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2019 WALK SCHEDULE

At Sulphur Grove UMC
MW# 67 June 20-23
WW #106 July 18-22

CANDLELIGHT
8:30PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING
4:30PM Sunday of Walk

NEXT GATHERING
Monday, March 11
2nd Monday Every Month
7:15 PM, Normandy UMC

BOARD RETREAT
Saturday, March 30, 9AM-1PM
Jubilee Community Church

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Chairman's Message

"I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls."

— 2 Corinthians 12:15

F.H.B.

I come from a big family and attended lots of combined holiday meals and picnics with extended family members. If Mom was making a dish or hosting the banquet, she would instruct us privately to F.H.B. "What's that mean, Mom?"



"Family Hold Back"

Allow others to go before you to fill their plates before you fill yours.

At the end of March we will be saying goodbye to four of our Emmaus Board Members who have served us with all of their heart, mind, gifts, skills and talents. They are Dennis Leach, Michelle (Shelly) Crabtree, Gregg Hayes and Terry Kierce. When each of these dedicated folks agreed to serve the Emmaus Family, they also agreed to put many other family commitments on hold for at least three years. Their families have also served our Emmaus Community through their own sacrifices. All these folks have kids, grandkids, spouses, jobs and they are dedicated to their churches. Because they were called to "Follow Me" they could not deny Christ and agreed to serve in Greater Dayton Emmaus! We appreciate and are grateful for their sacrifices and service and the sacrifices of their families, so that we as the Community could fill our plates first.

Decolores!
Barbara Courtice
Community Lay Director, Greater Dayton Emmaus

Men's Worship

As I begin the last month in my capacity of Men's Worship Chair, I thank each and every person who has supported, helped and prayed for me in my time as Men's Worship Chair. Beginning April 1, I will move into a different position on the board, making way for Jonathan Taulbee to step in as the new Men's Worship Chair.



There are plenty of opportunities to help out the Men's and Women's Worship Chair positions. You don't have to play a musical instrument to be able to help move things or set up and run equipment. If you'd like to continue your involvement, or want to become involved and you haven't met Jonathan yet, please look for him at the next Gathering, he'll be by the soundboard.

DeColores,
Chris Wissinger

Women's Registrar

We just finished Women's Walk # 105 with 27 amazing women. We had a full walk but many times due to illness or family situations, ladies may have to drop at the last minute.

Ten applications for the July walk at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church July 18-21, 2019 have been accepted already. A full Walk is 30 pilgrims. Please pray about women you would like to sponsor and get those applications in early. Our cut-off date is 3 weeks prior to the start of the walk — June 27, allowing the team time to call pilgrims and sponsors and get back with housing, kitchen etc. There is a lot of work behind the scenes that needs to be done before the walk and it is difficult to do it on short notice.

If you have not attended sponsorship training, please try to attend one. They are held before every Gathering at 6:30 in the Loggia. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Lisa Keller, our next Women's Registrar or Bill Jones, Men's registrar.

DeColores
Shelly Crabtree
Women's Registrar

Leadership Training

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership training will be offered on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 9am-4pm at Sulphur Grove UMC. If you are interested in serving as a Lay Director (LD) on an Emmaus Walk, leadership training is required within 15 months of serving.

Additionally, leadership training provides an indepth look at the workings of Emmaus. The training explains the "why" behind how Emmaus does the things it does. It is not only beneficial to LDs, but helps all Emmaus community members gain a deeper understanding of Emmaus. Those interested in Leadership Training may contact Jean Jarusiewicz-Keillor by email: jjarusiewicz@yahoo.com at 937.681.7468.

www.westohiochrysalis.com



West Ohio Girls Chrysalis #68 - June 21-23, 2019
West Ohio Boys Chrysalis #68 - July 19-21, 2019

www.kairosOhio.org



Dayton Correctional Institution (DCI) #14
March 21-24, 2019 - Lynnette Garrison, Leader

What Did This Weekend Mean To Me?

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;”

— Revelations 12:11a

Do you recall the last time you made it to a Walk closing service? At the conclusion of each walk weekend Pilgrims are given the opportunity (if they choose to) to share their response to two questions. One of those questions is “What did this weekend mean to me?”

It’s hard to imagine on Thursday night at the send-off, the transformation that can take place in just 72 short hours. Trust me, you owe it to yourself to sponsor a Pilgrim, then serve somehow on the Walk weekend (kitchen, housing, prayer vigil) and attend the closing service on Sunday evening.

What starts out on Thursday as reluctance, apprehension, second guessing (“what have I gotten myself into?”), and even dread, by Sunday turns into a heartfelt response to the question posed by the title of this article. “What did the weekend mean to me?”

After spending 72 hours covered in prayer, building community at tables together, sharing in Holy Communion, singing, eating, laughing, snoring and crying (did I mention crying), the results are nothing short of a miracle! God uses the loving acts of strangers to break down walls that often times we did not know we had erected. And then through the spirit-led talks and meaningful table discussions and poster parties and skits, He builds us back up. He makes all things new!

So, it’s no wonder that by Sunday evening the Pilgrims are ready to tell what great things He has done for them. And every time a Pilgrim shares his/her answer to that question it’s proof positive that “he/she overcame him [the spirit of old called the Devil and Satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.” Oh, I mentioned that there are two questions that are asked. The second one is, “What am I going to do about it?”

DeColores,

Palmer Jason, Spiritual Director

Sharing Emmaus



(l-r) Cindy Cultice, WW #79, Table of Rachel; Debbie Hayes, WW #65, Table of Anna; and Michelle Hayes, WW #104, Table of Elizabeth serve on Women’s Walk #105.

Debbie Hayes was the first person in her family to experience a Walk to Emmaus. Once Debbie returned from the Walk, her family observed within her an irresistible joy and passion for Christ. The Holy Spirit kindled a desire within her husband, Gregg, daughters Cindy and Michelle (pictured left) and even her son-in-law, Stephen Cultice to want to have a transformational experience like Debbie’s.

One by one, each family member experienced their own Walk to Emmaus. Debbie explained, “Our little family is now part of our Greater Dayton Emmaus family. We all count on the support and love from our community. Serving together as a family enriches and blesses our lives.”

“I’m so free, I got no chains on me ...”

The Holy Spirit showed up and showed out for the women of Walk 105! No cry forsaken, no comfort ignored. Now for the Fourth days to begin, The Great Commission... “Gotta tell somebody..!”

Integration takes time and it’s different for each person. It takes months, days, and years as our Fourth days are every day for the rest of our lives. To begin with, two questions are posed:

“What did your Walk weekend mean to you?”

“What are you going to do about it?”

These are questions to keep you thinking about the movement of Emmaus, gaining footing and momentum. Emmaus cannot be static, or it will become stagnant. Emmaus will be everything you want it to be if you show up and show out like the Holy Spirit did for you in your Walk. It’s about gaining momentum so the legacy of God’s Will, be done through you.

As I was recalling my integration, I found there was much more to the story. You may notice a pattern. As I awoke to the Emmaus vision, it went from a story about ME to a story about WE.

1. I am enriched by the gifts of my weekend.
2. I am going to do something about it!
3. But first I need time to process what this all means to me and how I will actually change my trajectory towards God’s will not mine.
4. Take my newfound gift home to my heart and change my habits. Actually do devotionals and pray more frequently.
5. Connect with Emmaus members I care about.
6. Create a share group, begin meeting and growing in Christ together. I am enriched to overflowing.
7. Kindle—>Ignite—>Activate!
8. “Better tell somebody!”
9. Life is getting hard. I’m trying to prioritize God and family and add new habits.
10. Work to rehabilitate my life into something I love more. Fight to keep up with all the new growth.
11. Keep connecting with my share group, the

community, go to gatherings and reignite the passion for this work.

12. Stay connected.
13. Get back on track — “my life is getting better again”
14. “Better tell somebody!”
15. How to tell somebody? Who do I tell, where do I start. Family. Church. Community.
16. Stay on task, in scripture, and share His love naturally in my every day life.
17. Picking up speed now, watching God move!
18. What will help someone understand the love which I express? What will help them awaken to God’s glorious grace and boundless love?
19. EMMAUS, of course!
20. The Loving guidance of sponsoring a pilgrim!

Focus and determination for the work of God in our lives is how we keep the “chains” off.

Your church and Greater Dayton Emmaus are great avenues of God in which to Walk.

Stay connected. Read the website. Find your Emmaus friends to create a share group. Contact me if you need help connecting with others.

Your “Day Four” book is an enjoyable read and has good input for the journey ahead — notably pages 44-45 in regards to share group formation. If you don’t have a book yet, they are available for purchase. Ask questions.

Share group orientation is Monday, March 11 at 6:15pm in the chapel at Normandy UMC.

Leadership Training is Saturday, March 23 from 9am-4pm (see pg. 2). Learn all about the “ins and outs” of the Emmaus structure.

Each of us is Emmaus. You’ll get out of it everything you put in.

Many blessings!

Michele Cremeans
GDE Good Shepherd



Weekly Share Group Schedule

The Good Shepherd has received numerous requests from Greater Dayton Emmaus community members wanting to join a Share Group. We are creating a much-needed **WEEKLY SHARE GROUP SCHEDULE**. Would you prayerfully consider submitting your share group time, location and contact person’s name and phone to Michele Cremeans at goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org.

Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

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