



Walk to
Emmaus
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Greater Dayton Community

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June
2016

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

Community

How important is community? **Very** – as real, biblical community it is one of the most significant sources of God's grace in our lives and is one of the vessels God uses to strengthen His church. It's no wonder "The Walk to Emmaus," shares the story of God's love and grace **in and through community**.

We were created to live and grow in community, and without community our faith becomes weak and stagnant. Community calls us out of our self-centeredness and self-absorption by giving us the responsibility to look outward. What an incredible blessing it is to be part of a community that exceeds beyond ourselves while sharing a passion for the Emmaus mission. This passion keeps our community steadfastly working, to not only advance the mission, but to build up our community in the process. To do both requires a continuing commitment to, presence at, and service for, each Greater Dayton Emmaus event. Without YOU there is no Emmaus community!!

Thus, every individual plays a role in building and maintaining our community. It begins with responsible sponsorship and active participation in share groups. A healthy community creates a powerful venue for spiritual growth. As Emmaus' aim is to build leaders for our churches, responsible sponsorship is critical to ensure the spiritual growth of our community. Prayerfully consider who to sponsor and listen for the Holy Spirit's prompting.

Share groups also work to promote spiritual growth and to strengthen our community at large. Within these groups we get to know our Christian brothers and sisters and experience love, support, encouragement and accountability. There's something very powerful about believers joining together, holding each other accountable and witnessing to one another. It's important to be real, because that's what true community is all about. Share groups give us the opportunity to experience true community requiring transparency, authenticity, and confession. This is where the best Christian fellowship takes place!

We have all experienced Christ's healing power in our lives and wish to share His healing force with others. It is our experience; our awareness of the healing Christ brings that is the basis of Christian community. Strengthened through Christian communities, sharing our various spiritual gifts, we then become conduits for His healing power in all of the communities to which we belong.

De Colores,

Jean Jarusiewicz, Chairman



Giving our Hearts to Christ

July and September Women's Walks

We are still taking applications for the July and September Women's Walks.

July Women's Walk (July 21-24):

- Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights
- Application deadline is Thursday, June 30th

September Women's Walk (September 15-18):

- Normandy United Methodist Church
- Application deadline is Thursday, August 25th

Please be praying for those you feel led to sponsor and attend a sponsorship training if you have not done so before. They are held at 6:30pm before every Gathering.

If you have sponsored someone and they were unable to attend their walk and you think they would be interested in going please let me know.

If you have any other questions you can contact me at:
gdewomensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org or call me 937-287-1511.

De Colores,
Shelly Crabtree, Women's Registrar

Serve on an Upcoming Walk

Kitchen - Housing - Music/Worship - Agape

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



The Right Perspective

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:3-4 (English Standard Version)

Holding a door open, tying a shoe, visiting the sick, preparing a meal, tutoring a child, holding a hand, they are all opportunities to help someone else. It doesn't take much and those on the receiving end really appreciate the time you took to consider them.

When you are so busy that these seemingly minor tasks take away from your daily activities you are essentially not following in Christ's footsteps. God asks those who follow Him to consider others more important than yourself. It really doesn't take much effort or time but it does take a willingness to place someone else's needs ahead of your own. This is His direction to those who identify with Him; *“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.”* When you conduct yourself in a manner that puts the needs of others above your own that is when you are demonstrating godly wisdom and making good use of the time God has given you. We are all given a certain number of days and only God knows how long that will be. So you really want to use this time wisely.

Life is more than food or raiment, amassing wealth or climbing corporate ladders. All of these will pass away but it is the caring and attending to the needs of others that can profoundly affect your life in a positive way. It is love, the love of God and the love you give to others that can transform your life. After all isn't that what Emmaus is all about? “Love, love, love, love, the gospel in one word is love”?

Be sure to keep things in the right perspective because after all it really doesn't take a lot of time to share the love of God.

De Colores,

Mamie Johnson, 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

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



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



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



Pray for One Another

Christ is Counting on You to be Active in a Share Group!

Share group requests:

- Women/no specified area or time requested. Please contact: vance_glenda@att.net and/or breefaith16@gmail.com

SHOP!!!!...in the name of love for that pilgrim you can sponsor:

1. Note the deadlines to have applications to Registrar. Their info and addresses are ON the application. Find the application at our website, www.daytonemmaus.org and click on link at the top of the page that says FORMS, from there click on the form under Registration will print.
2. For July walk the end of June
3. For August walk the fourth week of July
4. For September walk the end of July

We've had a good response to making announcements at our churches. Two churches so far have stepped forward, and two more are on the books. Please go to the book table at Gathering to give the Good Shepherd your information.

Questions: email Pam Rafdal at GoodShepherd@daytonemmaus.org

Baa Bye..

Your Good Shepherd,
Pam Rafdal



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 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@daytonemmaus.org

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REMINDERS

Next Gathering: **June 13, 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

