



Walk to
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2015 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC

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 PM

BOARD MEETING

4th Tuesday every month 7:00 PM

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Chairperson's Corner

Love is the beauty of the soul – St. Augustine

Love, love, love, love – the Gospel in one word is Love

They will know we are Christians by our Love

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
 1 Cor 13:13

Loving people is easy when people are being loveable, isn't it? When things are going on schedule, the way we planned and everyone is in the same step, on the same page – it's really easy to love during those times.

But it's during the other times that loving gets a little harder. The times when people are not behaving as you think they should. How about that toddler having a temper tantrum in the middle of the restaurant? Is he loveable? Maybe not. And then there's the teenager who is in the midst of her teenage angst, wanting nothing to do with her parents, with school or with society in general – unless it is on her smartphone or tablet. Have you had this experience? Is this young person loveable?

What about the coworker who is just not pulling his weight on that project? Or the one who comes in late and doesn't seem to have any consequences? What about the husband or wife who cheated and destroyed a marriage and family in the process? Are these people loveable?

And then there are those with whom we serve our Lord. We all come from different places with one desire – to serve our mighty and loving father. Do you find yourself criticizing the person who is not serving as you would?

My church has a simple mission statement: Love God, Love People. It seems easy, doesn't it? I like to say I have the love God part down, but the love people part is much more problematic. However, I have come to realize that if I am not loving people, I am not truly loving God. It isn't up to me to decide whether or not someone is loveable. It's not up to me to decide who is serving him "correctly" and who is not. It is up to me to listen to God for my direction and to leave the rest in His capable hands – all while loving His people.

It is difficult? Yes. But friends, I choose love.

De Colores

Trudi Gilchrist, Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairperson

The Greatest of These is Love

1 Corinthians 13 (NIV)



13 If I speak in the tongues^a of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, ^b but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. **But the greatest of these is love.**

Chrysalis News - Upcoming Boys Walk

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

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 the Chrysalis Candlelight or Closing to
Support the Young Men of Our Community.**



From the Spiritual Director



As I sit and think about writing this article, it is barely above 0 degrees; last night it was below 0. It's that time of year! Time to hibernate--time to cancel everything, crank up the heat, get under the covers or throws, curl up with the pet and wait for spring. I know there is a reason for this winter season, but I just don't like it. And given my personality, I am more than content to stay home and avoid as much of the winter as I can. But, is that the best way to spend the winter? Oh, sure there are times when the very best thing we can do is be safe at home...it can get dangerous "out there." That's why we have those levels for snow emergencies; and level 3 isn't fit for us to be out. I'm not talking about those days, I am talking about the other days when I just don't want to be out. And, if I were left to my own desires, I would just stay in and become isolated for the winter. Again, is that the best way to spend the winter? Does scripture have anything to say about it? Yes it does!

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

Not giving up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing? Was the author talking to or about me? He could have been talking to me in the winter time, or on rainy days, or when it's too hot, or when my favorite show is on tv, or I don't feel like getting out, or when I am upset with someone. He could have been talking to me anytime I give up meeting with my brothers and sisters in Christ for any reason.

The context of these two verses explains why meeting together is critical for a healthy faith life. We meet together for a purpose--because this life is difficult and full of opportunities for discouragement and failure. We meet together so that we can encourage each other in this life and avoid failure.

This passage is telling us to persevere, to hold on, to stay the course. In and through Jesus Christ we have been given new life. In that new life we can boldly go before God the Father, free from guilt, and experience a life that is full of God's purpose and promise. But in order to live that life, we have to persevere in our faith, stay the course, walk in obedience and draw near to God. That's hard to do when we neglect to meet together with our brothers and sisters and allow ourselves to become isolated. Even if we are unaware of what is happening with each other, when we meet together we are strengthened in our inner being to continue on in our faith journey. That's why share groups, small groups, worship services, gatherings, house churches are so important. They are meeting times when we can gather to encourage and strengthen one another, to spur one another on toward love and good deeds. So let's not neglect meeting together with our brothers and sisters, because we need each other.

DeColores,

Pastor Tori Smith



Pray for One Another

Woman's Walk #95 Normandy UMC February 20-22, 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
Sue Barber	Dayton
Diann Barlow	Huber Heights
Brenda Bradstreet	Springboro
Debbie Creek	Dayton
Michele Cremeans	Troy
Carol Crews	West Alexandria
Nancy Dressel	Huber Heights
Kamala Ferris	Miamisburg
Amanda Fugate	Dayton
Sherry Fugate	Miamisburg
Leila Hibbs	Dayton
Odell Howell	Dayton
Cassie Kooser	Dayton
Cathy Lewis	Dayton
Allynn Mask	Moraine
Lorraine Patton	Dayton
Marketta Peel	Beavercreek
Erin Petty	West Milton
Carmen Rafdal	Dayton
Carol Stacy	Beavercreek
Julie Swain	Miamisburg
Glenda Thomas	Kettering
Holly Tryon	Greenville
Evette Watt	Dayton
Teresa Weaver	New Lebanon
Heather Wofford	Beavercreek
Sarah Woodson	Englewood

TEAM ROSTER

Name	Position	Talk
Lori Ammon	LOG	
Rita Anspach	Lay Director	Perseverance
Jenny Bear	Asst. Table Leader	
Jacqueline Bunke	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Barbara Courtice	Table Leader	Priesthood of Believers
Shelly Crabtree	Table Leader	Life of Piety
Cindy Cultice	Table Leader	Christian Action
Carol Dondero	Prayer Servant	
Denise Haws	Asst. Music Director	
Kara Hitchens	Asst. Table Leader	
Samantha Hoang	LOG	
Chris Holmes	Prayer Servant	
Kathleen Hosner	Music Director	
Pat Knight Bobst	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Susan Lehneis	Asst. Table Leader	
Alix Litton	LOG	
Claire Merkes	Table Leader	Discipleship
Mary Morrow	Asst. Lay Director	Grow through Study
Nora Nichols	Asst. Table Leader	
Aj Puderbaugh	Board Rep	
Michele Ruff	Asst. Lay Director	Priorities
Lori Ryan	Asst. Table Leader	
Gail Simpson	Asst. Lay Director	Fourth Days
Anitra Spinelli	LOG	
Kendra Wilson	Asst. Table Leader	

CLERGY

Heth Corl	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Linda Dulin-Moore	Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Beth Holten	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Crystal Walker	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Leroy Chambliss	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace

REMEMBER: Pilgrim fees are \$85.

Would you like to help during Walk #95?

We always need help with the Kitchen and volunteer LOGs.

Kitchen Chair: Brenda Smith

kitchen@daytonemmaus.org

Please note the Team and Pilgrim rosters are subject to change after press-time. Prior to the o 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



Looking for a Share Group?

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. 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. Hope to see you there!

Your Good Shepherd, Pam Rafdal
goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org

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.

Women's Registrar: Pam DeHart
womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Men's Registrar: Bob Downs
mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Need to Send an Announcement?

If you would like to send a message to the Emmaus Community via the Monthly Newsletter, please send an email to Sonya Lemmerbrock

newsletter@daytonemmaus.org

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 6:30 pm 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, \$5.00.

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 February 9th.

Remember

- Next Gathering is February 9th 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!

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 email prayer chain? Have an urgent prayer request? To become a member of the prayer chain or to submit your prayer request, please contact Charles Benner at: (937) 879-2118 or bennercl@notes.udayton.edu

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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