



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM®

Vol. 26 No. 8

Greater Dayton Community

450 W. Alex-Bell Rd., Centerville, OH 45459 www.daytonemmaus.org

August
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

INSIDE THIS ISSUE :

Giving our Hearts to Christ	2
From the Spiritual Director	3
Giving our Hands to Christ	4
Men's Walk #60 - Pilgrim and Team List	5
Mentoring Ministry	6

Chairperson's Corner

And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. 2 John 1:6

I was recently reminded of a story from my youth. I was about four years old and my family and I were vacationing close to the beach. The water fascinated me, and I was drawn further and further out to investigate the waves. They tell me my father kept yelling for me to come back in closer to the shore, but I kept walking. As he watched me venture farther away from him, he took off his watch and took his wallet out of his pocket, handed them to my mother and then he broke out in a flat run. The waves that he had been watching had come crashing around me, taking me under.

Now what I remember from that day is the swirling of the ocean. It seemed as though I was spinning in circles. From out of nowhere, two strong arms reached through the water and picked me up to safety. My daddy had rescued me and most likely saved my life.

If I had been obedient and returned to safety when he called, all that could have been avoided. But I kept venturing out, where it was not safe.

Can the same be true of our walk with Christ? He wants us to be obedient to Him and His will. How many times do we either disobey Him, or perhaps fail to ask for direction, which in itself is also disobedience? What hurts could we avoid by simply walking in obedience to our Father?

Some of my darkest times have been a result of my disobedience. I spent a long time wandering in my own wilderness, too scared to reach out and depend on Him. Somehow I thought I was on my own, and no one could possibly care for me or have my best interests at heart.

Slowly I learned to talk to God. Even more slowly, I learned to listen. My heart's desire now is to walk in His will and trust He knows what's good for me, much better than I do.

Maybe Jeremiah 29:11 says it best: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." In order to fulfill His plans for us, we need to listen to His instruction and be obedient to His will.

When I think about this Emmaus community, my prayer is that we seek the will of God and walk in obedience to Him. Our walks are about Him, about bringing others to know Him and His indescribable love and grace. It's so important to keep the focus on Him. Are we listening to Him about who we should sponsor? Are we responding faithfully to His call to be His hands and feet? Are we supporting the Emmaus walks with our service, our prayers and our gifts?

God's way is not always our way; but in the long run being obedient to Him is the best plan of action. Include Him in your decisions and your service.

Trudi Gilchrist
Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairperson

+ Giving our Hearts to Christ +



Next Gathering

August 10th Normandy Church:

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

Saturday, November 7, 2015

2:00 - 5:00 pm Normandy Church

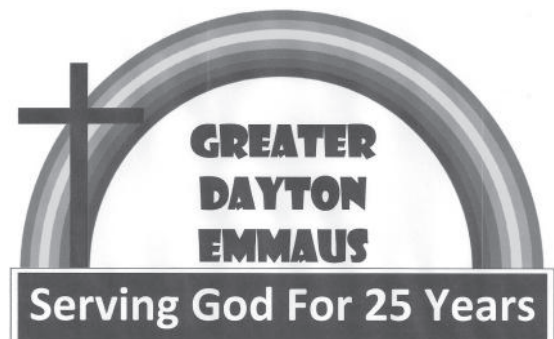
Please join us to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Greater Dayton Emmaus community.

Quick Facts - In the 25 years there have been:

- 153 walks
- 716 churches represented
- 1,859 men attended
- 3,182 women attended
- 5,041 total pilgrims

Join the Fun and See Special Appearances from:

- Moses
- The Little People
- Sisters of the Poor and Downtrodden
- And,....Delores



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



Shared Journey

I found myself early on a cold Saturday morning at a local airport, meeting some other pastors who are pilots, and who would be giving free flights to the youth of our church who were raising money to purchase an airplane for a mission organization in Africa.

When you get pilots together, the stories of their flying adventures just don't stop:

- "I remember flying over to ..."
- "Yeah, that's a great airport, and they have outstanding pies at the restaurant."
- "I picked up some ice on the way in today..."
- "Boy, the price of fuel is getting expensive." (Everyone moans in agreement at this!)

Pilots love to come together to tell their stories because they have a shared journey. Each one dreamed of flying. They didn't allow their dream to simply sit on a shelf in their minds, but did what was necessary to achieve that dream. They read, studied and attended Flight School. They went through the arduous task of learning the skills of flying (without killing themselves and their instructors). They stumbled out of an airplane wet with sweat and exhausted after an hour of nothing but take-offs and landings. They squealed like little girls the first time they took off in an airplane solo. They worked hard until they reached their goal of earning a pilot's license, and began to really enjoy the wonderful experience of flight.

