



Walk to
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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

The Lord came and stood there. He called out, just as he had done the other times. He said, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Then Samuel replied, "Speak. I am listening." --1 Samuel 3:10

How does God talk to you? Can we hear Him above the busyness and noisiness of our lives? Samuel thought Eli was calling Him, and when Eli realized Samuel was hearing from the Lord, he directed Samuel to be still and listen.

What gets in our way of hearing God? Do we carry so many distractions we can't fit Him in? Do we doubt it is Him when he calls, thinking perhaps it is someone else? Or do we simply keep our lives so full that He cannot get in?

Stillness is often very hard for us. We have cell phones, computers, children, jobs, spouses, so many different things competing for our time and attention. God wants us to have rich, abundant life – but He wants to be central to that life.

I find that when I don't hear God, it's me who is keeping Him out, and not God ignoring me. It takes an intentional plan to find the quiet place where God can communicate with you. He does not want to fight the noise for your attention. He wants you to put the noise aside and have intentional time with Him.

Are we too busy trying to solve our problems on our own? In many cases, yes. I wonder why I try to accomplish things on my own strength first, and then go to God when that didn't work? Ecclesiastes 2:11 says it like this, "I saw what I had worked so hard to get, and nothing had any meaning." When we strive for something under our own power, without God's direction, it is meaningless. Yet so often we continue trying it on our own.

My challenge for you is to carve time in your schedules to be still and listen to the God who loves you more than you can fathom. Make a plan. Will you get up earlier and have time in the morning? Will you find time during the day? Let God into your life and your decisions. His way is always better than our own.

As an Emmaus Community, I pray we are following God in all we say and do. I pray we ask His discernment over who to encourage to go on the Walk to Emmaus. I pray that no one accepts a team or behind the scenes position without first carefully and sincerely asking God for His will and direction. It's easy to say yes to doing what we love. It's harder to think that this may not be what God has in plan for us at this time.

Remember – seek God first and all else will follow according to His will.

Trudi Gilchrist, Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairperson

+ Giving our Hearts to Christ +



Next Gathering

July 13th Normandy Church:

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

August and September Walks Coming Up

Have You Sponsored a Pilgrim yet? It's not too late!

We have a Sponsorship Training on July 13th, 6:30 in the Loggia prior to the Gathering at Normandy Church. We'll talk about tips on how to sponsor a pilgrim.

Men's Walk in August 13-16 Has Availability

Please have your pilgrims send applications to:

Men's Registrar
Greater Dayton Emmaus
PO Box 292224
Dayton, OH 45429

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

Women's Registrar: Pam DeHart
womensregistrar@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



“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

I know on every Emmaus weekend we tell the pilgrims over and over not to anticipate. But let's face facts – we do anticipate as we go through life. As children we anticipate what our birthdays will be like, the toys we will receive, what the cake will look like and what will mean to be 7 or 8 or 9. As youth we begin to anticipate what our careers will be, the perfection of our spouses, how glorious our lives will turn out. As adults we anticipate how easy it will be to raise our children who are nearly perfect because of our excellent parenting skills, glory in our jobs and hopes of a life that works according to our well thought out plans. But then life happens. You've heard the famous line from the Scottish poem “To a Mouse”: The best laid plans of mice and men...

What happens when the anticipated life goes awry? What do we do when plans fail, dreams explode and our peace that we created is disrupted? We trust in the Lord. Solomon, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit understood – Trust in the Lord. Don't look to your own understanding to make sense out of what is going on, or to try to bring life back in the order we are able to create on our own. Trust in the Lord - look for what God is doing. Ah – but there is more – don't just trust in the Lord, SUBMIT to what He is doing.

For me – Submission is the catch. I might be able to proclaim I trust in the Lord all the while scrambling to put things back in an order I create. But that's not what the scripture tells us to do. It says –Trust in Him, don't reply on your own understanding – rather submit to what He is doing. I find in my life that I have a more difficult time submitting to what He's doing because it has interfered with plans I made while anticipating life. However, when we can bring ourselves into submission we'll discover that God is doing something much bigger, deeper, wider, than we could have ever imagined or anticipated.

