

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

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JUNE 2024

Sunshine is sweet; it is good to see the light of day.
People ought to enjoy every day of their lives,
no matter how long they live.

Ecclesiastes II:7-8

Men's Walk #71

Community volunteers are needed to set up and move pilgrims in, and to help serve meals.

Sign up at Gathering on June 10 or see **page 4** for info. See the MW #71 pilgrim list on **page 6!**

June 27-20
Sulphur Grove UMC

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

SUMMERTIME

"It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter."

Psalm 74:17

Some of you may remember the song "Summertime" composed by George Gershwin in 1935 for the opera Porgy and Bess. An aria, sung as a lullaby that speaks of prosperity and security, romanticizing Southern living. The lyrics go something like this:

*Summertime
And the living' is easy
Fish are jumpin'
And the cotton is high
Oh your daddy's rich
And your ma is good lookin'
So hush little baby
Don't you cry
One of these mornings
You gonna rise up singin'
Yes you spread your wings
And you take to the sky
But till that mornin'
There's nothin' can hold you
Yeah lay down by me
Stand by
Summertime
And the livin' is easy
Fish are jumpin'
And the cotton is high
Oh your daddy's rich
And your ma is good lookin'
So hush little baby
Baby don't you cry
Don't cry*

With summer comes longer, warmer days, and the opportunity to bask in the sun, improving our mental health and lifting the dark clouds of winter. It's a time when livin' is easy, a time of peace and tranquility, wouldn't you agree?

Wouldn't it be nice to envision this kind of summer? A time when livin' is easy or is it? Today, we are experiencing unprecedented unrest. From the war in Gaza, Russia, and Ukraine, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Israel-Hamas war, the Red Sea crisis, inflation, gang violence in Haiti, food insecurity, climate change, and mounting debt.

It doesn't sound like livin' is so easy, but it all depends on how you view it. In the midst of these challenges, our faith and the promise of renewal can provide solace and hope. God made the summer and the winter, demonstrating His faithfulness as we walk through changes in life and seasons. With change comes opportunity, opportunity for growth, and new revelation, and it serves as a reminder that God is there in the good and bad times. In the harshness of winter, God is there, getting us through, showing that it will not last forever, and summer represents times of renewal not just of our physical body but also of our soul. It is through His love and grace that we find the strength to renew ourselves.

Emmaus is like that, the seasons, that is.

It's a reminder of the renewal of our soul when we come together. We are reminded of God's goodness and faithfulness as we look through the lens of past dark times to see the Son of refreshing pouring over us. We are refreshed as we spend three uninterrupted days where our eyes are opened to see the "Sonrise!" It's a time when our sight increases as we bask in the warmth of His love, and His love is greater than anything we could imagine.

He set the "boundaries of the earth." He "made both summer and winter!"

DeColores,
Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

FROM THE COMMUNITY CHAIR

Greetings Community!

As we quickly approach the summer months, we look forward to family vacations, gardening, festivals and so much more.

In addition, we also look forward to our summer walks. There is a buzz in the air as we begin preparations for our June and July walks.

Please see the schedule of activities that will be taking place and find a place that you can serve.

Mattress update, we were able to find homes for 4 mattresses when we opened the storage unit for people to come and get a mat. We will have 20 mats to take home, at June gathering at Sulphur Grove. We are asking for a donation which will go to the scholarship fund. I am working to find homes for the remaining mats.

Reminder, we are developing the next Lay Director Training which is scheduled for July 27, 9am to noon.

As I mentioned at Gathering, this will be for folks who qualify for Lay Director. so watch your email and snail mail for future details.



We are still seeking two board positions, Treasurer and Men's Registrar. Please let me know if you are interested in either position and we will get you in touch with the current leaders who you can shadow and learn more about the position.

While it is exciting to do the fun summer activities that bring you joy, relaxation, and time with family, I hope you will remember your Emmaus family and serve in the many areas we provide.

I am reminded of scripture from 1 Peter 4:10-11, *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."*

Please keep our summer walks in your prayers. I look forward to serving with you.

