

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS


450 ALEX-BELL RD. CENTERVILLE, OH 45459



SEPTEMBER 2023

Join us at the next Gathering!

September 11, 7:15p.m.
at Normandy United Methodist Church
Centerville, Ohio



Know that though your soul may
feel parched and barren, you can
enter into this harvest season with
the promise of showers of blessings
and armloads of joy. Psalm 126:5-6

"The Perfect Shot"



This picture of the statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil was taken June 4, 2023. Its height is 98 feet with Christ's arms spanning 92 feet!

Leonardo Sens attempted for three years to get this perfect shot of Jesus holding the moon with both hands.

During those years of practice, he studied the moon's alignment, calculated distances and scouted out locations in order to capture the perfect shot!

Leonardo ended up being seven miles away to photograph this moment. It's amazing and speaks so many messages to me as I stare at it and listen to God's voice!

These scriptures came to mind from The Passion Translation:

Jesus is.....

"He is the divine portrait, the true likeness of the invisible God, and the firstborn heir of all creation. For in him was created the universe of things, both in the heavenly realm and on the earth, all that is seen and all that is unseen. Every seat of power, realm of government, principality, and authority—it all exists through him and for his purpose!

He existed before anything was made, and now everything finds completion in him. He is the Head of his body, which is the church. And since he is the beginning and the firstborn heir in resurrection, he is the most exalted One, holding first place in everything.

For God is satisfied to have all his fullness dwelling in Christ. And by the blood of his cross, everything in heaven and earth is brought back to himself—back to its original intent, restored to innocence again!"

Colossians 1:15-20

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What patience and determination on Leonardo Sens' part to capture this moment and then share it with the world!

Jesus is the most exalted One who deserves to be first in our lives! I encourage us all to spend some time looking at this beautiful picture. As we move into the Fall season of 2023, allow the Spirit of Truth to bring a renewed 'AWE' of God into your hearts!

*DeColores,
Pamela Wantz
Spiritual Director*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPEN POSITIONS

Greetings Emmaus friends!

Are you 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!

We are especially in need of someone to coordinate housing for the walks.

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 information 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. The following positions will be voted on and selected by the Community at the November 13 Gathering at Normandy UMC:

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

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

3. Housing -- Current Chair Randy Barty; Candidates NONE so far

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

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



Happy September!

The fall months may not seem as busy for the Emmaus community, but there is plenty going on behind the scenes.

Lay directors have been selected for the January and February Walks; Tony Ammon and Michele Donaldson may be reaching out to you soon as they build their teams.

Congrats to them both as they take on this new challenge.

Let's start praying today for the pilgrims, team and volunteers who will be serving early next year!

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Jeff Adams
Community Lay Director



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Greater Dayton Emmaus

Where Can I Learn About the Benefits of a Share Group?

- *What is the Vision of Greater Dayton Emmaus (GDE) Community?*
- *Where can I go to find information on giving a talk in my church about my Emmaus Walk?*
- *What is Progressive Servanthood?*
- *What is the History of Emmaus and the GDE?*
- *What is the purpose of the Emmaus Board of Directors?*

These questions AND more are answered on our website at [Greater Dayton Emmaus.org](https://daytonemmaus.org)

Click on "EXPLORE EMMAUS" and then click on "VISION AND STRATEGY" or <https://daytonemmaus.org/vision-and-strategy>

While you are there, fill out a Willing Servant form for JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2024 WALKS!

If you have any questions or suggestions for inputs, contact Community Chair Jeff Adams, Vice Chair Brenda Baker, or Past Chair Kirk Lehneis.

Contact info is at <https://daytonemmaus.org/board-of-directors>



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IMPORTANT DATES



GATHERINGS HAVE MOVED BACK TO NORMANDY UMC!

SEPTEMBER GATHERING:

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

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

MEN'S WALK #71

JANUARY 18-21
NORMANDY UMC,
CENTERVILLE, OH

WOMEN'S WALK #111

FEBRUARY 15-18
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH