



Walk to
Emmaus
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Greater Dayton Community

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**April
2013**

Emmaus Walks
Held at Normandy UMC
September. 19 - 22 Women's Walk #91

Summer Walks
Held at Sulphur Grove UMC

July 11-14 - Women's Walk #90
August 15-18 - Men's Walk #56

CANDLELIGHT
8:30 PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING
4:30 PM Sunday of Walk

GATHERING - Normandy UMC
2nd Monday every month 7:15

Board Meeting
4th Tuesday every month 7:00

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Chairman's Corner

"The Times They Are A-Changin'"

"Come gather 'round people/ Wherever you roam/
And admit that the waters/Around you have grown..."

Bob Dylan

This month's newsletter title is borrowed from composer/singer Bob Dylan's iconic anthem to the inevitability of change in the world order. However, while change is unavoidable and part and parcel of life, how we respond to that change is entirely individual. Perhaps you know of friends or relations who mightily resist any changes and thereby hope to prevent its occurrence. Although certain changes are painful and difficult to embrace, other changes are welcomed and eagerly anticipated. Where I am going with all of this musing? Well, it leads me to the changes occurring within our Emmaus community. Of course, most of us are aware of the significant change of conducting the two summer Walks at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights, Ohio. But actually, I am referring to the myriad of changes that have occurred, and are planned, within our Emmaus community. Perhaps you have noticed several changes at Gatherings, or have been approached by Board members with an opportunity to be the "hands and feet of Christ" by serving on a Walk or a committee or to pray for someone in need in our community. For my part, I have presented two primary goals for 2013 to the Board, and they are to increase participation in the Emmaus community by Board members, and to increase participation in community activities by Emmaus community members.

So how does any of this relate to you and me? It began on our own Walk when we were blessed with the cross on a lanyard and instructed to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Consider for a moment the changes that occurred in your thinking, feeling, behaving and believing during and after your Walk. Some of us desperately desired to "take on" the whole world for Jesus there and then! Good news, ex-Pilgrims; you have just been presented with an astonishing opportunity to participate in a historic event—the Summer Walks at Sulphur Grove Church! Many of us believe we were directed by God to move into new areas of the community, to carry God's message of hope and grace, of peace and light, to those who have not heard the Good News.

So, at this point, you are probably asking yourself, "What can I do?" Well, beloved ones, our first step is prayer to seek God's direction in our life. The second step is to act in faith as you believe God has directed you to act. If God has directed you toward participating in our Emmaus community, Hallelujah! Talk to any Board member to learn how to offer your services on the live-in teams, participate in meal preparations, prepare agape, and well, it's a lengthy list!

I pray that God will challenge each of us to act boldly, because the times they are a-changin' indeed!
Keep the faith. DeColores

Brian Wood, Community Lay Director

¹Hallelujah! You servants of the LORD, praise him. Praise the name of the LORD.

²Thank the name of the LORD now and forever.

³From where the sun rises to where the sun sets, the name of the LORD should be praised.

⁴The LORD is high above all the nations. His glory is above the heavens.

Psalms 113 GOD'S WORD



Giving Our Hands to Christ



What Happens After the Emmaus Weekend?

You are invited to have a closer walk with Christ for the rest of your life; this is called the Fourth Day. Those who attend a Walk to Emmaus are encouraged to:

- Expand their own spiritual lives through worship, study and active participation in their local church
- Become more active disciples of Christ in service to the world

To nurture this process of discipleship, the Emmaus movement offers specific opportunities. First, groups of four to six people meet weekly to reflect on their spiritual journey and encourage one another in accountable discipleship. Second, there are monthly community gatherings where Emmaus participants meet for fellowship, worship and instruction. Third, community members are regularly informed of the support needs of upcoming Walk to Emmaus weekends, and other opportunities for servant leadership.

FOURTH DAY



Meet Jane Wise an active member of both the Dayton Emmaus [WW#57] and Dayton Kairos communities.

The Kasenga District of the United Methodist Church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo will have a new missionary soon! Jane Wise, a member of Church of the Cross UMC (Kettering OH), the Miami Valley District and West Ohio Conference is preparing to launch the ministry, Nuru Ya Mapendo.

