

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS



450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459

MARCH 2022

LISTEN FOR GOD.

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS COMMUNITY 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WHEN: April 30 from 1 – 5 PM

WHERE: Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church
7505 Taylorsville Rd, Huber Heights, OH 45424

WHAT: Food, fun, fellowship, singing, and historical information for each walk.

WHO: YOU! -- your friends, family and Emmaus brothers and sisters



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

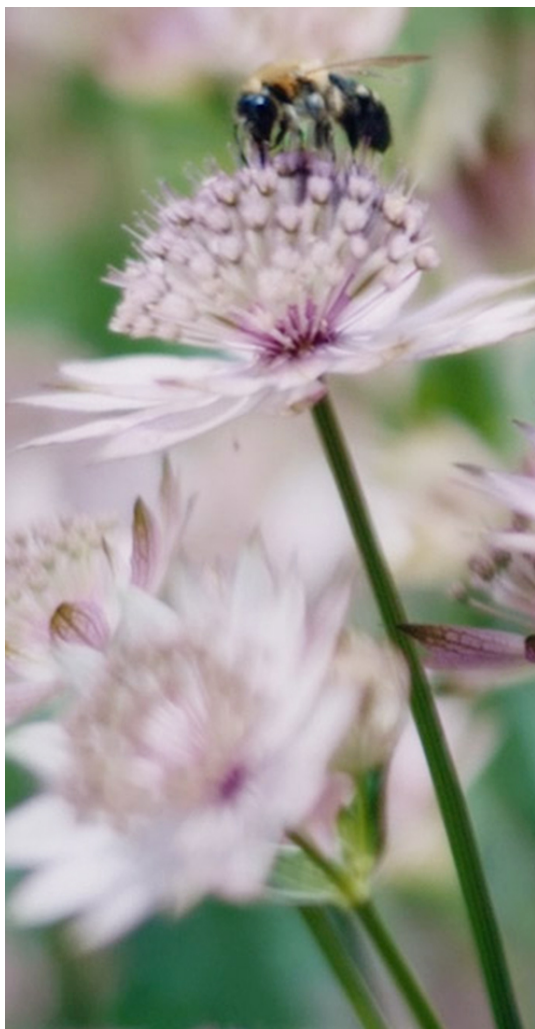
PLEASE CONTACT KIRK LEHNEIS TO VOLUNTEER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION AT
KLEHNEIS@SBCGLOBAL.NET, 937-426-6255 (PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE)

Walks Return

Hi Friends!

At the time of this publication we are 16 or so weeks to the start date for the 2022 Men's Walk to Emmaus. The Lay Directors, teams and community at large have been praying in wait to fulfill this mission.

You know what this means? It means these walks are going to be powerful with the Holy Spirit and the Lord is going to use each team and community member mightily! Christ is in charge and His transformative Love will impact the hearts of each of His Beloved children. We are excited to work for His glory.



As we face the coming weeks, we will remember who the enemy is and keep discord from dividing us. We ask for your help firstly with prayer for this community. Now is the time to lock arms and kneel unified in Jesus Christ.

Second, we ask you to volunteer in any way you are called. Lord Jesus, we pray for protection over our members, their families, team members, pilgrims and the world at large. Lord, we trust you fully to empower us to fulfill Your mission in the world. We ask for your guiding hand in each moment. We ask for open hearts and willing hands and feet. In Jesus name, Amen.

Our current board is charged with the responsibility of getting the gears and systems running smoothly. Mentors are reaching out offering wisdom knowing what intense preparations a walk weekend demands.

We are all grateful for the opportunity to serve during this critical time. He equips the called but that doesn't mean we don't need all the help we can get. Please reach out if you would like to assist even if you don't know how or where, God will know how He wants You to lead.

We are Emmaus Strong.

