



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
 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

Spiritual Gifts

What are Spiritual Gifts? A spiritual gift is a manifestation of the Spirit...given for the benefit of all (1 Corinthians 12:7). As a supernatural endowment, its source is always the Holy Spirit, and its purpose is the building up of others to the glory of God.

Talk about your gifts within your share groups. Strive together to understand your gifts and how you can use them to serve God through the Church, Emmaus, or any ministry God calls you to. The number of spiritual gifts is not important, but rather the understanding of what they are and how they are to be used. All of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are needed in the body of Christ, working together in order to produce the full potential of the Church. Since the gifts of the Spirit are gifts of grace, their use must be controlled by the rule of love - the greatest of all the gifts of the Spirit (1Corinthians 13). You have been given a purpose.

What Are the Benefits of knowing and Using Your Spiritual Gifts? FIREPOWER-you will be guided toward those places where you will be of maximum effectiveness for God. FUN-you will experience the joy of doing what you were specially equipped by God to do. FREEDOM-you will be able to say a guiltless "No" to ministries and commitments for which you are not gifted. FULFILLMENT-you will find your unique and vital place in the Body of Christ.

On the other hand, Scripture commands all believers to perform certain ministries regardless of individual gifts. Christian roles like intercession, faith, service, helps, mercy and giving are the responsibility of all Christians, not just those who are specifically gifted in these areas. For example, some have the spiritual gift of service, but all believers have a role of service that correspond to the opportunities they have been given, such as serving in the Kitchen or Housing on a Walk. Be careful to avoid the spiritual cop-out mentality that says, "that's not my gift!" Many roles in Emmaus needs gifted people to better equip us to build up the Church. This coming election to the Board of Directors we have several positions coming open...Secretary, Men's Worship, Agape, Normandy UMC Representative, and Documentation, some need gifted people such as: Documentation...an organized, detailed person. Pray, ask God where you can be used to the maximum effectiveness for His purpose? Any questions on job descriptions or whether you have the gifts utilized in a certain position speak to our Past Chair, Trudi Gilchrist.

According to 1 Peter 4:10-11, your spiritual gifts are ultimately designed to bring glory to God. This is your highest calling. As you use your spiritual gifts in conjunction with the power and fruit (especially love) of the Holy Spirit and in the name and Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Father receives the glory. I pray each of you will seek to know and understand your spiritual gifts so you can maximize your effectiveness for the glory of God.

DeColores,
 Jean Jarusiewicz, Chairman



Giving our Hearts to Christ



KEY DATES/REMINDERS

- Next Gathering:** July 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

Board Positions Available Soon

Have you ever considered serving God and Emmaus by stepping into a position on the Emmaus Board?

There are several openings coming up for the next three years, here are a few:

1. **Agape Chair:** Runs the Agape Room during all walks. Collects, sorts agape, prepares Sunday letter packets.
2. **Normandy Rep/Book Table:** The representative of Emmaus to Normandy Church. This person is the go-to person for either side pertaining to any issues. In addition, this person orders and returns the books at every walk.
3. **Documentation Chair:** Keeps all of our paperwork current, including the weekend guidelines used by ALD's and LOG's, provides forms and information for Lay Directors and orders all forms for the work of Emmaus.
4. **Secretary:** Part of the Executive Committee of the Board. Takes minutes of all Board meetings. Collects and deposits all cash and checks, providing a deposit report to the Treasurer.
5. **Men's Worship:** Prepares monthly gathering, along with the Women's Worship Chair. Provides the sound system set up at walks.

We have more positions available and can provide you with detailed job descriptions. Please prayerfully consider joining the Board. We are a working board and rest assured, you'll be richly blessed. Elections are held at the November gathering and each term is for 3 years. Christ is counting on you!

Any interested people should contact Trudi Gilcrist at pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org



From the Spiritual Director



Rest Stop

“Come unto me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

Yeah, it’s summer time! When I was growing up, the summer months always signaled family vacation time. My parents were both educators so they have time off in the summer and that always meant—road-trip! We would jump into our brown panel station wagon and begin our two week adventure across these great United States of America. We played games while on the highways, like “I see something you don’t see”. We sang, observed occasional roadkill, got truckers to honk their air horns, played highway bingo—which involved spotting mountains, trains, and of course road signs.

