



Greater Dayton Community
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June Newsletter

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2019 WALK SCHEDULE

At Sulphur Grove UMC
WW #106 July 18-21

CANDLELIGHT
8:30PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING
4:30PM Sunday of Walk

NEXT GATHERING
Monday, June 10
2nd Monday Every Month
Normandy UMC
Share Group Reunion
@6:15pm in Loggia

Sponsor Training
@ 6:30pm in Chapel

The Gathering
@7:15pm in Sanctuary

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 25
7PM, Normandy UMC

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Chairman's Corner



Forgiveness is vital to relationships. Jesus demonstrated His love for mankind by offering mercy through absolution even as He was close to death. Forgiveness is a powerful weapon given to us by our Father to combat the slings and arrows of everyday living. It is a gift of grace. Forgiveness can keep us from hardening our hearts toward God, others and ourselves.

We must also forgive God. Yes, that is what I am saying. Do you know people who blame God for their heartache, misery or suffering?

We are often called to forgive others frequently. "Even if they sin against you seven times a day and seven times come back to you saying, 'I repent', you must forgive them." Luke 17:4

When others trespass against us, we can get stuck in bitterness choosing to blame others for personal pain we've experienced. Our self-protective and vengeful impulses can pitch us into rounds of self-pity and anger.

We need to forgive ourselves for each sin we have committed. Over time, the guilt of not forgiving can become unbearable. Jesus the Christ paid the price upon the cross to deliver us from evil.

The new pastor at my church has preached on forgiveness for three weeks. He shared a vivid example of what our hearts might become without quickly practicing forgiveness.

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Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful

June Gathering

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Did you know you can sign up on SignUp Genius to serve at the Gathering? It's easy! Click [HERE](#).



(Pictured above l-r): Tanya McDougle and Tina Payne enjoy catching up at the May Gathering.

Chairman's Corner

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When you set two pans of water on the stove to boil, drop an egg into one and a potato into the other. After some time, the egg becomes hard and tasteless, while the potato becomes soft and tasty.

We can become hard-hearted, like an egg when thrown into the "boiling waters" of life, responding negatively to the people and challenges before us. Or, we can become soft, like a potato, when we forgive those who trespass against us as Jesus delivers us from evil through the power of His great love, grace, mercy and forgiveness. Which do you want to become, an egg or a potato?

DeColores,
Pam DeHart, WW 59 Table of Rebekah
Community Lay Director, Greater Dayton Emmaus

Good Shepherd

- Laura Nugent has started a new share group that meets Mondays at 5:30pm at Panera in Beaver creek. Email Lauranugent77@yahoo.com if you're interested in attending.
- Dave Brooks is in search of a Saturday night men's share group.
- Good Shepherd is requesting share group times and days of those accepting new members or starting new groups. Email goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org

Walk Information

Women's Walk #106

July 18-21, 2019

Sulphur Grove UMC

If you are sponsoring a pilgrim on WW#106, please plan to attend Sponsor Training on Monday, June 10 at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

Please Note:

Men's Walk #67 has been moved to January 16-19, 2020 at Normandy UMC.

Pilgrim applications for Men's Walk #67 may be sent to **Men's Registrar, Bill Jones**
mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org.

Women's Registrar: Lisa Keller

womensregistar@daytonemmaus.org

Download application form: Click [HERE](#)



www.westohiochrysalis.com

West Ohio Girls Chrysalis #68 - June 21-23, 2019

West Ohio Boys Chrysalis #68 - July 19-21, 2019

It Makes a Difference to This One

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:14-17



Thank God there was no reported loss of life from the recent tornados that touched down in the Greater Dayton community recently. The number of confirmed tornados kept rising with each update of the news. As of this writing there were thirteen (13) tornados that touched down. You don't have to look far to find the devastation left in their path. Undoubtedly someone you know is without lights, drinking water, or adequate shelter.

Perhaps you have never had the privilege or even the desire to go on a short term mission trip, because of the costs or the inconvenience of getting to the location. Well, this local turn of events gives each of us an opportunity to put faith in action and do good deeds right in our own backyard. It's sometimes hard to get involved because people don't know where to start. It's also overwhelming when there is so much to do and you may feel like your contribution doesn't matter.

I'm reminded of the story shared on my Walk to Emmaus about the little boy and the starfish. The story says "A little boy was walking down the beach picking up starfish that had gotten left when the tide went out, and was throwing them back into the sea. There were thousands upon thousands as far as the eye could see. A stranger walked up to him and asked what he was doing. He said, "I'm throwing them back in before they dry out because they can't make it into the sea."

The stranger said, "Why bother, there are too many, it won't make any difference." The little boy reached down and picked up another starfish, and as he cast it into the sea said, "It makes a difference to this one!"

So, come on Greater Dayton Emmaus Community, this is what we've been trained for. Find something you can do to make a difference in someone's life. Can you help someone clean up? Can you help them file claims with their insurance carrier? Can you offer someone shelter until their power is restored? Can you give someone a ride to run errands until they have transportation again? Do you have a generator that you can loan out, so they can get the fridge on and few lights? Can you give some cash, so they can get a meal or a good night's sleep in an air-conditioned room? Can you watch their kids so they can attend to the business of clean up and restoration? Can you donate a personal day or vacation day to a co-worker who has none left? Can you offer clothes, blankets, and ice chest with ice? Can you ...

If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

DeColores,
Palmer Jason
Spiritual Director

Call to Discipleship

At what moment during this week did you feel you were responding to God's call to be a disciple? Where did you participate this week in being the church, the heartbeat of Christ? — There are countless stories of God's mercies through the storms of life. Please enjoy 3 examples of Emmaus community members serving Christ.

Talk about Jesus with the fishes and loaves feeding 5000! He's done it again. My brother from way back started Tuesday night with just a couple of friends feeding people over off Wagner Ford Road by the old Dayton Hotel. We started with just 100 hot dogs, 100 burgers and about 3 cases of water. Thanks to community support, we were able to pass out not just food and water, but cleaning and hygiene supplies to not only that area, but most of the surrounding areas, too. I was blessed to be part of the "delivery team" taking food, water, baby needs and supplies out to those who are unable to get out due to road closures. What a blessing to see the smiling faces as we gave them what they needed.

Scott Anspaugh
Greater Dayton Men's Walk to Emmaus #33
Table of Peter



I served today with New City Church in Northridge. Tony and Lori Ammon were there as well. I prepared sandwiches, served food and rode around in a golf cart passing out sack lunches and water. It was a humbling and awesome experience. The magnitude of destruction was unbelievable. More incredible was the huge outpouring of support that was present. People bringing in donations, volunteering and bringing in chain saws to cut up toppled trees. It was truly an example of Christian Action.

Myra Wheeler
Northern Light's Women's Walk to Emmaus #30
Table of Lydia

The tornadoes last week created a path of destruction for so many in our area, but for one coworker who had just lost her father three days earlier and was at the funeral in PA when her house was struck, it was particularly devastating. The day after she got back, our office and other friends came together to cut and move 7 mature trees that had fallen and move the debris to the roadside. While she may have faced more than she could handle, it's never more than God can handle, as we all bore witness on Saturday. "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20. God made light work of what could have been many days of clean up — we are His hands and feet.

Brian Donnelly
Greater Dayton Men's Walk to Emmaus #57
Table of Peter

