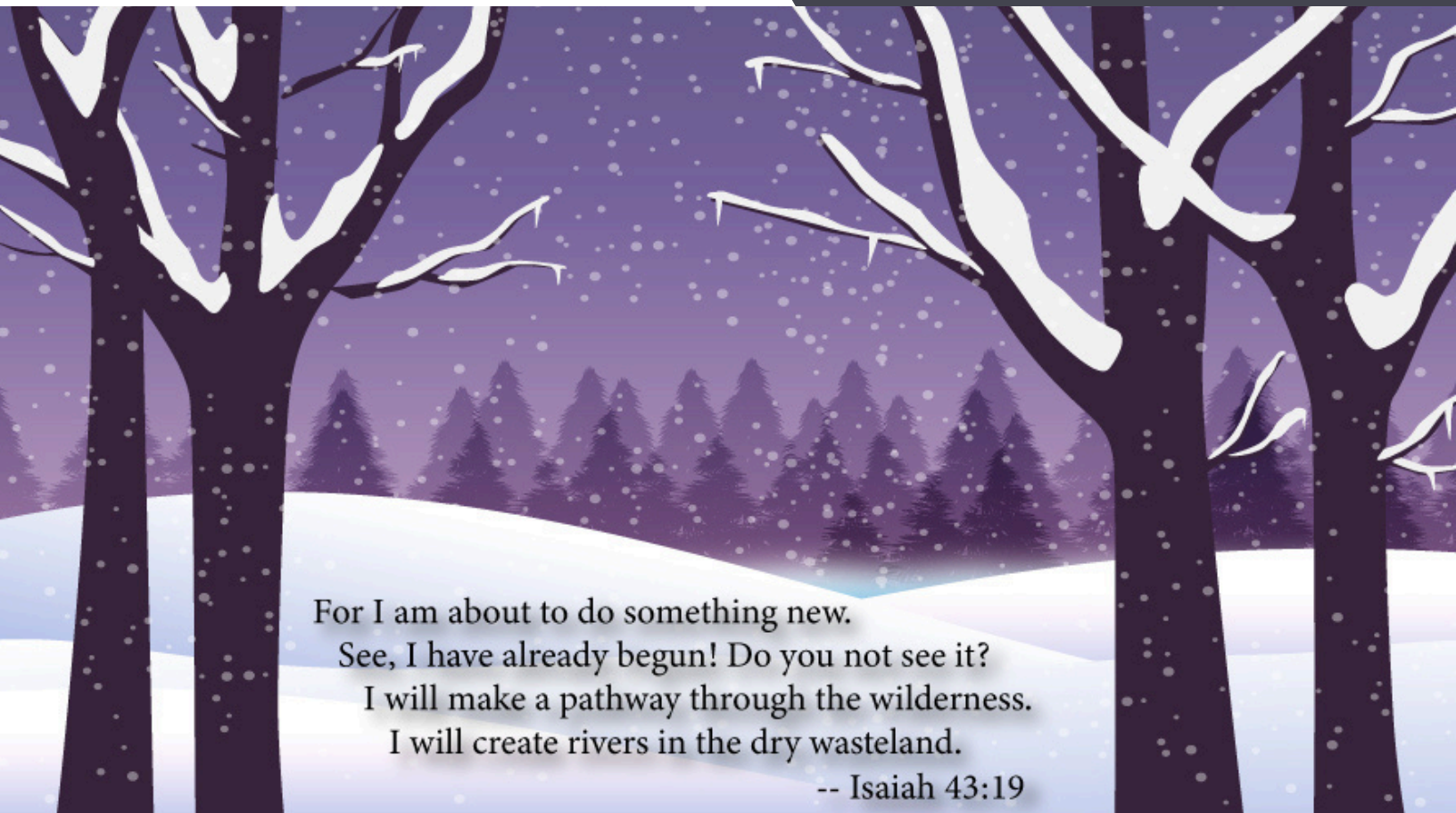


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JANUARY 2025



For I am about to do something new.
See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?
I will make a pathway through the wilderness.
I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

-- Isaiah 43:19

Men's Walk #72

January 23-26, 2025

Community volunteers are needed to set up and move pilgrims in, and to help serve meals.

Sign up at Gathering on January 13 or see **page 4** for info. See the MW #72 pilgrim list on **page 6!**



Welcome 2025

Happy New Year!