It seems to me that the Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities are like that. The Communities have a shared journey through the various stages of a weekend or flight, like:

- "Take off your watch."
- "Don't anticipate!"
- "What will you do with this experience?"

The Communities celebrate Candlelight and Closing, as if they are watching the birth of a new life.

Whether the journey has been recent and long in the past, when we share the journey with each other, and most importantly with Christ, "we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." (Romans 8:28, MSG).

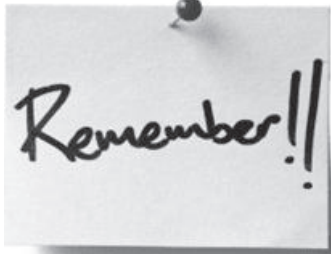
Let us continue in this shared journey. Come to Gatherings, or go to a Hoot. Be challenged and inspired to greater heights for Christ, and when everything is said and done, we will "Fly with Christ."

De Colores,

Gary Wheeler, Spiritual Director



Giving Our Hands to Christ



Next Gathering - August 10th, Normandy Church

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

Next Men's Walk - August 13-16, Sulphur Grove

- Candlelight - Saturday, August 15 at 8:30pm
- Closing - Sunday, August 16 at 4:30pm

Need a Share Group? Here's What's Available...

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
- **Women:** Mon or Tues, meet 1x/month (flexible): pawzen4pets@aol.com; jjccmeme@aol.com; mitziochs@gmail.com



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

Men's Walk # 60 Sulphur Grove

August 13-16, 2015

" ... for with God, nothing will be impossible." Luke 1:37

Please keep these Pilgrims and Team in your Daily Prayers.

Pilgrim Roster		Team Roster		
Pilgrim	City	Name	Position	Talk
Adam Durham	Bellbrook	Bill Srode	Asst. Table Leader	
Andrew Requarth	Dayton	Bryan Cook	Asst. Table Leader	
Bill Mallernee	Xenia	Dennis Freeland	Table Leader	Christian Action
Brad Lewis	Huber Heights	Gary Trice	Asst. Lay Dir. 2	Fourth Day
Chris Partin	Dayton	George Brewer	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Curtis Ripley	Kettering	Gregg Hayes	LOG	
Dale Ledbetter	Dayton	Jason Hoang	Music Director	
David Heuser	Centerville	Jeff Null	Asst. Music Dir.	
Dustin A Deckard	Bidwell	Jeremy Wofford	Asst. Table Leader	
Dustin Woehler	Medway	Joe Stookey	Asst. Spirit. Dir. L	Sanctifying Grace
Guy Hughes	Dayton	John Wissinger	Lay Director	Perseverance
Hobert Delph	Dayton	Keith Reed	Asst. Lay Dir.	Grow Through Study
Jacob Blankenship	South Lebanon	Larry Snell	LOG	
Jeff Pence	Urbana	Mark Trimble	Asst. Table Leader	
Jeremiah Parks	Dayton	Mike Cornelius	Board Rep	
Jonathan Haag	Clayton	Neal Stout	Prayer Servant	
Kevin McKinney	Miamisburg	Paul Maranka	Table Leader	Life of Piety
Lou Knapp	Huber Heights	Charles Benner	Asst. Table Leader	
Michael Tibbetts	Centerville	Scott Anspach	LOG 2	Body of Christ
Ralph Warner	West Milton	Scott Ormsby	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Randy Drewery	Dayton	Stephen Cultice	Table Leader	Discipleship
Rich Coolman	Fairborn	Stephen Puderbaugh	Table Leader	Priesthood
Robert Whigham	Kettering	Steve Holmes	Prayer Servant	
Steven Jackson	Fairborn	Tony Ammon	Asst. Lay Dir.	Priority
V Kumar Alavattam	Riverside	Aaron Chivington	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	Prevenient Grace
		Wendy Lybarger	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	Justifying Grace
		Tony Mittenberger	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	Obstacles to Grace

Note: Pilgrim fees are \$85.00.

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

Normandy United Methodist Church
GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS
450 West Alex-Bell Rd.
Dayton OH 45459
www.daytonemmaus.org

***New:* Mentoring Ministry**

We have an exciting opportunity for you! The Greater Dayton Emmaus community has formed a Mentoring Ministry.

Why a Mentoring Ministry? “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

This ministry is committed to the mentoring of Christian leaders in the Emmaus Community; empowering them through God’s Word, teaching, guiding and supporting while promoting spiritual and personal growth and confidence. To help achieve this, the committee is currently developing a training program.

The training will be focused on equipping those preparing to be a Lay Director in the near future; to give them the confidence and tools needed to be God’s instrument for His Walk. However, anyone will be welcome to attend. More information coming soon!

