



Walk to
Emmaus
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**June
2013**

Emmaus Walks
Held at Normandy UMC
September. 19 - 22 Women's Walk #91

Summer Walks
Held at Sulphur Grove UMC

July 11-14 - Women's Walk #90
August 15-18 - Men's Walk #56

CANDLELIGHT [Host Church]
8:30 PM Saturday of Walk

CLOSING [Host Church]
4:30 PM Sunday of Walk

GATHERING - Normandy UMC
2nd Monday every month 7:15

Board Meeting
4th Tuesday every month 7:00

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Chairman's Corner

Summertime

"Summertime and the living is easy/The fish are jumping
And the cotton is high...So hush little baby, don't you cry."

George & Ira Gershwin, Dorothy and DuBose Heyward

Is there any other time as delightful and rich as summertime? It just seems that God's colors of the world are more vibrant and enticing during the all too brief summer months. Yes, the living does seem so easy... In the recent past our community faced the challenge (or as some believe, the opportunity) of holding our two summer Walks at a site other than Normandy Church. The Greater Dayton Emmaus Board addressed this situation with prayer, determination and a committee to investigate other sites for the summer Walks. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and God's inexhaustible grace, a site was secured for the 2013 summer Walks, and the Emmaus community will continue to fulfill its mission for God's people. It is a story whose ending has yet to occur.

Perhaps this is a time for introspection regarding what we have experienced. While I am not attempting to speak for the Board or the Emmaus community, I am able to summarize remarks and conversations related to finding a new "summer place." First, it is certainly possible to characterize this experience as yet another faith journey, as some in our community expressed considerable doubts regarding our ability to locate another suitable site. Others seemed to be stuck in mourning the loss of past sites for our summer Walks. Still others in the Emmaus community regarded this event as God's providential guidance to become involved with other churches, thus increasing the breadth of the Emmaus mission. Certainly, God has granted us a time for reflection regarding the summer Walks.

Second, we could view this change as a wonderful gift given to our community to energize, unify and move our community on to greater goals, such as increasing the involvement of our community through the process of holding summer Walks at new sites. In fact, this has occurred and continues to build as we move closer to the Walk dates.

Third, perhaps God is granting all of us the opportunity to seek His guidance in the transition to another Walk site. We learn from the scriptures that God is present in periods of distress and attempts to make His presence known so that we will be strengthened. Could it be that God is seeking to increase our awareness of His presence in this period of transition? Could it be that Jesus is bidding us to, "Come and see?"

Well, all of the above may be considered speculation. Now, let us focus on what we have learned. We have learned that our earnest prayers and dedication to His mission through Emmaus Walks, resulted in God granting our Emmaus community the wisdom, discernment and determination to meet and resolve this challenge. And with this resolution came the strengthening of our faith in God's grace and compassion. So, let us celebrate God's gift of "easy living" in the summertime. Keep the faith.

De Colores,
Brian Wood, Community Lay Director

Isaiah 41:13 *For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."*



From the Spiritual Director



How Many Days Until Our Summer Walks?

*"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."
Psalm 90:12*

The theme song to a popular children cartoon goes like this:

"There's 104 days of summer vacation
And school comes along just to end it
So the annual problem for our generation
Is finding a good way to spend it, like maybe..."

The song goes on to list several suggestions on what to do over the summer break and ends with the admonishment to "stick with us cause we're gonna do it all." So let me ask you, "What are your plans for the summer?" One of the recurring themes that I recall from my original walk weekend was that we needed a plan for our Fourth Day. We needed a plan to ensure we would Grow Through Study. We needed a plan so that even though the world had not changed we could go forth and Change Our World. We needed a plan so that we could take what we had learned on the weekend and put it into Christian Action.

So I'm thinking just maybe the summer would be a great time to dust off those plans and revise them as needed and "stick with us cause we're gonna do it all."

Our summer walks are being held at Sulphur Grove UMC and they offer a great opportunity for being the hands and feet of Jesus. Come out and help create that same sacred space and divine encounter time that each of us was afforded on our original walk weekends. Ask God for insight during your quiet time and personal devotion time as to how you might serve. What better request than to ask Him to "teach us to number our days aright, that we might gain a heart of wisdom." How many days until our summer walks?

