

# GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

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MAY 2022

**LOOKING  
FOR A WAY  
TO SERVE  
BEHIND THE  
SCENES?**

**HERE IT IS!**



You have an opportunity to serve at the **Big Move** at Normandy Church Thursday and Friday, June 16-17, 2022. Duties include moving all of the equipment used for the weekend onto the truck for the upcoming Men's Walk at Sulphur Grove UMC in Huber Heights.

On Wednesday June 22, 2022 we will unload the truck and put things into the appropriate location within Sulphur Grove.

God provides a great time of fellowship as you are working side-by-side with your community brothers and sisters. Many hands make light work and we can use anyone willing to participate.

We also have many opportunities to serve at the upcoming walk. You can assist with the Walk setup on Wednesday, carry the Pilgrim luggage on Thursday, or help to tear down on Sunday.

Sign up at the Gathering or complete a willing servant form. Contact Randy Barty for more information: [housing@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:housing@daytonemmaus.org)



## **IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!**

We pray you had a joyous Easter celebrating our RISEN LORD with family and friends either here or away. We also hope you were able to come to our April 30 celebration of 30 years as the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community and enjoyed seeing many, many friends, familiar faces, new faces, some from your original Walk, many teammates from teams you've been a part of, and many you have served with bringing joy and the love of Jesus Christ to many, many pilgrims on one or more of the previous 174 Emmaus Walks in our Community.

We are all called by Jesus Christ in the Great Commission in *MATTHEW 28:19-20* TO "THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE."

At our Board Retreat in March, Pastor George Brewer commented that Emmaus really is a "pathway of discipleship." Some of you have probably heard that phrase, maybe even from your Pastor, and some of you may have not. As you know a disciple is a follower of Jesus who strives to live more like Jesus each and every day. Discipleship, then, is one Jesus follower helping another Jesus follower become more like Jesus.

On our original Walk, Jesus met each of us right where we were in our faith journey and God's grace and love was revealed to us through other believers.

As we continue to experience life in each of our 4th Days, we learn that we can grow our personal discipleship with the help and support of other disciples through share groups, and we can in turn support each of them in our share groups in the development of their personal discipleship.

Life throws difficult challenges our way that each of us must deal with, and a support group is often a means the Lord uses to help each of us to carry on through these life challenges as well as to celebrate the many joys.



Our own pathway of discipleship develops and deepens as we work to strive to grow into the person God created each of us to be in order to  
*"...DO [THE] GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO."* (EPHESIANS 2:10)

So, share groups can be instrumental in developing your pathway of discipleship and in developing your personal discipleship to do the good works God has prepared in advance for you to do.

We need our entire community to help us carry out God's vision by generating more and expanding the number of share groups in our community so each of us has a share group to support each of us in our 4th Days, and to have a network of share groups that new pilgrims off each upcoming Walk can join, or begin a new share group.

*FOR "...WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM."* (MATTHEW 18:20).

Will you help us to continue to grow into this vision?

Will you contact our Good Shepherd, Che McGown, at [goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org) or 216-857-8109 and let her know of the location and existence of your share group, where you meet, and if you have an opening for 1 or 2 new members? Also, will you let her know you are willing to share your experience as a pilgrim on your Walk and what you are doing about it with your home church?

Our upcoming Men's and Women's Walks THIS SUMMER will be at Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Rd, Huber Heights 45424:

Men's Walk #68 – June 23-26, 2022  
Men's Registrar: Jeff Adams, 937-269-6023,  
[mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

Women's Walk #108 – July 14-17, 2022  
Women's Registrar: Lisa Keller, 937-684-3856,  
[womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

Please help us ensure these walks will happen by stepping up, inviting, and sponsoring those friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers the Holy Spirit has called you to bring to these Walks. Thank you for your help and for answering the call of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you.  
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**Kirk Lehneis**  
**Community Lay Director**  
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## **SAVE THE DATE**

**MAY GATHERING:**

**MAY 9**

**@ 7:15 PM**

**NORMANDY UMC,  
CENTERVILLE, OH**

**JUNE GATHERING:**

**JUNE 13**

**@7:15 PM**

**SULPHUR GROVE UMC  
HUBER HEIGHTS, 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**

# Notes from the Women's Registrar

I don't know about you, but I am bustin' at the seams and not just from all the food I've been eating for the past two years, but also because I'm so excited for these upcoming WALKS!!

