



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
 THE UPPER ROOM®

**Vol. 24 No. 7**

**Greater Dayton Community**

450 W. Alex-Bell Rd Centerville OH 45459 [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

**July  
 2013**

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

Summer Walks  
 Held at Sulphur Grove UMC  
 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

**INSIDE THIS  
 ISSUE :**

**From the Spiritual Director 2**

**Pray for Men's Walk #56 3**

**Maps for July walk Agape Reminders 4**

**Walk Registration Sponsorship Training 5**

**Share groups  
 Nominations  
 Kitchen  
 Walk Agape  
 Remember**

**Subscription Information 6**

**Chairman's Corner**

**FORGIVING OTHERS: Healing for All**

"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." Mark 11:25

If you have forgiven everyone everything it would be appropriate to forgive them, then read no further! But if you are similar to the other 99.9% of humans who live on this planet, be of good cheer and read on.

Since this article is essentially a brief message about forgiveness, let's begin with how the article ends: Jesus instructs us to forgive, and presents us with all we will ever, ever need to know related to forgiveness. But, to be clear, the practice of forgiveness may require a lifetime of patience and prayer. Need examples? Consider the prodigal son (or forgiving Father), the healing of the man born blind, one of the two thieves crucified; this is a list of only several of the forgiving Jesus described or accomplished.

People may resist forgiving based upon their belief of what forgiveness appears to be. Some believe forgiveness is an obligation (hmm, it is expected of Christians, but in the end it is choice). Well then, is forgiving someone the equivalent of letting that person "get away with something?" No. But it does mean relief from the burden we bear and the price we pay for our unforgiveness—often anger, which begets resentment, which leads down a bitter path. Isn't it sufficient to forgive a person once? How did Jesus respond...seventy times seven—translation: as often as necessary. If I forgive him/her, does that mean I have to like (live with) him/her? No. Forgiveness does not relieve the other person of the responsibility of his/her actions. Recall when the previous Pope forgave his would be assassin, was the assassin then released from jail? If someone abuses us, mentally or physically, and we forgive him/her, does that mean we must remain in the abusive relationship? No.

So what is there about forgiving someone that makes this act one of the most deeply demanding, heart wrenching and complicated acts a follower of Christ can commit to? Perhaps because in our self-focused heart of hearts we maintain the unquestioned belief that forgiving someone is just not "fair". Are there any of us who believe, truly believe, that our world is indeed a "fair" place in which to live? Or maybe the reason for this difficulty is that forgiving simply demands too much of us...after all, it was the other who was in the wrong! "I mean really, why should I forgive Bob?" Do you honestly desire to know the answer to that question? Then ask God. What He may convey to you is that He forgives each of us because He knows our humanness (fallibility); He is not seeking revenge for our actions, and forgiveness creates a new and loving relationship with Him.

But what about the unrepentant person, what is to be done about him/her? Forgive and find relief from the burden of your unforgiveness. What about someone who has hurt or harmed us so deeply that we are scarred and broken? Forgive for the healing you will experience. And what if in my heart of hearts it is just too difficult to forgive? Forgive and pray for a forgiving heart. Use this test for who and/or what to forgive: Would Jesus forgive? Now, do you begin to realize the depth, breadth and nature of God's grace and His unstoppable love for us?

De Colores, Brian Wood, Community Lay Director

In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's Grace.

Ephesians 1:7



# From the Spiritual Director



## The Holy Spirit Showed Up

The Holy Spirit showed up at Women's Walk #90. You expected him, didn't you?

We were at Sulphur Grove for the first time. Were you surprised the Holy Spirit knew the address? Or did you think he only came to Emmaus walks at Normandy? Or for you old timers: Christ church?

Candlelight was different. Some of us fretted at the logistics and molehills. The Holy Spirit didn't mind. He just showed up.

We had some new leadership. They didn't do some of the things "the way we've always done it." But they prayed and trusted, and the Holy Spirit came with power.

We had 24 pilgrims. They didn't anticipate anything ... and the Holy Spirit blessed them beyond belief.

And for some of us who have been on other walks ... the Holy Spirit again arrived and convicted us and loved us and led us to higher ground.

After a couple of the weekend's key events, the Spiritual Director told the Lay Director, that you could do these things six different ways, standing on your head, upside down, and backwards ... and the Holy Spirit would still show up.

Three hundred willing servants came together with sleeves rolled up and prayers kneed up ... and the Holy Spirit turned all those efforts into God moments.

