



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

Sponsorship

The purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to provide spiritual renewal to church leaders who then return to and strengthen their local church. The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus states "sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus." If you are considering sponsorship it is imperative you understand the purpose and meaning behind it. Openness to God's work and an attitude of submission are essential to *wise* sponsorship. It is not enough to ask someone to attend and then simply fulfill your weekend responsibilities. Sponsorship is a **long-term commitment** that should be considered seriously and prayerfully. If you cannot make the commitment to recruit and help develop church leaders, then you should not consider sponsoring someone.

If we are going to practice wise sponsorship, *who* should we sponsor? An open invitation to each warm body that passes by is not a wise approach. Your first thought should go toward those members of a church who are actively participating in the ministry of the church and are committed to leading a life that is pleasing to God. Other candidates could be the servants in your church or those who are looking for a place to start serving. In all cases they must be called by God.

Keep in mind, the Walk to Emmaus is God's ministry, not ours. Thus it's absolutely imperative we pray throughout the entire process. Prayer is the first act of agape before the Walk ever begins. It's the foundation of the whole weekend "with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim," and the bedrock for a healthy, effective Emmaus movement, resulting in the renewal of the church. We simply cannot take this responsibility too lightly. Submit any names to God in prayer and let the Holy Spirit reveal who to ask. Wait to receive God's confirmation through prayer before and during each step along the way. Too often, I have heard sponsors say, "I want my pilgrim to have the Normandy experience." There is no such thing, pray for your pilgrim to have an encounter with God. I've also heard it asked, "Can my pilgrim attend the next walk?" Trust God, have faith He will call your pilgrim to the right Walk, at the right time. Don't wait until the last minute to ask who God lays on your heart. Start now, pray now, ask to meet with the potential pilgrim and their spouse *now* – then put their application in. **God will take care of the rest.**

A sponsor has many responsibilities, so plan on attending a "Sponsorship Training" held before every Gathering (except December) at 6:30 pm. And, did I mention – **PRAY!** It is as foundational to sponsorship as sponsorship is foundational to an effective Emmaus movement. Wise sponsorship develops leaders who will strengthen and nurture the church God has given us.

De Colores,
Jean Jarusiewicz, Chairman



Giving our Hearts to Christ



KEY DATES/REMINDERS

- Next Gathering:** October 10, 2016, Normandy UMC
- 6:30pm Sponsorship Training in Room 200
 - 6:15pm Share Group Networking in Chapel
 - 7:15pm Gathering
- Next Men's Walk:** #63 (Normandy) January 19-22, 2017
- Next Woman's Walk:** #101 (Normandy) February 16-19, 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



Inside and Out

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

Psalm 147:3 (English Standard Version)

The stories are endless. Stories of past hurt, abuse, abandonment, heartache and distress. We express empathy and at the same time cannot and will not be able to fully comprehend how each person who has experienced such trauma is affected. We listen, hold hands, and cry with those who have suffered but what is needed most is healing and understanding. They seek someone who grasps the full magnitude of their experience.

There is a connection to our hurt and our healing. Often when emotionally hurt we don't focus on the hurt because it's too difficult to deal with. Instead we suppress the pain exercising denial because it's less painful and denial has proven to be a good coping mechanism. However, when it comes to our healing we exercise similar and same coping skills. Seeking healing also demands revisiting the hurt. No one wants to hurt but if focusing on the hurt can bring healing then isn't it worth the effort? God is able to provide that healing.

In the same uniqueness God designed the human body to heal He does the same for your emotional well-being. When we injure ourselves (i.e. an open wound) the body doesn't try to figure out what to do next. No. Instead, immediately blood rushes to the point of injury beginning the healing process. The same is true for our emotional healing. God sent His Son Jesus and it is His blood that is able to bring healing to the hurt you've experienced or are experiencing.

Through the Emmaus experience there are opportunities to revisit the past hurts and through the power of the Holy Spirit we experience release and the ability to die to the past and to live life anew. It is the healing blood of Jesus that “heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds (Psalm 147:3)”. Our healing, our help, comes from God and from Him alone who works on the inside as we walk in freedom on the outside.

De Colores,

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director



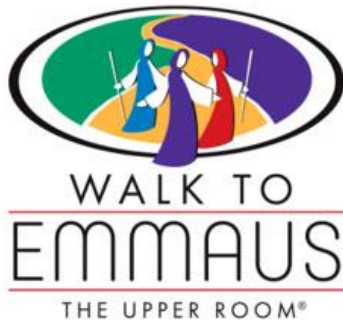
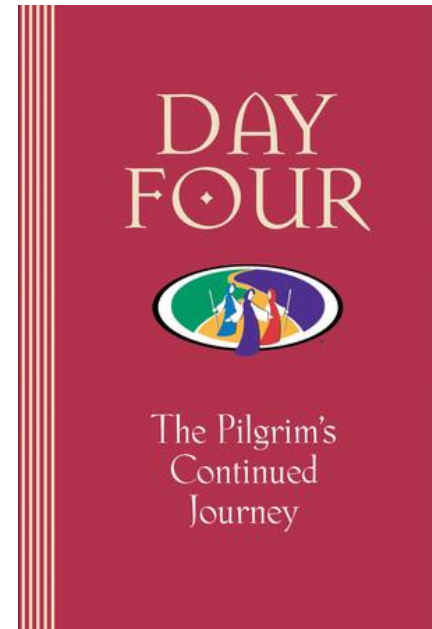


Giving Our Hands to Christ



You Sponsored a Pilgrim...Are they Ready for their 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 pastchair-man@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

Message from the Men's Registrar

Men's Walk #63 is the Next Walk. Are You Ready?

Our next Men's Walk to Emmaus is scheduled for January 19-22, 2017 at Normandy UMC. **Registration deadline for the walk is December 29, 2016**, which falls right in the middle of the holidays, so please DO NOT delay.

Now is the time to prayerfully consider pilgrim candidates and get them registered.

Registration forms are available on the Greater Dayton Emmaus Website under the Forms tab or visit this link at <http://daytonemmaus.org/Documents/WALKREGISTRATION%202014-01-09.pdf>

Sponsorship training is offered at 6:30 pm before every Gathering. Early engagement and commitment is the best formula for insuring Pilgrims are prepared for the Walk and ready to fully participate.

Remember. the Walk to Emmaus is not meant to be Christianity 101; it is instead an invitation to committed Christians to deepen their spiritual maturity, empower their discipleship and enable their potential for church leadership. Who is the Holy Spirit calling you to invite?

De Colores!

Bob Downs, Men's Registrar

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, womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Sponsorship Training: available before Gatherings at 6:30

**Application Forms: on website, under registration tab, or link:
<http://daytonemmaus.org/deForms.shtm>**