Spiritual Director Message

The Hebrew word for new is 'chadash'. It's a 'value term' in the Bible that describes something or someone that is made fresh, rebuilt, repaired or restored.

The Word of God is filled with encouragement about being made NEW!

YESHUA (Jesus) promises He can do a NEW thing in us who believe.

2 Corinthians 5:17, *"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"*

Said another way... in Mark 2:22, *"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins."*

In the Old Testament, Ezekiel 18:31, God stressed to Israel how to become NEW - *"Put all your rebellion behind you, and find yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O people of Israel?"*

God's love pursues us and says in Lamentations 3:22-23 says *"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh (new) each morning."*

Jesus proclaimed in Revelation 21:5, *"And the One seated upon the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new!'"* Then He said, *"Write, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

God is the God who does NEW things. Isaiah 43:19 - *"Behold, I AM doing a new thing!"*

If you have had a rough 2024, please be encouraged by these scriptures! Jesus is the Creator of the NEW we seek in our lives!

Proclaim this passage from Isaiah 43:19, over your life for 2025!

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."

Let's celebrate 2025 by believing and being obedient to the ONE who is the Source that makes us NEW!.

DeColores

Pamela Wantz,
Spiritual Director





A WORD FROM THE COMMUNITY CHAIR

Happy New Year

I hope you had a blessed holiday and are ready to begin anew in 2025. I'm excited about the first walk of this year -- Men's Walk 72. Thanks to the community for stepping up and helping to recruit more pilgrims!

We need your continued support for this and future walks. We need people to help set up and take down the rooms, volunteer in the kitchen and be there for closing and candlelight. We also need a few more women to fill out the pilgrim roster for Women's Walk 113 in February. I know I can count on you!

Please make a point of coming to the January Gathering where we will vote on new board members -- housing and men's registrar. They will start their term on April 1.

There are also several board positions that still need to be filled including documentation and communications. Please reach out to me or to Kathy and Michele who are currently in these positions to find out more about the duties. Both ladies are happy to train someone!

As I write this I am in the desert -- literally. As most of Dayton is experiencing the first big snow of the season, I am on a work trip in Phoenix, Arizona.

Like many of you, 2024 may not have been the best of years, but I am excited to start the year at a convention of religious leaders looking for new destinations to hold conventions.

Isaiah 43:18-19 says: *Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I am doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.*

I'm hoping for new relationships, and a new beginning both for me and the people here seeking my help. I look forward to seeing my efforts sprout! What about you?

Do you feel like you are in a desert -- dry, parched and thirsty? Maybe it is God's way of telling you to focus on Him. He will quench your thirst.

Please keep our Emmaus community and our new pilgrims in your prayers. I look forward to serving with you.

Although your former state was ordinary, your future will be extraordinary. Job 8:7

DeColores,

Brenda Baker
Community Lay Director

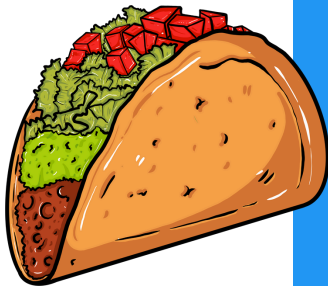
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ON THE WEB:
.DAYTONEMMAUS.ORG

**Need to speak to a
board member?
[Click here.](#)**

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve food and clean up after meals for MW #72.

Be sure to sign up early and not just show up, so we are assured of a full, but not over-staffed shift.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Weekend Prep 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Brownie dropoff 5:00 p.m.
Send off Dinner 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 24

Breakfast 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Dinner 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25

Breakfast 6:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Dinner 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Ice Cream Social after candlelight to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26

Breakfast 6:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Also needed: Someone to do a load of towels and aprons each of the four days.

Call, text or email Mike Baughman

Cell phone/Text: 937-689-2433

Email: mbaughman100@aol.com

Or click

[SignUpGenius- Men's Walk](#)

**Or sign up early for WW#113:
[SignUpGenius -Women's Walk](#)**

SAVE THE
date

JANUARY GATHERING:

JANUARY 13 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

MEN'S WALK #72

JANUARY 23-26
NORMANDY UMC

SEND-OFF

JANUARY 23 - 5PM

CANDLELIGHT

JANUARY 25 - 8PM

FEBRUARY GATHERING:

FEBRUARY 10 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH

WOMEN'S WALK #113

FEBRUARY 13-16
NORMANDY UMC

SEND-OFF

FEBRUARY 13 - 5PM

CANDLELIGHT

FEBRUARY 15 - 8PM

MARCH GATHERING:

MARCH 10 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC, OH

APRIL GATHERING:

APRIL 14 @7:15 PM
NORMANDY UMC
CENTERVILLE, OH



Remember back on your walk? What did you think when you went to the dining room and found all of the agape on your table? Did you realize how much love was put into making all those things for you?

