



Walk to
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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
MW #62 August 11-14

CANDLELIGHT

8:30 PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING

4:30 PM Sunday of Walk

GATHERING

2nd Monday Every Month
7:15 PM, Normandy UMC

BOARD MEETING

4th Tuesday Every Month
7:00 PM, Normandy UMC

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Chairperson's Corner

Servant's Heart

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:26-28

The heart is the very seat of our soul, our emotions, and our passions. It is the very essence of our being and that which drives our thoughts and our motives. No wonder God tells us to guard our hearts above all else. (Proverbs 4:23) The heart of a servant is the foundation of their life and what drives their passion for the Lord and their desire to serve Him. There is a difference between acts of service and having a Servant's Heart. Acts of service are often motivated by a sense of duty or affirmation from others. A true servant is motivated by love for Christ.

A Servant's Heart is an actual "life" attitude; a change of nature arising from devotion to Christ. Consecration to God should result in a lifestyle transformed by the renewing of the mind and purification of the heart. This transformation is then demonstrated in the giving of self through willing servanthood, meeting the needs of others.

Willing servanthood motivated by love and devotion for Christ is what Emmaus is all about. Coming alongside the pilgrims, revealing God's truth, showering them with His love and building them up can only be accomplished by those with a servant's heart. Fortunately there are ample opportunities to come alongside the pilgrims each walk weekend. When we serve in the various support roles during a weekend, we truly are channels from which God's love and grace flows to the pilgrims. In this way, we offer ourselves to God in the spirit of anonymous servanthood to be living agape for the pilgrims.

There are many areas in which to serve behind the scenes such as the kitchen, setting-up and tearing-down the facility, making gifts of agape, praying, attending Candlelight, etc. It takes approximately 450 individual acts of service each Walk Weekend. Every one of them is **very important**, and requires our community to be the HANDS & FEET of JESUS.

Do YOU have the heart of a servant? Is your service motivated by duty or by pure love and devotion to the Risen Christ? Take a few minutes to ponder and ask God to show you where your heart stands.

De Colores,
Jean Jarusiewicz, Chairman



Giving our Hearts to Christ

Interested in Serving as a Lay Director?

Are you interested in serving as a Lay Director (LD) at some point in the future? If so, we need you. In case you haven't heard, a training program has been formed by the Greater Dayton Emmaus Mentoring Ministry. The training is focused on equipping those preparing to be a LD 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 LD, your attendance at this training is now mandatory.

The next training will be held:

- Saturday, April 16th
- Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church
- 9:00am - 4:00 pm.

A delicious lunch will be provided. If you are even considering serving as a LD you don't want to miss this event!! To sign up, please contact Jean Jarusiewicz at chairman@daytonemmaus.org or call 937-681-7468. De Colores!

The Mentoring Ministry Committee

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



Serve on an Emmaus Walk Weekend

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.



From the Spiritual Director



Waiting Eagerly

For a pastor, some days are very unstructured. There might be some folks in the hospital, or you might have some shut-in visits to make, or you plan to work on a Bible Study or Sunday's sermon. Other days can be very structured. Someone might be going in for surgery that you need to visit, or there might be a scheduled meeting with someone from the church, a lunch appointment, even Emmaus events.

This one particular day was a mixture of sorts. The morning found myself working on a few tasks and having an impromptu meeting with one of our staff. Then I had to leave to attend a gathering of pastor friends in Huber Heights at Buffalo Wild Wings (pretty tough stuff!). On my way back towards Germantown, I went to Kettering Medical Center to visit a parishioner.

I finally got home around 5 P.M. and immediately heard it: the barking. Max, our 12-year-old Pug, was clearly displeased. I found him trapped on our son's bed (he's just too old to jump down anymore). I lowered him to the floor, and he ran to the back door to go do his business outside. Once completed, he was still quite energetic running back to the house to get his supper, all the while barking at me and letting me know he was not very happy about his predicament and that I had been gone all day. And when our son came home, I found out that Max had been on that bed since 9:00 in the morning.

The rest of the evening he was as close to me as possible. You see, pugs tend to be very loyal to their masters, and many times to one in particular. Max is a Daddy Pug. He will leave a warm, comfortable place to follow me around the house (and I mean everywhere) until I eventually sit down so that he can be on my lap. Other times, he will sit in one particular spot, waiting eagerly for me to come home.

Waiting eagerly. We of course know the Scripture on waiting: *"...but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."* (Isaiah 40:31, NRSV)

Isaiah reminds us that when we wait on God, He takes us places that are beyond our human abilities. We fly, we run, we walk – all when it seems impossible to do so.

But the question for us is this: are we *eagerly* waiting for the Lord like Max eagerly waits for me? We know we should wait, but often we are "anxious" waiters, "watch-the clock" waiters, "give-up-waiting" waiters.

Instead, I believe that "eager" waiters eventually find the incredible experience of truly waiting on the Lord, beyond our imagination or capacity.

After a few hours of eagerly waiting, Max finally experiences what he has longed for: to be with me and rest on my lap. Oh that we could learn more of what Max the Pug already knows.

De Colores,
Gary Wheeler, Spiritual Director



Giving Our Hands to Christ



Pilgrim Sponsorship

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. Please invite them to participate, and sponsor them for a walk.

The Next Walks:

1. Women's Walk #99 (Sulphur Grove) July 21-24, 2016
2. Men's Walk #62 (Sulphur Grove) August 11-14, 2016
3. Women's Walk #100 (Normandy) September 15-18, 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

Women's Registrar: Shelly Crabtree, womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Serve on an Upcoming Walk



Kitchen - Housing - Music/Worship - Agape

Please support Teens (Chrysalis) and Prison ministry (Kairos)



<http://westohiochrysalis.no-ip.org/>



http://www.kairosohio.org/Events_Calendar.html



Pray for One Another

Emmaus Coming to a Church Near You...How About Your Church?

In an effort to spread the word about the Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus, we'd like to come to your church and provide information.

Please send me the name of the person who oversees communication, announcement or outreach and we'll contact with them. We can come in person for a brief message during announcements and/or set-up up a table for people to stop to learn more.

Please send names/contact info to Pam Rafdal at GoodSheperd@daytonemmaous.org

Welcome "Journey" to the Emmaus/Chrysalis Community

The Upper Room has been working on a new program that offers young adults (18-35) opportunities to explore their faith through authentic teaching and open discussion, to build relationships with a community of their peers, and to create spaces of Christian action in the world.

To learn more about "Journey to the Table":

1. Watch Journey to the Table's intro video and share it with students, colleagues, friends, and family. Link: <http://wp.me/p70DJq-AJ>
2. Connect with Journey to the Table staff by emailing Geoff Parker at gparker@upperroom.org or calling him at 615.340.7227 to learn more about how to get involved.
3. Be a Part of Journey to the Table #1, July 8-10, 2016 at The Upper Room headquarters in Nashville by encouraging others to apply to be on the team at Journey.UpperRoom.org.
4. Visit Upper Room website: journey.upperroom.org



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REMINDERS

Next Gathering: April 11, 2016, Normandy UMC

- 6:30pm Sponsorship Training in Room 200
- 7:15pm Gathering

Next Woman's Walk: Women's Walk #99 (Sulphur Grove) July 21-24, 2016

Next Men's Walk: Men's Walk #62 (Sulphur Grove) August 11-14, 2016

Every Walk:

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

