



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM®

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Greater Dayton Community

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**June
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

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete. James 1:2-8

This is the time of year when many of us get tired. For teachers, the school year is over and it's time to refresh and rest. Many of us take vacations over the summer months so we can get away and revive ourselves for the work yet to be done.

Often we find it difficult to maintain our joy when we are tired. Every trial may bring about feelings of helplessness. Finding joy in these times can be overwhelming, and we may forget how important the joy of the Lord is to our daily lives.

Do we count on God for everything? Are we putting our daily lives into His hands? Or do we attempt to manage on our own, and only call on him for the "big things?" I believe this contributes to our weariness.

When we let ourselves become weary, we find it difficult to accomplish even the simplest tasks. Relying on our Father for everything will unburden us, and we will be able to work for His kingdom and glory, and I believe we will find our joy!

Recently I have found myself looking for my own joy. It has become clear to me that I haven't been relying on the One who made me and loves me, but rather I have been chugging along by my own strength. In the words of Dr. Phil, that hasn't been working out too well for me. It's time for me to refresh, regroup, and let God take the wheel.

What does this mean? I am spending more time in His word. I find myself asking His direction before I make even the simplest decisions. I am asking Him for discernment and guidance in all things.

Are these basic things? Yes. But sometimes, like the professional athletes, we need to remind ourselves of the fundamentals of the game and practice them. Spending time in prayer and study with God is not an option, it is a priority. It's so easy to let "busyness" get in the way of this time, when in fact, we can accomplish so much more with Him than by our own power.

So my friends refresh yourselves. Relax, let go of control, and let God be in charge. Spend time with Him and ask His will.

Trudi Gilchrist
Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairperson

+ Giving our Hearts to Christ +



Next Gathering

June 9th Normandy Church:

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

July, August and September Walks Coming Up

Have You Sponsored a Pilgrim yet?

It's not too late!

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



While they were talking, Jesus approached them and began walking with them. 16 Although they saw him, they didn't recognize him. Luke 24:16

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.

Please update today at: <http://daytonemmaus.org> under the "Forms" tab.

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



Are you going to the Wedding?

“Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” Revelation 19:6-9

June is a popular month for Weddings. People spend hours and hours planning for just the right venue, and the right dress and the right photographer and band. Let's not forget the menu and the table decorations and the seating chart and the cake. Thousands of dollars are invested, all for one event, one function, and one grand night. The bride and groom generally are tired by night's end, having smiled for all the photo ops and from staying up late the night before for the rehearsal and from entertaining all of the out of town guess in the wedding party. Everyone loves a good wedding. But even the best laid plans can't compare to the ultimate wedding that awaits those who know Christ-- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

John writes of this wedding in the book of Revelation. But the imagery of a wedding is also spoken of in the book of Isaiah 54:5-7, “For your Maker is your husband—the Lord Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. The Lord will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit—a wife who married young, only to be rejected,” says your God. “For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back.” Also in Hosea 2:19 we find these words, “I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the Lord.”

The plans have been set in motion. The invitations have been mailed. The table has been set, the meal has been prepared and the venue has been reserved. The Groom has been seated at the right hand of the Father. No expense has been spared, because it cost Him his one and only Son. All that remains to be done is the clarion call of that last trumpet announcing: “Here’ the Bridegroom. Come out to meet him!” The Marriage Supper of the Lamb is coming. **Are you going to the Wedding?**

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Giving Our Hands to Christ



Attn: Family and Friends of Teens and Young Adults

Western Ohio Chrysalis is looking for interested teens and young adults to attend retreat weekends.

Chrysalis is similar in approach to Emmaus. However, it's created to attract and reach teens and young adults. Teens need to be 15-24 years old.

Teens must have a sponsor and the sponsor will need to collect Agape.

Retreats are held at:
Greene Street United Methodist Church
Piqua, Ohio



Upcoming Retreats:

Young Women's Retreat: July 10 -12, 2015

Young Men's Retreat: July 31 - August 2, 2015

If you know a teen or young adult who would be blessed by the weekend please visit the West Ohio Chrysalis website www.westohiochrysalis.info and print the required forms.

If you have any questions please email Michelle Flannery at chrysalis@daytonemmaus.org or call 937-304-4727.

Thank you!

Michelle Flannery
Greater Dayton Emmaus Board Liaison for Chrysalis

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



In a Share Group?



Christ is Counting on You to be active in a Share Group.

If you need help getting into one please...

1. Visit the Good Shepherd table at Gatherings
2. Send an email to Pam Rafdal at GoodShepherd@daytonemmaus.org

Sound System Needed for Gatherings and Walks

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

Thank you to those of you that provided a monetary donation to support the purchase of a sound system for us to use during Gatherings and Walk Weekends - we are sincerely grateful!

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.



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Please update your willing servant form at <http://www.daytonemmaus.org> under the "Forms" tab.

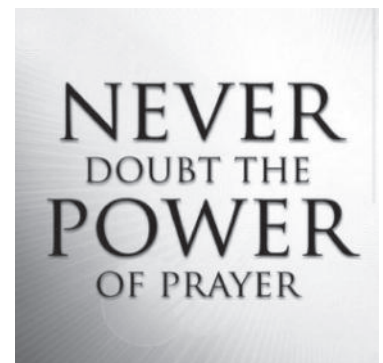
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Prayer Warriors are Available to You

Have an urgent prayer request?

Do you know of someone that needs prayer?

Would you like to participate in our email prayer chain?



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.

Please limit your requests to a serious, urgent nature and to the needs of either a member of the Emmaus Community or your Family.