DeColores,
Brenda Baker
Community Lay Director

FIND THE INFO YOU NEED



ON THE WEB:
.DAYTONEMMAUS.ORG

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>

Kitchen Volunteers Are Needed



Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve food and clean up after meals for MW #71. 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, June 27

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, June 28

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, June 29

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, June 30

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

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

HELL[☀] Summer

JUNE GATHERING
(MATS FOR SALE,
SIGN UP FOR MINI MOVE, SETUP,
KITCHEN, PRAYER VIGIL)
JUNE 10 @ 7:15 PM
SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

MINI MOVE TO SULPHUR GROVE
(HELP PACK THE POD!)
JUNE 19 @ 5:30 PM
NORMANDY UMC, CENTERVILLE

UNPACK THE POD!
JUNE 26 @ 7:30 PM
SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

MEN'S WALK #71

JUNE 27-30
SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

CANDLELIGHT
JUNE 29, 8:30 PM
CLOSING & CLEAN UP
JUNE 30, 4 PM CLEAN UP
4:30 PM CLOSING

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

WOMEN'S WALK #112

JULY 18-21
SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

**Pilgrims are still
needed for
Women 's Walk #112
in July!**

Contact the registrar -
Myra Wheeler
[chattymyra@gmail.com!](mailto:chattymyra@gmail.com)

Air Mattresses Needed!



The bulky, sometimes hard-to-handle, and difficult-to-store sleeping mats are a thing of the past!

Sponsors/pilgrims and team now 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 are compiling 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



**And speaking of sleeping pads ...
if you are interested in having a
pad for your own use, you can get
one at the June Gathering for
a small donation!**

AGAPE

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

MEN'S WALK

#71



Pilgrim	Home Town
1. Bill Barnett	Miamisburg
2. Bill Barrett	New Vienna
3. Brian Bishop	Dayton
4. Kevlin Brown	Dayton
5. Darin Delaney	Xenia
6. Rob Ellis	Dayton
7. Reg Dawson	Springboro
8. Brandon Hilling	West Milton
9. Jacob Hinchman	Beavercreek
10. Travis Hutchinson	Dayton
11. David Hullum	Dayton
12. Lance James	New Carlisle
13. Benjamin Johnson	Dayton
14. Dale Kirby	Wilmington
15. Ronald Knopfer	Dayton
16. Todd Miller	Xenia
17. Ronald Knipfer	Dayton
18. Brian Napier	Goshen
19. Roberto Perry	Dayton
20. Brandon Swan	Dayton
21. Sean Strong	Dayton
22. Kier Smiley	Dayton
23. Caleb Sanders	Dayton
24. Lance Turner	Brookville
25. Nick Vincent	Toledo
26. Ronnie Vanderpool	Lebanon
27. David Watson	Dayton
28. Thomas Wright	Dayton
29. James Wing	Dayton

Team Member - Position
Jeff Adams - Assistant Lay Director
Tony Ammon - Lay Director
Scott Anspach - Logistics
Randy Barty - Logistics
Mike Berberich - Assistant Table Leader
Tim Berry - Assistant Table Leader
Shane Compton - Table Leader
Keith Crabtree - Assistant Lay Director
George Hames - Assistant Table Leader
Gregg Hayes - Prayer Servant
Jason Hoang - Music Director
Mike Hodgins - Table Leader
Steve Holmes - Board Representative
Brian Hyland - Logistics
Mike Inkrott - Table Leader
George Kedaitis - Table Leader
Dave Kepple - Assistant Spiritual Director
Dan Koval - Table Leader
Kirk Lehneis - Prayer Servant
Tim Macy - Assistant Music Director
Michael Malcosky - Assistant Spiritual Director
Fritz Merkes - Assistant Spiritual Director Live-In
Shawn Morgan - Assistant Table Leader
Stephen Nichols - Table Leader
Jeff Null - Assistant Lay Director
Mike Raines - Assistant Table Leader
Stephen Rosales - Assistant Table Leader
Greg Sellers - Assistant Spiritual Director
Gary Wheeler - Spiritual Director