



Greater Dayton Community
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October Newsletter

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October Gathering
 Monday, October 12, 2020
 7:15pm in person at
 Sulphur Grove UMC
 or
 Online [YouTube](#)

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 27
 7pm

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Have you ever found yourself in a place where only God can reach you? The boneyard. The place where everything has been stripped off, you're left with no sinew, no tendons, your heart feels like dust, it feels as if your parts are reduced to a heap of rubble. Unable to "pull yourself together" you cry out..." someone help me!" Hoping the person is close enough to hear the last weak cry vaporized from your paper-thin lips. We have all felt God in other people and watched how they allow the Holy Spirit to move them. I also know that humans are all limited in our capacity to save as only Jesus can. Sometimes in my life I look to another person, when it is only Jesus that can help me. "We call out to dry bones, Come Alive!"

After a long day at the steel mill, still wearing his overalls, his sustenance was a bologna sandwich. One can still hear the crunch of the lettuce and the way he held the sandwich in his stained, calloused hand under the dim night light.

She sits at the formica kitchen table, (you know, the one with the chrome border) eating dinner alone. She is not sad, but the scene brings forth my heart's compassion and understanding the feeling of "aloneness."

My heart fears they suffer from dry bones and it's a cry from my dry bones for relationship. To share Love where it is needed.

"We call out to dry bones, 'COME ALIVE, COME ALIVE!' We call out to dead hearts, 'COME ALIVE, COME ALIVE!'"

Dry Bones by Lauren Daigle

Who finds us in times such as this but Jesus? We are not meant to be alone and Jesus ensures we are never alone. The Jesus in one person nourishes another. What sustains us when we're weary at the end of the day? Jesus. Who finds us when we are weary? God finds

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us. Have you had times when you have allowed your bones to get too “dry”? What do you do at that point? I bet you talk to God. You get up and get out. You let Jesus touch you through a friend or family. You let the sun (Son) kiss your face and you breathe the fresh air. We are so Loved by our Holy Father!

Pastor Don Trumbull said, “A blessing from Jesus is a promise in motion.” Imagine that, a promise in motion! Where Jesus blesses our dry bones and we become that promise in motion. Look at the flowers, trees, plants thriving and growing. We are doing the same thing! God has blessed us in this time of rest, repentance, rejuvenation, and rebooting. I am so happy to be alive right now. Imagine the harvest coming from our time of deep sowing.

I have Emmaus board meeting agendas from years

ago where there are plans and prayer requests and ideas and dreams-ALL of which have come to pass! There are great things happening in your Emmaus community as we prepare for the coming year. Thank you for staying tuned in. We will be at the ready when those pilgrims need our community to hold them.

Dear Lord Jesus I am fearless in You, I am not a coward! And I will allow You to nourish me and this community every day so our bones will not get dry. We will not drain ourselves for insignificant things. We will stand up and be fearless in You, against divisiveness. Let there be nothing on the path between you and I, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

God Bless you and your family.

In His Love,
Michele Cremeans, WW95
Community Lay Director



The October Gathering will be IN PERSON on Monday, October 12 at 7:15pm at Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Road, Huber Heights, OH 45424 (There will be a live simulcast available on YouTube on the Sulphur Grove UMC Live channel. To visit Sulphur Grove’s YouTube Channel click [HERE](#))

Women’s Registrar: Lisa Keller,
womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

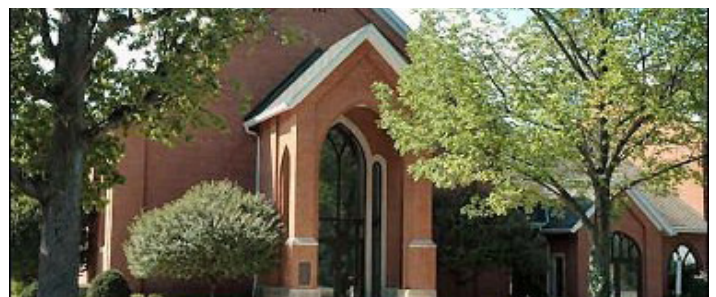
Men’s Registrar: Jeff Adams,
mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

To download a **Pilgrim Application** click [HERE](#) or visit <https://tinyurl.com/PilApp>

2021 Walk Information

Men’s Walk #68 • June 10 - 13, 2021
at Sulphur Grove UMC

Women’s Walk #108 July 15 - 18, 2021
at Sulphur Grove UMC



Guard Your Heart

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



“And don’t say anything you don’t mean. This counsel is embedded deep in our traditions. You only make things worse when you lay down a smoke screen of pious talk, saying, ‘I’ll pray for you,’ and never doing it, or saying, ‘God be with you,’ and not meaning it. You don’t make your words true by embellishing them with religious lace. In making your speech sound more religious, it becomes less true. Just say ‘yes’ and ‘no.’ When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.” Matthew 5:33-37 The Message

Christians are called to a higher standard and rightfully so. Our words and actions say a lot about who we are and Christians are often judged more harshly than others because of our conduct inside and outside of the church walls.

