

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



OCTOBER 2023

Join us at the next Gathering!

October 9, 7:15p.m.
at Normandy United Methodist Church
Centerville, Ohio



Make time for what is most valuable to you!

*But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. **Ruth 1:16-18***

Is it me or does the world seem to be coming apart at the seams? We are dealing with natural disaster after natural disaster. We barely get through one hurricane before another one is on its way. Forest fires, floods, earthquakes, and tornados dominate the news cycle far more than any of us care to remember.

And as if natural disasters weren’t enough, we have our share of human-made ones too. Need I remind you of our country’s mass shootings or political infighting, class wars, social media bullying and growing levels of young people suffering from anxiety and mental health challenges? So what happens when people experience loss of life, loss of property and loss of hope?

I submit to you that what you choose when you are on the verge of losing it all reveals what is most valuable to you.

Ruth chose relationship! She clung to her relationship with her mother-in-law, Naomi, because she had come into relationship with Naomi’s God.

One of the most cherished benefits of journeying on your Walk to Emmaus will be the opportunity to deepen your relationship with God as you come into relationship with fellow Pilgrims and team members serving and following Christ.



It’s ironic that the thing that helps us most in our times of trouble, relationships, we almost miss because we say we don’t have time to go on a Walk. But isn’t it true that we make time for what is most valuable to us?

I am amazed each time I serve on team and watch God use the instrument of the Walk to Emmaus to transform strangers into table mates in 72 short hours. There is a bond and camaraderie that flows organically from building community together in small groups.

We sit at the table with strangers who have weathered the storms of life, laughing, crying, singing, praying, creating, eating and sharing life in common just as the two who walked on the road to Emmaus.

And somewhere between the talks and skits and poster parties and praise and communion, our eyes are opened and we see the Risen Christ!

The world has not changed, it’s still coming apart. But we can change our world, by coming together.

So the next time you are tempted to get distracted or discouraged by all that life is hurling at you, remember to choose what is most valuable to you. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

DeColores,

Palmer Jason
Spiritual Director

Hello Emmaus Community!

It's starting to look like fall with leaves changing color and falling down to the ground. It is hard to believe that it is October already. This year has flown by.

We have had four Emmaus walks this year and are thankful for all of you who have served on our live in teams, sponsored a pilgrim or volunteered in the kitchen for meals, and those who have prayed during the 72-hour weekends.

Sponsors, I like to see you help your pilgrims get involved in our Emmaus Community by serving at Gatherings by passing out Prayer cards, serving Holy Communion, giving a 4th Day talk, taking offerings. Reach out to Pam DeHart at Gatherings to volunteer.

I would encourage you to have your pilgrims fill out a willing servant form to serve on our Men's or Women's live-in teams. We love to see new folks serve on our Emmaus teams. It's a way to give back to the community and help others during the weekend.

I'd also like to encourage everyone, especially those pilgrims who were on our Winter and Summer walks, to consider sponsoring someone for upcoming walks.

I know fall can be a crazy time of year. We are in full swing of a new school year that brings changes to teachers and students. We all deal with change, whether it be in churches or with new pastors or leadership of church committee or council. But I know we all lean on each other, we also lean on those that are in our share groups to help us get through things that are going on in our lives.

Please pray for each other and for our teachers and students to have a great school year. Remember God is in control and change can be beautiful -- embrace it and support each other!

.Jeff Adams
Community Lay Director



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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER GATHERING:

OCTOBER 9 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

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

Prayerfully Consider Becoming a
BOARD MEMBER
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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