



Walk to
Emmaus
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Greater Dayton Community

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**August
2014**

Chairman's Corner

2014 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC

MW# 57 January 23-26
WW#92 February 20-23
WW#94 Sept 18-21

At Sulphur Grove UMC

WW#93 July 17-20
MW #58 Aug 21-24

CANDLELIGHT

8:30 PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING

4:30 PM Sunday of Walk

GATHERING - Normandy UMC

2nd Monday every month 7:15 PM

Board Meeting

4th Tuesday every month 7:00 PM

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His Pursuit

"No Matter How Long"

The above title is from a song that depicts the depths and breadth of the patience our God has for us. It doesn't matter what we do, how far we run, He is waiting patiently for us to turn to Him and seek.

Several of my articles speak about music. It was music that brought my family and me to Christ. We heard the humbleness of the artists, the stories of how they too had walked through storms, spent time on the mountain top and in the valley. They were real, just like you and me.

When a friend approached me about Emmaus, I didn't know what it was but I was walking the path, learning from my church and didn't think much about it. My sponsor was patient. Three and a half years patient with me. He never got disgusted or sad, just asked occasionally to see if I would attend.

"I watched you as you stumbled out of bed, Rushed out the door, your coffee in your hand,
And you looked so lost and lonely, I knew I had to find a way, to make you understand, I want to be your friend,

So I painted a sunrise in the sky, And I caused the birds to sing lullabies,
And I whispered sweet 'I love you's,' In the breeze that touched your face
You didn't even see, you never noticed me.

No matter how long it takes, somehow I'll find a way,
No matter how far you run, there's no distance that's too great
Cause when the wind blows through the treetops
And in the music of the rain, somehow my love will find a way,
No matter how long it takes."

Phillips Craig & Dean (No Matter How Long)

Recently we were able to witness the Super Moon over the ocean. It was breath-taking. It appeared much larger in size. It was a wonderful picture we were given that night. I am appreciative that he provided it while we were on the beach, with family and able to enjoy it together.

Have you shared a visual blessing with someone recently? Have you noticed the sometimes daily pictures that can be placed before us? As the saying goes, stop and smell the roses. Take a second look today and see if God has painted a picture for you to see.

DeColores

Keith Crabtree



Pray for One Another

Men's Walk #58 Normandy UMC

August 21-24, 2014

Psalm 42:1 "As the deer pants for the water, so my soul thirsts for You, O God"

Please keep these Pilgrims and team in your daily prayers.

PILGRIM ROSTER

Name	City
Anderson, Matthew	
Todd	Fairborn
Berberich, Michael	Vandalia
Gross, Russel	Dayton
Hargrove, David Sr	Dayton
Lavine, Carl (Buddy)	Farmersville
Matheson II, Richard	
McIntire, Tim	Wash TWP
Miltenberger, Tony	Dayton
Ritchie, Ronald T.	Riverside
Schum, Courtney	Dayton
Seibert, Eugene	Miamisburg
Snider, Andrew	Huber Heights
Stanford, Gary D	Pleasant Plain
Ziegler, Robert	Huber Heights

PLEASE REMEMBER,

Pilgrim fees are \$85.00.

