

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

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Welcome

to the community

www #111

See you at

Gathering

March 11 at 7:15 pm
at Normandy UMC



YOU WASH, I'LL DRY

A NOTE FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” Matthew 20:28

“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” John 13:15

Did you ever notice that serving is contagious? Just hang around an Emmaus Walk Weekend and you will see what I'm talking about. First your sponsor picks you up at your house to chauffeur you and carries your luggage to the car. When you arrive at the church someone grabs your luggage and escorts you to your luxurious accommodations and helps you make your bed.



Then it's on to the dining hall, where someone else has prepared and set out a light meal for send-off—which includes having someone serve you drinks, followed by clearing your plate from the table. Throughout the weekend you see glimpses of people joining in behind the scenes to serve.

Someone arrives before sunrise and sets the table, someone cooks breakfast, someone serves breakfast, someone makes the coffee and serves the drinks; someone does the dishes, cleans the kitchen and re-sets the table for lunch.

During the short break you discover that someone has cleaned the bathrooms (toilets and showers and sinks) since the morning rush.

Someone cooks lunch, serves lunch including seconds and drinks tableside. Someone cleans all of that up, does the dishes again and starts prepping for the dinner meal.

Don't look now, but meanwhile back in the conference room, someone has emptied the trash and put out water and pop and snacks. By dinner time you may be ready to join in the serving fun, but no, they won't let you. "Let me," they say, "I've got that."

You begin to notice that throughout the weekend, people show up simply to serve. They might come in to sing a special song at chapel, or to do a dramatic reading that makes the scriptures come alive, or to perform a praise dance that makes your heart leap as you imagine Mary pouring her oil from her box of alabaster.

Someone else shows up to pray in the chapel for a team member while they give their talk; or someone else shows up with blankets because they heard the sleeping area was a little chilly.

Why would all these servants show up, anonymously, for just a few moments or a few hours to serve? Why would they get up at 2am to pray for someone they don't even know? Well, could it be because serving is contagious? Could it be because they saw it done for them and now they just have to pass it on? *“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”*

You don't have to wait for an Emmaus Walk to start serving. You can start tonight at home. Walk into the kitchen and grab a towel and say, "you wash, I'll dry."

DeColores,
Palmer Jason, SD

FROM THE COMMUNITY CHAIR



Hello Greater Dayton Emmaus Community

As I write this this article, I realize that this will be my last as your Community Lay Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors. I will not be leaving, as I still have another year on the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board as your Past Chairman.

If you are wondering who will be moving up to be your new Community Lay Director, it is Brenda Baker. Please welcome her.

Also, Steve Holmes has been interviewed and voted by leadership and the board of directors to be our next Vice Chairman and Leadership Chairman. Because of his new position, we are in need of a new Men's Registrar. Steve will still oversee the duties until someone is found and will be available to ensure whoever takes over will get all the training needed to succeed.

Last month, February 15th-18th we held Women's Walk #111 at Normandy UMC. We had 29 pilgrims for this walk -- the first time we had a full walk of pilgrims in few years.

I want to thank the sponsors for helping out through out the weekend along with other members of our Dayton Emmaus Community.

I thank those who came out Saturday for Candlelight even though we had gotten 3 to 4 inches of snow that morning. The pilgrims and live-in team appreciated it.

I also thank everyone for serving during the weekend to make Women's Walk #111 so successful.

Sponsors! Please have your Pilgrims from Women's Walk #111 attend Share Group orientation on March 11th at 6:15 pm in the Normandy UMC chapel.

Our Good Shepherd Chair will be mailing your Pilgrims a letter asking them to attend. The monthly Emmaus Gathering will be at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary of the church immediately following the orientation. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

I hope that everyone is starting to think about sponsoring someone for our next Men's Walk, which will be June 27-30 at Sulphur Grove Church in Huber Heights, Ohio. The deadline will be here before you know it!

Get applications in as soon as possible -- we already have a good start with 13 pilgrims who signed up for the postponed January walk, but are still committed to attending.

I know our Kitchen and Housing Chairs will be starting sign-ups for June. Men's Walk # 71 leadership team has been meeting and preparing, and the Lay Director has been making calls to fill his team. Meetings will begin in May.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and encouraged me to serve as your Community Lay Director over this past year. I appreciate the trust you had in me in making decisions as the board and I looked out for everyone in our community.

We welcomed 93 new pilgrims this year! I still encourage you all to fill out a willing servant form and serve at Gatherings and on Walk weekends.

I will still be around. I have one more year as Past Chairman, but I'm not going anywhere. I will still be serving in the Emmaus Community.

I hope to see everyone at our next Gathering!

Jeff Adams

*Community Lay Director &
Chairman of Board of Directors*

Men's Walk # 46 Table of Matthew

AGAPE

A BIG thank you to all those who brought agape to give to the pilgrims on Walk 111. Any leftover agape will be at the next gathering if you would like to have your extras back to use for the next walk.

Please see Linda Haller at a table in the lobby at Normandy. Now is the time to start making agape for the men's walk in June!

Share Groups

New community members! Don't forget to attend the Share Group Orientation at 6:15pm before the Gathering on March 11!

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

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH GATHERING:

MARCH 11 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

EASTER

MARCH 31

APRIL GATHERING:

APRIL 8 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

MAY GATHERING:

MAY 13 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

JUNE GATHERING:

JUNE 10 @7:15 PM
SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH

MEN'S WALK #71

JUNE 27-30
SULPHUR GROVE UMC
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH



GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS
IS ON FACEBOOK



BECAUSE HE LIVES
I CAN FACE
TOMORROW.
BECAUSE HE LIVES,
ALL FEAR IS GONE.
BECAUSE I KNOW
HE HOLDS THE
FUTURE
AND LIFE IS WORTH
THE LIVING
JUST BECAUSE HE
LIVES.



INFLATION CATCHES UP TO GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

It's no secret that prices are rising on everything from food to paper products to heat and utility costs.

The Great Dayton Emmaus community is not immune to those rising costs. After much study and consideration, the board has voted to increase fees for Live-in Team members and Pilgrims so that we can continue this ministry and still break even.

Donations from community members are ALWAYS welcomed to ensure all who want to participate may do so without financial hardship.



**Effective with the July 2024 walk,
prices will now be:**

Pilgrims - \$25 initial fee + \$100 -- Total \$125

Live-in Team - \$90

NEW way to sign up for Prayer Vigils!!

Our new Prayer Vigil Tool will soon be accessible to community members for special prayers, including Emmaus Walk Vigils. Keep an eye on this link for upcoming vigil registrations.

<https://www.prayervigils.net/vigil.php?pvId=1598>

Congrats to
Claire Merkes

who has been anointed as the Lay Director for WW #112. She'll be making calls to fill her live-in team very soon!

Make sure you have filled out and returned a willing servant form!