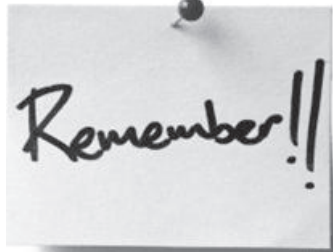
When God is moving and interrupting our plans for life– He is doing it for a Kingdom reason. He's not just changing things for the sake of causing us anxiety. He is interrupting for a Kingdom reason. Hear me clearly – when God steps in and disrupts our lives - ETERNITY is being effected. We may not be able to see what He is doing right away, maybe we'll never completely understand until we stand in His presence and he reveals to us what he was doing. But this we can know for sure – when God moves, it has eternal results. So our task isn't to put things back in the order we created. It's to submit to Him because in our submission, we find that He did create a straight path before us. He has not only taken care of us, but made a way for us even while He has been doing Kingdom work in our very presence. Trust in the Lord with all of your heart – even when it doesn't make sense. Submit to the Kingdom work He is doing and He will provide a safe way for you.

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Giving Our Hands to Christ



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

Next Women's Walk - July 16-19, Sulpher Grove

- Candlelight - Saturday, July 18 at 8:30pm
- Closing - Sunday, July 19 at 4:30

Share Group? Share Here!

Need to Join a Share Group? Add Members to Your Current Share Group?

Individuals currently seeking a share group.

- Women: yekcutsm@gmail.com prefers weekly except Tuesdays
- Women near Fairborn: janeynapier@aol.com prefers bi-weekly on weekends



Christ is counting on You to be active in a Share Group!

Here's the process:

1. Visit the Good Shepherd (book) table at Gatherings. Put your info on the form attached to the clipboard. Note: the email you provide will be printed in this newsletter.
2. Read the newsletter every month at www.daytonemmaus.org/newsletters. If you see that someone in your area is in need of a share group, discuss amongst your group and make contact with the person. Be a friend, make a friend.
3. Questions: email to Pam Rafdal at GoodShepherd@daytonemmaus.org

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



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



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



Pray for One Another

Women's Walk # 96 Sulphur Grove

July 16-19, 2015

Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love for I have put my trust in You.
Psalm 143:8

Please keep these Pilgrims and Team in your Daily Prayers.

Pilgrim Roster

First	Last	City
Diana	Araujo	Fairborn
Gale	Bonham	Dayton
Jessica	Braden	Bidwell
Barbara	Bryant	Springboro
Diana	Burnham	Cincinnati
Michelle	Coolman	Fairborn
Angela	Flatter	Fairborn
Patricia	Greaver	Dayton
Tammy	Herlihy	Kettering
Kathryn	Hill	Dayton
Nicole	Lowe	Dayton
Rachel	Parker	Dayton
Emily	Pence	Urbana
Eilanna	Price	Xenia
Gailyn	Redavide	Clayton
Catherine	Renfrow	Dayton
Debronca	Taylor	Fairborn
Jennifer	Tschudi	Fairborn
Valerie	Voline	Huber Heights
Terri	Wheeler	Beavercreek

Note: Pilgrim fees are \$85.00. This fee ensures our Pilgrims will be served

Would you like to help during the walk?

Let us know if you could be a volunteer LOG. Extra hands are always appreciated especially Sunday morning!

Team Roster

Name	Position	Talk
Barty, Cindy	Asst. Music Dir.	
Begley, Diana	Asst. Lay Dir.	Priority
Blucker, Laurie	Table Leader	Christian Action
Brooks, Amy	Table Leader	Discipleship
Brown, Chantel	Asst. Table Leader	N/A
Carter, Cheryl	Music Director	N/A
Cultice, Cindy	Logistics	N/A
Gilchrist, Trudi	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Hayes, Debbie	Asst. Lay Dir. 2	4th Day
Hedge, Sandy	Logistics	
Jarusiewicz, Jean	Prayer Servant	
Jorgenson, Carie	Table Leader	Priesthood
Keller, Lisa	Asst. Table Leader	
Kierce, Sherry	Prayer Servant	
Kooser, Cathy	Lay Director	Perseverance
Martin, Jackie	Asst. Lay Director	Grow Thru Study
Morris, Pamela	Asst. Table Leader	Cl. 4th Day
Nagel, Barb	Logistics	
Ochs, Mitzi	Asst. Table Leader	
Ormsby, Rachel	Table Leader	Life of Piety
Ricketts, Barb	Logistics 2	
Rose, Barbie	Board Rep.	
Schum, Mary Ann	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Stuckey, Melissa	Asst. Table Leader	
Vogel, Kristina	Asst. Table Leader	
Clergy		
Farmer, Chris	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	Prevenient Grace.
Ladd, David	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	Sanctifying Grace
Miller, Chris	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	Justifying Grace
	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	
Pappenfus, Sandy	(Live in)	Obstacles to Grace
Smith, Tori	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace

Team and Pilgrim Rosters are subject to change after publication. For updated rosters, please visit the July Newsletter on the Dayton Emmaus website: <http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm>

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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.