I'll see you at Sulphur Grove!

DeColores,
Palmer Jason, SD



Giving Our Hands to Christ



Can you believe it summer is fast approaching and the opportunities are abounding!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER WALKS

Big Move - Load the POD at Normandy (July 3rd 9am): 15, 3 signed up
WW90 - Unload the POD at Sulphur Grove (July 10th 9am): 15, 4 signed up
WW90 - Dining Hall Setup (July 10th 5:30pm): 10, 2 signed up
WW90 - Dining Hall Teardown (July 14th 9am): 10,
WW90 - Load the POD at Sulphur Grove (July 15th 9am): 5, 3 signed up

Please send an email to Kitchen@DaytonEmmaus.Org if you are available to help, sign up sheets will also be available at the gatherings.

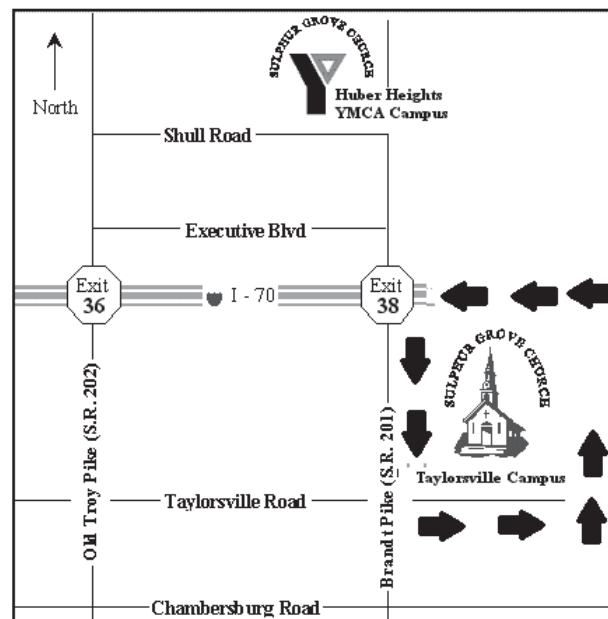
Romans 12:6-8 (ESV)

⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads,^[a] with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