People expect non-Christians to demonstrate less than honorable behavior and attitudes. You may have heard, “and they call themselves a Christian” and we are, yet we still have human inclinations. That is why it is extremely important that we live lives that represent our allegiance, fear, and respect for God. And that not only goes for our speech (both audible and written) but in everything we do. We are not perfect, in fact, far from it.

What we are are individuals who understand that the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak (Matthew 26:41) and we need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit in everything we do. Saying things to appear religiously pious does not win others to Christ. It is in sincere acts of love that Christ’s love is conveyed.

When we sing, “They Will Know We are Christians”

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love*

Yeah they’ll know we are Christians by our love

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we’ll guard each man’s dignity and save
each man’s pride*

*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love*

Yeah, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

May they know we are Christians by our love.

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

Walking with Emmaus

Share groups are an extension of the Walk to Emmaus weekend experience. Join us for a monthly walking share group! All are welcome.

Our next walk will be 1pm, Sunday, October 18, 2020
Pets, family and friends are welcome to join.
Sugarcreek Metropark
4178 Conference Rd, Bellbrook, OH 45305
<https://www.metroparks.org/places-to-go/sugarcreek/>

Greater Dayton Emmaus Board Nominations

As an Emmaus community member, you have the opportunity to serve on the Emmaus Board. There are five open chair positions: Good Shepherd/ Outreach; Housing; Kitchen; Men's Registrar; Supply and two appointed positions: Normandy Rep and Sulphur Grove Rep. Each position will serve a three-year term beginning April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2024. Elections will be held at the November 9, 2020 Gathering at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church.

Anyone who is active in their church, has served on at least one team, is in a share group, and participates in Emmaus activities is welcome to join the slate for election in November. Contact Past Chair, Pam DeHart, pdehart0143@gmail.com by October 12, 2020 if you are interested in serving on the board and your name shall be added to the slate.

Christ is counting on you! DeColores.

Slate of Candidates

(Nominations are open up to November 9 when floor nominations are accepted if the nominee is present)

Good Shepherd/Outreach: Runs share group orientation/available for church visits to promote Emmaus community.

Nominee: Che McGowan

Nominee: (maybe you?)

Housing: Organizes and runs set-up and tear-down on walks and manages the major move between churches.

Nominee: Randy Barty

Nominee: (maybe you?)

Kitchen: Organizes and oversees meals and volunteers for meal preparation and service for walks.

Nominee: Stephanie Looney

Nominee: (maybe you?)

Supply: Orders and dispurses all Emmaus supplies for walks and gatherings.

Nominee: Cindy Cultice

Nominee: (maybe you?)

Men's Registrar: Is the first Emmaus community point-of-contact for all pilgrims invited on Walks.

Nominee: Jeff Adams

Nominee: (maybe you?)

Normandy Rep: Is the liaison between Normandy UMC and Greater Dayton Emmaus

TBD: (maybe you?)

Sulphur Grove Rep: Is the liaison between Sulphur Grove UMC and Greater Dayton Emmaus.

TBD: (maybe you?)



Send A Prayer Request

Through our Greater Dayton Emmaus Prayer Chain, your prayers will be prayed over by more than 50 community members.

visit our website: <https://daytonemmaus.org/prayer>. Complete the online form and click SEND. All prayer requests are shared only with the prayer team. We ask that you limit your requests to a serious, urgent nature and to the needs of either a member of the Emmaus Community or your immediate family.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

— Philippians 4:6



Need an Address?

Did you know Greater Dayton Emmaus has a Community Directory on its website? When you are preparing to send a note of caring or love to a community member, find his/her contact information by visiting www.daytonemmaus.org.

In the drop down menu labeled, "Explore Emmaus" click "Downloads/Forms/Links" You can view or download the GDE Community Directory.

Click **HERE** to view the directory now.

LEADERSHIP PROFILES: PASTOR MAMIE JOHNSON

Over the next few newsletter issues, we will bring you leadership profiles. Our goal is to give you insights into how God is using our Spiritual Directors and board members through the Emmaus community and other venues to further the Kingdom of God.



Mamie never knew what a blessing attending the Emmaus walk would be. With an already burning passion for Christ she didn't believe it could get any better. For several years she was asked to attend the Walk to Emmaus but dismissed it because she "didn't think she needed it". Boy was she wrong.

The seemingly slow pace of the walk was deliberate and necessary as each day built on the next. Out of it came a love so amazing that it can only be described as incomprehensible. One particular life event that has left an indelible mark in her life was the compassionate act of a community member who selflessly gave of her time and courageously faced a personal fear to come and care for her after a surgery. Now that's love.

Serving in the Community since 2000, Mamie has served as Spiritual Director on many walk weekends, given talks, and is a part of the 4-member Community Spiritual Directors team.

