



Greater Dayton Community

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April 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

Share Christ with Others

My name is Dennis Leach. I attended the Greater Dayton Men's Walk To Emmaus #49 and sat at the table of Peter.

It's time for change. Each day we are so blessed to be given a day to change. In the month of April we have changed some positions on the leadership board. Some people will be moving to different positions and some have served in their position faithfully and now is their time to step off and allow someone else to fill that position. We will miss those leaving and welcome those coming.

I will be the new chairman for Greater Dayton Emmaus for the next 12 months. I am a self-employed electrician since 2002, have been married to my wife Sue for 39 years, we have two married children and four grandchildren. We attend First Simply Church.

My original walk was in 2010 and I would like to answer the two questions that we all answer at the end of our walk and the beginning of our 4th days. First question: what did my walk mean to me? My walk came at a time when I was really searching for answers, how can I help others, how can I grow the kingdom, and how/where can I serve. When you ask God these questions in prayer be prepared to receive His answer. My life continues to change each day, sometimes the change is easy and sometimes the change is hard. Each day I'm growing in my love of others and being open about my relationship with Jesus. As far as growing God's Kingdom, after Emmaus I started sharing about the walk to Emmaus. I explained how Emmaus teaches us to go back to our churches and share what we learned about God and importance of getting into a share group. As far as serving, I try to serve in the kitchen at each walk, have been the housing chair for three years, then vice chairman, and now chairman. I have served on many Emmaus teams and serve at Kairos when I can. Second question: what am I going to do about it? My 4th days are not always mountain top experience, but I have learned and rely on God to give me what I need and I try to share everything God provides me with others. In other words, get me out of the way and let Jesus shine through me. I find it difficult sometimes to go to the places where we really need to go to reach the lost and hurting, but when I go and God shows up, as He always does, what a blessing to know someone like me is being used by our mighty God for His glory.

Let us always remember it's not about us and it's all about Him. I thank God every day for the day He has given me and the blessings He continues to pour out upon those who trust in the mighty name of Jesus.

De Colores,

Dennis Leach
 Chairman



The Hands & Feet of Christ

KEY DATES/REMINDERS

Next Gathering:	April 10, 2017 Normandy UMC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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



Dancing for Joy

Well, it's Easter month again. Once again we relive the Passion, atoning death, and resurrection of Jesus. What impact will it have on us this year? Same old routine of dragging the kids to egg hunts and buying new clothes for Easter morning church? I pray that this Easter season may touch you in a more powerful way.

One of my most favorite hymns this time of year is Sydney Carter's rendition of the great Shaker tune, "Lord of the Dance." Jesus says,

"I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came to me and the dance went on.

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, I am the Lord of the Dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I kept up high, I am the life that will never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

What an interesting way of understanding our post Easter life: dancing for joy! Amidst all the challenges of our daily lives, our struggles and our worries, may we never forget to dance for joy in the sure and certain truth that Christ is risen and that in him we are given the hope that we will "never, never die."

The song's refrain guilds us into our joyful future: "Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he."

In us the dance goes on!

De Colores,

George Brewer
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!

