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2015 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC

MW #59 January 15-18
WW #95 February 19-22
WW #96 Sept 17-20

At Sulphur Grove UMC

WW #96 July 16-19
MW #60 August 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

Living in Community

Christians are called to live in community. While we serve a risen Lord, our time on Earth is spent with both believers and non-believers. In order to remain strong in Christ, being in community with one another is a priority.

This is why our share groups are the backbone of the Emmaus Community. Within your share group is a safe place for you to lift your prayer needs, describe your struggles and celebrate your accomplishments. As a group, you can hold one another accountable in a loving manner and help keep each other on a Godly path.

Within a healthy share group, you can find several characteristics:

Service. Serving together provides a bonding experience for a group. Whether it is serving at Emmaus or serving at a local food pantry, Jesus is calling us to be His hands and feet. Hit the ground for Him! Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor, for if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up."

Encouragement. There is so much negativity in the world, that the share group is a place where members can encourage one another along the way. "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." (Hebrews 3:13)

Produce. Our share groups are a place for us to produce fruit for the glory of God. Within our groups, pruning in order to bear fruit can occur. We can come together to advance the Kingdom of God. By holding one another accountable and allowing God to prune our bad habits and non-productive thoughts, we can come together for His purpose.

Protection. By providing a safe haven, our share groups can protect each other from assaults from the world. We are not promised an easy life, however we have God and each other to help us through. By allowing the spirit of God into your life and group you can be directed along the right path together. No one has to find the way on his own power.

Prayer. In all things, we lift one another up in prayer. Prayer is the foundation on which the Emmaus Community is formed. Pray for each other, lift one another up, strengthen each other. There is no greater honor or privilege than to lift a brother and sister in prayer.

Lean on your share groups. We are stronger together.

De Colores,
Trudi Gilchrist, Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairperson

+ Giving our Hearts to Christ +

Next Gathering

March 9th Normandy Church:

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

Be the hands and feet of Jesus



Serve with Your Pilgrim After Their Walk

Sponsors of Pilgrims from WW #95 (February 19 –22)

Its important that you bring your Pilgrim to the first gathering on March 9th and attend the Share Group Orientation at 6:15 in the Chapel.

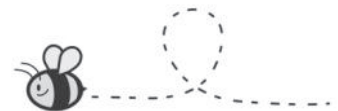
If they are unable to make the session, please have your pilgrim contact the Good Shepherd chair, Pam Rafdal, at GoodShepherd@DaytonEmmaus.org

Have You ever Wanted to Serve on a Live-in Team?

Be sure your Willing Servant form has been updated and indicate which roles sound interesting to you. These need to be updated every two years. Time flies when you are having fun, so it's probably time to update your Willing Servant Form today.

Please update today at: <http://daytonemmaus.org/deForms.shtm>

If you have questions please contact the Board Member that oversees the area that you are interested in, their emails are listed under the "Board" tab on the website.





From the Spiritual Director



From Light to Darkness, from Darkness to Light

Beginning with Ash Wednesday we join Jesus as he turns away from one phase of his life and ministry and heads off to another. We accompany him on the road to Jerusalem during the forty days of Lent that end on that ominous dark night when he and his twelve disciples gather in that upper room to share the meal we now call the Last Supper. That journey takes us from the joyful light of Jesus' ministry of proclaiming the glorious good news of the arrival of God's Kingdom to excited crowds, miraculous feedings, healings, and driving out demons galore to a growing darkness day by day as Jerusalem draws closer and opposition and threat increase to Jesus and his message: "The time that we have all been waiting for has finally come! God's kingdom is at hand! Repent - change your hearts and your lives, and believe the glad tidings of God's grace and mercy now offered to all!" (Mark 1:15)

In the words of the great Shaker hymn, *Lord of the Dance*,

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die.
I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back...*

And then on the morning of the third day,

*They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on...
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.*

As John's gospel tells us of Jesus, God's Living Word made flesh, "What has come into being in (or through) him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:4-5)

The road we travel on together this Lent/Easter season is a journey from light into darkness, and from the blackest darkness of Good Friday into the searing brightness of God's glory in the Risen Jesus on Easter morning—a brightness that will never fade or grow dim. A light emerging from darkness of despair and death that, by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we might have the opportunity to see rekindled on a Saturday afternoon of a Walk weekend; a light beginning to shine bright out of the darkness of a Saturday night; a light shining ever brighter in the fading light of a late Sunday afternoon; a piercing light that goes forth into the darkness of a Sunday evening bringing the never-ending, undefeatable light of God's powerful agape love in and through the Risen Jesus into the darkness of our lost and dying world.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

Let us dance on together as God's Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus people!