One sign my siblings and I always looked closely for and paid attention to was the one that told us where the next “filling station” (I know I date myself) was and how far it was to the next **rest stop**. There is nothing quite like getting off the road for a while and stretching your legs, taking care of your bathroom business and grabbing a treat and/or a souvenir before resuming the journey. As I reflect on my original Walk to Emmaus it was definitely a welcomed rest stop on my faith journey.

God used those 72 hours in sequestered community to bring a needed rest stop into my life. *“Come unto me...”* The walk weekend allows us to spend time with Jesus. *“all you who are weary and burdened...”* The walk weekend created a sacred space for those of us who are weary to come and be served and loved on and poured into by the body of Christ. *“And I will give you rest.”* The walk weekend for so many allows us to rest, from our jobs, from our responsibilities, from our troubles and our self-imposed busyness. The walk weekend gives us an opportunity to practice the spiritual disciplines of prayer, meditation, scripture reading, spiritual direction and small group participation.

It’s summer time! Which means it’s road-trip time. Come on up to Sulfur Grove and find your place to serve. *“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”* See you in July and August.

De Colores,

Palmer Jason, Spiritual Director



Giving Our Hands to Christ



New Greater Dayton Emmaus Community By-Laws

We have updated the by-laws. By-laws are the rules that we need to follow as a Greater Dayton Emmaus Community Member and Board Member. Please visit our website to read. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Trudi Gilchrist at pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org

Website page: <http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deByLaws.shtm>

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. Men's Walk #62 (Sulphur Grove) August 11-14, 2016
2. 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

Women's Walk #99 Sulphur Grove July 21-24, 2016

God will let you laugh again; you'll raise the roof with shouts of joy.
Job 8:21

Please keep these Pilgrims and Team in your Daily Prayers.

Pilgrims	
Name	City
Kathleen Baker	Enon
Lesa Bame	Bellbrook
Cortni Boyd	Dayton
Ann Cannon	Daytn
Lynda Ehret	Beavercreek
Clela Farlee	Dayton
Renee Glenn	Springboro
Cathy Graham	Fairfield
Audrey Hannum	Bellbrook
Karen Heydinger	Dayton
Sherri Hobstetter	Dayton
Xenia Jean-Louis	Centerville
Cathy Jewell	Kettering
Amanda Jones	Dayton
Amy Licata	Miamisburg
Toby McLaughlin	Centerville
Joyce Miles	Yellow Springs
Rhonda Miller	Dayton
Michelle Pennington	Urbana
Becky Pitzer	Medway
Darlene Powell	Dayton
Glenda Rose	Miamisburg
Jenni Schimmels	Warsaw, IN
Dedra Seldon	Kettering
Patricia Shoop	Jamestown
Antoinette Sprinkel	Dayton
Danielle Swan	Union
Cynthia Thompson	Springfield
Erin Tonne	Lebanon
Kim Vesey	Beavercreek

Team		
Name	Role	Talk
Brenda Baker	ALD	Priority
Tonga Baniel	ATL	
Rebecca Buck	ATL	
Lucretia Chisholm	TL	Changing our World
Heather Christoff	LD	Perseverance
Shelly Crabtree	ALD2	4th Day
Michele Cremeans	ATL	
Julia Crowl	MD	
Cindy Cultice	LOG2	
Pam DeHart	PS	
Janie Davis	ATL	
Karen Hall	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Sandy Hedge	AMD	
Kara Hitchens	TL	Discipleship
Samantha Hoang	TL	Christian Action
Mamie Johnson	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Carie Jorgenson	LOG	
Palmer Jason	ASD (live in)	Sanctifying Grace
Kathy Kitchel	LOG	
Cathy Kooser	PS	
Nora Nichols	ATL	4th Day Example
Pam Rafdal	TL	Life of Piety
Barbie Rose	BR	
Mary Ann Schum	TL	Body of Christ
Jennifer Tschudi	ATL	
Jessi Voline	TL	Priesthood
Pam Wantz	SD (live in)	Means of Grace
Gary Wheeler	ASD	Justifying Grace
Myra Wheeler	ALD	Grow Thru Study