



Walk to
Emmaus
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Greater Dayton Community

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**November
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

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

An attitude of gratitude

November...a time to pause and give thanks for our many blessings. Our Lord blesses us abundantly. What if we lived in an attitude of gratitude all year long, and not simply in November? Do we stop in the midst of a storm or trial and give thanks for what we have?

It's easy to give God the praise when things are going well. It's much harder to do so when we are burdened by the trials and temptations of daily life.

Can we make a conscious effort to praise God in all things? When a job is lost or money is tight, can we stop and take time to be thankful for what we have?

It is my firm belief that there is nothing that happens to us that God can't use to His glory. Coming through our trials and being able to share our journey with others can shine a light to those in the midst of a crisis. Our most personal testimonies give others insight into our walk with God and how He has brought us through.

So take time this November to stop and reflect on your blessings. Give praise to God for them and remember He loves you enough to care for every breath you take.

Strive to live in thankfulness every day. Increase your joy and thank God for all that he has given you. In good times and in bad, our Father is with us always. Start each day with thanks, and end each evening with the same. By looking for our blessings, we can appreciate more fully all that God has done and continues to do in you and through you.

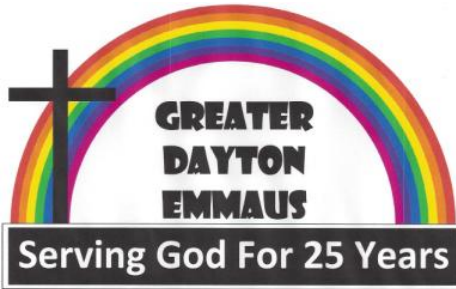
"Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses." — Alphonse Karr, A Tour Round My Garden

Gratitude turns what we have into enough. ~Author Unknown

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Trudi Gilchrist
Chairperson, Greater Dayton Emmaus

+ Giving our Hearts to Christ +



25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, November 7th, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Normandy Church

- Festivities: Entertainment and Treats
- Board Member Elections

Next Gathering - December 14th, Normandy Church

- Gathering - 7:15

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

- Candlelight - Saturday, January 19th at 8:30pm
- Closing - Sunday, January 29th at 4:30pm

Considering Becoming a Lay Director?

Yes? Then please consider the Mentoring Ministry:



The Emmaus community has formed a Mentoring Ministry!

This ministry is committed to the mentoring of Christian leaders in the Emmaus Community. The committee has developed a training program and will be held in the Spring. 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.

Need More Information? Contact Jean Jarusiewicz



From the Spiritual Director



25 Years! Do We Have Anything to Show for It?

Over the last couple of years there has been more than a little hand-wringing and navel gazing about what's going on in the Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus community. It seems it's getting harder and harder to fill pilgrim slots on walks, recruit Walk team members, and have community members sign up to volunteer (and show up!) to set up, carry bags, cook/serve, and tear down during walk weekends. Low participation is also occurring for the two "big moves" between Normandy and Sulphur Grove. Not only that, but attendance at monthly Gatherings seems to be steadily slipping.

Where have all those dedicated Emmaus people gone? Fewer people are now being forced to do more and more. Why don't all those folks who used to be here come and show up and serve anymore? What's going on? After twenty-five years, do we have anything to show for all the holy hard work and sacrifice of so many who responded to "Christ is counting on you" by serving Christ in and through the community?

Some might say based on the numbers, "Not much!" but I'd like us to consider another way of evaluating "success." I share with you these good words from Henri Nouwen's, *Bread for the Journey*.

We belong to a generation that wants to see the results of our work. We want to be productive and see with our own eyes what we have made. But this is not the way of God's Kingdom. Often our witness of God does not lead to tangible results. Jesus himself died as a failure on a cross. There was no success to be proud of. Still, the fruitfulness of Jesus' life is beyond any human measure. As faithful witnesses of Jesus we have to trust that our lives will be fruitful, even though we cannot see their fruit. The fruit of our lives may be visible only to those who live after us. What is important is how well we love. God will make our love fruitful, whether we see that fruitfulness or not.

The Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus community is twenty five years old! On November 7, let's stop, celebrate, and give thanks to God for all the Spirit-directed, Spirit-filled service we have been enabled to do in the past, are doing now, and know God will do in/thru us in the years to come. And when the celebration is all over, let's get back to work, serving Him with all our hearts, minds, strength, and love while encourage others to join us in this holy work. Remember, success is not about numbers, it's about how well we love. Love well!

De Colores,

Pastor George Brewer



Giving Our Hands to Christ



Emmaus

Board Elections: Saturday, November 7th, Normandy

During the 25th Anniversary Celebration, we will vote on new Board Members. The Board Positions and Candidates are listed below:

Emmaus Board Chair Positions Ballot

Computer	Gregg Hayes Jeff Adams
Newsletter	Sonya Lemmerbrock
Supply	Mary Ann Schum
Treasurer	
Women's Registrar	Shelly Crabtree Shelly Miller
Women's Worship	Cindy Cultice Kendra Wilson



In the event you can't make 25th Anniversary Celebration, please email your vote for the Emmaus Board candidates to the Past Emmaus by November 7th at 2:00 pm.

Email: pastchairman@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

Pilgrim Candidates Seeking Sponsors

With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, you'll have plenty of opportunities to see people needing more Jesus in their lives. These Pilgrim Candidates are seeking you, but are your eyes open?

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].

Please start talking with perspective pilgrims and 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

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.

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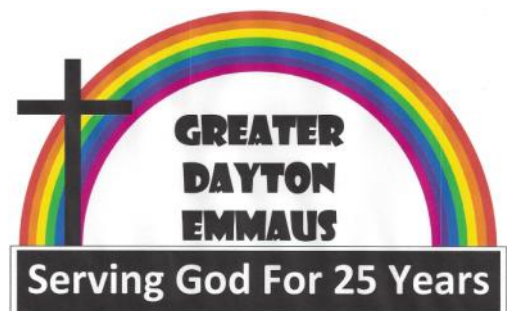
2:00 - 5:00 pm Normandy Church

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