



Greater Dayton Community
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January Newsletter

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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, January 8

2nd Monday Every Month

7:15 PM, Normandy UMC

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 23

7PM, Normandy UMC

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Focus on Today

January 2018—a new year! Yes, it's a new year and today is a new day that the Lord has given to us. A new year comes every 365 days, but a new day comes every 24 hours. So instead of making resolutions for the year, let's focus on today.

I ask this question? What can I do today to grow spiritually? I have to believe someone prayed for me and got this answer, "Ask Dennis to go on a Walk to Emmaus." I was very involved in the church and on fire for Jesus. My walk to Emmaus provided so many tools to help me to help others grow that as soon as I completed my walk to Emmaus, I wanted to send others. I attended a sponsorship training and God has blessed me with many pilgrims as I was blessed by someone else to be a pilgrim.

So, here's what I ask of you. Have you attended a sponsorship training and been praying? Has God guided you to someone to ask to attend an Emmaus walk? Have you asked them?

Or maybe it's been a while and you want to get back involved. Well, the only thing holding you back is you. Greater Dayton Emmaus needs your help in getting pilgrims, in serving on walk weekends and being the hands and feet of Jesus. Let's make 2018 a year to remember and take it one day at a time serving as we have been served.

DeColores!

Dennis Leach

Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairman

Upcoming Walks at Normandy UMC

Men's Walk #65 Roster

The pilgrim and team rosters are on PAGE 5. If you have questions about Men's Walk #65, please contact the Men's Registrar, Bob Downs
mensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org

- Please sign up for the prayer vigil for January Men's Walk #65 and February Women's Walk #103. Sign up sheets will be available before and after the January Gathering.
- Please bake and pray over brownies for the Men's Walk sendoff on Thursday, January 18. You may either bring brownies to the church kitchen Thursday morning while the kitchen team is preparing, or immediately before the sendoff begins—between 5pm and 7pm. Thank you for supporting Men's Walk #65.



Women's Walk #103

February 15-18, 2018

Download application form: Click [HERE](#)

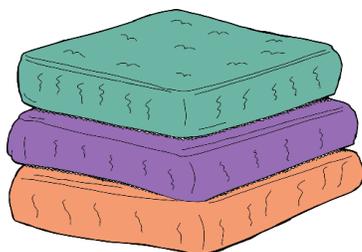
Questions? Women's Registrar: Shelly Crabtree, womensregistar@daytonemmaus.org

Serve on the Kitchen Team

For all those who served on the Kitchen team in 2017, you have been a blessing and we look forward to your continued service in the New Year. The kitchen team prepares and serves nine meals during each walk. Friday is our most challenging day to staff, so if you are retired or work from home, would you please consider serving on Friday?

Shifts are about three hours. Each servant will be greeted by a meal manager who will provide assignments such as food prep, table set-up, serving and clean-up. All you need to bring is your servant's heart.

Sign up sheets for the Men's and Women's Walks will available before and after the January Gathering or email Mary Ann Schum at kitchen@daytonemmaus.org with the date you want to serve, breakfast/lunch/dinner preference along with your contact information.



Serve on the Housing Team

There are several opportunities to serve on the housing team throughout the upcoming Men's Walk, especially Wednesday night, Sunday morning tear-down and at closing. Please email Tony Ammon where you can serve: Tone861@aol.com or housing@daytonemmaus.org.

Message from the Spiritual Director

Sweeter than Honey

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:11 (King James Version)

Who is a man of his word? Nowadays it's hard to determine but there is One who keeps His word. Everything that God spoke has happened or will happen. That is what makes His word more precious than gold and sweeter than honey from the honeycomb (Psalm 19:10). It's value without measure and more satisfying than honey. Both rare treasures to be desired and yet readily available to all who will receive and partake of them through the reading of His word.

God calls out to us and speaks to us through His written word. And He tells us to “seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near (Isaiah 55:6)”. It is a call to read, study, and to meditate on His word. In it are the words of life, “It is written “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4b)”.

As you make your resolutions, goals, and or commitments this year be sure that you make reading God's word one of them.

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.”
Romans 15:4 (New International Version)

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

Emmaus Board Elections: Monday, January 8, 2018

During the January Gathering, we will vote on new board members. These board positions have a three year term. Please consider serving God as a member of the Emmaus Board; open positions include:

1. HOUSING—Head of a Committee responsible for set up and tear down of all physical property. Coordinates the “Big Move” to and from the host church, SGUMC.
2. GOOD SHEPHERD—Instructs new members about what a share group or reunion group is and how to/ assist in finding one.
3. SUPPLY—Head of a committee that inventories and buys supplies for the four Walks each year.
4. MEN'S REGISTRAR—Responsible for processing pilgrim applications for attendance at an Emmaus Walk.