I know many of you feel the same way. As a community, we just love to serve each others and new pilgrims. I'm thinking we are all ready to put on our aprons for kitchen work, getting our pens out for writing agape letters, and falling to our knees thanking God for this awesome Emmaus ministry!

At this point, we have pilgrim applications coming in weekly, but I am urging you to get your applications in as soon as possible. July and the Women's Walk will be here before you know it.

My visual for these summer Walks is that the Holy Spirit has been in this little confined box for two years (and yes, I know he's been with us, but go with me on this) and I feel like this summer he's going to BLOW the walls off that box! KABOOOM!!

Man, I can't wait!  
Decolores!

**Lisa Keller**  
**Women's Registrar**

## **Agape Room Supplies Needed**

The Agape Chair, Linda Heller, needs donations of blank cards or note paper that can be used for writing agape.

She says we could also use some new stickers as our current supply is a little worn out.

Bring your donations to the May or June Gatherings. If you cannot attend one of the gatherings, but would like to contribute, please contact Linda through email:

[Lmusicteach@aol.com](mailto:Lmusicteach@aol.com).

# NOW WHAT?

*WHEN THE SABBATH WAS OVER, MARY MAGDALENE, AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JAMES, AND SALOME BOUGHT SPICES, SO THAT THEY MIGHT GO AND ANOINT HIM. AND VERY EARLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, WHEN THE SUN HAD RISEN, THEY WENT TO THE TOMB. THEY HAD BEEN SAYING TO ONE ANOTHER, "WHO WILL ROLL AWAY THE STONE FOR US FROM THE ENTRANCE TO THE TOMB?"*

*WHEN THEY LOOKED UP, THEY SAW THAT THE STONE, WHICH WAS VERY LARGE, HAD ALREADY BEEN ROLLED BACK. AS THEY ENTERED THE TOMB, THEY SAW A YOUNG MAN, DRESSED IN A WHITE ROBE, SITTING ON THE RIGHT SIDE; AND THEY WERE ALARMED.*

*BUT HE SAID TO THEM, "DO NOT BE ALARMED; YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS OF NAZARETH, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE HAS BEEN RAISED; HE IS NOT HERE. LOOK, THERE IS THE PLACE THEY LAID HIM. BUT GO, TELL HIS DISCIPLES AND PETER THAT HE IS GOING AHEAD OF YOU TO GALILEE; THERE YOU WILL SEE HIM, JUST AS HE TOLD YOU." SO THEY WENT OUT AND FLED FROM THE TOMB, FOR TERROR AND AMAZEMENT HAD SEIZED THEM; AND THEY SAID NOTHING TO ANYONE, FOR THEY WERE AFRAID. MARK*

16:1-8A | NRSV



The consensus among biblical scholars is that Mark is the oldest of the four gospels and that in its original form it ended in 16:8a. Verses 8b thru 20 were added at a later date. So, if you were a newbie follower of Jesus in the first century and read Mark's earliest description of Easter morning, what would you make of it all? Like the two Marys and Salome, terror-filled and amazed, would you too, be dumbstruck?

A tried and true method of studying Scripture is to ask and attempt to answer three questions: "What, So What, and Now What?"; i.e., "What's going on here?", "What did it mean for the people in the story?", and, "What does it mean for us today and how are we going to live differently because of it?" Mark's narrative tells us the "What" answer, but fails to inform us of the "So What?". We are left clueless as to what the two Marys and Salome understood the empty tomb to mean. Nearly 2,000 years later, are we also dumbstruck? What's our "Now What?"