“My connection to Africa began at the age of 12,” stated Jane. “My Sunday school teacher who was mission-minded told us that for 60 cents we could help stop erosion in Nigeria by planting trees. We collected our coins and when they were sent to Africa, God also sent my heart. I look back and I see the thread that He has woven through my life to keep that connection alive. In 2005, I stepped out in faith when God told me it was time to go to Africa, and since then my life has never been the same. Many wonderful relationships were formed, and I was called to serve Him in Africa. In July 2012 my calling was confirmed in the Kasenga District, and I began preparations for full-time service.” “Despite many obstacles, God has proven that He is in control”, Jane continued, “Whenever a door seemed closed, he opened it again.”



Nuru Ya Mapendo is Swahili and means “love’s light” (John 1:4-5). The ministry is formed to come alongside UM pastors with necessary resources; to grow, repair and plant UM churches; to partner with community resources in education (malaria, AIDS, literacy using the Bible, water purification, gardening); and to establish sustainable growth practices related to animal and crop production. A pastoral resource and ministry center (David’s House) will be established in Kasenga as a base of operations.

Would you like to share your Fourth Day Story? You do not have to be a Matthew or John, but maybe you are a Lois or Eunice. In any case your life has been touched by Jesus Christ and you have chosen to follow and serve Him. We would like to hear about your journey.

No article is too short, but we do have to make some concessions on the length of the article. Please keep it to about a half page or less and, of course, it will have to be approved before it is posted. If you have a bit of inspiration to share please send an email to newsletter@DaytonEmmaus.org

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.
 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.
 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.



From the Spiritual Director



It's all about the ...

"It's all about the Benjamins" was a phrase made popular ten years ago based on \$100.00 bills and a movie.

It's all about the rolls is a slogan of one restaurant chain.

And Emmaus: It's all about the ...

I really appreciate my share group. The membership of my current group has changed across the years, but I can share things with these brothers and sisters that I wouldn't share with others. They encourage me and support me and challenge me. I love my share group, but Emmaus isn't about that.

I love gatherings and other community functions. I have dear sisters and brothers with whom I enjoy hugging, laughing, and praying. I love my community, but Emmaus isn't about that.

I love willing servants who have returned from Emmaus to become humble, godly leaders in our church. May their tribe increase, but Emmaus isn't about that.

Emmaus is all about the pilgrims. What are you doing to help new pilgrims experience the agape love of Jesus Christ?

Encourage (don't pressure) your friends and family to walk to Emmaus. Sponsor someone. You want them to experience the love of Jesus that you enjoyed. This is where it starts. Find a new pilgrim. It's all about the pilgrims.

Fill out a willing servant form. This is how community leaders come to know your gifts and aptitudes for service. If you can love pilgrims through cooking, setup, tear down, music or any other way, sign up and serve. It's all about the pilgrims.

Serve on a live-in team. The willing servant form begins that process. I will get to serve in July, and I just received communication from our Lay Director that our team is complete. I don't want to suggest that you serve under pressure, but we should have hundreds of willing servants for every team. There should be dozens willing to serve in every capacity. When called, "no" should be a rare response. For the glory of Jesus and the sake of the pilgrims. It's all about the pilgrims.

Your walk gave you a deep spiritual blessing. Your three days when you were a pilgrim were about you, but your fourth days are not about you. They are about the pilgrims. It's all about the pilgrims.

There are many blessings that have grown out of the Walk to Emmaus, but our primary mission is to share the agape love of Jesus with new pilgrims. It's all about the pilgrims.

May God bless you as you share agape love with new pilgrims.

de Colores

Pastor Brad



Giving Our Hands to Christ



Walk Registration

“Yes – We want and need new applications, but to get new applications, we need sponsors who want to step forward. Will you be the Shepherd who gets someone on a walk? If so, we are looking for people who will consider receiving the gift of sponsorship. Yes, it will involve a little work, but it is worth it. Are you feeling God’s nudge to talk to someone about going on a Walk? Is he presenting you an opening to start a conversation with someone? Explain what the walk has meant to you. Explain it, as it is – A Gift from GOD! Then, give them a Emmaus brochure and an application. But before you give it, pick up a pen and fill out your side of the application first!

