



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM®

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## Greater Dayton Community

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2015

### 2015 WALK SCHEDULE

#### At Normandy UMC

MW #59 January 15-18  
WW #95 February 19-22  
WW #97 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

What did your Walk to Emmaus mean to you? What are you going to do with it? How long has it been since you meditated on these two questions asked of every person who has attended a Walk to Emmaus? Was your walk a mountaintop experience where you met Jesus and felt the agape love of God? Was it something you had to process before you could appreciate the weekend?

God meets the pilgrims right where they are in their faith journey – exactly as He did for the two on the road to Emmaus so long ago. It doesn't matter where the pilgrims are in their faith journey; God meets them and speaks what the pilgrims need to hear.

It also doesn't matter where the Walk is. I did not take my pilgrim walk in the Greater Dayton community. I was living in North Carolina at the time and walked in a community there. My walk was in a different environment, but was the same walk. I heard the same talks, did the poster parties, watched silly skits and participated in Dying Moments and Candlelight.

We have two venues for our walks and are blessed to have two willing host churches, Normandy and Sulphur Grove. Our pilgrims experience the same walks, the same God shows up right on time, and the results can be heard in the closing testimonies of those who participated. Same experience, different environment.

In July and August, we had a little over forty pilgrims attend the walks hosted by Sulphur Grove. Lives were changed. People were able to experience the love of God in ways they never had before. Some learned for the first time that God loved them unconditionally. It's amazing to see God move in the lives of these men and women.

It saddens me when I see the walks not fully supported by willing volunteers. The behind the scenes volunteers this summer worked very hard at both walks, and in almost every area they were short-handed. God provided and the needs of the pilgrims and team were met, but not without some frantic maneuvering behind the scenes.

What did your walk mean to you? What are you going to do about it? We don't have Normandy experiences, or Sulphur Grove experiences, or North Carolina experiences – we have **Jesus** experiences. **God loves each of us with abandon, and He shows up wherever the walks are held.** Have you found yourself thinking that either church is too far to drive? Do you support the walks closest to you and not any other? My friends, it is my prayer that both venues will be supported by the whole of our community.

When sponsoring a pilgrim, put in the application and encourage your pilgrim to pray and say "yes" to the walk when God says it's time – regardless of the venue. The only real consideration to venue should be if there is a mobility issue with the pilgrim, as Sulphur Grove is equipped to handle these issues quite effectively.

We are blessed with two wonderful host churches. Let's make the most of both of these fine facilities.

Trudi Gilchrist  
Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairperson

# + Giving our Hearts to Christ +

## Next Gathering - September 14th, Normandy Church

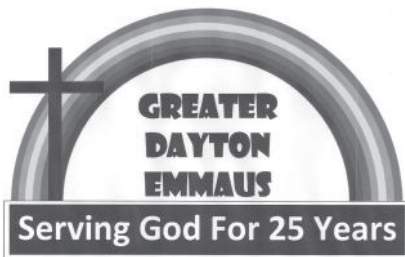
- Share Group Orientation - 6:15, Chapel
- Sponsorship Training - 6:30, Loggia
- Gathering - 7:15



## Next Women's Walk - September 17-20, Normandy Church

- Candlelight - Saturday, September 19 at 8:30pm
- Closing - Sunday, September 20 at 4:30pm

## Last Chance: Buy Your 25th Anniversary Greater Dayton Emmaus Shirt



Monday, September 14th at Gathering, 7:15 Normandy  
Shirt options in white or grey only:

- Hoody sweatshirt, \$25
- Polo style, \$20
- Sweatshirt, \$16
- Long sleeve tee, \$16

All shirts are men's sizes except for women's polo shirts which can be bought in women's sizes.

## ***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!



# From the Spiritual Director



## Mountaintop Experience

*“Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.” Mark 3:13-14*

The Walk to Emmaus has often been referred to as “a mountaintop experience,” by many who attend a walk weekend. I can personally attest that it was indeed a mountaintop experience for me on my original walk as well as subsequent walks as a team member.

But what makes it a mountaintop experience? Was it the fact that we were sequestered from the busyness of the world, with no cell phones, no clocks, no watches or endless email to answer? Was it the many talks and table discussions? Was it the comic relief offered by the numerous skits and poster party presentations? Was it lifting our voices in praise and worship? Was it the special times the community showed up to let their light shine so we could see Him? Was it the guided meditations during morning chapel and evening examination of conscience? Was it the food and the fact that people waited on us hand a food, with a smile? Was it the “luxurious” accommodations replete with stereophonic snoring? It wasn’t any of this and at the same time it was all of this for me. Because, all of it was designed to help me, “be with Him.”

