

# **GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS**

450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



**OCTOBER 2022**

## **Come and worship! October Gathering!**

October 10, 7:15 pm  
at Normandy United Methodist Church  
450 West Alex Bell Road  
Centerville, OH 45459

### **Like a pumpkin....**

Realize you were chosen and special  
Be open to receive God in your heart.  
Receive His forgiveness so all the sin and  
yuckiness is washed away.  
Let God continue to mold you and shape you.  
Let your light shine!

# From the Community Lay Director

## **Greetings Friends!**

Were you in attendance at the September 12th Gathering at Normandy? The Holy Spirit was there big time as we worshipped our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He filled all 90 or so of us with excitement, His Spirit, and with a renewed enthusiasm for His Emmaus ministry. There were many who came from our recent Summer Walks -- including many of the pilgrims, now members of the Community, their team, and many short- and long-time members of the Community who share a refreshing love for Jesus Christ. Come join the excitement and bring your Share Group, your friends, and those you are talking to about going on their own Walk to Emmaus.

As we build momentum for the next two walks in January and February 2023, we need your help. Please continue to invite and talk to those 2 or 3 close friends, your church leaders, etc about the benefits you found on your own Emmaus Walk ...how Christ met you right where you were at the time of your Walk, how He further deepened your personal walk and journey with Him, how your Walk helped you to further develop your personal call to discipleship, how you renewed your personal commitment and active support to your various church or your community's ministries, and how you have prioritized your life to the Lord, your family, your church, your work and more.

Ask your pastor to let you give your 2-minute testimony to your congregation on an upcoming Sunday this month or next month and how you would be honored to sponsor someone. Some suggested thoughts for you may be found at the Greater Dayton Emmaus web site. See Vision and Strategy and click on "Emmaus Church Talking Points".

We also need your help in expanding the number of Share Groups in the Greater Dayton area so pilgrims of future walks will have a better opportunity to find a group near where they live. Four people from the September Gathering were looking for their own Share Group, and they connected to our Good Shepherd Che McGowen who is helping them.

If you are also looking for a Share Group, you can contact the Table Leader from your original Walk, or one or two people from your table or from your church or new friends from your Walk to form a new Share Group, or join an existing Share Group.

We can also advertise your need in the next newsletter or at future Gatherings. To see just some of the benefits to you and your church from being in a Share Group, go to Vision and Strategy | Greater Dayton Emmaus and click on "Why Join a Share Group".

Your Emmaus Community is here to help you and your church to develop leaders for the Church by helping build a community of disciples that can draw others to Christ. Please consider the following:

- a. Answer the Call of your local church for renewed involvement in your church's ministries and activities.
- b. If you are not already in a Share Group, find or start a group where you can continue to develop your personal relationship with Jesus Christ and your own personal discipleship, support other members in the group with the growth in their discipleship, and receive support from the other members as each shares their closest to Christ moments, their call to discipleship, and where they struggle and sometimes stumble in daily life to be Christ to others.

Our Community Good Shepherd Che McGowen can help you find or start a Share Group: phone 216-857-8109 or email [goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org) or come to the Share Group information session at 6:15 pm at Normandy UMC, October 10, in the Small Chapel to learn more.

- c. Become involved in monthly Gatherings to worship our Lord and meet men or women from your own Walk and many others from the community. Gatherings are the 2nd Monday of every month.

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d. Stay in touch with happenings and future Walks occurring in the community by reading this newsletter or visiting the website at: <http://daytonemmaus.org>. Past newsletters are archived here, our Community Vision and Strategy and a lot of other information is found here as well.

We need willing servants.. to help with future walks (including being a part of a future team, preparing meals, carrying luggage, helping restore the church for Sunday morning services, etc), with Monthly Gatherings (Community Prayer, 4th Day Speaker, collect offering, etc), and other Emmaus activities. Complete a Willing Servant Form found at Willing Servant Form ([daytonemmaus.org](http://daytonemmaus.org))

Our next two Emmaus Walks will be at Normandy UMC, 450 W Alex Bell Rd, Centerville, OH 45459:

a. Men's Walk # 69, January 19-22, 2023  
Men's Registrar: Steve Holmes, phone 937-681-1986, or email [mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

b. Women's Walk #109, February 16-19, 2023  
Women's Registrar: Lisa Keller, phone 937-684-3856, or email [womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

To sponsor a pilgrim -- a leader in your church or among your Christian friends, please contact our Men's or Women's Registrar above, see "How to be a Great Sponsor" on the website.

Consider attending Sponsor's Hour before Gathering at 6:30 pm in the Loggia (near the Small Chapel) at Normandy UMC October 10, and complete a Pilgrim Registration form at Pilgrim Registration 05-15-20.pdf ([wsimg.com](http://wsimg.com))

Thank you for your willingness to serve and to help, and for answering the call of the Holy Spirit. God bless you as you seek every day to be more like Jesus, and to become more like the person Jesus created you to be.

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**Kirk Lehneis**  
**Community Lay Director**  
Men's Walk #14, Table of Peter

# Are you called to serve? Board Positions for 2023

The following positions will be available on the Emmaus Board beginning April 1, 2023 for a 3-year term.

