



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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Chairman's Corner

Hospitality Means Love

The foundation of our Christian ministry and a clear demonstration of Christs' love is hospitality. Our doors and warm welcome are open to all, just as a relationship with Christ is open to all. Thus hospitality is a form of Christian ministry because it helps us to act as Christ did through the welcoming of strangers. Hospitality comes from deep within our soul. It is a symptom of the joy in our heart and requires sincerity and kindness. God calls us to love everyone, and hospitality, highly contagious, is an act of love.

1 Peter 4:9 states, "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling." When the pilgrims feel welcomed and accepted they are more open to receiving the love of Christ witnessed throughout the weekend. Connection occurs building a bridge to the Gospel and the experience of God's love and grace poured out through our community. When hospitality is present the pilgrims don't feel preached to or pressured to share; rather they feel safe to freely discuss spiritual matters.

Hospitality begins with the Sponsor who serves as the primary point of contact. The Registrars, Housing and Kitchen all play an important role as well. Through sponsorship, payment for a pilgrim, or service in any way, the reaction is almost always the same – a heart is warmed and deeply touched. This paves the way for the Holy Spirit to work in and through each pilgrim. When serving with a servant's heart, the pilgrims experience Christian hospitality that they won't forget.

I think most of us would agree God's call to be hospitable extends beyond the pilgrims to each other. Serving on team is exhausting. As exhaustion takes over it's easy for our attitudes toward each other to sour. However, every single person on the Walk deserves love; the pilgrims, team members, and community. As such, a spirit of cooperation and charity is needed by all.

Jesus exuded loving hospitality and people were drawn to Him like a moth to a flame. Are you a flame? How well do you shine His light and share His love? God has called each one of us to service and He deserves our all – including our expression of loving hospitality. God bless you as you continue to live a life worthy of His calling.

DeColores,

Jean Jarusiewicz, Chairman



Giving our Hearts to Christ



KEY DATES/REMINDERS

- Next Gathering:** August 8, 2016, Normandy UMC
- 6:30pm Sponsorship Training in Room 200
 - 6:15 Share Group Networking in Chapel
 - 7:15pm Gathering
- Next Woman's Walk:** Women's Walk #100 (Normandy) September 15-18, 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 Gilchrist at pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org



From the Spiritual Director



Default Setting

In 1909, Henry Ford famously said, “Any customer can have a car painted any color that he wants... so long as it is black.” Thankfully, times have changed and we have all kinds of options today, and not just with the paint job on my car (mine’s white – real creative!). The varieties of all kinds of things are simply too numerous to even attempt to mention, but you know them, from different kinds of diet soda, to different ways to communicate with friends or family who are far away, to different grocery options (my wife Myra knows – and goes to – them all).

In the consumer electronics arena, we are given a multitude of options within each individual product. For example, your television certainly has many more options than just which channel or how loud you want it. Within the menu is a whole host of settings ranging from sound and picture quality, input sources, even timers for sleep mode. You can customize your TV exactly how you like it. (If you don’t know about any of these, ask a teenager!)

Yet each TV, cell phone, camera, big-screen projector, or computer has what is called a “default setting.” It resets any consumer/owner changes to the factory defaults – what the manufacturer believes are the settings that will be most beneficial to the majority of people.

We live in a world of chaos and confusion, where wrong is now right, and right is now wrong. Christians are being persecuted around the world. Everything seems to be changing. So within this present reality of uncertainty, what is your default setting?

For Christians, these are our defaults:

1. God stands firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken. (Psalm 33:11)
2. God’s eternal word stands firm. (Psalm 119:89)
3. God is our Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is faithful. (Deuteronomy 32:4)
4. The LORD is righteous in everything he does; he is filled with kindness. (Psalm 145:17, NLT)
5. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)
6. Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:39)
7. We are God’s masterpiece, created anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us. (Ephesians 2:10)

So, when our world is turned upside down, we can hold on to these absolutes, these defaults. But there is one more thing that should be our default setting. When everything else is in chaos, when we don’t know what’s next, and when don’t have the answers, our default setting should always be prayer! Prayer is the greatest untapped resource in the believer’s arsenal against the work of the evil one.

Mother Teresa said, “Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.” Of course, prayer is a key component of the Walk to Emmaus. Anyone who has ever served on a team knows this.

So let’s take the presence of a faithful God, the promise of His intervention, and the past performance of prayer answered into our times of uncertainty.

De Colores,
Gary Wheeler, Spiritual Director

Giving Our Hands to Christ

Pilgrim Sponsorship

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, womensregistar@daytonemmaus.org

Sponsorship Training: available before Gatherings at 6:30

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



You Sponsored a Pilgrim...Are they Ready for 4th Days?

While it's not required, it's a very nice gesture to give your pilgrim some agape after closing and before you drop them off at home. By providing a **Fourth Day Booklet** (\$5.00) you encourage them to read on about their journey with Christ and get better acclimated with the Emmaus Community. And, a **Candlelight** (\$5.00) is a beautiful gift to help them remember that wonderful night filled with God's love for them. You could buy it and use it during their Candlelight and let them know it was the same one. That will be very meaningful to them. Thank you for sponsoring a Pilgrim!

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>

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



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



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



Pray for One Another

Men's Walk #62 Sulphur Grove

August 11-14, 2016

Blessed Be the Lord My Rock...
Psalm 144:1

Please keep these Pilgrims and Team in your Daily Prayers.

Pilgrims	
Name	City
Brion Jacobs	Dayton
Cleveland McCalister	Dayton
David Blakely	Miamisburg
David Watson	Dayton
Edgar Averill	Dayton
George Kedaitis	Beavercreek
John Lyons	Dayton
Joseph Wyatt	Dayton
Josh Bohman	Dayton
Lanie Oldham	Huber Heights
Michael Hodgin	West Milton
Michael Jones	Brirron, MI
Paul Smith	Beavercreek
Robert Zielinski	Springboro
Rodney Peck	Somerville
Scott Hinkle	Dayton
Steve Norris	Huber Heights
Thomas Whitt	Middletown
Tim Gilliam	Fairborn
Tim Stertzbach	Dayton
William Jones	Goshen

Remember Candlelight is Very Special...

I'm sure you remember your Candlelight when you took your original walk. Please keep this gift of Agape for only those that have already attended a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis.

Please refrain from inviting prospective Pilgrims or guests to Candlelight.

Team		
Name	Role	Talk
Andy Addy	PR	
Bill Srode	ATL	
Brian Miller	ATL	
Charles Benner	LOG	
David Orren	TL	Discipleship
Don Trumbull	AST	Justifying Grace
Gary Trice	LD	Perseverance
Gary Wheeler	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Gregg Hayes	BR	Life of Piety
Jason Hoang	MD	
Jeff Dondero	PR	
Jeff Marra	ATL	
Joe Stookey	ASD Live-in	Sanctifying Grace
Joel Harbarger	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Keith Crabtree	ALD	Priority
Keith Reed	ALD	Grow through Study
Larry Snell	TL	Christian Action
Mike Copher	ATL	
Neal Stout	ATL	Fourth Days
Paul Salchak	AMD	
Randy Barty	TL	Priest. of All Believers
Scott Anspach	TL	Changing our World
Shane Compton	ATL	
Stephen Cultice	LOG	
Steve Holmes	TL	Body of Christ
Tony Ammon	LOG	
Wes Souders	SD	Means of Grace