

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

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SEPTEMBER 2022

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Spice &
JESUS
Christ



*And let us not grow
weary of doing good, for
in due season we will
reap, if we do not give up.*

Galatians 6:9



Come and worship!
September Gathering!

September 12, 7:15 pm
at Normandy United Methodist Church
450 West Alex Bell Road
Centerville, OH 45459

From the Community Lay Director

Greetings Friends!

I pray you are feeling the excitement of pilgrims going on Emmaus Walks again.

Our Summer Men's and Women's Walks were both blessings for the pilgrims and teams and all the volunteers who came to show the love Christ has for each of us. That love fills your heart and mine as Jesus Christ has sent His Holy Spirit to live in us, you and me 24/7!

So, where do you go from here? I pray if you are not currently in an Emmaus Share Group that you will seek out a group of believers, other men or women, and explore the benefits to you and the members of the group as you both support each other and help each other to grow deeper in your faith, and in your trust and reliance every day on Christ.

What is Christ calling you to do for Him? Look around you. There are needs everywhere. Your church and Share Group can help you find your calling.

Explore through prayer Ephesians 2:10, *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

What is Christ through the Holy Spirit in you laying on your heart for you to do for Him? Examine your God-given gifts and talents, and explore opportunities to use them to further a ministry in your church, in your community, in your Share Group, in Emmaus, in your family or neighborhood.

Perhaps, Christ is calling you to pair up with someone to be in ministry with: your spouse, someone in your Share Group, your sponsor for your Emmaus Walk, or someone in your Church.

For we learn in Luke 10:1-2, *"...the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

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. We suggest you consider the following:

a. Answer the call of your local church for refreshed involvement in your church's ministries.

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 McGown, can help you. Contact her at : 216-857-8109 or email goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org or come to the Share Group information session at 6:15 pm at Normandy UMC, September 12, in the Small Chapel to learn more.

c. Become involved in monthly Gatherings to worship with the community. Gatherings are the 2nd Monday of every month. During the fall and winter, they are at Normandy UMC in Centerville. OH. Here you will meet men or women from your own Walk and many others who have been on an Emmaus Walk or have been on teams through the years.

d. Stay in touch with happenings and future Walks occurring in the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community by reading this monthly newsletter:

<http://daytonemmaus.org>

Past newsletters are archived here as well as our community Vision and Strategy and other important information.

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If you are interested in helping with future walks, Gatherings, and other Emmaus activities, including being a part of a future team, complete a Willing Servant Form found at Willing Servant Form (daytonemmaus.org)

To sponsor a pilgrim--a leader in your church or among your Christian friends--please contact our Men's or Women's Registrars, see "How to Be a Great Sponsor" on the Emmaus web site, consider attending Sponsor's Hour before Gathering at 6:30 pm in the Loggia (near the Small Chapel) and complete a Pilgrim Registration form at Pilgrim Registration --also on the web site.

Our next Emmaus Walks will be at Normandy UMC:

Men's Walk# 69, January 19-22, 2023

Men's Registrar:

Steve Holmes, phone 937-681-1986, or email mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Women's Walk #109, February 16-19, 2023

Women's Registrar:

Lisa Keller, phone 937-684-3856, or email womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org



If you are interested in supporting a Kairos Walk through prayer, making cookies, preparing meals for the Walk, etc, the next Kairos Women's Walk is at Dayton Correctional Institution #16, from September 22-25, 2022.

Please contact Gail Simpson at 937-902-4654 for information on how you can help.

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.

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Kirk Lehneis

Men's Walk #14, Table of Peter

Community Lay Director, Greater Dayton Emmaus

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 SEPTEMBER 15

OPEN Position

Agape

Documentation.

Kitchen

Secretary

Treasurer

Women's Registrar

Current Board Member

Linda Haller

Karen Heydinger

Brenda Baker

Jenni Ketring

Darlene Fugate

Lisa Keller

***Candidate names will be listed in
the October Newsletter--
Voting at November 14 Gathering***

Prayer in the Garden

He went out and made His way as usual to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. When He reached the place, He told them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

“Father, if You are willing, take this cup away from Me—nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done.”

Then He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and began to pray, [Then an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. Being in anguish, He prayed more fervently, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.]

When He got up from prayer and came to the disciples, He found them sleeping, exhausted from their grief. “Why are you sleeping?” He asked them. “Get up and pray, so that you won’t enter into temptation. LUKE 22:39-46

Jesus and the disciples had just finished celebrating Passover in the Upper Room. The discussion around the table was different this evening. Jesus said one of them would betray Him.

He talked about dying and how the meal symbolized His body and His blood as they partook in the traditional meal. And then, they come to their USUAL place to pray and Jesus said, “Pray that you might not enter into temptation. Father if you are willing, take this cup away from me - nevertheless, not My will be done, but Yours be done.”

Jesus then stepped away from the disciples to pray fervently, so much so that His sweat became like drops of blood that fell to the ground and an angel of the Lord had to strengthen Him. Meanwhile, the exhausted, grieving disciples were sleeping instead of praying to avoid falling into temptation.



The Lord is saying the same thing to His Church, His Bride today. Get up and pray, so you won’t enter into temptation! What temptations is Jesus referring to? The kind that makes you fall asleep, not pray and not engage others in love, compassion and Truth.

Get Up and Pray Dear Ones! Why, because when we do, we agree with His will and avoid entering into temptation. Jesus was praying fervently in the garden for what He was about to go through on our behalf! Jesus LOVES and loved us to the point of death so we can LIVE a NEW LIFE filled with His love, empowered by His Holy Spirit to overcome ALL temptation and sin.

The world needs God’s Love NOW!

Let’s do what Jesus did.....have a USUAL place to meet God to pray and press into your friendship with Him. Seek the Holy Spirit for His power and guidance to overcome! He WILL send His angels to strengthen you and the world will see His Light through you and come to Christ!

Stay Awake, Get Up and PRAY so you won’t enter into temptation!

Decolores!

**Pamela Wantz
Spiritual Director**



Yes! You can walk again!

From the Women's Registrar

I just want to say what an absolute pleasure it was to meet all of the new Pilgrims for our Men's Walk #68 and Women's Walk #108!

And welcome, welcome, welcome to our Emmaus community! We have been waiting and praying for you all!!

Now I'm going to go off topic of the registrar duties, but I just feel like I have to share this with you all. You have probably heard by now that you can only do your pilgrim walk once in a lifetime.

BUT..... you can serve as a live-in team member on a walk and, wow, I can tell you from experience, it is almost as good, if not better than your original walk!

And I can tell you right now, I was a team member on WW#108 and each and every one of you ladies would be an awesome addition to the team, and from what I hear, the men from MW#68 were awesome too!

What are the requirements?

Well, you have to have been on a walk. Secondly, you should be involved in some kind of a share group, reunion group or bible study group.

And what would you do on the team? Well, you would first serve as an assistant table leader. That means you would just be there to help guide conversation at your table. That's all.



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And when we say live-in team, that means you will be at the church the whole time, just like the pilgrims. For me, my first walk as a team member meant so much to me because I wasn't crying all the time and I was able to absorb so much more that second time. Hahaha!!!

I would strongly encourage you to fill out a Willing Servant form. Check the box to work in the kitchen and come to Candlelight, AND be sure to check the box where you would be interested in being on a live-in team.

And if you're having trouble navigating the website or can't find that Willing Servant form, talk to your sponsor or email or call me and I'll be happy to help you in any way I can. Again, welcome to the Greater Dayton Emmaus community!

Woo-Hoo!!!!

Lisa Keller, Women's Registrar

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