



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

Are We Connecting?

I remember these words at the end of a song. You hear someone dialing and an operator is then trying to put the call through, and she says "are we connecting?"

So are we? Emmaus is a Christian community where we come together as pilgrims and team with community support for 72 hours of the Walk to Emmaus. Many have prayed for and with each person and continue to do so. Sponsors picked up their pilgrims and brought them to send off, shared in a small meal then said goodbye to send their pilgrim on the start of the 72 hour Walk to Emmaus. On Sunday, they are dropping their new community member off at home and they start their 4th days. But, we know there is more, We have changed in some ways and each in different ways. However, we have all become the hands and feet of Jesus in some way.

We now have a new community to connect with and that's the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community, and there are many ways to connect. One way is our monthly gatherings on the second Monday of each month. Other ways to connect are on walk weekends, such as serving meals, and joining candlelight and closing.

The most important way to connect is in your relationship with Jesus - praying and asking the Holy Spirit to lead you in your serving, through your church and Emmaus community. It takes many willing servants to have a Emmaus weekend and Christ is counting on you.

We come together in fellowship to serve a mighty God, so if you haven't been to a gathering lately pray about connecting and listen and see where God leads you.

De Colores,

Dennis Leach
Chairman



The Hands & Feet of Christ

KEY DATES/REMINDERS

Next Gathering:	June 12, 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



Graduation Season

⁴⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory” ⁵⁵ “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?”

Corinthians 15:50-55

Graduation season is upon us. High school and college graduations mark the culmination of many hours of study and achievement. Graduation signals the end of one adventure and the start of another. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to share in the joy of celebrating your own graduation or that of a loved one. I am reminded of our graduation after our 72 hour Walk to Emmaus weekend.

I am amazed at all we are able to accomplish in those 3 days. We hear 15 biblically based, inspired talks. We have meaningful table discussions and offer our own artistic response. We eat great home-cooked meals and way more snacks throughout the day than we should. We enjoy morning chapel and communion and an night-time examination of conscience. We have joyful worship and much needed comic relief from skits and keenly placed one-liners. We have personal times of meditation and cathartic release by offering God our burdens at the cross. We laugh, we cry, we pray, and we sing. There are even times when the community comes to show their love and support for our journey. And then, on the last day, we receive a cross as a gift and a reminder of the price that was paid to secure our freedom.

Do you remember the inscription on the graduation cross and the instruction to the newly graduating pilgrims? The Lay Director places the cross over your head and says “Christ is counting on you.” And our response as we receive the cross is “And I am counting on Christ.”

Graduations are bittersweet. On that Sunday evening we are all ready to go home and yet we don’t want to leave our new friends and the community we have built in just 3 days. There is joy and appreciation for the journey that was just accomplished together and there is excitement and a tad bit of trepidation concerning the trip that lies before us.

God willing this won’t be your last graduation. So celebrate your achievement and look forward to what lies ahead. Because one day we will participate in the ultimate graduation that is “out of this world.” Remember, “Christ is counting on you.” “And I am counting on Christ!”

De Colores,

Palmer Jason, Spiritual Director



Board & Committee Updates

Attention: Housing Needs Help to Move to Sulphur Grove

If you have a hankering for beef jerky and donuts, come join the fun and help Tony Ammon, Housing Chair, move items from Normandy Church to the truck. Grab your share group and be the hands and feet of Christ. And, if you're want a double dose of fun, come back and help unload the truck.

July 12, 5:00pm— Meet at Normandy Church to Load the Truck

July 19, 5:00pm—Meet at Sulphur Grove to Unload the Truck

Let Tony Ammon know you'd like to help. Send him and email at:

housing@daytonemmaus.org

