

GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS – PILGRIM PACKET

Things You Should Know

1. Your share group is the most important part of your Fourth Day. Be diligent in setting one up, and be faithful to it. Don't be afraid to change groups if you do not feel comfortable in the group you join.
2. Emmaus Community Gatherings are held each month on the second Monday at 7:15 PM in the Normandy UM Church sanctuary.
3. You may serve the Lord in the community by expressing your support for the pilgrims on the walk weekends. You may do this in a number of ways – being part of the prayer vigil, working in the kitchen, helping set-up, sorting agape, cleaning up or participating in one of the other support teams. Sign-up sheets for these teams are usually available at all Emmaus activities.
4. Please completely fill out the Willing Servant Form (included in your Sunday packet), and return it to the Leadership member of the Emmaus board or go to www.daytonemmaus.org.
5. It may be that one day you are called to serve on a live-in team. Those who serve in this way are active members of a share group, active in their local churches and have been active in the Emmaus community since their own walk. Serving on a live-in team is not a reward for community service, but is a call from God to bring your unique strengths, experiences (and perhaps failures) for His service to future pilgrims. Live-in team members spend a significant amount of time in preparation for the weekend, including at least 30 hours of meetings before the walk weekend.
6. The Candlelight and Closing services are reserved for those who have been on an Emmaus, Chrysalis, or similar **three-day** weekend. The same is true for serving in the kitchen, housing, etc. during the weekend. Guests are always welcome at the monthly Gatherings and other Community projects.
7. When you are working in the kitchen or in the building during a walk weekend, please limit your contact with the pilgrims as much as possible. No one, other than the kitchen helpers, should be in the dining room. Husbands and wives should especially limit their conversations with each other.
8. You are now a potential sponsor. As such, you have certain duties and responsibilities, not the least of this is deciding whom to sponsor. More information is included in this packet, and a separate mailing will be sent to you which includes sponsorship information and a current Greater Dayton Emmaus registration.
9. The Emmaus Community is governed by a local Board of Directors which meets monthly to discuss issues, formulate policy, select future Lay Directors, etc. You may write to the GDE board about any concerns, feedback or proposals or go to www.daytonemmaus.org and select BOARD. If you are led to speak to the board, you may request to be placed on the agenda.
10. The Walk to Emmaus is an instrument of Christian revitalization. Its purpose is to train and renew Christians who will become solid leaders in their own church's ministries.

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Some Guidelines for Sponsors

Here are a few suggestions for “recruitment” that should increase your effectiveness, help you properly interpret Emmaus, and assist you in your responsibility in sharing God’s grace as a sponsor.

If your friend is not part of a local congregation, he or she should first become active there. The purpose of Emmaus is to strengthen the local congregation by strengthening and renewing individual Christians. Perhaps you can invite the potential pilgrim, your friend, to worship with you (“Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.”)

Second, if your friend is married, talk with husband and wife together about participating in the Walk to Emmaus. They should make the decision together, and their applications should be turned in together if at all possible.

Make plans to bring your pilgrim to the church on Thursday evening for “Send Off” to demonstrate that you are personally interested in their attendance. Your demonstrated care by bringing them, helping with suitcases, registration, making their bed, and sharing in the Thursday evening activities is a form of prayer and sacrifice.

During the weekend, you (and your family) become a substitute for the pilgrim. Leave your phone number with the spouse at home. Do something special for him/her during the weekend like giving him/her a few hours out during the day for personal time. Share a meal with your pilgrim’s family. Let the pilgrim’s spouse know that you love and care for them, too.

Finally, you have responsibilities to the pilgrim. These will be detailed in a letter to you when your pilgrim accepts a weekend spot. Pray for him/her during the weekend. Write him/her a letter of love and care. Support your pilgrim with your presence at the Saturday evening worship service (8:30 pm) and on Sunday at Closing (4:30 pm).

When the weekend is over, be sure to follow up with your pilgrim by helping him/her become active in a share group and active in the life of the Emmaus community. Bring your pilgrim to the next Gathering and show him/her the sign-up sheets for the Prayer Vigil as well as the Kitchen and Housing teams.

Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. These three days cannot rectify every problem marriage, enthuse every disenchanted church member, or make saints of sinners. It is not a hospital. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to change environments through Christian leaders. Its primary purpose is not to be proclaimers of the Gospel, but to renew Christians who can then proclaim the Gospel to the world. We encourage you to sponsor those who can carry out this task.