As near as I can tell, little matters if the Holy Spirit shows up ... and nothing important happens if he does not.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

de Colores  
Brad Martin

(p.s. I have just enough faith to believe that the Holy Spirit will again show up for the Men's Walk #56 in August. Keep praying, believing and serving.)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 NIV



# Pray for One Another

**Men's Walk #56 Sulphur Grove UMC**

**August 15-18, 2013**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. **Isa 45:1-6**

**Please keep these Pilgrims and team in your daily prayers.**

PILGRIM LIST		TEAM ROSTER		
Name	City	Name	Position	Talk
Anderson, Eric	Vandalia, OH	Andrew Addy	Asst Lay Director	Priorities
Ashmore, Ken	Dayton, OH	Tony Ammon	Table Leader	Discipleship
Boomershine, Rex L.	Miamisburg, OH	Scott Anspach	Asst Lay Director	Grow Through Study
Brewer, David F	Englewood, OH	Gary Bobst	Table Leader	Life in Piety
Bueno Sr., Greg	Dayton, OH	Dan Brumfield	Logistics	
Bushong, Jamie	Miamisburg, OH	Louis Caldwell	Asst Table Leader	
Cadle, Sr., Jerry	Springboro, OH	Steve Cooley	Asst Table Leader	
Carpenter, Matt	Dayton, OH	Howard Creek	Prayer Servant	
Clark, Tim	Cedarville, OH	Dick Hawley	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Claynon, Charles	Trotwood, OH	Paul Hayes	Asst Lay Director <sup>2</sup>	Fourth Day
Croxdale, Paul	Medway, OH	Gregg Hayes	Asst Table Leader	
Cultice, Stephen	Dayton, OH	Bryan Hobbs	Logistics	
Haddox, Cliff	Dayton, OH	Chris Kitchel	Asst Table Leader	
Laughter, Joe	Dayton, OH	Dan Koval	Table Leader	Christian Action
Lewis, Mark	Troy, OH	Scott Krisher	Asst Table Leader	
Marsh, Jim	Springboro, OH	Marc Littman	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Mengel, Bob	Springfield, OH	Timothy Macy	Board Rep	
Reeder, William	Miamisburg, OH	Stephen Puderbaugh	Lay Director	Perseverance
Rice, Dick	Covington, OH	Paul Salchak	Music Director	
Ryan, Rob	Fairborn, OH	Ed Spears	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Snider, Andrew	Huber Heights, OH	Steve Uphouse	Logistics	
Taylor, Michael	Fairborn, OH	Duane Veley	Logistics <sup>2</sup>	
Thomas, Connor	Tipp City, OH	Chris Wissinger	Asst Music Director	
Whitesell, David	Englewood, OH	Brian Wood	Prayer Servant	
Winger Jr, William	Dayton, OH	Chadz Woods	Asst Table Leader	
		CLERGY		
		Leroy Chambliss	Asst Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
		Tom Hanover	Asst Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
		Wes Souders	Asst Spiritual Director - Live In	Sanctifying Grace
		Joe Stookey	Asst Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
		Gary Wheeler	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace

PLEASE REMEMBER,  
Pilgrim fees are \$85.00 . As the cost of food and supplies increases, this fee increase will make certain our Pilgrims will

**Would you like to help? Let us know if you could be a volunteer LOG**

Please note the Team and Pilgrim rosters are subject to change after press-time. Prior to the Walk weekend, the Newsletter is updated with the most current Pilgrim / Team rosters and posted on the Dayton

Emmaus website:

<http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm>

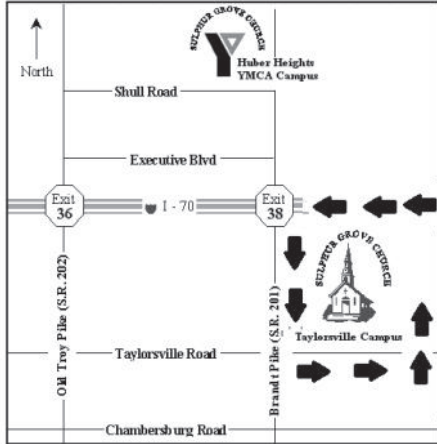


# SUPPORT OUR SUMMER WALKS AT SULPHUR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7505 Taylorsville Rd.  
Huber Heights



