



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

Conflict -- An Opportunity for Grace

Conflict is inevitable. No relationship is immune to feeling its sting. Opportunity for conflicts abound — in your home, workplace, church, our Emmaus Community, even in the team process and on Walks. The question is not whether conflict will come, but how will we handle it. When managed biblically, conflict can serve as a catalyst for change and an opportunity for spiritual and relational growth. Why then are we afraid to address conflict? If you're like most people, you find it uncomfortable and full of emotional minefields, but avoiding it is not the answer.

Rather avoiding conflict is a problem because it worsens with neglect. It doesn't just go away. It also cuts us off from the most significant opportunities for grace. **"It's during the toughest times, the hardest conversations, the most painful relational tensions, when the light of His grace shines brightest, and transforms us most into His Son's likeness."** This is when God does His deepest work in our lives, not when times are easy. So if avoiding conflict is not an option, how does the Lord want us to handle it?

Matthew 18:15-17 clearly states what to do, "Speak to your brother/sister privately, if they refuse to listen then take one or two more with you, if they still refuse to listen bring the church." When considering the hard and scary conversation — to gently remove the spec from their eye — we must first acknowledge our weakness. In ourselves, we are unable to address the conflict with intentionality and kindness. However, when we pray for His strength and ensure our motive is pure we are empowered to address it in a Godly manner. God's way is always love — to reconcile with Him and each other, not to point out blame or judgment. We then move forward in faith, knowing that if tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and sword cannot separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35), then neither can conflict. **"Conflict is not something to avoid or ignore. It is an opportunity for the triumph of grace."**

Knowing how to successfully manage confrontation is a skill that all leaders need. So if Emmaus's aim is to build leaders in the church, we must learn to address the elephant in the room — **conflict!**

De Colores,

Jean Jarusiewicz, Chairman



Giving our Hearts to Christ



KEY DATES/REMINDERS

- Next Gathering:** September 12, 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 #63 (Normandy) January 19-22, 2017
- 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



Slipping Priorities

One of the greatest cars I ever owned was a 1998 Ford Taurus. I bought it off the lot at the end of the year and got a great deal. It was loaded with all the stuff I normally couldn't afford: sparkly paint, leather upholstery, a great sound system, and a powerful engine. I loved that car! But ten years and 120,000 miles later something began to go wrong. The transmission started to slip. Just a little at first—I could live with it. But as time went by, it began slipping more and more. I took it to a mechanic and learned the sad news that a new rebuilt transmission would cost more than the car was worth. So one day the GoodWill donation tow truck showed up in my driveway and I bid my beloved Taurus a final goodbye with tears in my eyes.

Over time and with many miles traveled, I have discovered in my ministry and in my participation in the Dayton Emmaus community, that many experience slipping priorities in our spiritual lives as well. Like my Taurus, the slippage starts small but then grows and grows over time to the point where we have long forgotten our commitment to God on the Sunday afternoon of our walks when we heard the words, “Christ is counting on you!” and we respond, “And I’m counting on Christ!”

We start skipping monthly Gatherings... (“Why did they schedule it the night of the big game?”). We fall away from participating in our Share Groups... (“I’m just too busy!”). We stop signing up to volunteer to be on teams or work the weekends or help with the Big Moves... (“Somebody else will do it.”). Sometimes we will still go to Candlelight... (“That’s fun and it doesn’t take up too much of my time.”) The same slippage happens at our churches for many of the same reasons. Spiritual slippage gets worse and worse over time.

Some theologians say that there is a fourth grace in addition to the three we learned about on our walks—prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying. It’s called “convicting” grace. Ouch! We slip away from God and God reaches out, convicts us of our disobedience, and offers to pull us back—to restore us to right relationship. Are your spiritual priorities slipping today? If the answer is “Yes!” don’t worry. All of us are at risk and suffer spiritual slippage from time to time in our lives when God and Jesus fall lower and lower on our daily “To Do” lists.

But the good news is: God’s grace is greater than all our sin! There is, and never will be any slippage of His love for us! God may have not cared enough to fix my Taurus’ slipping transmission, but He can fix our slipping spiritual lives! He can and He will. We just need to ask!

See you at the next Gathering!

De Colores,

George Brewer, 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

Women's Walk #100 Normandy | September 15-18, 2016

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

Psalms 121:1-2

Please keep these Pilgrims and Team in your Daily Prayers.

Pilgrims	
Pilgrim	City
Katie Adcock	Miamisburg
Brittany Ashmore	Miamisburg
Christina Baine	Dayton
Tracy Ball	Miamisburg
Kelley Bell	Kettering
Heather Boggs	Dayton
Erica Carmack	Dayton
Stephanie Clark	Dayton
Donna Cox	Xenia
Jennifer Del-Rio	Dayton
Cindy Fuhrmann	Springboro
Angela Garrison	Trenton
Belina Gilliam	Fairborn
Phyllis Githens	Miamisburg
Teresa Howson	Dayton
Muriel Hunt	Dayton
Lori Jovan	Commerce Twp
Nicole Martin	West Carrollton
Angela McBride	Huber Heights
Anastaja McCown	Germantown
Susan Owen	Tipp City
Ellen Raichle	Dayton
Samntha Volosky	Dayton
Victoria Williams	Englewood

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
Emily Adams	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Brenda Baker	BR	
George Brewer	SD	Sanctifying Grace
Amanda Der-Sarkisian	LOG	
Melanie Fox	PS	
Lora Gentry	ALD	Grow Through Study
Linda Haller	AMD	
Debbie Hayes	PS	
Phyllis Heitz	LD	Perseverance
Lisa Keller	LOG	
Sherry Kierce	TL	Discipleship
Kathy Kitchel	ATL	
Wendy Kline	LOG2	
Kathy Kruse	ATL	
Susan Lehneis	TL	Christian Action
Jill Marra	ATL	
Roberta McMahan	ALD2	Fourth Days
Shelly Miller	TL	Changing OurWorld
Melanie Morrett	MD	
Pamela Morris	LOG	
Sharon Mowry	ATL	
Sandy Pappenfus	ASDL	Means of Grace
Rachel Parker-Miller	ATL	
Barb Ricketts	ALD	Priority
Gail Simpson	TL	Body of Christ
Samantha Smith	ATL	
Kikeyia Young	TL	Life of Piety