



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

Together We Walk Side By Side

How important are you? More important than you might think to the Emmaus community and to the family of God! Kellogg minus a farmer equals no cornflakes. Just as Rodgers needed Hammerstein, we need each other. The Greater Dayton Emmaus Community needs you. Even more importantly, Christ needs you!

This community met and began traveling together over 25 years ago. Our walk together has enabled us to meet the risen Christ as did two other travelers several hundred years ago, Luke 24:13-34. Each Walk weekend allows us to continue walking together as a community with new companions who meet Jesus Christ where they are. They then begin their walk side by side with all of us and bring others on the journey.

You have become the hands and feet of Christ – you have studied, become disciples, and live out your Christian action on a daily basis. **YOU ARE EMMAUS!** Without you we would not have any pilgrims to sponsor and pray for, teams would not be formed, nor would they be available on the walk weekend; there would be no servants in the kitchen, housing or agape. Simply put without you **NO WALKS WOULD OCCUR!** We have just successfully completed our winter walks and it would not have been possible without each of us walking together, serving Him together, side by side.

My year as Community Lay Director is coming to an end and I give thanks for the opportunity to serve our Emmaus community. I am grateful for the privilege and give thanks to God for encouraging and yes, sometimes even literally pushing me through this time. Remember God does not call the qualified and I was not qualified; rather He equips the called. He gave me strength to stretch and faith to persevere. I am grateful for the hard work of every servant and the Board who worked and walked side by side to glorify God in my year as Community Lay Director.

May we continue our walk together and understand how important we are – working together, side by side, in the ministry of Emmaus. I thank my God every time I remember you, Philippians 1:3.

De Colores,

Jean Jarusiewicz
Community Lay Director



The Hands & Feet of Christ



KEY DATES/REMINDERS

- Next Gathering:** March 13, 2017 Normandy UMC
- 6:15 Share Group Orientation in Chapel
 - 6:30pm Sponsorship Training in Loggia
 - 7:15pm Gathering in Sanctuary
- Next Woman's Walk:** #102 (Sulphur Grove) July 20-23, 2017
- Next Men's Walk:** #64 (Sulphur Grove) August 17-20, 2017
- Every Walk:** Candlelight - Saturday at 8:30 pm
Closing - Sunday at 4:30 pm
- Mentoring Class:** March 18, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Sulphur Grove UMC

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
- Women's Registrar:** Shelly Crabtree, womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org
- Sponsorship Training:** Available before Gatherings at 6:30 in Loggia at Normandy UMC
- 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



Message from the Spiritual Director



So You Think You've Got Troubles

I'm sure you've heard, and maybe even felt this way as you have listened to someone share their concerns and problems. Sometimes it becomes a contest – whose ailment or situation is worse.

I remember the singing duel in the musical “Annie Get Your Gun.” The main characters Annie Oakley and Frank Butler challenge each other as they sing:

Anything you can do,
I can do better.
I can do anything better than you.

Sometimes we are absolutely sure that we've got it the worst.

But these thoughts are dashed to pieces as we reflect upon the last days of the life of Jesus, those days we call “Lent.” There seemed to be a growing disenchantment among some with His message. He easily could have had the feeling that He wasted His time because the people did not seem to get it. There were obvious threats to His life. Finally, He experienced total abandonment on Thursday and eventual death on Friday. Things couldn't get any worse from Jesus' perspective.

What about when we face trials, when we face our “Lent?” How does our faith stand? Are we able to say, as Jesus did in the Garden, “Father, not my will, but Your will be done” (Mark 14:36)?

Part of a poem that poet Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote goes like this:

I will not doubt though all my ships at sea
Come drifting home with broken masts and sails;
I will believe the Hand which never fails
From seeming evil worketh good for me.
And though I weep because those sails are tattered,
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered,
“I trust in Thee!”

As you consider your trials and troubles, remember the Jesus' “Lent” became His resurrection... and it can for you too.

For faith is more than believing that God can – it is trusting that He will!

De Colores,

Gary Wheeler, Spiritual Director



Message from the Board & Committees

Attention: Former Lay Directors


Think way back when...you were preparing for your walk when you accepted the Lay Director position.

During that journey, as you were preparing for the walk, did you have any “lessons learned” or moments where you “wish someone had told me that before” or “wow, I’ve got to share this with other Lab Directors so they can be prepared.”

If you answered “yes,” please don’t be shy and please contact AJ Puderbaugh at AJ@Puderbaugh.com.

AJ is gathering helpful hints to share with future Lay Directors. Your input will help others be the best they can be. Thanks in advance for sharing!



May God grant you always...
 A sunbeam to warm you
 A moonbeam to charm you
 A sheltering Angel 
 so nothing can harm you.