## DIRECTIONS

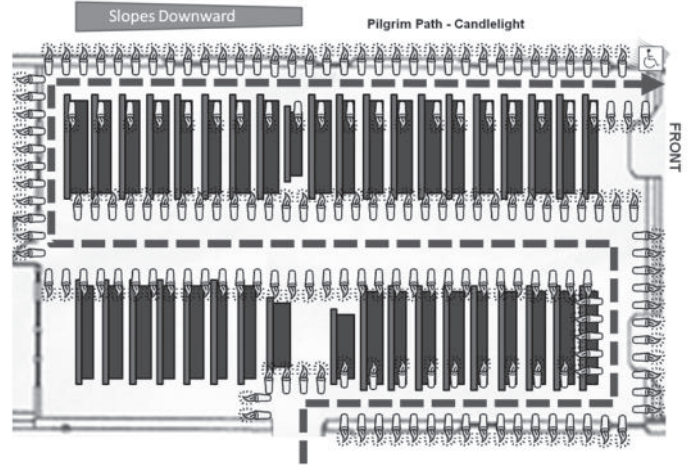


From I-675  
Take I-70 West  
To exit 38  
Left on SR 201  
[Brandt Pike]

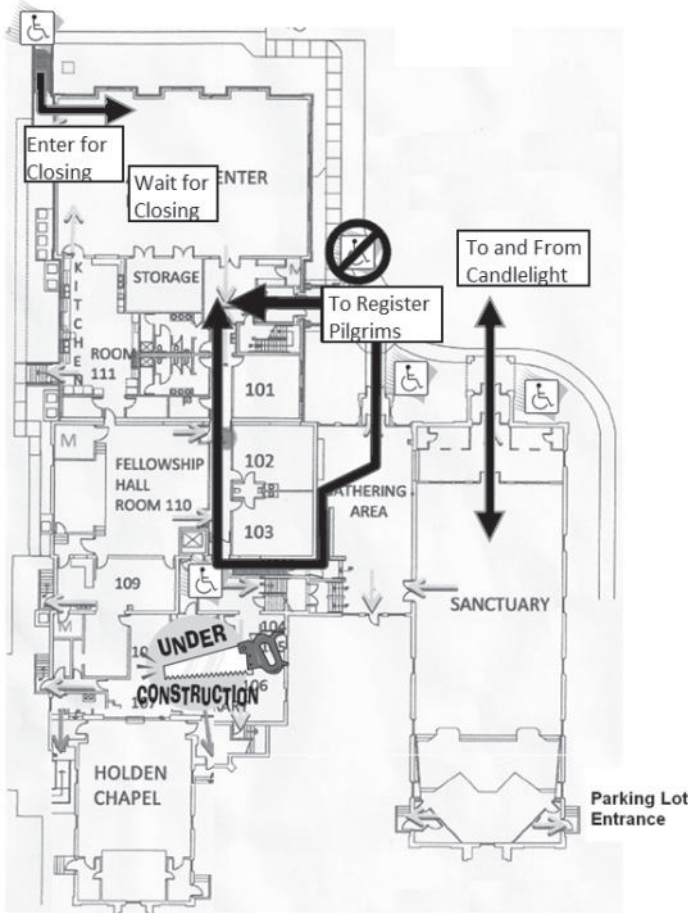
From I-75  
Take I-70 East  
to exit 38  
Right on SR 201  
[Brandt Pike]

Left on Taylorsville Rd.  
Church is on the Left.  
Overflow parking at school  
across from church.

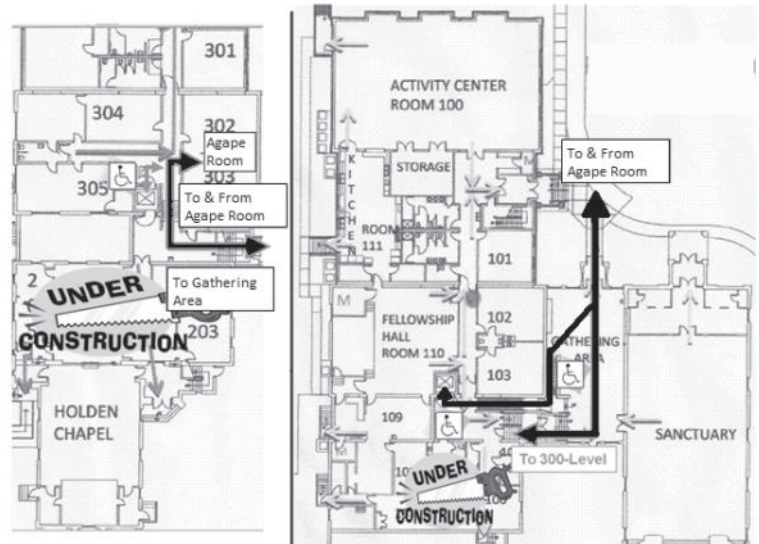
## CANDLELIGHT LOGISTICS



## ACTIVITY PATHS - REGISTRATION, CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING



## AGAPE ROOM



### A few Agape reminders

- First and last name on all agape!
- No gifts will be distributed in Sunday packets.
- All pilgrims may receive identical agape during the weekend. In order to distribute anything to the pilgrims, please provide enough for everyone.
- Sponsors, please make sure your pilgrims have at least 15 pieces of agape to open in their Sunday packet.
- Team-only agape = 27 pieces; Pilgrim-only agape = 30 pieces; Since this type of agape does not go to everyone on the walk, it is only distributed as bedtime agape. If you are providing agape for pilgrims and team, please provide 57 identical pieces.

