



Walk to
Emmaus
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Greater Dayton Community

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**May
 2015**

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

Sometimes it seems I have a bad streak of happenings. Take the last couple of weeks, for example. It has seemed like every time I turned around, I had another mishap of some sort. The details really don't matter, but I had a number of inconveniences and expenses I certainly hadn't planned on having. I managed to deal with them, but not without a lot of grumbling and complaining on my part.

It occurred to me at some point that my mishaps weren't life threatening or even major occurrences, they were roadblocks placed in my way. I had two options – complain and grumble my way through them or accept them as part of life, rely on God and move through the storm. It took some time and some praying on my part, but eventually I was able to put my string of "bad luck" into perspective and move past it.

During the storm, I was reminded of God's faithfulness. He never leaves us, even when we grumble, complain and let minor inconveniences get in our way. The world can sometimes get in our way, but the Father of all Creation will never let us down. His promise to us is to be with us, no matter what curve ball is thrown our way.

All of us have had hiccups in our paths. These can range from minor inconveniences to major life events. Through all of life's trials, our God is with us. We can go to Him in prayer at any time. We have the assurance and love of God. Nothing we can do will separate us from Him.

Recently I have begun keeping a gratitude journal. I'm not very good at journaling for the most part, but simply writing down what God has done for me has helped remind me of His faithfulness. It is one of the ways I can draw near to Him and feel His awesome presence and love. I've recorded both small things and big events for which I'm grateful. I see God's hand in my life every day.

None of us are promised an easy road. In fact, the road of a Christian tends to be filled with pitfalls, temptations and trials. What sets us apart from others is we don't face anything alone. God is with us, by us, and within us.

He will never let us down. He is faithful. Praise God.

De Colores,
 Trudi Gilchrist
 Community Chairperson

+ Giving our Hearts to Christ +

Please Join Us: Next Gathering

May 11th Normandy Church:

- Sponsorship Training 6:30, Loggia
- Gathering 7:15

*Worship
& Praise*



Sound System Needed: Donations Gladly Accepted

Please pray for God to supply us with the funds or equipment we need for worship in the Normandy sanctuary.

For those of you that provided a monetary donation to support the purchase of a sound system that we can use during Gatherings and walk weekends, we offer our sincerest gratitude and thanks.

If you have not made a contribution yet, there is still time. Any additional donations would be greatly appreciated.

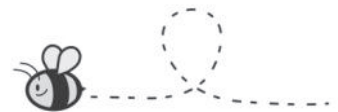
And, if you have used sound equipment to accommodate the size of the Normandy sanctuary that you no longer need, or know someone who does, please contact Jason Hoang at MensWorship@daytonemmaus.org.

Want 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're having fun, so it's probably time to update your Willing Servant Form today.

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

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



“A picture is worth a thousand words.” How true that saying is! The icon you see above, in one form or another, is located in a prominent place in every Orthodox Church in the world. Its title in Greek is “anastasis,” which means “resurrection.” It tells the story of Holy Saturday—what happened between Jesus’ death on Good Friday and the empty tomb on Easter morning. 1 Peter 3:18-20a states, “For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive (resurrected) in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison...”

The resurrected Jesus (look carefully and see his wounds), descended to the prison of hell, smashed open its doors, defeated “death” and bound him in chains (see below Jesus’ feet), and freed the captives held there. Jesus is grasping the hands of two kneeling figures formally held captive in prison, a man and a woman, and is in the process of lifting them up. The man is Adam. The woman is Eve. Even they are forgiven by God’s amazing grace in Jesus. The three haloed figures on the left are David, Solomon, and John the Baptist. The figures on the right represent the apostles who are alive, which even include the likes of you and me!

The Easter Season continues on till the Day of Pentecost, May 24, this year. May we never forget the power of Cross and Resurrection; power that can and will forgive any and all transgression and bring new life, no matter how great the sin! That is the gospel we share. That is the gospel we proclaim. That is the gospel we believe!

De Colores,

Pastor George Brewer



Giving Our Hands to Christ



We are building lives by sharing God's love!

Not Sure How to Find a Share Group?

Here are a Few Ideas:

- Read the Newsletter to find any new notifications (see below)
- Visit the Good Shepherd table at Gatherings
- Send an email to Pam Rafdal at 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



Read the monthly Emmaus Newsletter at www.DaytonEmmaus.org and select the "Newsletter" tab

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



We are the Emmaus Community and in an effort to keep our community strong, we need to continue to add strength to the community. And, we do that through pilgrim sponsorship and serving during walk weekends.

Sure, the gatherings are great for worship and fellowship, but God needs us to persevere to grow our Community and use the gifts He has given us.

Here's what you can do to help grow and maintain strength in our community:

1. Update your Willing Servant form. You'll find it on the www.daytonemmaus.org website and select the "forms" tab. Select all of the "jobs" you would like to do. No one will call you about a job you didn't select.
2. When you are called to serve, please return the phone call even if you can't help for that walk. It's very time consuming for Lay Directors to form a team. God picked you through the Lay Director, and the sooner you respond the faster the Lay Director can fill up a team.

Questions? Please contact Jean Jarusiewicz at ViceChairman@daytonemmaus.org

Remember

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

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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



Attn: Savvy Marketers, Writers, and Graphic Designers

- Are you looking for a way to contribute to the Emmaus Community and use your God-given communication skills?
- Have you always wanted to contribute to the monthly Emmaus Newsletter, but didn't want to take on the whole thing?
- Would you like to add some business-skill related volunteer work to your resume?

If you have answers YES to any of these questions, we have a great opportunity for you...

We'd love to have you contribute a story, article, or design!

Please email the Newsletter Chair, Sonya Lemmerbrock at Newsletter@DaytonEmmaus.org and state your interests.