Coley Logan Men’s Registrar, 937-353-6231, or mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

People of Emmaus, pray for the upcoming walks, WW #90 and MW#56, to be held in our new summer location. Applications are being taken for both July and September walks. Please indicate on the application which walk is preferred. God will determine what is best for your candidate and for you as sponsor. Thank you for easily read applications and inclusion of email addresses. If you have questions, please contact, Pam DeHart, Women’s Registrar, at womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org or 937-318-8760

If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving -- large or small -- it will be used to measure what is given back to you.

Luke 6:38

Sponsorship Training

Sponsorship Training - Why you need it! As a sponsor, it’s important to understand your role and responsibilities, which enhance your pilgrim’s experience.

Before sponsoring someone for a Walk, you are required to attend the sponsorship training. The sessions are held at 6:30pm before Gathering in Room 214 at Normandy Church. This is a short time of discussion, questions, and answers. Also, from The Emmaus Library, we have the Sponsorship booklet, which guides individuals through the process of sponsoring fellow pilgrims on the Walk to Emmaus. The authors explore the range of possibilities in the role of the sponsor for the renewal of church leaders, Emmaus communities, and the church. The booklet is available at Gatherings, and the cost is \$5. The next session is April 8.

²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-26

Share Groups

Share groups are the backbone of the Emmaus Community! There is a need to place a few ladies and gentlemen in share groups. If your share group is willing to consider new members, please contact me either through the web site at www.daytonemmaus.org under the drop down menu for the Board by phone 937 849-0353 or at the next Gathering. Verna Drake, Good Shepherd

Prayer Warriors

Do you want to participate in our e-mail prayer chain? Have an Urgent prayer request? Contact Charles Benner at: (937) 879-2118 or e-mail bennercl@notes.udayton.edu to become a member of the prayer chain or to submit your prayer request. 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 Family ~ Thanks

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 4-7

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¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

AGAPE

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered your time and talents, we have halos for the women's walks covered for the remainder of this year! We also have halos for the February and July walks in 2014, if your share group would like to volunteer for September 2014, we'll have another year covered! Our women really enjoy this special agape.

Unwanted men's ties are needed for agape on the men's walks. If you have any ties cluttering your closet, would you donate them to us? You can donate by calling or emailing me, or by bringing them to a gathering.

Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chairperson, (937) 371-1262, agape@daytonemmaus.org

KITCHEN

Thanks again to all those who volunteered to be Jesus' hands and feet by serving in the kitchen during the January and February Walks- and to the kitchen managers and co-managers as well!! Until the next Walk in July..... De Colores (Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair).

NOMINATIONS

The nominations committee is looking for people to run for board positions that will be up for election. The board positions that will be up for election in November are Agape, Book Table/Normandy Rep, Documentation, Men's Worship and Secretary. Each of these is for a three year term that will begin January 1, 2014. Please see me or a current board member for details on the positions. Mentoring is available on all positions. The nominations for the board positions are due by September 15. If you are interested in serving the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community in any of these positions, or would like to nominate someone else, please contact me (pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org). Your Brother in Christ, Neal Stout, Nominations Chair

Remember

- April 8th at Normandy Church
- Gathering; 7:15 Sponsorship training 6:30 in room 214, second floor.
- Update your willing servant form, especially if you wish to be on a live-in team
- Get your pilgrim applications in to either the men's or women's registrar.
- Kandle lights are on sale before the Candlelight services and at Gatherings.
- Sign up to serve ***NOW*** in preparation for the Summer Walks, many hands make for a light load.
- Send prayer requests for members or their immediate families to Charles Benner either by email to bennercl@notes.udayton.edu or phone 937-879-2118
- Send your email address to Newsletter@daytonemmaus.org if you would like to receive a notification when the newsletter is posted on-line. Please specify if you would like to discontinue your postal copy.
- Return your loaner Kandle lights to the Worship Team
- Jesus loves you!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PROVERBS 2:1-8

¹My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, ²making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; ³yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, ⁴if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, ⁵then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

⁶For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding; ⁷He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, ⁸guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of His saints.

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