



Walk to  
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**Greater Dayton Community**

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#### 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

CANDLELIGHT

8:30 PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING

4:30 PM Sunday of Walk

GATHERING - Normandy UMC

2nd Monday every month 7:15

BOARD MEETING

4th Tuesday every month 7:00

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#### Chairperson's Corner

### "Be Still, and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

I am honored to serve as the 2016 Chairperson and work alongside other board members in serving our Emmaus community.

On behalf of the Greater Dayton Emmaus (GDE) Board, I would like to extend blessings to each and every one of you for the New Year ahead. As your new Community Lay Director, I would like to say it is a humbling experience. This is not a job, but a love for God and His vessel, the Walk to Emmaus.

For the past several years, our average walk attendance has been 23 pilgrims per walk, which results in anxious moments experienced by our Registrars. Far too often, few applications are received until the last minute. We are also experiencing a growing number of pilgrims who are scheduled for Walks who perhaps should not attend at that time. They may have recently experienced heartache or tragedy through the loss of a spouse, family member, a job, or recent or pending divorce, or are generally poorly prepared for what to expect of the Walk.

Just as the Christian faith is always one generation away from extinction, our Emmaus community needs commitment and nurturing. We each know what a blessing we received on our individual walks and how Emmaus is used by God to help grow spiritual leadership in our local churches and communities. (Please see the article about Effective Sponsorship.)

Pray and meditate about what you can do to bolster your share group, your local community, and who you can sponsor now. I believe that the best days for Emmaus are ahead of us and that we will each be faithful to our calling as we experience God working in our midst. 2016 is going to be a great year!

DeColores,  
Jean Jarusiewicz,  
Community Lay Director



# Giving our Hearts to Christ



## Effective Pilgrim Recruiting and Sponsorship

We face a growing problem of a lack of effective sponsorship which in turn weakens our Emmaus community. Effective sponsorship is critical to our calling as we serve God in our Fourth Days. Our crosses are appropriately inscribed "God is counting on you." Perhaps we each need to pause and reflect as to what our responsibility is in sponsorship. Maybe we all just need to take a deep breath, be still for a moment, and think about the point of this Walk to Emmaus.

The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the Church as the body of Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. The strength of our Emmaus community is a direct result of our recruiting practices. Emmaus is not a place where the local church sends its members to straighten them out, nor is it an evangelistic tool to make new Christians. The sole purpose in recruiting pilgrims should be to strengthen our local churches as we first pray, reflect, and allow God to lead us in our choices. Effective sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus.

The person we sponsor is the seed we are sowing for the future of our local church and Emmaus leadership. We all know that our Emmaus experience was a vital part of God's plan for our life and that what we heard and experienced on our own individual Walk was not so much for us as it was for those who will follow our path and be touched by our lives. If we really do "get it," then we will remain ever-active on our fourth days, serving God in our Emmaus community, in our local churches, and bring others to this wonderful, spirit-filled experience through effective sponsorship. Truly, we all know that the fields are ripe for harvest, and God expects you and me to fulfill our calling. For all that we know, God has allowed us our days and our experiences for this very time, for this very moment, for this very opportunity.

The GDE Board feels the need to re-educate the community on this vital aspect to the health of our community which is... *responsible sponsorship*. In our haste to get persons to see what wonderful things are waiting for them on the weekend, we rush into something that "we take for granted and assume everyone knows how to sponsor." In this haste too, it weakens the foundation of our community. We would like to encourage you to attend a Sponsorship Training session, which is held before every gathering at 6:15 pm by our registrars, Shelly Crabtree and Bob Downs. In addition, there is an Emmaus Library Series of booklets, one titled "Sponsorship." It explains the reason behind and the steps to good sponsorship. You may purchase one from the Good Shepherd, Pam Rafdal, at the Gatherings.



# From the Spiritual Director



## New Year/New Life Celebration

I still can't believe it! As I type this on December 22, I have not set foot in a mall or department store to buy a present this Christmas season. Not once! Of course, our family made this a whole lot easier by deciding months ago that we would not exchange presents this year and would go on a family trip instead. But still, for me, this year was extraordinary.