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

TEAM ROSTER

Name	Position	Talk
Ammon, Tony	Table Leader	Christian Action
Anspach, Scott	Table Leader	Discipleship
Ashmore, Ken	Asst. Table Leader	
Benner, Charles	Asst. Lay Director2	Fourth Days Priesthood of All Believers
Courtice, Andy	Table Leader	
Cultice, Stephen	Asst. Table Leader	
Creek, Howard	Board Rep	
Downs, Bob	Asst. Table Leader	
Dondero, Jeff	Lay Director	Perseverance
Fowler, Michael	Logistics	
Freeland, Dennis	Asst. Music Director	
Gallagher, Virgil	Table Leader	Changing our World
Hoang, Jason	Music Director	
Hayes, Greg	Asst. Lay Director	Priorities
Holmes, Steve	Asst. Lay Director	Grow Through Study
Kear, Jim	Prayer Servant	
Laughter, Joe	Asst. Table Leader	
Lehneis, Kirk	Prayer Servant	
Loschi, Paul	Logistics	
Pelfrey, Douglas	Logistics	
Puderbaugh, Steve	Logistics2	
Reed, Keith	Table Leader	Life in Piety
Rice, Dick	Asst. Table Leader	
Snell, Larry	Asst. Table Leader	
Trice, Gary	Table Leader	Body of Christ
CLERGY		
Ault, Mimi	Asst. Spiritual Director-L	Prevenient Grace
Hayes, Brian	Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Hanover, Tom	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Wagner, Andy	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Wheeler, Gary	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace

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>

From Our Clergy

Walk, Don't Run!

As a child growing up, how often did you hear this command by a parent, teacher, neighbor, or an old person at church? I must have heard it a thousand of times! It's good advice, I suppose. When we run we can slip, fall, and hurt ourselves and others. When we run we can crash into something and break it. Running inside the church is deemed disrespectful of God by some. Running it seems, is not a good thing. Especially so maybe, for us Christians.

And yet, when I read Jesus' Great Commandment in Matthew 28:18-20, isn't Jesus commanding us to "Run, don't walk!"? Like my old football coach giving his pre-game locker room speech getting us amped up to go out onto the field, isn't Jesus shouting, "GO!!! MAKE DISCIPLES!!!"?

No walking in Jesus' playbook, right?

On our Emmaus walks we learned about that three-legged stool, remember? Each of the three legs needs to be present in the right proportion for us to lead a stable and balanced life in Christ, experiencing God's sanctifying grace, growing daily in faith, hope, and love.

Quick! Can you name the three legs?

The answer is: Piety, Study, and Christian Action. I've discovered that each one of these disciplines is challenging, but one is more so than the other two. Piety and Study are easier because we can do them in private; i.e., we can do our daily devotions, pray, meditate, and read. Or, we can do them with other people who are just like us: worship, small groups, and Bible study. After getting started and making these disciplines habits over time they become routine and comfortable.

Christian Action is different, I think. Jesus says, "Go!!!" That's a lot harder for most of us. Some do. They RUN. They get up, pack up, and GO on mission trips to the far corners of the world ("the ends of the earth") or travel long distances to help folks recover from natural disasters. But for the majority of us Christians, we WALK, doing whatever we can for folks in our churches or reaching out to those in need nearby.

Is WALKING good enough for Jesus?

YES! A careful study of the Matthew 28, text is revealing. The Greek word translated as "GO!!!" in most English translations is better rendered, "As you go..." "MAKE DISCIPLES!!!" is better translated, "Be disciplers..." How do we be "disciplers"? By letting others see Christ in us—in all that we say and do as we simply go about living our daily lives (or don't say and don't do!).

So, apparently the Great Commission is something all of us can do! There are those who are Spirit empowered, called, and have the material means to RUN to the ends of the earth and then there are the rest of us who are called and enabled by Jesus' ever-present spirit to WALK through our daily lives discipling—at work, at home, at school, in church, at the market, at the ball game, and across our neighborhood fences.

Jesus said, "As you go, be disciplers of everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life." (v. 19a—my translation)

We can all do that can't we?
Christian Action: WALK or RUN?

Jesus tells us it's not a matter how, but "Just do it!"

DeColores,
Pastor George Brewer



Giving Our Hands to Christ



IS YOUR SHARE GROUP OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS?

Do you have a share group? Is your share group open to new members? If so, please let me know so that I can help those without share groups get connected. If your contact information has changed updates would be appreciated. I can be reached via email at Goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org or by phone at (937) 849-0353. It would be my pleasure to help bring the children of God together.

