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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 13 - 16

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

I remember as a young girl looking forward to the New Year. I got to stay up late and watch the ball drop over Times Square in New York. The New Year seemed to me to be an endless offering of possibilities.

I gave lots of thought to my New Year's Resolutions. I would promise to do my chores, be nicer to my sisters, study harder, save money, exercise more and be a better person. I typically forgot my resolutions after just a few days.

As I got older, my resolutions changed – be a better mother, be a better wife, lose weight, quit spending so much money or getting organized were often on my list. These resolutions, too, generally were discarded as the year settled into a routine.

Resolutions can be made anytime. They are not just for the beginning of the year. What if each of us resolved to walk closer to God in 2015? What would that look like? Would we consult Him first, instead of after we've tried our own solutions? Would we be slow to anger and quick to forgive? Would we spend more time in His word and less in the media of the secular world?

Most importantly – would we forget this resolution after just a short time?

We are so blessed to have a God who loves us and grants us mercy in covenant with us. I can't imagine a truer way to show Him our gratitude than to intentionally walk closer with Him. We need to remember the lessons of our own Emmaus Walks – make time for prayer, study and action. He is truly counting on us as we are counting on Him.

How will you walk closer with Him in 2015? Here are some ideas:

- Make your share group a priority. Christian accountability is a gift beyond compare.
- Sponsor someone on their Emmaus Walk.
- Engage in a Bible study.
- Attend worship regularly.
- Volunteer joyfully! There are many areas for discipleship in your home church, the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community and in your own communities.

If each of us made a small difference for Christ, can you imagine the ripple impact that would be felt?

I look forward to serving God and this community as the Community Lay Director for 2015. Join me in walking intentionally with God and let's see what miracles happen.

Trudi Gilchrist

Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairperson

Happy New Year



The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

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.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

John 1:1-18

Chrysalis News - Two Upcoming Walks

Know a Boy/Girl between the ages of 15 - 24 that would like to attend a Chrysalis Walk?

Girls: January 17-19, 2015, Flight #59

Greene Street United Methodist Church, Piqua, OH 45356

Candlelight - Sunday, January 18th @ 8:30 pm

Closing - Monday, January 19th @ 5:30 pm (*Note: Martin Luther King Jr. Day*)

Boys: February 14-16, 2015, Flight #59

Greene Street United Methodist Church, Piqua, OH 45356

Candlelight - Saturday, February 15th @ 8:30 pm

Closing - Sunday, February 16th @ 5:30 pm

For more information, please contact Michelle Flannery at michelle.flannery@live.com

Please Attend a Chrysalis Candlelight or Closing to Support the Boys and Girls of Our Community.



From the Spiritual Director



10..9..8..7..6..5..4..3..2..1 Happy New Year !!!

*“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a **new** covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah...“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people... “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Don't you love midnight on December 31st each year? I do. Because what comes next, after the count-down and the giant ball drops in Time Square is the shouts of joy and celebration of a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! That means the slate is wiped clean from the previous year and we get to start anew with the whole year ahead of us. Even though the best laid plans of the previous year may not have worked out just as we planned, we have another shot at starting over again. That's what I love about the New Year and that's what I love about the three day weekend called The Walk To Emmaus.

God gives us a chance to spend time with Him in celebration of what He has done through his gift of Grace in our lives. We take our short course on Christianity and are reminded that at the foot of the cross our new life began. We learn that God has been pursuing us and wooing us from the time of our conception to offer us a relationship with Him through his gift of grace. We are reminded that when we said “yes” to that offer of a relationship through his justifying grace that at that moment our slate was wiped clean (*“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”*) and we began a new life in Christ.

