



Greater Dayton Community
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2018 WALK SCHEDULE

At Normandy UMC

MW #65 January 18-21

WW #103 February 15-18

At Sulphur Grove UMC

WW #104 July 19-22

MW #65 August 23-26

CANDLELIGHT

8:30PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING

4:30PM Sunday of Walk

NEXT GATHERING

Monday, November 13

2nd Monday Every Month

7:15 PM, Normandy UMC

BOARD MEETING

4th Tuesday Every Month

7PM, Normandy UMC

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Chairman's Corner

Ecclesiastes 3:1 New King James Version (NKJV)

Everything Has Its Time. To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

Change is part of life. Nothing stays the same; not the weather, nor the season, not even us. We all change and experience change in our lives. Here at Greater Dayton Emmaus, we also go through changes—changes on our board, changes in our community and changes in the number of walk weekends to help us continue to be good stewards of the blessings, offerings and gifts we are given.

A time has come, a time for change in our walk weekends, and with that being said, the board of Greater Dayton Emmaus has decided with many prayers to drop the September women's walk. This was not an easy decision to make, but we feel it is the best choice for now.

God has so blessed this community and continues to do so, and through those blessings let's continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Pray for our community. Pray for God to give you a name of someone for you to sponsor on a walk weekend. Pray for peace in the community and for all things to glorify God.

DeColores,

Dennis Leach

Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairman

Open Board Positions

As an Emmaus community member, you have the opportunity to serve on the Emmaus Board. There are four open chair positions: **Good Shepherd/ Outreach; Housing; Supply; Men's Registrar.**

If you are interested in serving a three-year term on the Emmaus working board, please contact Jean Jarusiewicz at pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org to be included on the election ballot. Elections will be held at the November 13, 2017 Gathering.



Sponsorship



THE JOY OF RECRUITING FOR THE WALK TO EMMAUS

It's a spiritual blessing to recall and cherish our Walk to Emmaus weekend. Weekends on which we've served since our first experience were spiritually inspiring and often gifted us with forever friends in Christ. Think about who you would like to invite to attend the Walk to Emmaus. Here are four keys to think about:

by Rev. Jim Hollis
Marietta, GA
Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus
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1 MAKE A LIST, PRAY AND SPIRITUALLY DISCERN GOD'S "WHO?"

Has God brought one or more friends to mind that we feel inspired to invite to experience Emmaus? Write down these names. Set aside uninterrupted time to pray blessings over each person on the list. Ask God to prioritize these names, to remove any from the list we misunderstood, and to add any to the list we may have missed earlier. Pray over each one again. Spiritually discern it down to the top one.

2 APPROACH THE CONVERSATION AS HOLY

When we are led to talk about Holy things with another, we would never do it "on the fly" or in shallow ways. Catching someone on the way in or out of church is essentially "on the fly." Talking about it on the phone is far too casual and convenient. We can call the top person and let them know they have come up in our prayers. We can then ask to spend quality time with them in person. We can meet at Panera's, Starbuck's or another local favorite. It could be for breakfast, coffee or lunch. The communication is clear - "this is a meaningful visit, not just a happenstance meeting. It came out of prayers."

3 DON'T TAKE ANY IMMEDIATE ANSWER, AND LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN

Start with affirmation and encouragement. Share with them "How" this occurred. Let them know you felt led by the Lord to share something joyful with them. And before you do, be "up front" in telling them you will take NO answer from them at that first visit. Then in a positive, upbeat and simple way invite them to prayerfully consider going to Emmaus. Let them briefly know how it blessed you, and that you would love to sponsor them to share in this joy. Answer any questions they may have. Leave, with them willing to pray about it for the coming three days. Finally let them know you will contact them on the fourth day to see how they feel about going after having prayed.

4 FOLLOW UP WITH DIVINE ENCOURAGEMENT AND GRACE

Call them back on the fourth day and ask how they've felt led in their prayers. This is an encouraging and affirming call. Don't press them for an answer - they know that's why you're calling! If they say, "yes," then set sponsoring them in motion. If they say, "no," then be positive and let them know you fully believe God has a wonderful call on their life. The next step is to deepen the friendship with them going forward.