Why? Because for twenty three years I ate, drank, breathed, and slept department stores and malls. After getting out of college I began my retailing career as an assistant menswear buyer at Gimbel's Philadelphia. Many years later after many promotions I found myself the general manager of the Burdines store in Naples, Florida. Sixty hour weeks and twelve hour days were not unusual. From the day after Thanksgiving till Christmas there were no days off. I literally lived and slept in malls and occasionally was able to say hi to my wife, Paula and the kids on my way out the door on the way back to the store after a quick shower and change of clothes. It sounds crazy, but I loved it!

And then, after I had returned to church after many years absence, God started working on me, and everything began to change. Remember the Sanctifying Grace talk from your walk? The apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17-18a, "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! All this is a gift from God." (NLT) One day walking through my store with my boss who was reminding me how critical perfect folds were for T-shirt presentations, I sensed God saying to me, "George, I have something more important for you to do!" Shortly thereafter many prayers, conversations with my pastor and family, I resigned and headed north to seminary and a life of ministry.

Yes, for me immersed in the life of Christ through my wonderful church family, things began to change---and they're still changing! What a gift from God!

How will God change us this next New Year as we participate in the life of Christ in our churches and the Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus Community? I don't know how but I know God will continue to bring us the continuing gift of new life. And, that's something to celebrate!

Happy New Year and DeColores,

Pastor George





# Giving Our Hands to Christ



## 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.

## Pilgrim Candidates Seeking Sponsors

Now is the time to talking to pilgrim candidates 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:

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

Sponsorship Training: available before Gathering at 6:30

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

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](mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)

Women's Registrar: Shelly Crabtree, [womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womensregistrar@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

## Men's Walk # 61 Normandy January 21-24, 2015

“For we walk by faith, not by Sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

Please keep these Pilgrims and Team in your Daily Prayers.

Pilgrim Roster	
Pilgrim	City
V Kumar Alavattam	Riverside
John Allen	Hamilton
Jonathan Baker	Centerville
Dale Barnesberger	Franklin
Matthew Bruce	West Chester
Shane Compton	New Carlisle
Ned Flora	Clayton
Kevin Fugate	Miamisburg
Tom Fullaway	Moraine
Larry Hunter	Centerville
James McCoy	Springboro
David Newmister	Hamilton
John Noble	Springboro
Kevin Reinert	Kettering
Kurt Reygaert	Dayton
William Rimpo	Waynesville
Gary Rockwell	Beavercreek
Michael Trappe	Riverside
Dal Turner	New Carlisle
Bob Zimmerman	Casstown

Team Roster		
Name	Role	Talk
Carl Atzbach	TL	Life in Piety
Michael Bradstreet	ATL	
Andrew Courtice	ALD	Priority
Stephen Cultice	TL	Christian Action
Grant Dunigan	ALD2	Fourth Day
Mark Flannery	ALD	Grow Through Study
Darlene Fugate	ASD	Justifying Grace
Brian Hayes	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Jason Hoang	BR	
Charles Hurd	ATL	
Brian Hyland	ATL	
Jim Kear	PS	
Ed Kruse	AMD	
Dennis Leach	LOG2	
Kirk Lehneis	TL	
Tim Loften	TL	
Wendy Lybarger	ASDL	Sanctifying Grace
Tim Macy	LD	Perseverance
Michael Malcosky	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Jim Marsh	LOG	
David Matthews	LOG	
David Orren	ATL	
David Pappenfus	PS	
Douglas Pelfrey	TL	Priesthood of all Believers
Stephen Puderbaugh	LOG	
Keith Simpson	TL	Changing Our World
Gary Wheeler	SD	Means of Grace
Robert Whigham	ATL	
Chris Wissinger	MD	

Team and Pilgrim Rosters are subject to change after publication. For updated rosters, please visit the January Newsletter on the Dayton Emmaus website:

[www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm](http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm)

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## REMINDERS

**Next Gathering:** January 11, 2016, Normandy UM Church

- 7:15pm Gathering
- 6:30pm Sponsorship Training in Chapel

**Next Men's Walk:** January 21-24, 2016, Normandy UM Church

**Next Woman's Walk:** February 18-21, 2016, Normandy UM Church



### Every Walk:

- Candlelight - Saturday at 8:30 pm
- Closing - Sunday at 4:30 pm