I'm reminded of a scene in The Lion King where Simba is concerned about returning to his pride because of the mistakes he has made in the past. Simba says he knows what he has to do but going back means he'll have to face his past. Many Pilgrims show up on Thursday evening send off with reluctant attitudes, not knowing what to anticipate and perhaps uncomfortable facing their past. The wise baboon in the scene from Lion King, hits Simba in the head with his staff and Simba says “what was that for?” Rafiki says, “It doesn't matter, it was in the past. The way I see it you can either run from it or learn from it.”[at this point in the movie Rafiki swings his staff to hit Simba again, but misses because Simba ducks). I love how the Walk weekend can be like getting hit in the head with a staff. Sometimes we need the jolt of the realization that our past doesn't matter because God says, “...[I] will remember their sins no more.” We get an opportunity to leave a lot of baggage from our past at the foot of the Cross and begin with a fresh clean slate. We finally get that “ahah moment” where we understanding and more fully embrace God's Agape love.

So why wait until Dec 31st each year to celebrate? Christ has made a **new** covenant with us so that every day in Him is a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

DeColores,

Palmer G. Jason, SD



Pray for One Another

Men's Walk #59 Normandy UMC

January 15-19, 2015

Mark 9:35 "...Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Please keep these Pilgrims and Team in your Daily Prayers.

PILGRIM ROSTER

Name	City
Darrell Banks	Middletown
Michael Bradstreet	Springboro
Steven Colegate	Huber Heights
Charlie Collins	Huber Heights
Gary Davenport	Dayton
John Frye	Huber Heights
Leroy Gorham	Centerville
John C. Gramann	Kettering
Jason Harrison	Germantown
Thomas L Jones	Dayton
David Kooser	Huber Heights
David Orren	Hamilton
David Seibel	Dayton
Nick Seitz	Miamisburg
Glen Silver	Kettering
Todd Smith	Casstown
Nathan Steele	New Carlisle
Russell Varvel	Vandalia
Greg Wasmund	Centerville
Thomas Wells	Bellbrook
Michael Whitaker	Kettering
Corey White	Philipsburg
Chris Witherspoon	Brookville

TEAM ROSTER

Name	Position	Talk
Jeff Adams	Asst. Lay Director	Grow Through Study
Andrew Addy	LOG	
Carl Atzbach	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Bill Baker	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Mike Baughman	Asst. Table Leader	
Robert Cannata	Board Representative	
Bud Dean	LOG2	
Pete DiGeronimo	Asst. Table Leader	
Mark Flannery	Table Leader	Life of Piety
Danny Kautz	Table Leader	Dicipleship
Chris Kitchel	LOG	
Dennis Leach	LOG	
Marc Littman	Lay Director	Perseverance
Tim Lofton	Asst. Table Leader	
Timothy Macy	Music Director	
Jim Marsh	Asst. Table Leader	
Jeff Null	Asst. Lay Director	Fourth Day
Douglas Pelfrey	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Stephen Puderbaugh	Prayer Servant	
Chris Reese	Table Leader	Christian Action
Keith Simpson	Asst. Lay Director - 2	Priority
Tom Updike	Asst. Music Director	
Mike Wendling	Asst. Table Leader	
Ron Wilson	Asst. Table Leader	
Chris Wissinger	Prayer Servant	

CLERGY

Leroy Chambliss	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Greg Crabtree	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Brian Hayes	Asst. Spiritual Director - L	Sanctifying Grace
Gary Wheeler	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
John Whitaker	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace

PLEASE REMEMBER: Pilgrim fees are \$85.

Would you like to help during Walk #59?
We always need volunteer LOGs.

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>



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 February 10, 2014. Hope to see you there!

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it

Pilgrim Registration

A new year, a new opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Matthew 28:19 tells us, Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..... Applications are always needed to fill the roster for each of the Walks to Emmaus. Pray for our community, pray for the people you know who can become church leaders, pray about who Jesus is calling you to sponsor in 2015. Happy New Year, be thankful, be

Remember

- Next Gathering is January 12th at Normandy UMC, 7:15 pm
- Update your willing servant form, especially if you wish to be on a live-in team
- Get your pilgrim applications in for either the men's or women's registrar - it's never too early!
- Jesus loves you!

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John 1: 9-14

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

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 January 13th.

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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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