We appreciate the support you continually give our team and pilgrims through your gifts of agape! Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chairperson





# Giving Our Hands to Christ



## 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 at [good-shepherd@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:good-shepherd@daytonemmaus.org) or by phone at 937 849-0353 or at the next Gathering. Verna Drake, Good Shepherd.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 12th at 6:15 in the chapel at Normandy UMC.

"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."  
John 13:34-35 (MSG)

## NOMINATIONS

The nominations committee is looking for people to run for board positions that will be up for election. Each position 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](mailto:pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org).)

Your Brother in Christ, Neal Stout, Nominations Chair

Contact information for the Chair people who will be retiring at the end of 2013 please prayerfully consider giving back as you were so freely given.

Agape - Trudi Gilchrist  
(937) 371-1262  
[agape@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:agape@daytonemmaus.org)

Documentation - Barbara Courtice  
(937) 581-0243  
[documentation@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:documentation@daytonemmaus.org)

Worship (Men) - Tim Macy  
(937) 610-2886  
[mensworship@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:mensworship@daytonemmaus.org)

Secretary - Cindy Pierson  
(937) 399-1522  
[secretary@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:secretary@daytonemmaus.org)

Book Table/Normandy Rep - Dick Hoback  
(937) 433-5488  
[books@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:books@daytonemmaus.org)

**KITCHEN** - To all of you willing servants who helped cook and serve the meals, and clean up the kitchen as the hands and feet of Jesus- THANK YOU!! We have two more Walks to go and could use help again. (Steve Up-house, Kitchen Chair)"

**WALK REGISTRATION** - We are still accepting applications for the September walk to be held at Normandy UMC. Be sure to include the deposit check of \$20. Once the deposit is received, the application will be processed. Sponsors please be sure to send a COMPLETE application. We need friend's house numbers and church names. Pilgrims must list a home church before they can take the Walk to Emmaus. Encourage them to include an email address for quick communication. Be blessed and thank the Father for this opportunity to build future church leaders. Respectfully, Pam DeHart, Registrar.

## SPONSORSHIP TRAINING - REQUIRED

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, [\$5] 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 next session is July 8th.

## AGAPE (PLEASE SEE CENTER INSERT FOR MORE THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN PREPARING AGAPE)

The agape room volunteers are ready and excited to serve the community at our summer home of Sulphur Grove! What an awesome God we serve, one who answers prayers and continually provides for our needs. In this facility, the writing room will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Rooms 302 and 303. There is elevator access, so if you cannot climb stairs, you will still be able to access the agape room. This is also where we will store the team and pilgrim letters that go out nightly and on Sunday. There will be baskets for you to drop your letters in - please DO NOT sort them yourselves or move any of the agape materials around in the room. There will be a table with writing materials and team and pilgrim lists on it for your use, as usual.

We appreciate the support you continually give our team and pilgrims through your gifts of agape! Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chairperson

# Remember

Prayer is an awesome form of agape!

- August 12th at Normandy Church  
Gathering; 7:15 Sponsorship training 6:30 in room 214, second floor. Share group orientation 6:15 Chapel
- August 17th Candlelight at Sulphur Grove UMC - Kandle lights are on sale before the Candlelight services and at Gatherings
- 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.
- Sign up to serve **NOW** for the Summer Walks, many hands make for a light load.
- Pray for the upcoming walks August MW #56 and September WW#91

**Normandy United Methodist Church**  
GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS  
450 West Alex-Bell Rd.  
Dayton OH 45459  
www.daytonemmaus.org

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil, A life of joy and peace.

**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

Do not be anxious about anything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. ~ Philippians 4:6

**To renew your newsletter mailing:**

- Complete the following form
- Send to the Emmaus address on the first page of this newsletter (*Attention: Computer Chair - Bob Cannata*)
- Download the Newsletter **FREE** online: [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)
- Send your email address to [newsletter@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:newsletter@daytonemmaus.org) for electronic delivery

✂

This is a:	One year \$12.00
Subscription or renewal	
Address change	
Total Enclosed \$ _____	(checks payable to "Walk to Emmaus")
Name: _____	
Address: _____	