



Walk to
Emmaus
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Greater Dayton Community

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October
2015

2016 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC

MW #61 January 21-24
WW #98 February 18-21
WW #100 September 15-18

At Sulphur Grove UMC

WW #99 July 21-24
MW #62 August 18-21

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

This is the time of year when I think Emmaus slows its pace somewhat. We have completed all five of our walks! Pilgrims have been renewed and refreshed. We have all seen how God moves through the lives of the pilgrims, the team and the community! We have a breather before the next walk in January, so let's rest and recoup.

We still have two major events happening this year! It is the time of year to elect our Board officers for the next three years. Our openings are Treasurer, Computer Chair, Women's Worship Chair, Supply, Women's Registrar and Newsletter. It's not too late to get your name in if you are interested in running for any of these positions. Just contact Keith Crabtree, email pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org. The requirement for Board service is that you have served on at least one live-in team.

2015 marks the 25th year of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community! We have a big celebration planned - please join us Saturday, November 7 from 2 - 5 pm. We invite all to come and share what God and Emmaus have done in their lives. This is a chance to reconnect with old friends and celebrate this ministry called Emmaus. There will be snacks and entertainment you won't want to miss.

We will have a worship service following our time of fellowship. The service will start with a brief business meeting as this is when we will elect our Board officers.

Please mark your calendars and join us. Let's celebrate the journey and look forward to where God will be taking us next.

Here are a few other things to consider -

Have you filled out your willing servant form? They are good for two years. Go to our website and update yours today!

We have purchased a new sound system for use in the sanctuary. This purchase was necessary because Normandy recently upgraded their sound system and will not allow outside groups to operate it. We need about \$1,000 more in order to completely cover the cost of our new system. Please prayerfully consider donating to this purchase.

*For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.
Psalm 100:5*

De Colores,

Trudi Gilchrist
Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairperson

+ Giving our Hearts to Christ +

Next Gathering - October 12th, Normandy Church

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



Next Men's Walk - January 17-20, 2016, Normandy Church

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

Here's Your Chance: Become an Emmaus Board Member

Being a Board Member allows you to put your skills/gifts to use to serve God and the community. We are always seeking new people to bring new ideas to Emmaus.

Current Openings:

- Computer - got an idea and skills to make our website awesome?
- Newsletter - like to write short messages and design small ads?
- Supply - do you like to buy stuff, with someone else's money?
- Treasurer - like to manage money, and see where it's going?
- Women's Registrar - do like people and getting new Pilgrims on board?
- Women's Worship - love music? Does organizing Gatherings sound fun?

Mentoring Ministry

In case you haven't heard, the 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. To help achieve this, the committee has developed a training program and our first training will be conducted on October 10th. This first training is not open to everyone as it's our trial run, however the training held in the spring will be! The training is 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. If you are considering serving as a Lay Director then this training is for YOU and you'll want to participate! We will keep you updated with training dates and locations and look forward to seeing you at a training soon! Need More Information? Contact Jean Jarusiewicz De Colores!



From the Spiritual Director



“Pharaoh, Pharaoh, oh, oh, Gotta Let My People Go!”

“Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Exodus 14:13-14

Did you have the opportunity to experience the skit by Moses and the Pharaoh-ettes on your walk weekend? The chorus to the song goes...

“Pharaoh, Pharaoh, oh, oh, gotta let my people go, huh,
yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.”

If you missed it, rumor has it that they may be in town for our 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday Nov 7th, 2-5pm. That song while humorous, still holds a truth that resonates on each Walk Weekend. People get set free from so much that binds them in their past. Some are bond by un-forgiveness, emotional pain, fear, regret, trauma, the death of a loved one, divorce, and the list goes on. But little by little, talk by talk, meditation by meditation, day by day, skit by skit, the walls start coming down.

In the book of Exodus, Moses returns to Egypt with the assignment from God to go and tell Pharaoh, “to let my people go.” Little did he know the journey it would take them on. Pharaoh hardens his heart, but after experiencing the ten plagues he finally agrees to let the people go. He later changes his mind and he and his army come chasing after God’s people. Moses and the people are caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place with Pharaoh’s army behind them and the Red Sea before them. Moses reassures the people with these words from scripture, ***“Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”*** I’m sure that what happened next surprised even Moses. God parted the Red Sea and allowed them to cross on dry land. And then true to his word, he delivered his people from what kept them in bondage and it was all drowned in the Red Sea.