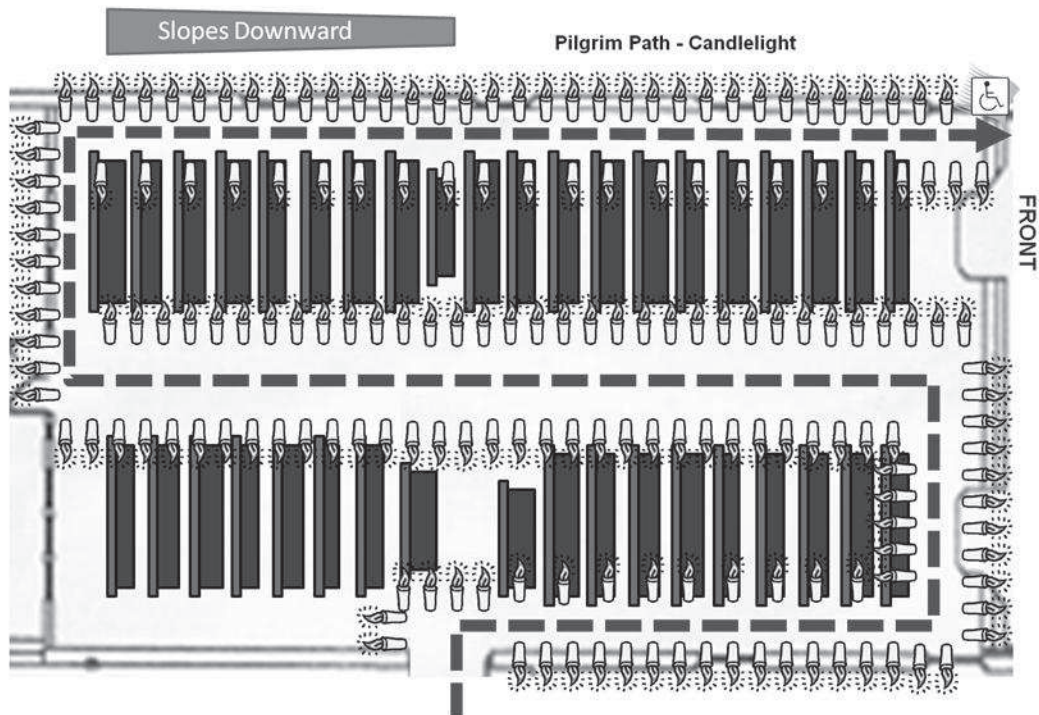
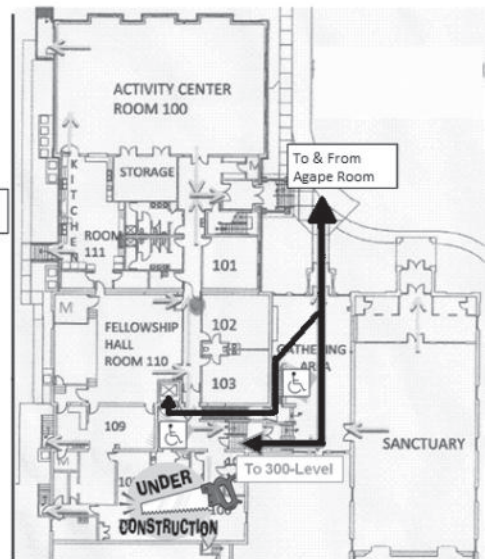
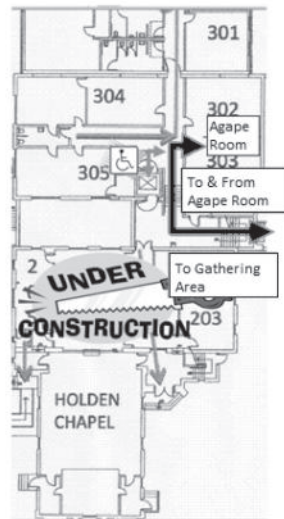
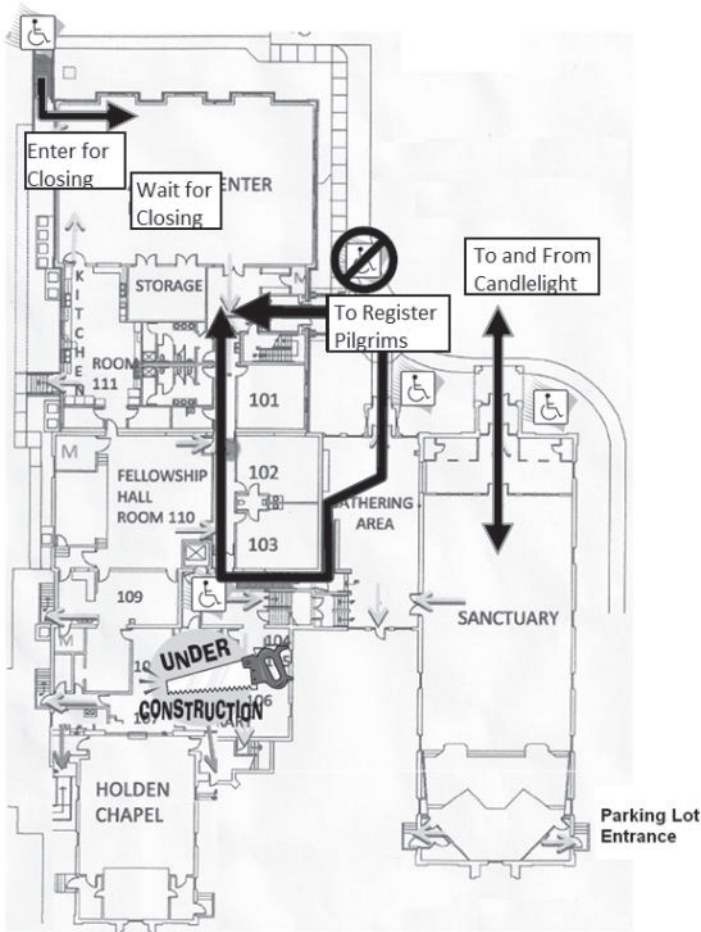
Directions to Sulphur Grove UMC from Normandy UMC:

Take 675 North to I-70 West. Exit to 201. Turn left (going south). Continue straight to the 3rd stop light, and turn left at that light (going east on Taylorsville Road). The church will be on your left.

