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May Newsletter

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2019 WALK SCHEDULE

At Sulphur Grove UMC

MW #67 June 20-23

WW #106 July 18-21

CANDLELIGHT

8:30PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING

4:30PM Sunday of Walk

NEXT GATHERING

Monday, May 13

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, May 28

7PM, Normandy UMC

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Chairman's Corner: April Showers Bring May Flowers



Do you complain about all the rain we have been experiencing? Or do you welcome it because you know the beauty that awaits in the blossoming of the trees and plants? This has been on my mind for several weeks and this is what God has revealed.

Water: "A clear liquid that has no color, taste or smell, that falls from clouds as rain, that forms streams, lakes and seas and that is used for drinking, washing etc." (Webster)

"It is the basis of the fluids of living." (English Oxford Dictionary)

Water represents life.

In the Middle East, water is scarce, precious and very much needed for survival. "Be glad people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for He has given you autumn rains because He is faithful. He sends abundant showers, both autumn and spring, as before. The thrashing floors will be filled with grain; the vats overflow with new wine and oil." —Joel 2:23-24 NIV

God's people throughout history have depended on God for food and water. Water is mentioned frequently in both the Old and New Testaments. I found 617 references to water.

The Bible tells us: God divided the waters to make clouds and oceans. He

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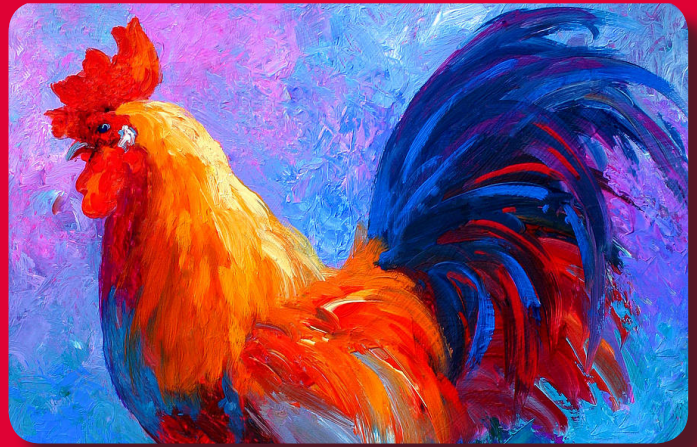
Join Us for the May Gathering Let Your Light Shine

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then rolled back the waters, creating dry land. You know how the rest of the story goes. God made man and woman. Man and woman disobeyed God and over time, God had to destroy evil men. God did it with water. A great flood came, but our Father is merciful and commanded a man named, Noah, to build an ark to save the living creatures of the earth.

Jacob met Rachel, the love of his life at a well. Moses was raised up from the waters by Pharaoh's daughter to fulfill his purpose to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land. Moses held up his staff and divided the seas, so his people could escape Egypt. Elijah used water to demonstrate the power of God to start a fire despite a water-logged pyre.

Jesus called several of his disciples to come off the seas as fishermen to become fishers of people. John the Baptist baptized many in the name of Jesus as did the disciples. Christians are baptized with or in water, symbolizing a purification of the soul and an admission into the faith. John 4:1-28 contains the

story of the Samaritan woman in Sychar, Samaria. The story is part of the Walk to Emmaus weekend and the concept of living water is introduced in the morning chapel service.

Living water is a term that refers to the blessing of God. Yet, "water of life" references appear in the book of Revelation (2:6 and 22:1), as well as the Gospel of John, referring to it as the Holy Spirit.

As the rains continue to fall, be joyful for the abundant life Jesus provided through His sacrifice for us. Continue to pray for one another and rejoice in the abundance the Lord provides. I am thankful for each and every one of you. Because my sponsor loved me enough to send me on a Walk to Emmaus weekend, my faith has grown immensely as priorities are aligned and growth continues through study.

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



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

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of your faithful.*



Walk Information

Men's Walk #67 • June 20 - 23, 2019 Sulphur Grove UMC
Women's Walk #106 July 18 - 21, 2019 Sulphur Grove UMC

Please invite men to Walk #67 and send in applications by May 30, 2019.

Men's Registrar, Bill Jones

mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org.

Please invite women to Walk #106 and send in applications by June 27, 2019.

Women's Registrar: Lisa Keller

womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Download application form: Click [HERE](#)



Imitators of Christ

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

“Do as I say not as I do” is a term often quoted by leaders and parents who were conducting themselves in less than desirable ways. In other words, “don’t imitate my behavior but obey my instructions”. That statement does not ring true when it comes to Christ. He is saying the exact opposite instructing followers to do exactly as He did. It is an opportunity to remember our roles as His disciples.

Jesus was a servant and His primary duty was to do the will of the Father and that included death on the cross to pay the debt of sin. We are told to follow Him but He is not asking us to die on a cross, however He is asking us to daily take up our cross (Luke 9:23) and follow Him. Jesus wants a life that is surrendered completely to Him. It is a life lived in selflessness seeking to meet the needs of others and not just when it’s convenient. True followers are willing to do as He did even in the midst of hard times. It was at the Last Supper, the final meal before Jesus’

crucifixion that He washed the feet of His Apostles. Not only was this selfless, it was humbling, it was intimate, and it demonstrated the kind of love that we are to shower on each other. It is the example He asks us to follow:

“When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

John 13:12-17

It is what Emmaus is built on, servanthood. May your desire always be to imitate Christ!

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director



Turn it up, Fire it up!

“Kindle in us the fire of Your love.”

A remarkably succinct statement wielding a powerful request. Does one of the words stand out to you more than another? For me, it’s “kindle” denoting the action we are asking of our Father. To kindle is to ignite and inspire, and for me it’s “to action”.

Inspired to action, for the Glory of God.

The fire of His Love is massive! When we overflow with God in our life His fire spreads effortlessly to everything. The word kindle makes the statement seem as if the fire is just starting, but followed by “Your love” and the sentence is set ablaze. Do you think the Emmaus community could stand to turn up the heat?

Who do you know that goes to church but still suffers? Who is “wrongfully convicting” themselves, living fearfully, and internally imprisoned. We learn on our Walk weekend, “we are so special to Christ, but we are not more special than another person.” What happens if one doesn’t feel special at all? A heart unconvinced except by seeing the love Christ has for

us. Is it not our duty to share the provision of a Walk to Emmaus with brothers and sisters in need? We row together and grow together.

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is your power to do it.”

—Proverbs 3:27

Are you a front runner of this community? Do you believe in the gifts He’s given you? Every day we have 100% reason to remember His name and now is our time to be a guiding light as a sponsor, a mentor, a friend.

Your Good Shepherd is available any time or day to speak about Emmaus to any church, group, or organization. If we are called to lift up our voice and shout it from the top of the mountains (Isaiah 42:11) then I’ll shout as loudly as I have to! God’s love must move.

Love,
Michele Cremeans
Good Shepherd/Outreach

Good Shepherd

- Laura Nugent has started a new share group that meets Mondays at 5:30pm at Panera in Beavercreek.
- 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