DeColores, Pastor George Brewer



Giving Our Hands to Christ



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

Share Groups are a Vital Priority

Q: What d'ya get when you cross a pilgrim with a rooster?

A: A very colorful song.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Phil. Phil who?

Philippians 2:1 (Paul writes) Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, sharing in the Spirit...(like on your walk weekend).v.2 then be like-minded having the same love, one in spirit and of one mind.

Come to Gatherings, update your status (group or not), and/or email Goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org. The good shepherd is available to connect you with share groups to enhance your worship. Share groups are a great way to become intimately involved in caring about and for others in Christ's community.

Next Share Group Orientation meeting is Monday, March 9th at 6:15 pm in the Chapel.

Pam Rafdal, Good Shepherd

Have a Question or Concern? Contact a Board Member

Have you ever wanted to contact a Board Member but didn't know how? The contact information for every board member is listed on the Greater Dayton Emmaus Website at daytonemmaus.org - just click on the "Board" tab at the top.

Need an Announcement in the Newsletter?

If you would like to send a message to the Emmaus community via the Monthly Newsletter, please send an email to Newsletter@daytonemmaus.org

Sonya Lemmerbrock, Newsletter Chair

Please support our Teens (Chrysalis) and our Prison ministry (Kairos)



<http://westohiochrysalis.no-ip.org/>



http://www.kairosOhio.org/Events_Calendar.html



Giving Our Hands to Christ



Stirrings from the Kitchen

Do you know that it takes 111 people to completely fill a weekend kitchen schedule?

Are you one of them? If your answer is yes - thank you! Our job as Christians is to be obedient to God's call. At your walk closing you were given a cross and a message. Do you remember? Christ is counting on you. Christ counts on you to go when He calls you. When you serve in the Kitchen, you will experience His presence/blessings and witness Christ in Action among the servants.

Come prepare fuel the pilgrims/team needs in order to give them energy to begin their long day. There is New Shift on Saturday dinner: come in at 5:30 and help prep for Sunday Breakfast set-up, which has been moved downstairs in the conference area. You will also serve the meal and help with clean up.

I am adding a schedule for setting up the Conference Room after Candlelight. Sunday clean-up has one man who is always there to work. However, many hands make for lighter work. We need at least two more people to assist with getting the kitchen put back to the way it was when we started. I would like to have it done by noon.

Laundry is another task that needs to be done. Can you come in and pick up a load of towels and aprons? Laundry should be done every evening. You can bring it back the next day.

We have a few areas that are very difficult to fill:

Thursday preparation is a huge opportunity, to work together. If you like to setup and do prep work with the food, this is for you.

Breakfast is another time that can be hard to fill. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

If you are currently a servant, THANK YOU. I am truly grateful for all that you do. You answered your question at closing...I'm counting on Christ. Are you counting on him to show you where He needs you? Pray and ask Him if He is calling you to the Kitchen, listen, and be obedient to serve where you are called. If you have questions, email me at Kitchen@DaytonEmmaus.org. I will respond within 24 hours. Think back on your weekend and remember how grateful you were when you knew your meals would all be taken care of. Now it is time for you to be someone else's blessings.

DeColores,
Brenda Smith, Kitchen Chair
Kitchen@DaytonEmmaus.org

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- Update your willing servant form, especially if you wish to be on a live-in team. Jesus loves you!

Remember

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters
roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging



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Prayer Warriors

Do you want to participate in our email prayer chain? Have an urgent prayer request? Contact Charles Benner at: (937) 879-2118, or email 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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