Feel free to contact current board members for more information. Training with current members will be available for the next two walks

**Qualifications:** You must have been on at least one live-in team and be active in a Share Group and in your local church. (that's it!)

Pray on this opportunity and contact  
**Michele Cremeans at 937-671-5036**  
**BY THE OCTOBER GATHERING**

<b>OPEN Position</b>	<b>Current Board Member</b>
Documentation.	Karen Heydinger
Kitchen	Brenda Baker
Secretary	Jenni Ketring
Treasurer	Darlene Fugate
Women's Registrar	Lisa Keller

### **Candidates so far include:**

Women's Registrar - Myra Wheeler  
Documentation - Kathy Kitchel  
Treasurer - Dick Kooser  
Secretary -  
Kitchen-

**All names will be announced at  
the October Gathering with  
voting to be held at the  
November Gathering**

# Harvest Time

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. 1 Corinthians 3:6-8 (NIV)

Fall, that time of year of changing temperatures, where weather gets colder, the leaves of the trees begin changing colors, plants stop making food, animals are getting ready for the long months ahead, and daylight becomes shorter. Fall is also a season of harvest, the time where the dutiful begin to gather all of the edible parts of the seeds that they had planted. It is a time where all of the hard work that was put into fertilizing the soil, providing it with the right amount of water to promote growth, and making sure the climate was right while continually monitoring it to prevent the possibility of disease or pests; it is now the time to reap the harvest. Everything you did during planting season is what provides the best possibility for a good crop. We can learn a lot from fall.

The past two plus years have been tough. But there were some seeds planted well before a pandemic came to threaten our land. Some of those seeds were planted well, in good ground and they were not destroyed by the threat of plague. Somehow, they were able to grow, to resist the disease that sought to threaten their health and destroy them. It was the relentless gardeners, leaders, the shepherds if you will that refused to let die what had been planted. They chose other methods and ways of watering and providing light and the right climate, continually monitoring the sheep to ensure they were getting what was necessary for spiritual growth. They found alternative methods to provide what was needed; the internet, outdoor studies, taping of services, parking lot meetings and more. They refused to let die what had been planted.



Now, we have an opportunity to continually water that seed of faith that was placed in the hearts of believers. As we have started and will continue to ramp up walk weekends, we must do our part to continue to feed and provide nourishment to those who are hungry for more of God. There are so many ways to serve, and God wants and expects us to use the giftings He has given us to do so.

God is still alive and working in the hearts of His people. Let's never forget the love He has given and shown each of us as we continue to serve Him faithfully. Let us continue to water the seeds of faith so that God will reap the harvest; "A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:8b-9 (NIV)

**Mamie Johnson**  
**Spiritual Director**





EMMAUS MINISTRIES  
**WELLNESS**  
*Walk*

Emmaus Ministries is hosting a Wellness Walk with all proceeds going toward the Fourth Day Fund (the operations fund) for Emmaus Ministries, which continues to recover from losses incurred during the pandemic.

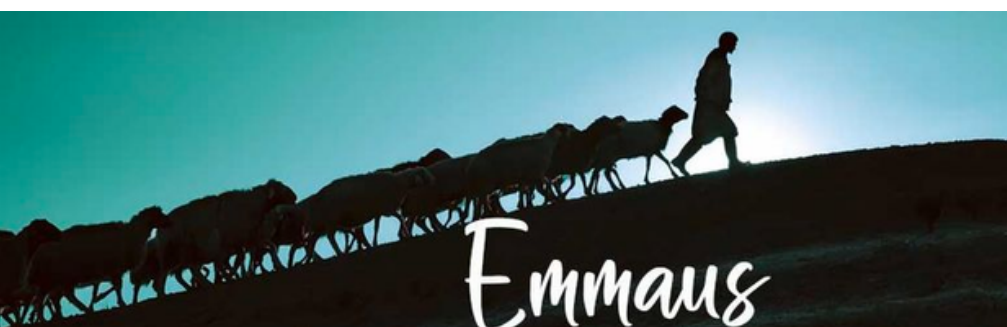
Get physically and spiritually fit while walking the distance between Jerusalem and Emmaus (approximately 7 miles/11.5 kilometers/14,000 steps) as the first disciples did in Luke 24.

The Wellness Walk takes place October 1–November 12, which gives you six weeks to go the distance.

You can walk as an individual—at your own time and pace—or as a team (either virtually or in person) with your Emmaus community. You can select your Community team at registration from the pulldown menu.

“Footprint” points are earned for steps, spiritual practices, and other activities that lead to physical and spiritual wellness. A leaderboard will track points for individuals and communities. Prizes will be awarded to top communities and top individuals who score the most footprints, so please get your community members involved. See all the details at the Wellness Walk site.

Registration is \$29. You can also purchase the event t-shirt. Register today for this fun event that supports Emmaus Ministries at <https://www.charityfootprints.com/emmaus/>



**Emmaus**  
**Leadership Training**  
for aspiring lay directors

**Saturday, October 29**  
9 am to 4 pm, Normandy UMC

Register by texting Jean Keillor at 937-681-7468  
no later than **October 15**



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