Agape love. We want to continue to shower our pilgrims with that same love.

Please remember that if you are doing table agape, you need to have 60 pieces, enough for team and pilgrims. If you want to make bedtime agape for team, you will need to make 30.

Pinterest is full of ideas if you don't know what to make.

We ask that you don't put names on your agape -- this is about love, not recognition.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Shelly Crabtree, kidnurse75@gmail.com

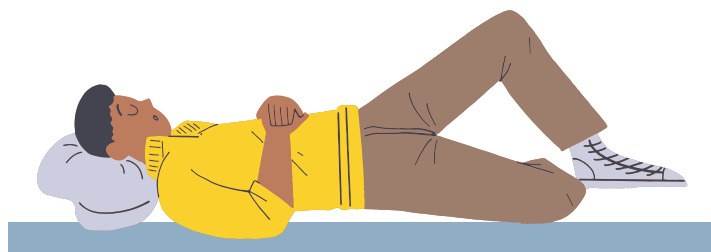


AIR MATTRESSES NEEDED!

The bulky, sometimes hard-to-handle, and difficult-to-store sleeping mats are a thing of the past!

Sponsors/pilgrims and team now provide their own cot or air mattress.

If we have a sponsor, pilgrim or team member who cannot provide a cot or air mattress; we are compiling a list of community members who have them and would be willing to allow someone to use them during a walk weekend.



If you have cots and/or air mattresses you would be willing to share, please reach out to either of the registrars and share your contact information.

Your help is greatly appreciated. This is just one more way we, as a community, can demonstrate the extravagant and unending love of Christ!

If you would like to be added to this list as a community member to call if the need arises, please email both Doug Pelfrey and Myra Wheeler and we will add you to the list!

Doug Pelfrey – gougpip@hotmail.com
Myra Wheeler – chattymyra@gmail.com



GDE MEN'S WALK #72



Pilgrim	Home Town
Doug Clymer	New Lebanon
Don Galloway	Dayton
David Gilliland	Dayton
Greg Kaylor	Tipp City
Curtis Kirby	Dayton
Bob Lucas	Miamisburg
Kevin Manny	Dayton
Justin Orr	Dayton
MIcah Overholts	Kettering
Chris Parsons	Dayton
Anthony Pathis	Dayton
Travis Sebree	Kettering
Larry Silver	Beavercreek
Wes Southers	Dayton
Greg Spicer	Dayton
Mike Susa	Troy
Gary Wetrich	Dayton
Herb Wilkerston	Lewisburg
Jordan Winston	Trenton
Isaiah Woolum	Huber Heights

Team Member	Position
Howard Creek	Prayer Servant
James Anderson	Asst. Table Leader
Scott Anspach	LOG
George Brewer	Asst. Spiritual Director
Ed Buck	Table Leader
Rich Coolman	Table Leader
Keith Crabtree	Lay Director
Randy Daniel	Asst. Spiritual Director
Tom Donaldson	Asst. Table Leader
Jeremy Edmonson	Asst. Table Leader
Chris Grey	LOG
Brian Hayes	Spiritual Director
Jason Hoang	Table Leader
Palmer Jason	Asst. Spiritual Director
Dennis Leach	Prayer Servant
Kirk Lehneis	Board Rep
Tim Macy	Asst. Lay Director
Fritz Merkes	Asst. Spiritual Director
Steven Moore	Asst. Table Leader
Shawn Morgan	Table Leader
John Morrell	Asst. Table Leader
Earl Moyer	Table Leader
Jeff Null	Music Director
Stephen Rosales	LOG
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Ed Spears	Asst. Lay Director
Gary Stanforth	Asst. Lay Director
Lance Turner	Asst. Table Leader
Tom Updike	Asst. Music Director
James Wing	Asst. Table Leader