After attending sponsorship training you may then begin to sponsor others on the Walk to Emmaus. Sponsorship training is usually offered before the Gathering which is held the second Monday of the month.

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Points to Remember

Do not develop a “holier than thou” attitude. The Walk to Emmaus is only one of many instruments of holiness.

Do not pester people (especially clergy) to attend the Walk to Emmaus. This often creates the impression that the Walk to Emmaus is necessary for salvation. (And it is not!)

Do not compare the Walk to Emmaus with a retreat. Unlike a retreat, the Walk to Emmaus is a “once-in-a-lifetime” experience. They are **two different** instruments of renewal which should complement each other.

Do not form a clique or special society among yourselves. This is not Christ-like and is repugnant to those who have not had the opportunity to attend the Walk to Emmaus or who are not interested.

Do not act as though the Emmaus community is a secret society. When others ask about it, **tell them**. Answer any questions, explain what Emmaus is for, and share with them what it meant to you.

Offer your services, whatever they may be, to your pastor. Together with him/her and other parishioners, you are the Church in your area. You need the pastor and he/she needs you to be involved in personal ministry. Do not be negative or critical of his/her plans or programs. You may not have all the facts. If you have concerns, go to your pastor directly to seek reconciliation and understanding on the issues.

When you wish to seek spiritual counsel or to talk over a matter with your pastor, be courteous and ask when it would be convenient to meet together. He/she is your servant, yes, but the pastor also has many other persons to serve. Do not think you are special because you have attended an Emmaus weekend.

Attend your weekly share group and monthly Emmaus Gatherings. Emmaus does not pretend, nor is it able, to give a complete Christian formation in just three days. If you think you “have arrived” after three days, you are wrong! You have just begun anew.

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Christian Broadcasters

• WRFD	AM	880	Worthington/Columbus
• WTSJ	AM	1050	Cincinnati
• WMMX	AM	1100	Dayton
• RADIOU	FM	88.7	Columbus
• WQRP	FM	89.5	Dayton
• WCDR	FM	90.3	Cedarville
• WCVO	FM	104.9	Columbus
• WAKW	FM	93.3	Cincinnati
• WFCJ	FM	93.7	Miamisburg/Dayton
• WOKL	FM	96.9	Troy
• WORL	FM	90.1	Cincinnati
• WEEC	FM	100.7	Springfield
• WHKC	FM	91.5	Columbus
• WNLT	FM	104.3	Cincinnati
• WFCO	FM	90.9	Lancaster
• WJYW	FM	88.9	Greenville
• WPOS	FM	102.3	Findlay
• WLRY	FM	88.9	Lancaster
• WTGN	FM	97.7	Lima
• WYSM	FM	89.3	Lima
• KLOV	FM	107.1	Springfield
• WKOI	TV	Channel 43	Richmond

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Christian Booksellers and Gift Stores