Parking will also be available at the school across the street!



Locations of Greater Dayton Emmaus Events At Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church





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SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

Before sponsoring someone for a Walk, you are required to attend the sponsorship training. The sessions are held at 6:30pm before Gathering in Room 214 at Normandy Church. This is a short time of discussion, questions, and answers. Also, from The Emmaus Library, we have the Sponsorship booklet, which guides individuals through the process of sponsoring fellow pilgrims on the Walk to Emmaus. The authors explore the range of possibilities in the role of the sponsor for the renewal of church leaders, Emmaus communities, and the church. The booklet is available at Gatherings, and the cost is \$5. The next session is June 10th.

Sponsorship Training - Why you need it! As a sponsor, it's important to understand your role and responsibilities, which enhance your pilgrim's experience.

¹⁹Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with

SHARE GROUPS

Share groups are the backbone of the Emmaus Community! There is a need to place a few ladies and gentlemen in share groups. If your share group is willing to consider new members, please contact me either through the web site at www.daytonemmaus.org under the drop down menu for the Board by phone 937 849-0353 or at the next Gathering.

Verna Drake, Good Shepherd. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12th.

NOMINATIONS

The nominations committee is looking for people to run for board positions that will be up for election. The board positions that will be up for election in November are Agape, Book Table, Normandy Rep, Documentation, Men's Worship and Secretary. Each of these is for a three year term that will begin January 1, 2014. Please see me or a current board member for details on the positions. Mentoring is available on all positions. The nominations for the board positions are due by September 15. If you are interested in serving the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community in any of these positions, or would like to nominate someone else, please contact me (pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org). Your Brother in Christ, Neal Stout, Nominations Chair

HIGHLIGHT

SECRETARY - UP FOR ELECTION

The Secretary is one of the Officers of the Community. As such, he/she is on the Executive Committee and attends every board meeting. The secretary or his/her representative accepts all monies (cash, checks, money orders) and deposits them into the Community checking account. The monies collected include but are not limited to: Gathering (collections, etc.), Walks (Pilgrim and Team Fees, Candlelight offering, etc.), Board Meetings (Registrar, Good Shepherd, etc.). He/she takes minutes and attendance at every board meeting and distributes the minutes to all Board Members, including monthly reports. A working knowledge of word processing and e-mail is necessary. Serving on the Emmaus board has been a blessing in many ways and I would like to share that blessing and pass it on! If you would like more specific details on what this position requires, or if you would just like to help me this year,

The Greater Dayton Emmaus Board has updated and revised our by-laws which can be found on the website at <http://daytonemmaus.org/Documents/ByLawsGDE2013-April.pdf>

Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Remember

- June 10th at Normandy Church - Gathering; 7:15 Sponsorship training 6:30 in room 214, second floor.
- Update your willing servant form, especially if you wish to be on a live-in team
- Get your pilgrim applications in to either the men's or women's registrar.
- Kandle lights are on sale before the Candlelight services and at Gatherings.
- Sign up to serve **NOW** in preparation for the Summer Walks, many hands make for a light load.
- Send prayer requests for members or their immediate families to Charles Benner either by email to bennercl@notes.udayton.edu or phone 937-879-2118
- Send your email address to Newsletter@daytonemmaus.org if you would like to receive a notification when the newsletter is posted online. Please specify if you would like to discontinue your postal copy.
- Return your loaner Kandle lights to the Worship Team
- Jesus loves you! {{{Whoooo}}}

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

T'was grace that thought me heart to fear. And grace, my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Prayer Warriors

Do you want to participate in our e-mail prayer chain? Have an Urgent prayer request? Contact Charles Benner at: (937) 879-2118 or e-mail bennercl@notes.udayton.edu to become a member of the prayer chain or to submit your prayer request. We ask that you limit your requests to a serious, urgent nature and to the needs of either a member of the Emmaus Community or your Family ~ Thanks

Do not be anxious about anything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. ~ Philippians 4:6

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