



Greater Dayton Community
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October Newsletter

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2020 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC

Men's Walk #67
 January 16-19, 2020

Women's Walk #107
 February 20-23, 2020

At Sulphur Grove UMC

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 July 16-19, 2020

NEXT GATHERING

Monday, October 14
 7:15pm at Normandy UMC
 (details on pg. 2)

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 22
 7pm at Normandy UMC

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Chairman's Corner



Have you ever noticed the number three appearing abundantly in the Bible? There are twenty-seven books in the New Testament, $3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$. Noah had three sons. (Gen. 6:10) There were three Patriarchs after the great flood, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Three visitors appeared to Abraham. (Gen.18:2) Jonah spent three days and nights in the belly of a fish. (Jonah 1:17) The ministry of Jesus lasted three years. Peter denied Jesus three times (Luke 22:54-62) and three times Jesus affirmed His love for Peter. (John 21:15-17) Jesus arose from the grave on the third day. God is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent in our lives. We are blessed by the triune nature of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This threefold relationship forms the basis of Koinonia-Christian fellowship, with God, or more commonly, with fellow Christians. We are called to be one body within the church because we are the church. In Luke 24:13-32, in the Road to Emmaus story, two pilgrims are traveling home and were joined by a third man whom they did not recognize as the risen Christ. Yet, by the end of the story, in the breaking of the bread, "then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight." They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

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October Gathering

Bear witness to faith in Christ

Monday, October 14, 2019
at Normandy UMC

Share Group Reunion
@6:15pm in Chapel

Sponsor Training
@ 6:30pm in Loggia

The Gathering
@7:15pm in Sanctuary

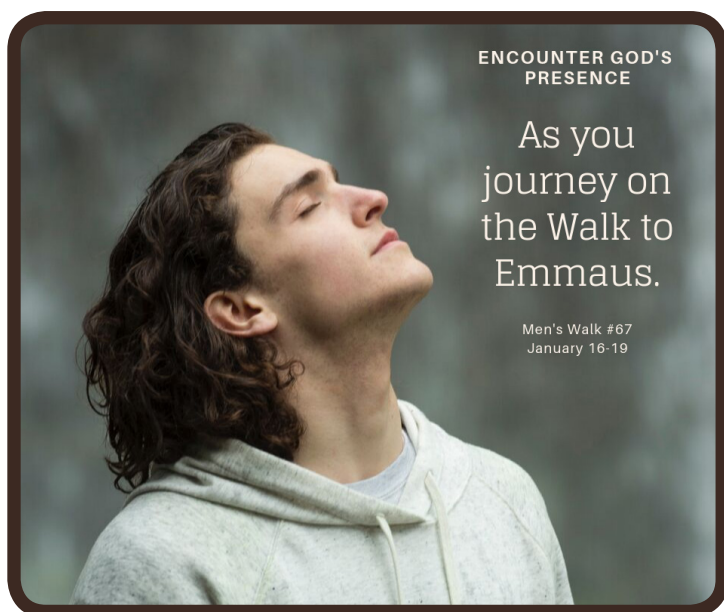
Sign up to serve at the September Gathering!
Visit SignUp Genius. Click [HERE](#).

No Smoking Policy

The Normandy UMC Adult Council has decided that there is to be No Smoking in the Normandy UMC parking lots, near the building, or anywhere on the Normandy Campus. This policy is now in effect and needs to be honored by our Emmaus Community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nametag Policy

Name tags need to be worn at all Emmaus events. If your walk weekend name badge is missing. Please fill out a "sticky" name tag and wear it while visiting any Emmaus event. We are working on a generic replacement name tag for anyone who has lost their original name badge.



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Download application form: Click [HERE](#)

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Women's Registrar: Lisa Keller
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Brothers and Sisters in Christ, are your hearts still burning for Jesus and the mission to make disciples of all men? If the ember is about to go out on your faith walk, I ask you to begin with three minutes in prayer and to take at least three minutes reading your Bible this week. Christ is counting on you, and I am counting on Christ.