DeColores,

Michele Cremeans

Community Lay Director

Greater Dayton Women's Walk
#95, Table of Rebekah

*"1 Praise the LORD,
my soul; all my inmost
being, praise his holy
name. 2 Praise the
LORD, my soul, and
forget not all his
benefits— 3 who
forgives all your sins
and heals all your
diseases, 4 who
redeems your life
from the pit and
crowns you with love
and compassion, 5
who satisfies your
desires with good
things so that your
youth is renewed like
the eagle's.*

PSALM 103:1-5

GATHERING:

MONDAY, MARCH 14

@ 7:15 P.M.

**NORMANDY UMC,
CENTERVILLE, OH**

MEN'S WALK:

JUNE 23-26, 2022

**SULPHUR GROVE UMC, HUBER
HEIGHTS, OH**

WOMEN'S WALK:

JULY 14-17, 2022

**SULPHUR GROVE UMC, HUBER
HEIGHTS, OH**

REMINDER

JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

**GATHERINGS WILL BE HELD AT
SULPHUR GROVE UMC, HUBER
HEIGHTS, OH**

EVERYTHING MUST CHANGE

“THEREFORE WE DO NOT LOSE HEART. THOUGH OUTWARDLY WE ARE WASTING AWAY, YET INWARDLY WE ARE BEING RENEWED DAY BY DAY.”
2 CORINTHIANS 4:16

Things are changing. Spring is on the way and with it many things to look forward to --warm weather, Easter celebrations, spring break for students (and teachers), birthday weddings--the list goes on. It's been a long few years.

With the lingering plague, the unrest all over the world, the loss of so many lives, there are many absences that cannot be recovered. It reminds me of a song I heard long ago; the lyrics continue to ring true today. As I thought about the lyrics I'm reminded of the brevity of life:

*Everything must change,
Nothing stays the same.
Everyone must change.
Nothing stays the same.*

*The young become the old,
Mysteries do unfold.
'Cause that's the way of time
Nothing and no one goes unchanged.*

*There are not many things
In life you can be sure of.
Except*

*Rain comes from the clouds,
And sun lights up the sky,
And hummingbirds do fly.*

*Winter turns to spring.
Wounded heart will heal.
Never much too soon
Everything must change.*

Yes, things are changing, but there is One who is unchanging and that is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Despite all the uncertainty life brings, He is the constant that gives our soul rest and peace. As we look forward to better days, may we also seek ways to share the unwavering, unconditional love of Christ.

Mamie Johnson, Spiritual Director



Looking for a way to serve?

The following board positions are open and training is available:

- Men's Registrar
- Men's Worship Chair
- Women's Worship Chair
- Normandy UMC Point of Contact
- Computer Administrator
- Treasurer

If you are interested in learning more about what the jobs entail or reading a job description, contact Michele Cremeans or Kirk Lehneis.

GREETINGS FRIENDS!

It is March already!

March announces the beginning of Spring, of rebirth, the world seemingly coming back to life after a long, and possibly hard winter season. We look forward to warmer temperatures, longer hours of daylight, green grass, blooming of flowers and trees budding out, and we long to spend some time outdoors in fresh air, sunny skies, and engage in new opportunities.

So, how is your Spiritual life after maybe a long winter fighting challenges, illnesses, or crises? Remember your original Walk to Emmaus? Did you feel God's Spirit moving in you? Did you meet Jesus Christ right where you were? Did you feel comforted, strengthened, at peace, reenergized, uplifted? Did you experience God's amazing grace, and God's love in a new way? Did you feel reborn or renewed energy? Did you then answer the call at your church to use your gifts in some way to engage in your church's mission areas or ministries?

In II Corinthians 5:17 we hear "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

As Christians, we don't need to carry the baggage of the past with us. We know we can lay it at the foot of the cross, and open ourselves up to God's renewed energy, grace, and love. Look around you. There are people near you that may need a renewal, to feel God's Spirit bubbling up in them again--maybe your spouse, family member, girlfriend, boyfriend, a co-worker, a neighbor, a friend. Talk to them about your experiences on your Walk to Emmaus. Invite them to experience their own Walk. Help them to feel the love and renewed energy to be Christ's hands and feet in and through your church. The time is now to invite them and register them for our summer Walks, as well as helping them after their Walk to get into a nearby Share Group or to start a new group to continue their growth in Christ. Help your church renew its people and rekindle in them the joy and zeal of the Holy Spirit. Contact our registrars below:

Our summer walks will be at Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Rd #6313 in Huber Heights.