We have a similar experience on the Walk to Emmaus. We trust our sponsors and show up on Thursday evening for send-off oblivious to the journey we are about to experience. We sit at tables creating community with one another and soaking up all that we can in this short course on Christianity. Many of us come on Thursday night with a lot more luggage than we go home with on Sunday, thanks be to God. If we give ourselves fully to the experience, ***“The Lord will fight for you.”***

“God wants his children to be set free, and that means children like you and me,

So give him your problems and take his hand, and let him lead you to the Promiseland.”

Singing, “Pharaoh, Pharaoh, oh, oh, gotta let my people go, huh,

yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.”

DeColores,

Palmer Jason, SD



Giving Our Hands to Christ



BEST SHEEP EVER

A Message from your Good Shepard, Pam Rafdal

As your Good shepherd I was thrilled to take a count by "Baa's" of all the sheep attending September Gathering already part of a share group. There were a few that "Baa'd" when I asked who needed a group. So we need to flock together and find a share group for our lost sheep .

We have many new sheep from recent walks that live north, like Huber Heights, Fairborn, Urbana, West Milton, etc. I have a sheep that is willing to help organize you into groups. Nicole Lowe from WW#96 offers her email at mommylowe42@yahoo.com to all needing a group. Focus location is the Miller Lane exit off I-75. Days and times will be coordinated.



All other needs should come to the book table at Gatherings as see me, Pam Rafdal, the lady in the rainbow apron or at goodshepherd@daytonemmaus.org.

Seeking Pilgrims: Pam Rafdal is available to speak at your Church for a quick 5 minute announcement describing the Walk to Emmaus and the impact it's had on people's lives.

PS - Have you informed all previous sheep (pilgrims) at your church about the Nov. 7th 25th anniversary event? I can write a blurb for your bulletin too.

Thanks for all your flocking together. When we are together we share our knowing God's voice and we can support each other as He pointed out in John 10:27, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Share Group Availability, please contact one of the following to get into a Share Group near you:

Women:

Non-specific city or times:

- pawzen4pets@aol.com
- jjccmeme@aol.com
- mitziochs@gmail.com
- mylover19dC@gmail.com
- auroraborialyce@gmail.com
- plsteinberger45@hotmail.com
- dresselnancy33@gmail.com

Men:

Non-specific city or times:

- BBaker@donet.com

Women:

Near Fairborn:

- janeynapier@aol.com (prefers bi-weekly on weekends)

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

Attn: Watch Out for Pilgrim Candidates

As Thanksgiving approaches, keep an eye out for pilgrims.

Is there a family member, someone from your church or a friend who especially needs to strengthen their relationship with God or change the direction of their walk with Christ?

If yes, now is the time to talk to them about the Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus. Share your experiences and describe the difference your Emmaus Walk made in your life. Then invite them to participate, and sponsor them for a walk.

The Next Walks:

- Men's Walk is January 21-24, 2016
- Women's Walk February 18-21, 2016.

Sponsorship Training: available before every Gathering

Application Forms: on website, <http://daytonemmaus.org/deForms.shtml> [Registration].

Don't wait until after the holidays to "talk turkey" with perspective pilgrims; submit applications NOW to insure a place on the next Walk.

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

Women's Registrar: Pam DeHart, womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Lets talk ...



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.

Normandy United Methodist Church
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25th Anniversary - Greater Dayton Emmaus

Saturday, November 7, 2015

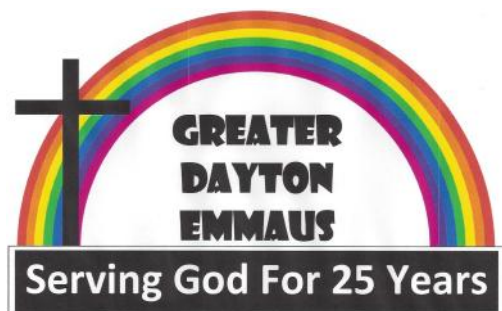
2:00 - 5:00 pm Normandy Church

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

Need more info? jimjanie@roadrunner.com



In 25 Years We've Had:

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