The real heart of the weekend is that Jesus meets us there. *“Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted...”* Isn’t that great news? Jesus calls us to come away with Him to spend some quiet and quality time. Perhaps you were reluctant when your sponsor first approached you. But aren’t you glad that you finally said yes? *“Jesus called to him those he wanted, and they came to him.”*

Now it’s your turn to work behind the scenes making sure everything is right so someone else can have their own mountaintop experience.

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Palmer Jason, SD



# Giving Our Hands to Christ



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

### Women:

#### *Near Fairborn:*

- [janeynapier@aol.com](mailto:janeynapier@aol.com) (prefers bi-weekly on weekends)

#### *Non-specific city or times:*

- [pawzen4pets@aol.com](mailto:pawzen4pets@aol.com)
- [jjccmeme@aol.com](mailto:jjccmeme@aol.com)
- [mitziochs@gmail.com](mailto:mitziochs@gmail.com)
- [mylover19dC@gmail.com](mailto:mylover19dC@gmail.com)
- [auroraborialyce@gmail.com](mailto:auroraborialyce@gmail.com)
- [plsteinberger45@hotmail.com](mailto:plsteinberger45@hotmail.com)
- [dresselnancy33@gmail.com](mailto:dresselnancy33@gmail.com)



### Men:

#### *Non-specific city or times:*

- [BBaker@donet.com](mailto:BBaker@donet.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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.kairosOhio.org/Events_Calendar.html)



# Pray for One Another

## Women's Walk # 97 Normandy September 17-20, 2015

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, she is a new creation.  
The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Please keep these Pilgrims and Team in your Daily Prayers.**

Pilgrim Roster	
Pilgrim	City
Adele Wright	St. Augustine, Florida
Betty Herre	Beavercreek
Beverly Fritsch	Springboro
Bloom Beloved	Washington Township
Christine Hughes	Oakwood
Christine Nelson	Fairborn
Cindy Garland	Springboro
Daidre Roll	Washington Township
Dona Speakman	Engelwood
Felicia Hamilton	Centerville
Hope Shaffer	Huber Heights
Jennifer Bell	Huber Heights
Josie Wood	Waynesville
Julie Berry	Dayton
Karen Osbourne	Gratis
Karen Parker	Dayton
Kelley Bodike	Kettering
Kim Hughes	Dayton
Laurie McDonald	New Carlisle
Rebecca Buck	Fairborn
Sarah Durham	Medway
Sherlanda Glover	Dayton
Sherry Wagoner	Springboro
Taylor Koury	Centerville
Tonga Baniel	Centerville
Vanessa Schultz	Trenton
Vicky Marchand	Tipp City

Team Roster		
Name	Position	Talk
Emily Adams	Assistant Music Director	
Brenda Baker	Assistant Lay Director 2	Fourth Day
Barbara Burrowes	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Melodie Byrd	Logistics	
Robyn Cooper	Assistant Lay Director	Priority
Donna Courtney	Table Leader	Discipleship
Julia Crowl	Music Director	
Pam DeHart	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Amanda DerSarkisian	Assistant Table Leader	
Michelle Flannery	Logistics	
Grace Gilreath	Assistant Table Leader	
Brian Hayes	Assistant Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Char Hinkley	Prayer Servant	
Barbara Jackson	Assistant Table Leader	
Palmer Jason	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Mamie Johnson	Assistant Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Kathy Kitchel	Assistant Lay Director	Grow Through Study
Wendy Kline	Logistics 2	
Angela LaPat	Assistant Table Leader	
Susan Lehneis	Prayer Servant	
Alix Litton	Board Representative	
Sherry Loschi	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Shelly Miller	Table Leader	Life in Piety
Heidi Miller	Assistant Table Leader	
Mary Morrow	Table Leader	Christian Action
AJ Puderbaugh	Lay Director	Perseverance
Jessica Voline	Assistant Table Leader	
Pamela Wantz	Asst. Spiritual Dir. Live-in	Sanctifying Grace
Myra Wheeler	Logistics	
John Whitaker	Assistant Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace

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

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## 25th Anniversary - Greater Dayton Emmaus

**Saturday, November 7, 2015**

2:00 - 5:00 pm Normandy Church

**Come celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Greater Dayton Emmaus community.**

Join the Fun and See Special Appearances from:

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



In 25 Years We've Had:

- 5,000+ Pilgrims
- 150+ Walks
- 700+ Churches