



Walk to
Emmaus
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Greater Dayton Community

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November
2014

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

Elections – Emmaus Style

Did you think elections for this season were over? Not quite. At the November Gathering, we will be conducting the Annual Elections for the Emmaus Board of Directors. As a non-profit organization, we are governed by a Board of Directors, whose role is to oversee the organization and assist with the 5 Walks per year.

The ballot for the election is included in this Newsletter. We encourage you to come to the Gathering and cast your vote.

We also have two open positions that need to be appointed by the Board and we are seeking volunteers to fill the remaining terms of the Newsletter Chair as well as the Women's Worship Chair.

The Newsletter Chair is for 1 year and would be eligible to run for the position again in November of 2015.

The current Women's Worship Chair, Jean Jarusiewicz, has been elected to the Vice Chair position and we need someone to fill the remaining year of her Worship Chair position.

Please pray about these positions and contact a Board Member with your interest.

I believe serving on the Emmaus Board is a gift. We serve our Lord and Savior, becoming His hands and feet, assisting Him in providing the wonderful and powerful experience through the Walks to Emmaus. We have a great group of people on the Board and look forward to those who will join us in the journey for next year.

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Keith Crabtree
Chairman's Corner



From the Spiritual Director



I recently heard a piece of advice from a Christian speaker who was giving tips on preaching.

He talked about how athletes prepare for their game/match/meet by warming up. They stretch their muscles, do some calisthenics, practice throwing, catching, hitting, blocking, whatever. They then go into a clubhouse – somewhere away from the field of contest – for final instructions and motivation from the coach. Many will sit down and become focused on the game at hand. Right before they begin their event, they prepare for it.

The speaker suggested that a good preacher, right before she or he goes to preach, should do the same thing. The sermon has been bathed in prayer. The study has been guided by the Holy Spirit. The message ultimately is about the love of Christ. All that should be a given and completed.

But before going to speak the Word of God to His people, the preacher should perform his or her Pre-Preaching Preparation. Then go out there.

When I heard this suggestion, I was intrigued. Believe it or not, there are plenty of voices in the head and ears of the preacher before delivering God's message. Someone comes up to you and shares a need, or worse yet, a complaint. Another wants to make an announcement that you didn't know about. The PowerPoint needs a tweak before the service begins. You don't see a once regular member who has missed a few weeks, while the person who has written a critical letter is always there. Plus all the doubt and distractions that the devil tries to tell the preacher.

So I thought a lot about my Pre-Preaching Preparation message to myself. I wrote down several ideas, then put it in a place where I will see it before I go into the worship center to preach. I'm getting my heart, soul, and mind in the right frame before I preach.

How can you use this strategy? You're probably not a preacher. But you are a messenger of the Good News in the places God has placed you: home, work, social clubs, etc. God has called you to be His witness throughout the world.

Maybe you are also a Sunday School teacher of the 7th Grade class ("Lord help 'em!"). Maybe you have coffee with someone each week. Or you are preparing an Emmaus Talk.

Wherever you are, prepare yourself for the contest that you have before you. In doing so, you will fulfill the directive from Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:24: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."

Gary Wheeler

Community Spiritual Director, Greater Dayton Emmaus

2015 Greater Dayton Emmaus Community Board Position Ballot

Kitchen Chairperson:

Brenda Smith

Write-in Candidate

Men's Registrar

Bob Davis

Write-in Candidate

Housing

Tony Ammon

Write-in Candidate

Good Shepherd

Pam Rafdal

Write-in Candidate

Elections will be held at the November Gathering, Monday November 10, Normandy Church 7:15 .

Please use this ballot as an absentee ballot if you cannot attend Gathering to vote. Completed ballots must be postmarked by November 10, 2015 and mailed to:

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405 Alex-Bell Road
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Did You Hear That?

Here are a few thoughts on their Fourth Days shared by our new community members at the October Gathering:

“What you did showed us what Jesus does for us every day — and it’s a beautiful thing.”

“Had I not stayed for the entire weekend, I would not have had the breakthrough I needed.”

“I’m going to stop fighting and be at peace.”

“What blows my mind is I’m finding a group of people who live what they believe.”

“When I focus just on Him, everything else grows dim.”

“No expectation or anticipation — God walks with you, let Him.”

“I saw the spirit of the church at work.”

“Nothing matters other than our love for Christ.”

God is Love



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 Feb 2015. Hope to see you there!

Your Good Shepherd, Verna Drake

With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

Ezra 3:11

Happy Thanksgiving!

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now, let the weak say "I am strong"

Let the poor say "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks!

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 November 10th.

REGISTRATION—As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17 Emmaus offers an opportunity to grow in one's relationship with God. Pilgrims who complete the Walk to Emmaus to go back to families, workplaces and churches as new creations. Sponsorship allows us to "pay it forward". Applications are needed three months before each walk to fulfill the completed roster of 30 before the team preparation begins. The process of inviting, responding and clarifying who will be attending, takes time. Please turn in completed applications NOW for the January 15-18, 2015 and February 19-22, 2015 walks before you get caught up in the approaching holiday season. Thank you for your willingness to serve as a sponsor.

In His service. Pam DeHart

Remember

- November 10th Normandy Church
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!

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1: 9-14

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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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