

# GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS

450 W. Alex-Bell Rd., Centerville, OH 45459

## OCTOBER GATHERING

Monday, October 11, 2021  
7:15pm IN PERSON at  
Normandy UMC

## UPCOMING WALKS

Walks at Sulphur Grove Umc  
Men's Walk #68:  
June 23-26, 2022  
Women's Walk #108:  
July 14-17, 2022

## BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 26 at 7pm

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## CELEBRATE, JUBILATE!

by Michele Cremeans, Community Lay Director

Years ago, I sat at a Normandy gathering with my heart pounding. I felt as if it would burst from my chest! It was quite different than your everyday anxiety; it wasn't anxiety at all. It was the the Holy Spirit moving through me. If you've ever experienced this, you know it does not subside until you obey. As the Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard writes "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forward." I see now how God was calling me deeper in Him and to serve Him in the Emmaus ministry. My Walk weekend set me on a new course, one better than I could have ever imagined. A path of growth and deepening faith in Him. I consider it a great honor to be on this walk with You.

Similar to many, God speaks to me through dreams. After awakening from a bad dream I was left with a feeling of dread. As I prayed myself back to sleep I had another dream where a priest shared Psalm 47. Verses 1-2 sing out **"Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of Joy. How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth."** God fed me the remedy I needed after a miserable dream. He gave me Himself. He reminded me He is exalted amidst the confusion and chaos. Christ Jesus is the remedy for all pain, suffering and confusion: **"HE REIGNS OVER NATIONS AND IS SEATED ON HIS HOLY THRONE."** (Ps.47:8).

May the love of Jesus Christ be the wind on which you soar.  
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# RENEWABLE ENERGY

28 *Have you not known?*

*Have you not heard?*

*The everlasting God, the Lord,  
The Creator of the ends of the earth,  
Neither faints nor is weary.*

*His understanding is unsearchable.*

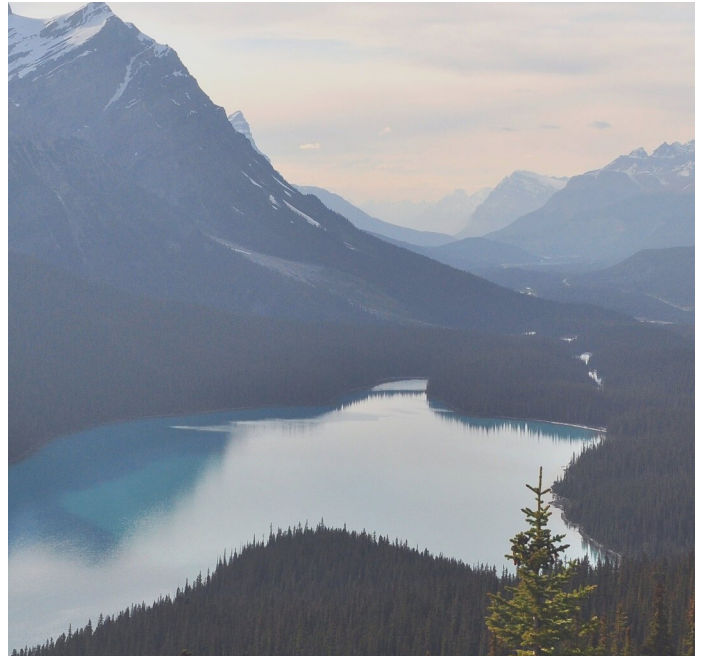
29 *He gives power to the weak,  
And to those who have no might He  
increases strength.*

30 *Even the youths shall faint and be weary,  
And the young men shall utterly fall,*

