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Greater Dayton Community

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October
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2015 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC

MW #59 January 15—18
WW # 95 February 19-22
WW #97 Sept 17-20

At Sulphur Grove UMC

WW #96 July 16-19
MW #60 Aug , Dates TBA

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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Thank You!

The Walks are complete for 2014 for the Dayton Emmaus Community. To those who volunteered to help in any way over the past year, we say Thank You!

It takes well over 100 people to put on a walk and those behind the scenes are just as important as those in front of the pilgrims. Whether you helped with luggage, meal preparation, prayer, cleaning, kitchen, setup, teardown, transportation, or any other area, we want you to know you are appreciated.

For members of the community who wish to serve behind the scenes, we encourage you to sign up to help. If you wish to help with Housing, Kitchen, Agape, Music, Supply, Registration, or Good Shepherd, we encourage you to go to the daytonemmaus.org website and email the appropriate Board members. If you are not sure, start in the kitchen. It is always a blessed time when we can serve the participants on the Walks.

We also encourage those members who are interested in serving on a live-in team to fill in their willing servant forms and submit them to the computer chair or to any other Board member. Witnessing the Holy Spirit working in the walk participants is a true blessing. Forms are available at each gathering and on the website under the forms tab.

Preparation is underway for the January and February 2015 Walks. Team selection is well under way. Prayer, the foundation of Emmaus is ongoing and we seek your continued prayers for the teams, participants and leaders.

I leave you with a reminder. Will you join me in inviting a guest to one of the next Gatherings? I believe God is calling us to invite others, especially those who are considering a walk.

Thank you again and DeColores.

Keith Crabtree



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 October 13, 2014. Hope to see you there!

Your Good Shepherd, Verna Drake

Matthew 28:18-20 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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 October 13th.

Romans 8:28 New International Version (NIV)

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Remember

- October 13th, 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!



From the Spiritual Director



He Makes All Things New ©

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

Revelation 22:12 (New King James Version)

There’s a chill in the air. It came so quickly and perceivably without warning but it was always coming. Willing things such as these natural events from occurring would be an exercise in futility. They are a constant reminder of the ongoing movement in the universe of the expectancy of change. They are the seasons. They are necessary as they produce and prepare for things that are to come. Autumn marks the transition from the heat of summer to the cold of winter. It is the time when the trees begin shedding their leaves as it prepares itself for new growth. It is also the time when the light of the sun is dimmed by the noticeable early arrival of night. Winter, the coldest season of the year has an insulating affect that allows the perennial seeds that have been planted to profit from being blanketed by the cold and the snow. After the blanket of the winter cold subsides comes the spring, the time of renewal, re-growth, rebirth and resurrection. And finally, summer. A time of longer days, hot weather and the sun that warms the earth inviting you to join in.

It’s easy to parallel the change of seasons with the change(s) in life but unfortunately it (life) isn’t always as predictable. Metaphorically speaking autumn can be compared to the time of pruning that God does so that more fruit can be produced. In John 15 Jesus says that He is the true vine and every branch in Him that does not bear fruit He prunes. This is the time to trust that God knows what is best for you and for you to trust Him with your care. Winter can be seen as a time of reliance. The realization that sometimes life is cold and bitter however even in the bitterness of the season, God can blanket you in His arms and protect you from the harshness of winter storms (sickness, death etc.) and keep you from certain destruction. The spring symbolizes the hope we have in Him as the seed of faith is watered and the hope for a brighter day is realized. Finally the summer can be a constant reminder of the promise of the “Son”, our Lord Jesus Himself returning to receive those who belong to Him.

Know for sure that He will return! Revelation 22:12 *“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”*

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

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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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