DeColores,
Pam DeHart, WW #59, Table of Rebekah
Community Lay Director/Chairman
Greater Dayton Emmaus

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 or what some are predicting—our brewing troubles in the economy? 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.

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 just as the two who walked on the rode 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, but we can change our world. So the next time you are tempted to get distracted 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

Sue Benner

Our Greater Dayton Emmaus sister, Sue Benner, went home to her heavenly Father on Friday, September 20, 2019. Sue was active in Emmaus as the Thursday send off meal manager along with her husband, Charles. From handmade agape notes, lapel cross pin agape gifts and selling Kandlelights, Sue was generous with her time, talents and prayers.





Leadership Training

October 19, 2019

9am-4pm

Normandy UMC

If you are interested in serving as a Lay Director (LD) on an Emmaus Walk, leadership training is required within 15 months of serving. Additionally, leadership training provides an indepth look at the workings of Emmaus. The training explains the “why” behind how Emmaus does the things it does. It is not only beneficial to LDs, but helps all Emmaus community members gain a deeper understanding of Emmaus. Those interested in Leadership Training may contact Jean Jarusiewicz-Keillor at 937.681.7468 or by email: jjarusiewicz@yahoo.com.



Nominations Committee

Is the Lord calling you to a deeper service with Him through the Emmaus Community? Would you pray about how you can show love through service?

The nominations committee is seeking to fill the positons of Secretary, Documentation, Men’s Worship and Agape Chairs. Elections will be held at the November 11, 2019 Gathering. (Please note: Normandy Representative — FILLED)

Click [HERE](#) for a brief overview of the positions.

Contact Barbara Courtice at barbc@donet.com if interested and/or need more information.



Join the Housing Team

Greater Dayton Emmaus Housing is looking for willing servants to join the Housing Team on a long-term basis. The Housing Team is divided into 4 crews for Walks at Normandy and 4 crews for Walks at Sulphur Grove. Here are the remaining open positions:

Normandy Walks

(January / February):

6pm Wed. Setup: need 4

5:30pm Thurs. Luggage: need 2

7am Sun. Teardown: need 4

4pm Sun. Teardown: need 7

Sulphur Grove Walks

(June / July):

6pm Wed. Setup: need 7

5:30pm Thurs. Luggage: filled

7am Sun. Teardown: need 6

4pm Sun. Teardown: need 7

If you are concerned about the commitment that is involved, keep in mind that to serve on a single crew occurs only twice per year max (four times per year at both Normandy and Sulphur Grove). If you are enthusiastic and wish to serve on more than crew in the Housing Team you are more than welcome to do so!

Those interested can email Steve Uphouse, Housing Chair at housing@daytonemmaus.org, or sign up at the Emmaus Gatherings in the narthex at Normandy.

40 for Emmaus

For 40 years, people have been experiencing life-changing spiritual growth on The Walk to Emmaus. Over one million pilgrims have gone on The Walk, and Emmaus Ministries has grown to include Chrysalis, Journey to the Table, Face to Face and Discovery Weekend.

Join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary of Emmaus Ministries! In honor of 40 meaningful years, we are inviting people to commit to give \$40 a year for five years to the Emmaus Ministries' operating fund, the financial backbone of the ministry.

Your commitment will ensure that the ministry remains viable. By giving an anniversary gift, you will be helping to support updates to the Emmaus core materials; the network of Communicators, Consultants, and Trainers working with staff and communities; and the development of Ministry Manager, the new community management system.

Can we count on you to give?

Three Ways to Give:

ONLINE:

emmaus.upperroom.org/gives

BY MAIL:

The Upper Room

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Nashville, TN 37230-9891

Make checks payable to The Upper Room,
and memo Emmaus Operating Fund.

BY PHONE:

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