31 *But those who wait on the Lord  
Shall renew their strength;*

*They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,*

*They shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40: 28-  
31*



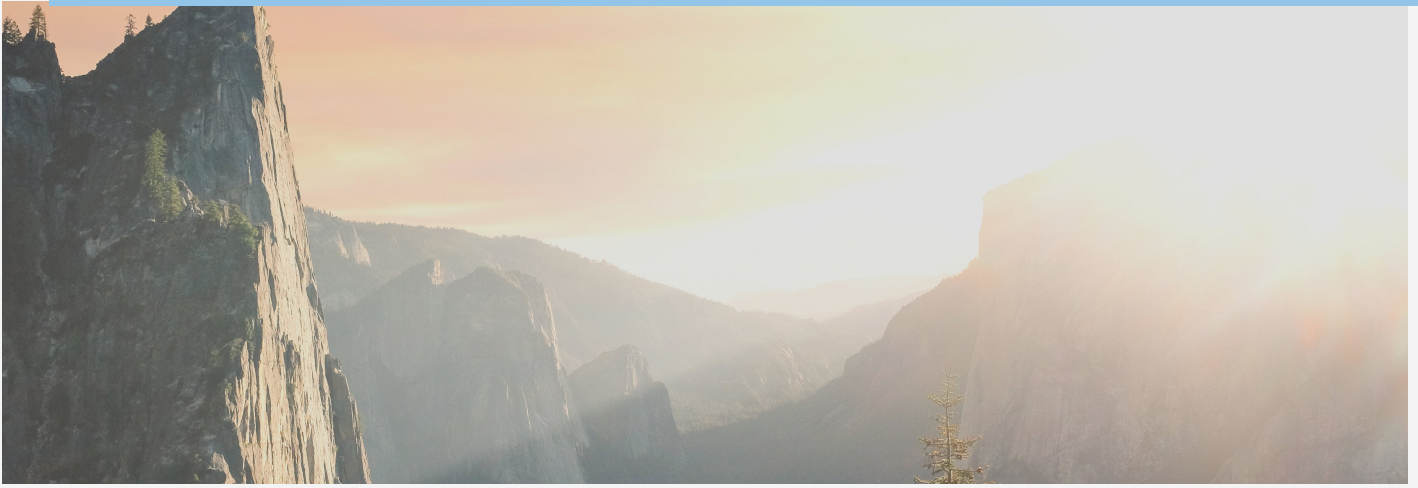
Nothing, is the short answer. But, I think renewable energy is a great segue to what I really want to talk about: Pilgrims on the Walk weekend. Have you ever noticed how many people show up on their Walk weekend drained, out of power, with no charge on Thursday evening and then leave on Sunday with renewed energy? Something sustainable, inexhaustible, continual and bountiful takes place in those 72 hours. Even though they came dragging their feet, with no bars left on their spiritual battery, once they agree to go off the grid and get hooked to the Source of life they light up their world and the world around them.

**Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary.** What happens throughout the process of the walk weekend is they re-discover the true source of renewable energy. **He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.** The community's selfless anonymous service allows them to **wait on the Lord.** And we all know what happens for those who wait on the Lord, they **Shall renew their strength!**

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I'm sure if you have watched the news lately you are aware of the buzz around green energy and protecting the environment. It doesn't matter your political persuasion, you are at least familiar with the term renewable energy. Renewable energy is defined as energy derived from natural processes that are replenished constantly. (Wikipedia.org) According to a cursory internet search there are five main types of renewable energy: wind, solar, hydro, tidal, geothermal and biomass. But before your eyes glass over and you scroll down to the next article I guess you are wondering "what do windmills and solar panels have to do with the Walk to Emmaus?"



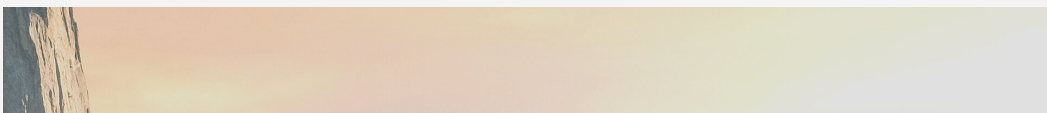
## GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!

Is the Lord preparing you and calling you to lead a future Emmaus Walk as a Lay Director (LD)?

If so, the Lord prepares you by deepening your faith and through a series of progressive servanthood positions on Emmaus Walks from Assistant Table Leader, two walks as a Table Leader with talks, two additional walks as an Assistant Lay Director with talks at least, and possibly serving as a Logistics, Prayer Servant, or Assistant Music Director on additional walks. The Lay Director process is a 6-month process to build a team of about 30 people, with lots of prayer, 6 team meetings, and a number of pre-meetings. It is a powerful, spiritual, faith deepening time while you build the team the Lord has pulled together through you and He walks side by side with you through all the decisions you need to make with His guidance.

In addition, all those called to be Lay Directors complete a 7-hour Lay Director Training within 18 months of the walk they will lead as an LD. This training is offered two times a year, once in the Spring at Sulphur Grove UMC and once in the Fall at Normandy UMC. The next Lay Director Training will be held on Saturday, October 16, from 9 am to 4 pm at Normandy UMC in the children's education classrooms on a lower floor at the back of the church.

To attend you must register so we will have sufficient materials for all attending. Contact Jean Keillor at 937-681-7468 or [jjarusiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:jjarusiewicz@yahoo.com) to register by October 9.



## *It's Election Time!*

Each year a number of Board positions come to the end of the term. We notify the community and interested willing servants contact the Board. To serve on the Board of Directors one must have served on at least one live-in team and currently be in an active share/core group. Elections will be held on November 8th, 2021 at the Gathering.

There are four position to be filled:

Communications Chair  
Women's Worship Chair  
Men's Worship Chair  
Treasurer

Please contact Michele Cremeans [Chairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:Chairman@daytonemmaus.org)

## 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 hike will be 9:30a Saturday, October 9, 2021  
Pets, family, and friends are welcome to join.  
Eastwood Metro Park  
1385 Harshman Rd, Dayton, OH 45431

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