistant Lay Director Logistics Table Leader **Prayer Servant** Prayer Servant/Mentor

A Reminder:

Remember prayer surrounds the weekend. Come to the Gathering to sign up for prayer vigils.

Once the weekend begins:

- No photos are to be taken except for the official team photo

- All Emmaus community members are invited to send-off on Thursday night. Children may attend this part of the weekend only. In years past, children have accompanied parents/grandparents to help prepare meals or come to candlelight or closing. Unfortunately, this is not allowed per the Emmaus covenant with the Upper Room as it can be a distraction for pilgrims and team.

- Only Emmaus community members may serve as prayer partners for speakers.
- All Emmaus community members are welcome to attend closing (not just sponsors and pilgrims).

Remember how powerful your walk weekend was for you; and plan to support our new brothers and sisters in Christ by participating in some way.

Pamela DeHart, WW#59