We have an orientation before the gathering after every walk weekend at 6:15 in the chapel of Normandy UMC, you can attend any scheduled orientation. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2014. Hope to see you there!

Your Good Shepherd, Verna Drake

I will proclaim the Lord's decree:

He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

You will break them with a rod of iron[b]; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalms 2:7-12

FEEDING OUR SHEEP..

Thanks to all who have helped in the kitchen for Women's Walk #93!! In serving the pilgrims as the hands and feet of Jesus you have served Jesus Himself. Let us do it again for the pilgrims on the upcoming Men's Walk #58!!

De Colores, Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair

Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after Jesus had foretold his death and resurrection, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

Do you want to give your pilgrims the most out of their Emmaus journey? If so, then please attend one of our sponsorship training classes. The sessions are held at 6:30pm before each Gathering in the Loggia by the Chapel 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 August 11th.

MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE

Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? Would you be willing to share your musical gifts with the Emmaus Community?

As you remember, music is an integral part of worship during the Emmaus Walks. We need volunteers to lead the pilgrims in song as they experience their Walks. Music has the capability of touching our hearts and souls, and for many, music speaks louder and clearer than any talk can.

If you aren't sure about leading music for a walk, how about leading music at a Gathering? Opportunities abound for you to share your gift from God with the Community. Please prayerfully consider checking the appropriate box on your willing servant form, or speak to any Board Member if you have questions.

Notes of Interest

LIVE-IN TEAM

QUALIFICATIONS CHANGE

At the July Board Meeting, a motion was passed to waive the one-year waiting period before a new community member can serve on a live-in team. After your pilgrim walk, you may put in a willing servant form for consideration to be a part of a conference room team. The only requirement, besides having been a pilgrim on a walk, is that you are active in a share group and your local church.

Our hope is to encourage newer members to get involved as soon as they feel they are ready. For some, that will be soon after their pilgrim walk. For others, it may take a year or so to process the life changes encountered during the walk.

SUMMER WALK UPDATE

The first of our two summer walks at Sulphur Grove is complete. All in all, the transition from Normandy to Sulphur Grove was smooth. There were a few bumps along the way, but nothing that interfered with God's plan for the weekend.

Our next weekend is August 21—24 at Sulphur Grove. Many hands make light work. Volunteer opportunities are available in housing for set up, tear down, and luggage delivery. The kitchen can always use help. Sign the prayer vigil and pray for the pilgrims and team.

Women's Walk 93 enjoyed a spirit-filled weekend with our Lord. Let's make sure the Men on Walk 58 have their time with God as well—let's be the servants God has called us to be!

The Lay Director for Men's Walk #59 was anointed in July and has started forming God's team for the January walk. Please be in prayer for Marc Littman as he begins this journey of faith.

Remember

- August 11th Normandy Church

Share Group Orientation 6:15, Sponsorship Training 6:30, Gathering; 7:15

- 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, it is never too early!

WILLING SERVANTS

Think back to your pilgrim walk. Was it a powerful experience for you? Do you want to share the experience with others who are seeking a closer walk with God?

Fill out a willing servant form and serve on a live-in team! What better way to experience the grace of our God than by serving others as they take this walk?

You can complete a form online at daytonemmaus.org or by visiting the book table at any gathering for a paper copy.

We need you to be the hands and feet of Christ for those who have been called to participate in the Walk to Emmaus.

Teams for the January Men's and the February Women's Walks are forming now. Take a moment, pray and volunteer to be a part of the conference room team.

You will be forever blessed!

BOARD POSITIONS

Do you ever wonder how the "business" of Emmaus is handled? Do you have a desire to serve God and the Community in a leadership role? Well...Board Service may be for you! There are four positions available at the end of 2014: Kitchen, Housing, Good Shepherd and Men's Registrar.

Speak with any of the current Board members for more information and submit your name to Brian Wood if you would like to be a candidate for any open position.

Board members must have served on at least 1 live in team. Blessings!

The Armor of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6: 10-18

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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

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