In addition to serving in the Dayton community, through Mamie Johnson Ministries, Mamie offers multiple programs that lead and support individuals seeking to overcome adversity and live a better and more meaningful life through developing a relationship with Christ. You can learn more about her not-for-profit ministry and how you can get involved by visiting her website: www.mamiejohnsonministries.org.

She has also written several books including: [When](#)

[God Doesn't Stop the Rain, Everyday the Master Speaks \(a 365 day devotional\)](#), [Well Water](#) and her latest book scheduled for release in October 2020,

[Caught in the Undertow, God's Rescue from Depression, Anxiety, and Panic.](#)

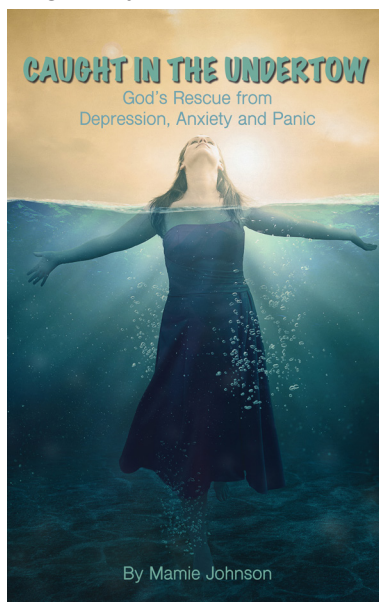
She also posts daily devotions through [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) and a weekly podcast, **See the SONrise** available on [Podbean](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Google Play](#).

Mamie is a licensed and ordained minister of the gospel and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and a Master of Arts degree in Theology from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mamie serves as the founder and President of MJ Ministries Inc. a 501(c) (3) minis-

try. She is the Assistant Pastor of Jubilee Community Church in Springboro, Ohio, a Facilitator at United Theological Seminary, an author, a chaplain, and conference speaker.

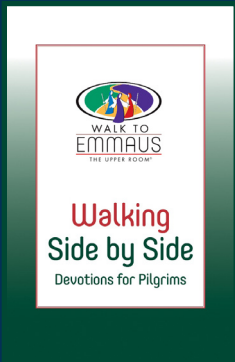
Pastor Mamie resides in West Chester, Ohio along with her husband, Fred, and boasts of the gifts God has given them through their children Freddie (Holly), Britani, and their granddaughters Jayda and Jasmine.

Of everything that Mamie has been able to accomplish her greatest joy has been and continues to be serving the Lord!



Books for Sale

Your Greater Dayton Emmaus Agape Chair has been busy organizing the Agape Room and discovered a treasure trove of Christian books. If you are interested in purchasing any of the books below for \$1, please contact Linda Haller at agape@daytonemmaus.org.



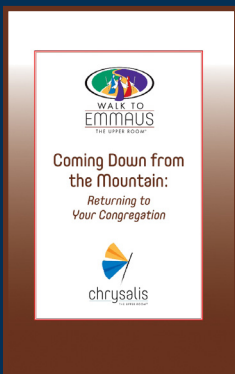
Walking Side by Side

The Upper Room wants to provide specific resources for the Fourth Day. "This booklet provides forty-five meditations—three on each of the fifteen talks. Please read these devotions in your own way. They testify to God's grace and remind us of our connections with the larger community of faith. When you read these meditations, remember that you are reading in the company of many other disciples. Be encouraged as you grow in the knowledge of the Holy Spirit." Bultemier and Jones, *Walking Side by Side Devotions for pilgrims*, The Upper Room Books, copyright 1998



The Group Reunion

"The Emmaus Group Reunion is a small accountability group of two to six persons who have usually participated in the three-day Walk to Emmaus and who want to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace of God. These small follow-up groups help each pilgrim translate the message conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus weekend into a daily walk with Christ. With the regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship through the threefold discipline of piety, study and action." "Group reunions undergird our desire to carry those aspects of the three-day experience that we most value and that are fundamental to our formation as faithful Christian disciples into our everyday lives." Bryant, Stephen D., *The Group Reunion*, The Upper Room Books, copyright 1996



Coming Down From the Mountain

"The Walk to Emmaus is a unique Christian program designed to renew disciples and, through them, to renew local churches and to convert the world. This booklet is dedicated to pilgrims and their sponsors, who could not have guessed what Emmaus would do for them. It is offered in the hope that when Pilgrims return to their congregations, they will discover Jesus- healing, teaching, and leading his people." Martin, Lawrence, *Coming Down From the Mountain: Returning to Your Congregation*, The Upper Room Books, copyright 1997

Visit our 30th Anniversary Emmaus Merchandise Store

[Online GDE Store](#)

To celebrate the Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus 30-year anniversary, we have partnered with Teespring, Inc. to bring you a GDE Merchandise Store. All items are produced on-demand, so there is no stockpile of products. All proceeds are used to further God's mission through the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community. Be a walking testimony for GDE! It's quick and easy, so order what you like when you want.

