

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



NOVEMBER 2023

Join us at the next Gathering!

November 13, 7:15p.m.
at Normandy United Methodist Church
Centerville, Ohio

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.*

-1 Chronicles 16:34

Hello Emmaus Community!

We are approaching the holiday season as most of us are making family plans, putting up Christmas decorations, and planning for Thanksgiving.

I am thankful for the support of our Emmaus Community. We have had four Emmaus walks this year and I am thankful for the churches that support us and give us a place to hold our walks -- Normandy UMC and Sulphur Grove UMC.

It is amazing that our Emmaus Community has been around for 30 plus years and is still going strong. We have a great group of people who serve on our Greater Dayton Emmaus Board of Directors to help make decisions for our Emmaus Walks, Gatherings, and ways to help our community continue to grow.

We have a men's walk coming up January 18th to 21st at Normandy UMC. The men's team is getting put together by Tony Ammon who will be the weekend Lay Director. Please keep him and the team that is being formed as they will be starting team meetings in the next few weeks or so.

We need the Community's help as we only have three Pilgrims signed up for the men's walk and we need to get close to 20 pilgrims signed up to make a walk happen -- a maximum of 30. We need you all as a community to start a conversation with men who have not yet been on a walk. Please pray and talk to those at your church, job, family, and friends about going on a men's walk weekend.

Please keep in mind it takes a lot of folks to make an Emmaus walk weekend happen. It takes the support of the community to volunteer, sponsor pilgrims and serve on live-in teams.

We have set a deadline to have walk applications turned in or mailed in to the PO Box by December 23rd 2023.

Please contact Steve Holmes, Men's Registrar, if you have any questions or need help.

We do not want to cancel the men's walk, but we have set this deadline to give our registrar time to get information to the Kitchen and Supply folks so they can order food and supplies for the walk weekend.

Pilgrims and/or sponsors currently on the list will receive phone calls to ensure they are still coming and that they are taken care of for personal or any medical issues. Please let us know if you have any questions or need help. I hope to see many of you at our next Gathering November 13 th at Normandy UMC 7:15 pm.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving with you family and friends and safe travels.

God Bless,
Jeff Adams
Community Lay Director/Chairman



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER GATHERING

AND

BOARD ELECTION:

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

DECEMBER GATHERING:

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

JANUARY GATHERING:

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

MEN'S WALK #71

JANUARY 18-21
NORMANDY UMC,
CENTERVILLE, OH

WOMEN'S WALK #111

FEBRUARY 15-18
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH



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On Being Grateful

“...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

The church is filled with all kinds of ministries. From those who serve as ushers to the choir to deacons, teachers, preachers, and more, there is much to do in the role of ministry.

Not everyone is called to the same task, but as the body of Christ, we are a church with many members, **“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many.”** 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

While this is a good reminder, working with others isn’t always easy. There are times when it’s hard to serve as the church. Whether it be a result of working with challenging personalities, others not listening well, or juggling too many things, whatever the reason, God knows serving can be difficult. But He calls us to work, to serve, and we mustn’t let our flesh get in the way of doing what we have been called to do.

This can wear on our Christian identity because our flesh tends to resist such challenges, and we find ourselves wrestling with our flesh so that we might “serve the Lord with gladness.”

So, what does this have to do with being grateful? (I’m glad you asked)!

1 Peter 4:10 has an answer: **“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”**



We have been given God's manifold gifts, which is reason enough to be grateful.

As an Emmaus Community, we are called together to serve. As a community of believers, we must serve with grateful hearts, strengthening the local church by developing Christian disciples. And let’s face it, this isn’t easy. It takes sacrifice, hard work, selfless giving, and gratitude. In doing this, we are making a conscious habit of expressing appreciation for the ability to serve others.

There are many things to be grateful for: homes, food, jobs, good health, running water, family, healthy relationships, safety, freedom, and more; however when you can serve others for the sake of Christ, that should make you gracious.

After all, can we give back to Him anything that measures up to what He’s given to us? It is a thought worthy of consideration.

In everything, give thanks, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

*DeColores,
Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director*

Prayerfully Consider Becoming
HOUSING CHAIR
for the Greater Dayton Emmaus
Community!

Greetings Emmaus friends! Are you interested in and feeling the Lord's call to serve in another, meaningful way in the Emmaus Community?

If you have been on at least one team, are in a Share Group, and are active in your church and the Emmaus Community, you are eligible to be on the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board of Directors!

Candidates have come forward for several positions, but we are still greatly in need of a new **HOUSING CHAIR**! Feel free to contact the current chair, Randy Barty, to find out what is involved in the job.

Positions are for a 3-year term starting April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2027. You may contact the current Board member to find out more info or myself for a written job description. If elected, you will also have the opportunity to learn the position with the current Board Chair for the next two Emmaus Walks to be held in January and February at Normandy UMC. We have candidates for the following positions which will be voted on and selected by the community at the November 13 Gathering at Normandy UMC:

a. Agape Chair -- Current Chair Linda Haller; Candidate - Shelly Crabtree

b. Good Shepherd -- Current Chair Stephen Cultice; Candidate - Stephen Cultice

c. Supply -- Current Chair Debbie Hayes; Candidate - Debbie Hayes

POC for Nominations: Past Chair Kirk Lehneis -- 937-426-6255 (leave a message)

Thank you.
Kirk

SOUND BOARD HELP



We need your help! we are looking for people who are interested in doing the Sound Board for our Gatherings at Normandy UMC.

NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!

Randy Barty, who currently does sound, would like to take a step back and look for one or more person maybe do a rotation and not have to do every gathering.

Randy, Jason Hoang, and Jeff Null are each willing to train you and be part of the rotation to do sound each month.

Please contact them with questions if you have interest in learning to do the sound board.

Jason Hoang - 937-672-4988

Jeff Null - 937-430-2230

Randy Barty - 937-602-7003



Agape

January will be here before we know it! Start working on agape for the winter walks now!

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