Emmaus Board Chair Positions Ballot

Housing	
Good Shepherd	Michele Cremeans
Supply	Clela Farlee
Men's Registrar	Bill Jones

In the event you can't make the January Gathering, please email your vote for the Emmaus Board candidates to the Past Chairperson by January 8 at 2pm.
Email: pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org

GDE Holy Land Trip

Would you like to see the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem AND Emmaus...with your own eyes?

Gary and Myra Wheeler (pictured right) are hosting a Greater Dayton Emmaus Community (GDE) trip to the Holy Land October 28—November 7, 2019. We will see the places of Scripture, deepen our understanding of the Bible and walk in the footsteps of Jesus, plus share Communion at Emmaus. There will be optional extensions afterward, either retracing the Exodus to Mt. Sinai, Cairo and the pyramids, or going to Jordan, Mt. Nebo and Petra. The trip will be organized through Educational Opportunities, a travel company that has specialized in Christian trips since 1974.



For more information and a brochure, see the Holy Land table at Gatherings, contact Gary at 937.204.4400. or go to www.germantownchurch.com/grow/holy-land-trip-2019/. Talk to your share group, family and friends about joining you on this incredible spiritual pilgrimage with your Greater Dayton Emmaus Community. Don't just imagine Emmaus and the rest of the Holy Land – see and experience it!

He Opened a Door

My journey into worship started out by sitting in a team meeting almost nine years ago listening to the two music directors play in the team meeting. It was hearing how good the two guitars sounded together that led me to decide to learn to play guitar myself. I told God, if he blessed me with the ability to learn to play, that I wanted to glorify Him through it.

The process began, my first lessons were from Melanie Morrett (from Emmaus) and once the church I attended found out I was learning they added me to the praise team to help me learn. Since then, I have played on a Kairos weekend, led worship sets at the Dayton House of Prayer, led and assisted on many Emmaus weekends and am part-time (twice a month) worship leader at my church.



So, He opened a door and I walked through and have been relying on Him ever since. When the unfilled Men's Worship Chair was brought to my attention, I once again prayerfully considered and eventually accepted stepping into something else that I would rely on Him to get me through.

Since being involved in the community, I have seen a few good friends and musicians come and go. There are plenty of opportunities, but unfortunately, not as many people as there are opportunities. My hopes and prayers are that we would build not only the Worship Community back up, but also the Emmaus Community in general. If you've been gone awhile, you have been missed and we welcome you back.

So I'm asking you to prayerfully consider helping out the Men's & Women's Worship Chairs in any way that you can. You don't need to be a musician to help set up/tear down and run the sound equipment for the walk weekends or monthly gatherings. We'd love to have as much help as we can get. Many hands make light work and a great team will make it fun for us all.

Please feel free to contact [myself](#) or [Julia Crowl](#) - Women's Worship Chair about connecting.

DeColores!
Chris Wissinger
Men's Worship Chair

Men's Walk to Emmaus #65
January 18 - 21, 2018
Normandy United Methodist Church

PILGRIM	CITY
James Anderson	Dayton
Ed Atkins	Tipp City
Rod Bannister	Englewood
Steve Binkley	Trenton
Mike Bowling	Hamilton
Mark Browning	Beavercreek
Conner Burridge	Dayton
Kevin Campbell	Springboro
Scott Day	Huber Heights
Gary Dickinson	Germantown
Rob Eldridge	Beavercreek
Carter Fowler	Dayton
Shaun Gardner	Dayton
Keith Hankey	Franklin
Chad James	New Bremen
Dick Martens	West Milton
Steve McNabb	Germantown
Shawn Meade	Dayton
David Peeples	Huber Heights
Duke Rutherford	Huber Heights
Thad Slone	Fletcher
Brian Spence	Middletown
Jeff Thompson	Trenton
Dan Zielinski	Fairborn

TEAM MEMBER	POSITION	TALK
Don Adams	LOG	
Andy Addy	PS	
Scott Anspach	TL	Life of Piety
Randy Barty		
George Brewer	SD	Sanctifying Grace
Bob Cannata	ALD	Priority
Shane Compton	LOG	
Stephen Cultice	ALD	Grow Through Study
Bob Downs	BR	
Brian Hayes	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Gregg Hayes	ALD	Fourth Days
Scott Krisher		
Wendy Lybarger	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Michael Malcosky	ASD	Justifying Grace
Jim Marsh	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Brian Miller	TL	Body of Christ
David Orren	LOG	
Douglas Pelfrey	TL	Christian Action
Seth Prater	AMD	
Doug Puderbaugh	LOG	
Keith Reed	LD	Perseverance
Jonathan Taulbee	ATL	
Gary Trice	ATL	Discipleship
Don Trumbull	ASD-LI	Means of Grace
Duane Veley	PS	
Jason Wells	ATL	
Chris Wissinger	MD	
Jeremy Wofford	TL	Changing our World
Robert Zielinski	ATL	