



# Greater Dayton Community

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## May 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

## Sharing Our Gifts

**"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."**

1 Peter 4:10 New International Version (NIV)

Do you remember Your Walk to Emmaus?

Let's take a minute and think back...back to being asked to attend, being picked up at home and our luggage carried to the car where the door was opened for us.

Arriving at the church and some people greeting us and helping to carry our luggage inside pass the sign in station then up the sleeping area where our sponsor made our bed. Then led to a room for a small meal prepared for us and more people serving and others greeting one another and making us feel welcome to something we know very little about and told not anticipate.

Then we are led to a room and we get to know the team members and pilgrims called to this walk. 72 hours later, over 400 servants and a huge community event on Saturday another Emmaus Walk has come to an end, many prayers answered and many lives changed all by the power of the Holy Spirit in each person's life to share the gift they have with others through serving and being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Let us not forget what our walk meant to us and how others served and now it's our turn. We need to encourage one another and continue to be a part of Greater Dayton Emmaus and continue to grow God's Kingdom sharing our gifts.

De Colores,

Dennis Leach  
Chairman



# The Hands & Feet of Christ

## KEY DATES/REMINDERS

Next Gathering:	May 15, 2017 Normandy UMC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30pm Sponsorship Training in Loggia</li> <li>• 7:15pm Gathering in Sanctuary</li> </ul>
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, <a href="mailto:mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org">mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org</a>
Women's Registrar:	Shelly Crabtree, <a href="mailto:womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org">womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org</a>
Sponsorship Training:	Available before Gatherings at 6:30 in Loggia at Normandy UMC
Application Forms:	On website, under registration tab, or link: <a href="http://daytonemmaus.org/deForms.shtm">http://daytonemmaus.org/deForms.shtm</a>

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)



# Message from the Spiritual Director



## Unfinished Business

*"From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."*

Matthew 16:21-25 (New International Version)

The death and resurrection of Christ should be of no surprise to anyone. His life was predetermined even before He was born. His fate already sealed but the ultimate goal of His life was accomplished. To think that the One who controls everything would consider the life of His only Son as payment for something He neither had a hand in or facilitated seems unfair. But that is exactly what occurred.

When things don't make sense there is a tendency to reason it in a manner that is easier accepted or explained. For far too many it is irrational to believe that one life could be the payment for the infraction of others. To think in this way suggests a lack of belief in God's words, an inability to believe that God is able to do what He says, and or to wonder what kind of Father would subject His child to such cruelty.

Jesus' death represents many things. First it represents a God who loves everyone and was willing to do whatever was necessary to keep him or her from eternal death (John 3:16). Second, His death represents promise, God's promise (Deuteronomy 7:9), and His demonstrated ability to keep His word, His faithfulness (1 Corinthians 1:9). Third it represents the difficulties of life on this side but that God's power is greater than any other (John 16:33). Jesus' death represents a Son who had ultimate confidence in His Father and was willing to do whatever His Father desired (John 6:38).

Jesus has accomplished His mission and now He sits at the right hand of the Father interceding on your behalf making you more than conquerors because of His great love for you (Romans 8:31-38).

So how about you? Do you have some unfinished business? Something God has entrusted to you according to His divine will. It takes firm confidence and trust in God to move forward by faith to finish the task. Jesus' life is a clear example that sometimes the mission can be difficult, that there may be suffering, and it may not bring you pleasure nor material wealth but what it will do is bring intrinsic joy in doing what you have been placed here to do.

*"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."*

2 Chronicles 16:9 (King James Version)

De Colores,

Mamie Johnson  
Spiritual Director E



# Board & Committee Updates

## 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](mailto: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!

