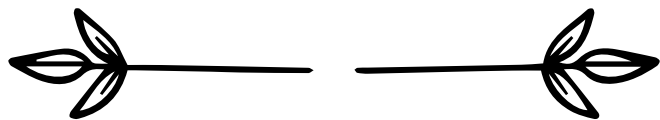


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MORE PILGRIMS ARE NEEDED FOR JUNE WALK.

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PILGRIMS
FOR
MEN'S WALK #70



A note from the Spiritual Director



What a beautiful time of year! So much is blooming and the birds are singing - all creation is showing off! However, for many, those beautiful blooms also bring physical battles with allergies. It's a transitioning time of year in nature and on God's calendar too.

Right now, we are in the 50-day period between Passover and Shavuot or Pentecost for Christians. Jewish people call this time period 'Counting the Omer' (a sheaf - a measure of dry grain).

After the first Passover, the Hebrew people journeyed through the wilderness to Mt. Sinai for 50 days. Mt. Sinai is where Moses received the Tablets with the Ten Commandments (Shavuot - the celebration of the gift of Torah and the beginning of the Nation of Israel).

For the follower of Christ, It was during this season that our Resurrected Jesus spent time with his disciples before sending His Holy Spirit to empower the church (Pentecost), the birthing of The Christian Church.

In Luke 24:36-53, right after the Road to Emmaus encounter, our Resurrected Lord popped in on His disciples. Jesus asks them in verse 38, "*Why are you troubled, and why are doubts rising in your hearts?*"

He continues by showing them His hands and feet. Verse 41, says while they still did NOT believe it because of their joy and amazement, Jesus asked for something to eat to show them He is real!

Transition means a change or shift from one state, subject, place, season etc., to another. It can feel like: "What's happening? I don't understand what's going on! Where are you God? "

Jesus said, starting in verse 44, "*This is what I told you, while I was still with you, everything which has been written about Me in the Law of Moses, and in the (writings of the) Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.*"

Then He opened their minds to help them understand the Scriptures, and said, "*...and so it is written, that the Christ, (the Messiah, the Anointed) would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance (necessary) for forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all the nations beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Listen carefully: I am sending the promise of my Father, (the Holy Spirit) upon you; but you are to remain in the city (of Jerusalem) until you are clothed (fully equipped) with power from on high.*"

Jesus was preparing His followers in the transition between His Resurrection and Pentecost by spending time personally with them on and off over a period of 40 days. As Jesus is ascending, He tells them to go to Jerusalem and wait. Wait for what exactly? In 10 days they would find out. The 120 disciples, who did wait, were used to release the Gospel with power and authority to launch the Church!

Over these next days and weeks leading up to Pentecost (May 26), consider some of the transitions going on in your life. Be willing to wait on the Lord!

In the waiting, ask Holy Spirit to open your mind to understand the Scriptures more deeply. Wait for the Holy Spirit to cloth you and equip you to do what He is preparing you to do. Let Jesus lead you through the transitions of life and worship Him no matter how you feel. Trust His promises with great joy. Let go of anything that hinders being closer to Christ. Pentecost means we are EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit to be The Church that carries the Light and Truth to a world in darkness.

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Pamela Wantz, Spiritual Director

Dear Dayton Emmaus Community

We are in need of pilgrims for this summer's men's walk! Our Men's Registrar Steve Holmes informed me that some pilgrims who had signed up, have now had to drop off from the walk.

As of today, we only have 5 pilgrims signed up. We need close to 20, and no more than 30 pilgrims in order to have a men's walk.

Please reach out to friends, family, and your church members who might be interested in attending Men's Walk #70, June 22nd to June 25th at Sulphur Grove UMC.

If we do not get close to 20, we will have to cancel the walk. Please pray for the men's live-in team as they will be starting team meetings here soon.

Please contact Steve Holmes at **mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org** or 937-681-1986 if you have any questions. Sponsorship information and forms on our website: **www.daytonemmaus.org**.

We also have 12 women signed up for the July Women's Walk to be held July 20th to July 23rd at Sulphur Grove UMC. Please pray and think about someone that you think would like to go on the women's walk.

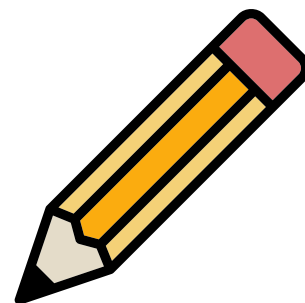
If you have any questions contact the Women's Registrar Myra Wheeler at **womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org** or 937-204-5368.

Please continue to pray for our Lay Directors and team members as they will be starting team meeting in near future.

Thank you!

Jeff Adams
Community Lay Director

From the NEW
Community
Lay Director



Here's the link to the pilgrim form!

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We are on



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**TAKE
NOTE!**



Gathering Dates

May 8 @ 7:15 p.m.
Normandy UMC
Centerville, OH

June 12 @ 7:15 p.m.
Normandy UMC
Centerville, OH

**Gatherings are STAYING
at **Normandy** this
summer!!**

SUMMER WALKS AT SULPHUR GROVE UMC ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Men's Walk #70, June 22-25, 2023

Men's Registrar:

Steve Holmes, phone 937-681-1986, or email mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Women's Walk #110, July 20-23, 2023

Women's Registrar:

Myra Wheeler, phone 937-204-5368, or email womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Volunteer!

It's not too early to
sign up to help in
the kitchen during
the June walk!!

Click the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A8AC2BA0FA7-kitchen>



Contact us. Volunteer. Learn more.



Time to Register Your Pilgrims!

Hello! This is your Women's Registrar, Myra Wheeler, giving you an update on the July Women's Walk #110 at Sulphur Grove.

Currently we have 12 ladies signed up and raring to go!
Please continue to prayerfully consider ladies you know who would benefit from attending a walk.

Our goal is to have 30 ladies and even a waiting list for this walk! Whoo hoo!

Our pilgrim registration form can be printed from the website. The address to mail it to is on the form.
You can also email the form to me at: womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org.

Keep those registrations rolling in!

Thanks,
Myra Wheeler
Womens Registrar

Can't sing? The Worship Committee Still Needs You!



Besides musicians and singers, the committee needs people to locate volunteers for serve communion, to stand at the door at gatherings to greet people, to give 4th Day talks, and other duties.

They are also looking for someone who may be interested in learning how to run the soundboard for our Emmaus Gatherings and walk weekend services.

If you are interested, please contact Randy Barty at 937-602-7003 or Jeff Null at 937-430-2230.

They can both train you on how to set up the soundboard.

Many hands make light work. You'll work on a rotation, so you won't have to do every Gathering.



Agape

Don't forget about agape for the upcoming summer walks.

It's a small way that we can remind the pilgrims how much God loves them and it means so much to them, especially the men. Now is a good time to begin working on agape.

Your church or Share Groups are encouraged to make agape gifts too. Remember your name does not go on the gifts. However, you can put the name of the church where your group is from on the agape. Our gifts are to be given in love not for recognition.

Letter agape is to be completed and brought by candlelight on Saturday night so they can be put into packets if needed. If the pilgrims have all 15 letters before candlelight, the sponsor will be asked to save the extra letters to give to their pilgrim as 4th day gifts on the ride home.

