



# Greater Dayton Community

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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

## Pilgrim Recruiting and Sponsorship

The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the Church as the body of Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. **The strength of our Emmaus community is a direct result of our recruiting practices.** Effective sponsorship is critical to our calling as we serve God in our Fourth Days. And, our crosses are appropriately inscribed "God is counting on you."

Emmaus is not a place where the local church sends its members to straighten them out, nor is it an evangelistic tool to make new Christians. The sole purpose in recruiting pilgrims should be to strengthen our local churches as we first pray, reflect, and allow God to lead us in our choices. **Effective sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus.**

The person we sponsor is the seed we are sowing for the future of our local church and Emmaus leadership. We all know that our Emmaus experience was a vital part of God's plan for our life and that what we heard and experienced on our own individual Walk was not so much for us as it was for those who will follow our path and be touched by our lives. If we really do "get it," then we will remain ever-active on our fourth days, serving God in our Emmaus community, in our local churches, and bring others to this wonderful, spirit-filled experience through effective sponsorship. Truly, we all know that the fields are ripe for harvest, and God expects you and me to fulfill our calling. For all that we know, God has allowed us our days and our experiences for this very time, for this very moment, for this very opportunity.

In our haste to get persons to see what wonderful things are waiting for them on the weekend, we rush into something that "we take for granted and assume everyone knows how to sponsor." In this haste, it weakens the foundation of our community. We would like to encourage you to attend a Sponsorship Training session, which is held before every gathering at 6:15 pm by our registrars, Shelly Crabtree and Bob Downs. In addition, there is an Emmaus Library Series of booklets, one titled "Sponsorship." It explains the reason behind and the steps to good sponsorship. You may purchase one from the Good Shepherd, Pam Rafdal, at the Gatherings.

De Colores,

Jean Jarusiewicz  
Community Lay Director



# Giving our Hearts to Christ

## KEY DATES/REMINDERS

- Next Gathering:** February 13, 2017 Normandy UMC
- 6:15 Share Group Orientation in Chapel
  - 6:30pm Sponsorship Training in Loggia
  - 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

## Sponsorship: Seeking Pilgrims for Upcoming Walks

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](mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org)
- Women's Registrar:** Shelly Crabtree, [womensregistar@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:womensregistar@daytonemmaus.org)
- Sponsorship Training:** Available before Gatherings at 6:30
- Application Forms:** On website, under registration tab, or link:  
<http://daytonemmaus.org/deForms.shtm>

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



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



[http://www.kairosOhio.org/Events\\_Calendar.html](http://www.kairosOhio.org/Events_Calendar.html)



# From the Spiritual Director



## Christmas Isn't Over

*That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior--yes, the Messiah, the Lord--has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize Him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others--the armies of heaven--praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing Him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished. (Luke 2:8-18. NLT)*

Hold on just a minute, George! It's January! Christmas is over. All the decorations have been taken down and packed away till next year. The dried-out tree is on the curb waiting for the garbage truck to haul it away. Diets have begun and we're working up the courage to hit the gym again. So, why are you still writing about Christmas? Aren't we supposed to be reading about the need for making meaningful New Year's resolutions?

The answer to that last questions is, "Yes!" What better New Year's resolution could we ever make than to be like those shepherds two thousand years ago who passionately "told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child." I'm sure that for the rest of their lives they never stopped telling everyone they could the good news of Christmas: "The Savior--yes, the Messiah, the Lord--has been born!"

I pray that we may never loose the great joy we are given as a gift of God's grace in the birth of our Redeemer, the Savior of the world. And, like the shepherds of the past, may we, too, never stop proclaiming the good news to everyone, not just to each other as so often happens. The birth of Jesus started it all--God's plan to save our sin-sick, suffering world. May we never forget that the good news as the angel said, is for all people. Not just for people like us who self-identify as Christians, but for Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, atheists, agnostics, and "nones"-- you name it.

If we don't tell them, who will? The culture used to help, but has largely grown silent. It now proclaims a very different message. Happy Holidays are all about finding a new Lexus with a big red bow in our driveway on Christmas morning, right?

The world desperately needs to hear the good news of the coming of Jesus, the Christ. May we never again put our joyful Christmas proclamation of the arrival of God's salvation in a box along with the decorations and store it in the attic. May we never again drag it to the curb. Let's proclaim it to all!

Now, that's a New Year's resolution worth keeping! Merry Christmas in January!

De Colores,  
Pastor George Brewer, Spiritual Director



# Pray for One Another

## Men's Walk # 63 Normandy January 19-22, 2017

Please keep these Pilgrims and Team in your Daily Prayers.

Pilgrim	City
Bobby Brooks	Dayton
Randy Carmack	Dayton
Russell Courtney	Kettering
Dennis DeGraff	Murray, KY
Nathan Denman	Lebanon
Randall Frederick	Fairborn
Robb French	Dayton
Bob Halderman	Lewisburg
Bradley Herb	Hamilton
Kenneth Holycross	New Carlisle
Kurt Kleiner	Dayton
Charles Manker	Beavercreek
Phillip McFadden	Pleasant Hill
Donald McKoy	Oakwood
David Morgan	Bellbrook
Jerry Neff	Loveland
Michael Ortiz	Centerville
Thomas Petkus	Dayton
Bruce Roberts	Dayton
Scott Taylor	New Carlisle
John Thomson	Springfield
Jason Wells	New Bremen
Ronald Wukeson	Dayton

Team	Role	Talk
Ammon, Tony	BR	
Anspach, Scott	ALD	Grow Through Study
Bradstreet, Michael	LOG	
Cannata, Robert	TL	Discipleship
Chambliss, Leroy	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Clinch, Tom	ATL	
Coolman, Rich	ATL	
Corl, Heth	SD	Means of Grace
Cultice, Stephen	ALD	Fourth Days
Flannery, Mark	PS	
Gilliam, Tim	ATL	
Hayes, Brian	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Hyland, Brian	TL	Life of Piety
Jones, Bill	ATL	
Kooser, Dick	LOG	
Lehneis, Kirk	PS	
Lybarger, Wendy	ASD Live-in	Sanctifying Grace
Macy, Tim	MD	
Miller, Brian	LOG	
Null, Jeff	ALD	Priority
Ormsby, Scott	TL	Changing our World
Reinert, Kevin	ATL	
Simpson, Keith	LD	Perseverance
Smith, Tori	ASD	Justifying Grace
Trice, Gary	LOG	
Updike, Thomas	AMD	
Uphouse, Steve	TL	Christian Action
Wasmund, Greg	ATL	
Wissinger, John	TL	Body of Christ
Wofford, Jeremy	TL	Priesthood of All Believers

Team and Pilgrim Rosters are subject to change after publication. For updated rosters, please visit the January Newsletter on the Dayton Emmaus website:

[www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm](http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm)