



Greater Dayton Community

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November Newsletter

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2017 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC

MW #63 January 19-22
WW #101 February 16-19
WW #103 September 21-24

At Sulphur Grove UMC

WW #102 July 20-23
MW #64 August 17-20

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

Who Is On Your Heart?

Summer is such a busy time of year for all of us with vacations and numerous other activities. It's also a busy time of year for our Emmaus community with back to back Walks, and the move between Normandy and Sulphur Grove. But now it's time to start thinking about the Winter Walks as team formation for these walks has already begun! The January Men's Walk and February Women's Walk, will be here before we're ready, if we don't plan accordingly.

So what does that mean? It means it's time to turn our pilgrim applications in! Over the last several years we've gotten into the bad habit of waiting until the last minute to do so. However, we are once again requiring all applications be received three weeks prior to the start of each walk. Thus the deadline for the men's walk is December 29th and for the women's January 26th.

If you are a first time sponsor the process and commitment may seem overwhelming. However, there is no reason to worry, as there are numerous resources available to assist you. For example, we hold a Sponsorship Training before every Gathering at 6:30 in room 200. There is a booklet on sponsoring available for purchase, suitably entitled, "Sponsorship." Our website, www.daytonemmaus.org, and our Facebook page, are great resources that are updated continually with new information. There's the possibility to co-sponsor a pilgrim with someone you know who has sponsored before. And last but not least, our board members who were elected to serve as the men's and women's registrar are available to answer your questions. Please feel free to contact them at any time – they will be happy to assist you.

While a serious commitment, sponsorship is a joy, the lifeblood of our community, and the ultimate "re-gifting" program. I'm sure you've considered what an incredible gift it was when God called you to attend the Walk to Emmaus! Please further consider what a blessing it is to be used by Him to sponsor a brother or sister! As you pray about sponsoring throughout the year, look to God for whom He is calling. Who does He put on your heart? Then offer that person the gift of attending a walk and be blessed.

De Colores,

Jean Jarusiewicz
Community Lay Director

+ Giving our Hearts to Christ +

Emmaus Board Elections: Monday, November 14th

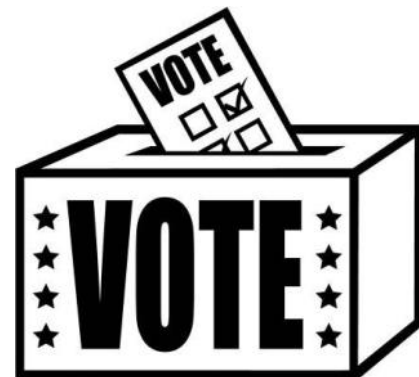
During the November Gathering, we will vote on new Board Members. These board positions have a 3 year term.

Please consider serving God as a member of the Emmaus Board, open positions include:

1. **Agape Chair:** Runs the Agape Room during all walks. Collects, sorts agape, prepares Sunday letter packets.
2. **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.
3. **Men's Worship Chair:** Prepares monthly gathering, along with the Women's Worship Chair. Provides the sound system set up at walks
4. **Normandy Rep/Book Table Chair:** 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.
5. **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.

Emmaus Board Chair Positions Ballot

Chairperson Position	Candidates
Agape	AJ Puderbaugh
Documentation	Shelly Miller
Men's Worship	
Normandy Rep/Book Table	
Secretary	Kristina Vogel Linda Haller



In the event you can't make the November Gathering, please email your vote for the Emmaus Board candidates to the Past Emmaus by November 14th at 2:00 pm.

Email: pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org



From the Spiritual Director



Early Will I Seek You

*¹O God, You are my God; **Early** will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You, In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.² So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.³ Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.⁴ Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. **Psalm 63-1-5 NKJV***

I'm still not at liberty to reveal to you the time that we are awakened each day on our Walk To Emmaus. But suffice it to say its "early" in the morning. We begin each morning gathered together in the chapel. As we sit quietly and wait for each team member and pilgrim to arrive from the showers and their "luxurious" sleeping accommodations, soft music plays and we see the glow of the altar candle flame. There is ample time for quiet meditation and personal prayer as we begin our journey for the day with the One to whom we owe our very lives.

Before a day filled with home cooked meals, served with a smile, five biblically based talks, spirited table conversation, skits, snacks and short potty breaks, we take time to get ourselves centered and meet with the One who called us aside for this Walk with Him. *¹O God, You are my God* One of the lasting benefits of the Walk weekend is that it models for us the practice of participating in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, meditation, bible study and spiritual direction with a group of accountable friends.

I hope you are holding on to these practices in your Fourth Day. Arise and shine for a new day awaits you. I know we were spoiled with the quiet music played by the ALD who was signaling wake up time. And I ask you, who couldn't get used to waking up by being serenaded by voices singing "love, love, love, love, the gospel in one Word is love"? But, now that we are back in the real world, we just have to settle for the buzz of our alarm clock. Nevertheless, start your day with a quiet time with the One who makes every day worth starting. ***Early will I seek You.***

De Colores,

Palmer Jason
Spiritual Director

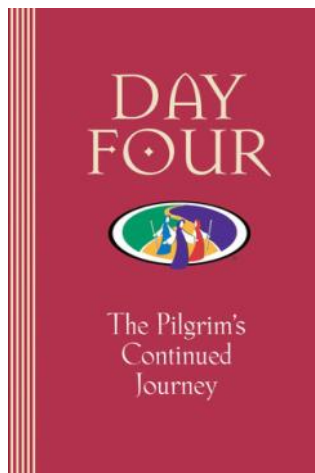


Giving Our Hands to Christ



KEY DATES/REMINDERS

- Next Gathering: November 14, 2016, Normandy UMC
- 6:30pm Sponsorship Training in Room 214
 - 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



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!

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



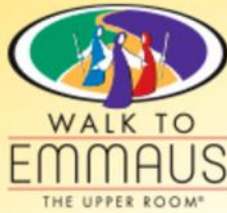
<http://westohiochrysalis.no-ip.org/>



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



Pray for One Another



Empowering leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ

3 Easy Things You Can Do Today to Help a New Walk to Emmaus Community Emerge in Kenya....

1. Pause right now and **PRAY** for the twenty Kenyan leaders who recently attended Walk to Emmaus weekends in neighboring countries with the hope of bringing the ministry to Kenya in 2017.
2. Get the word out about #EmmausGives on #GivingTuesday. Visit and **SHARE** this link via email or Facebook today: <http://emmaus.upperroom.org/gift/#EmmausGives>
3. **SET A REMINDER** on your calendar for November 29, 2016.

Please send donations to: Greater Dayton Emmaus, PO Box 2224, Kettering, OH

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>