Submit Pilgrim applications three weeks prior to the upcoming January 18-21, 2018, Men's Walk and February 15-18, 2018, Women's Walk. Thank you for your willingness to serve as a sponsor.

Sponsorship Training: before Gatherings at 6:30pm in Loggia at Normandy UMC

Application Forms: Click [HERE](#)

Men's Registrar: Bob Downs, mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

Women's Registrar: Shelly Crabtree, womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org



Message from the Spiritual Director



Blessed

As you are reading this, Myra and I are with a dozen other folks from Germantown in the Holy Land. We are spending ten days walking where Abraham, Jacob, Joshua, Samuel, David and, of course, Jesus walked. We will then travel towards Egypt, seeing along the way Mt. Sinai and the pyramids. This has been a “bucket list” trip we have been thinking about for a long time, and planning for two years. We are blessed to be going with wonderful folks from our church and a couple of other ones.

It reminds me of how blessed we are. We have a wonderful congregation that has supported us in this opportunity (or maybe they are happy to not have to listen to me for two Sundays!) We are blessed that Myra has accrued plenty of vacation time so that she gets paid while taking a dip in the Dead Sea. We are blessed to live in a time to be able to experience this, and blessed to be able to do something we have longed dreamed about.

I think if we allowed ourselves to simply stop the rat race, sit down without distractions or deadlines, and reflect upon all the things with which we are blessed, we would find more than we might have thought we have. Certainly, we would feel a growing sense of gratefulness to God for everything thing He has done, and praise will begin to fill our lungs and come forth from our lips.

In Revelation 4, John sees a vision of what worship in heaven looks like. Guess what: he doesn't see Intros and responsive readings, or liturgy, or, for that matter, longwinded sermons! He sees praise and thanksgiving:

Day after day and night after night [the four living beings] keep on saying, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty – the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come...” The twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, “You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.” (Revelation 4:8, 10-11, NLT)

For what are you thankful? Have you stopped to consider all that God has done, even if you feel far from the Lord? In heaven, when we are closer to God than we ever were in life, we will give our nonstop praise and thanksgiving to God for who He is and for His blessings.

DeColores,

Gary Wheeler
Spiritual Director





Opportunities



PLEASE SUPPORT TEENS (CHRYSALIS) AND PRISON MINISTRY (KAIROS)



www.westohiochrysalis.com

As we head into the holiday season, think of a teen in your life you could give a Christmas “gift” of attending a Chrysalis flight in 2018. These retreats are a wonderful time for teens to get away from the stresses and busyness of their daily lives, and intensely focus on their relationship with Christ. Retreats are held at Greene St. UMC, Piqua.

West Ohio Girls Chrysalis #65 - January 13-15, 2018

West Ohio Boys Chrysalis #65 - February 17-19, 2018

West Ohio Girls Chrysalis #66 - July 6-8, 2018

West Ohio Boys Chrysalis #66 - July 27-29, 2018

www.kairosohio.org

As the Kairos community inside a prison grows and begins to gain influence, the incidences of violence decrease. Incarcerated participants who are released re-enter the outside world with a God centered, perspective and focus on becoming productive citizens. Female family members find support, strength and encouragement. Youthful offenders acquire new God centered values and change their direction in life. Families are reunited with a hope for the future.



Dayton Correctional Institution (DCI) #12
March 15-18, 2018 - Pat Crotty, Leader

FOURTH DAY OPPORTUNITIES

What does your Fourth Day look like? Have you found a place to serve God through your church or neighborhood? Your Greater Dayton Emmaus community invites you to serve the Kingdom in a number of rewarding ways. When you complete a Willing Servant Form, you will have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Some serving areas include:

- Being part of a Live-In Team on an upcoming Walk
- Being part of the Gathering as a speaker, musician and more

Simply click [HERE](#) to download a Willing Servant Form.

Please note: This form is used to volunteer for all activities of the community, except the following:

- kitchen before, during and after the walk weekend
- housing assistance before and during the walk weekend
- 72 hour prayer calendar for the walk weekend.