Men's Walk #68 – June 23-26, 2022

Men's Registrar: Jeff Adams, 937-269-6023, mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Women's Walk #108 – July 14-17, 2022

Women's Registrar: Lisa Keller, 937-684-3856, womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Help us ensure these walks will happen by stepping up, inviting, and sponsoring those the Holy Spirit has called you to bring to these Walks. God bless you.

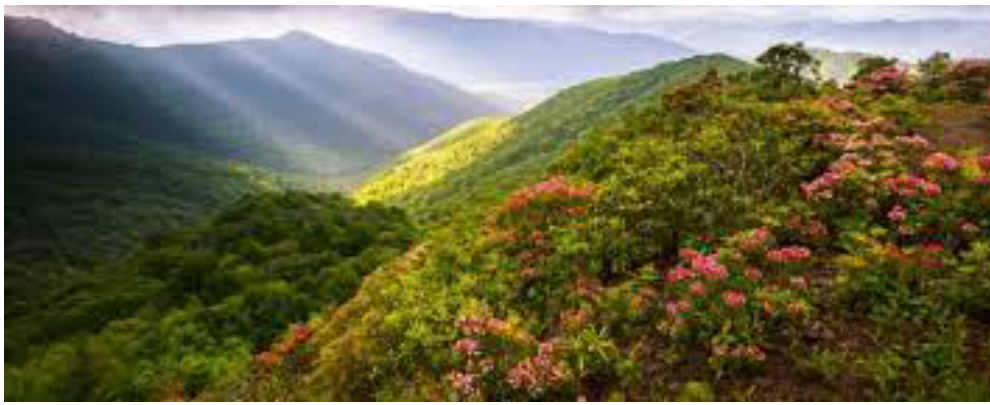
Kirk Lehneis

Leadership Chair

Greater Dayton Men's Walk

#14, Table of Peter





HELLO! GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS FAMILY!

I am sitting here in my wife's family cabin in the Smokey Mountains. I look around at the beautiful mountains and landscape that God has created and structures mankind has built for our relaxation. I take in the fresh air and enjoy the quiet time. No one is here to disturb me (except the dogs).

I know that our Emmaus Community has had its challenges over the past few years in our homes and with the ups and downs of the Covid pandemic. I have faith in our churches and Emmaus community to grow as we come out of the pandemic. George Brewer spoke at our February gathering and asked us to invite from your church, share groups, family, friends, coworkers, future pilgrims, and brothers and sisters who have served in Emmaus over the years. We invite them back to gatherings for much-needed fellowship. We ask for you to pray about a pilgrim to sponsor and get them signed up for our Emmaus walks this summer.

We are in need of volunteers to help out during the walk weekend. You can have some fun cooking or serving meals or setting up our different rooms. Maybe you could provide an act of agape by carrying luggage on Thursday night, or a many other ways.

If you desire to serve, please sign up when we start signups in April or May. If you want to serve on a live-in team, fill out a willing servant form either at Gathering or online at DaytonEmmaus.org and you will be contacted when it's time.

Please pray about and how you would like to serve in our Emmaus Community. If the Lord is calling you to serve on our Emmaus Board of Directors, there are positions open. These opportunities are posted in each newsletter, please contact Michele Cremeans or Kirk Lehneis if interested.

Those who have been called by our weekend Lay Directors have been praying for this community since spring of 2020 for the walks this summer. I pray for everyone who has been involved in our community over the years to come back and enjoy fellowship. We can fellowship together at our 30th Anniversary Greater Dayton Emmaus on April 30th. We would love to celebrate and share how the community has strengthened our faith walk over the last 30 years.

If you have mailed out an application for the men's or women's walks, please let me or Lisa Keller, Women's Registrar, know. I look forward to seeing you all soon at our next Emmaus Gathering, March 14th at Normandy UMC.

DeColores,

Jeff Adams

Men's Registrar

Greater Dayton Men's Walk

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