Over the many years of my ongoing faith journey I have been blessed with many Spirit-filled mentors along the way. One is the Rev. Ed Zeiders, a kind, gentle, and inspiring man of faith. Ed was president of United Theological Seminary when I was a student. He has eloquently answered the "Now What?" of the empty tomb—what Easter can mean to us today and in all the days to come:

"The Church understands that we are the movement of people who result from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We are in the world as recipients and agents of God's grace. We live, move, and have our being in the Spirit of the Living Lord—Easter People set apart and differentiated by the Gospel, in all humility, to proclaim the Good News of God's victory over sin and death, the release of the captives, and the freedom to move about as the evidence of God's grace and mercy.'

May all of us, as Easter People, strive to be the best evidence of God's grace and mercy that we can be in a world today that so desperately needs to experience it!

DECOLORES,  
**PASTOR GEORGE BREWER, SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

## Looking for a way to serve?

The following board positions are open and training is available:

- Worship Committee Chair
- Normandy UMC Point of contact

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

# HELLO! EMMAUS FAMILY!

Some of you may be wondering what TSC stands for?

TSC is for Team Selection Committee and running the committee is one of the responsibilities of the Vice Chairman. I work along with four other people chosen by the Past Chairman, the Chairman of the Board and one of our four spiritual directors.

The Computer Chair gives the group a list of names for each position on the Men's and Women's live-in teams to review.

The names are vetted by the committee and then given to Lay Directors for them to call and see if they are willing to serve on a live-in team for the next men's or women's walk.

Since there have been several years without walks because of COVID, we are asking everyone to submit a NEW willing servant form to ensure we have the latest information in our database.

The Lay Directors for our upcoming summer men's and women's walks having been trying to call folks from our community to serve and have found that some phone numbers and emails are no longer correct.

If you would like to serve on a live-in team, I ask you to fill out a NEW willing servant form and check those positions you'd like to serve in. Please note that for your first live-in team, you must serve as an assistant table leader before you can serve in any other live-in capacity

If you do not wish to serve on a live-in team, we would love for you to serve in our Emmaus Community in other ways.

We need help in the kitchen, housing, Worship Committee and in other behind-the-scenes jobs to help make our walks happen and also at Gatherings.

We will have sign-ups at Gatherings or come talk to any of our board members. We can help you find those in charge of those areas of need.

Remember--The walks cannot happen without the help of the Emmaus community. We are one team. We are also thankful for the churches that allow us to use their buildings to allow walk weekends, Gatherings, and board and committee meetings to happen.

Our Men's live-in team has just started meetings and they are excited to be able to serve the community and the pilgrims that will be on this upcoming men's walk June 23rd to 26th.



## Wear It on Your Sleeve!

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spring.com](https://greater-dayton-walk-to-emmaus.creator-spring.com)**

Please pray for the team and pray for pilgrims to be signed up for this walk weekend. God has plan and will help us grow back up as a community.

This final month and a half will be a challenge. Pray that we can fill the walks. We will have spiritual attacks and things happen but lean on each other and lift each other up through prayer. Look forward to seeing many of you at our next Emmaus Gathering.

YBIC,

**Jeff Adams**  
**Vice Chairman/TSC**  
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# PILGRIMS STILL NEEDED FOR MEN'S WALK!



When you read this newsletter, we will be less than a month and a half away from the Greater Dayton Emmaus Men's walk which will be held at Sulphur Grove UMC in Huber Heights Ohio June 23-26.

There are still spots open for pilgrims! We have 10 men signed up so far in this process, but need more for a full walk.

If you have someone who is thinking about going, please send in an application as soon as possible.

I have a pilgrim who plans on being on this upcoming men's walk. He said he is looking forward to attending and has been waiting almost two years since we had to cancel the last walk due to the pandemic.

Now that we are coming out the pandemic, folks are coming back to church. I believe we need God in our lives more than we ever have before and I know that there are men in your life who are looking for something to enhance their spiritual journey and become leaders in their church and community.

Please pray and talk to the person who may be placed in your heart. Help support and sponsor a guy for the June Walk.

We need close to 20 men signed up (maximum of 30) to make this Walk happen.

The live-in team for Men's Walk 68 has just started meetings to prepare for this walk and they look forward to serving and leading your pilgrims on this great spiritual journey.

Please get your Pilgrim and Sponsor applications in now!

Thank you and God Bless

**Jeff Adams**

**Interim Men's Registrar**

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**937-269-6023**



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