- Life Way Christian Store**--5731 Chantry Drive, Columbus, OH 43232, (614) 861-7420
Berean Christian Stores--717 Cincinnati Mills Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45240, (513) 671-0300
Berean Christian Stores--9415 Meridian Way, West Chester, OH 45069, (513) 729-1500
Family Christian Stores--7633 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060, (440) 951-5859
Family Christian Stores--Towne Mall, Middletown, OH 45042, (513) 424-1593
Christian Book & Gift Store--438 Tiffin Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840, (419) 422-6116
Lifeway Christian Stores--1657 Georgesville Square, Columbus, OH 43228, (614) 851-8400
Lifeway Christian Stores--8735 Lyra Drive, Columbus, OH 43240, (614) 880-9822
Family Christian Stores--Loveland, OH 45140, (513) 583-5100
Rehoboth Christian Store Inc--645 Northland Boulevard, Cincinnati, OH 45240, (513) 542-2290
Faith Christian Bookstore--4 E Main Street, Fairborn, OH 45324, (937) 878-1073
Gospel Book Store--4925 W Main, Berlin, OH 44610, (330) 893-2523
Family Christian Book Store--403 E Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45246, (513) 671-2129
Family Christian Book Store--1 Prestige Plaza Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342, (937) 435-0583
Family Christian Book Store--2742 N Fairfield Road, Dayton, OH 45431, (937) 426-2882
Family Christian Book Store--9657 Colerain Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45251, (513) 741-4433
Life Way Christian Store--1657 Georgesville Square, Columbus, OH 43228, (614) 851-8400
Family Christian Stores--403 East Kemper Road, Springdale, OH 45246, (513) 671-2129
Life Way Christian Store--5731 Chantry Drive, Columbus, OH 43232, (614) 861-7420
Family Christian Book Store--4530 Eastgate Boulevard 612, Cincinnati, OH 45245, (513) 752-6251
Dayton Church Supply Inc--136 E 3rd Street, Dayton, OH 45402, (937) 223-2521
Family Christian Book Store--9938 Waterstone Boulevard, Cincinnati, OH 45249, (513) 583-5100
Bibles & Books--486 Batavia Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244, (513) 528-3982
Triune Books & Bibles--1326 Tennessee Avenue Suite 1, Cincinnati, OH 45229, (513) 242-7451
Integrity Bibles and Books--186 E Moler St, Columbus, OH 43207, (614) 559-3883
Timeless Treasures Christian Books & Gifts--2794 County Road 313, Bluffton, OH 45817, (419) 477-5102
Lighthouse Christian Books--232 N Main Street, Marysville, OH 43040, (937) 644-1188
Grace Christian Bookstore--1210 East Ash Street, Piqua, OH 45356, (937) 773-5315
Cokesbury Book Store-- 4501 Denlinger Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45426, (937) 837-2300 (located in United Theological Seminary)
Scripture Supply Shop--6453 Monroe Street, Sylvania, OH 43560, (419) 882-4591
Trinity Church Supply Co--3727 Saint Lawrence Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205, (513) 471-6626
Banks Church Supplies--3735 Woodland Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45209, (513) 351-0338
Hillsboro Book & Bible--114 N High Street, Hillsboro, OH 45133, (937) 393-8002
Cokesbury Books & Church Supply--194 Graceland Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43214, (614) 436-5636

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Monthly Emmaus Gatherings in Ohio

Central Ohio	2 nd Tuesday	7:00 pm	First UMC Marysville 207 S. Court St. Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4712
Cincinnati	1 st Thursday	7:30 pm	Hyde Park Community UMC 3020 Erie Ave. Cincinnati, Oh 45208	513-871-1345
Greater Columbus	2 nd Tuesday	7:30 pm	First UMC 207 S Court St. Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4712
Greater Dayton	2nd Monday	7:15 pm	Normandy UMC Church 450 Alex-Bell Rd. Dayton, Oh 45459	937-433-1636
Enon	1 st Monday	7:30 pm	Enon UMC Church 85 Broadway Enon, OH 45323	937-864-1578
Findlay	3 rd Tuesday	7:00 pm	St. Marks UMC 800 S. Main St. Findlay, OH 45840	419-422-4236
Northwest Ohio	Check dates for Gathering at www.nwoemmaus.com	6:30 pm	Delta UMC, 101 Northwood Drive Delta, OH 43515	WebServant@NWOEmmaus.com
Reynoldsburg	1 st Tuesday	7:15 pm	Reynoldsburg UMC 1636 Graham Rd. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	614-866-5864
Greater Sidney	2 nd Tuesday	7:00 pm	Sidney, First UMC 230 E. Poplar St. Sidney, OH 45365	937-492-9136
Greater Scioto Valley	Check dates for Gathering at www.gsvemmaus.org	7:00 pm	Trinity UMC 24 South Mulberry Street Chillicothe, OH 45601	Email: tetigner@gmail.com
Springfield	3 rd Sunday	2:00 pm	High Street UMC 215 E. High St. Springfield, OH 45505	937-322-2527
Southern Ohio	Varies-call	Varies-call	Malta UMC 390 S. Main Malta, OH 43758	740-962-4596
Wilmington	2 nd Tuesday	7:00 pm	Wilmington UMC 50 East Locust Wilmington, OH 45177	513-382-1465
Urbana	4 th Sunday	7:30 pm	Urbana UMC 208 N. Main Urbana, OH 43078	937-653-3741

Call to verify time and location

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History of Cursillo and Emmaus

The Cursillo (pronounced coor-see-o) was developed in Spain during the 1940s as an instrument of spiritual renewal. Cursillo de Cristianda, the full name of the Cursillo, means “short course in Christianity”. The Cursillo weekend is a highly structured, well thought out method of providing the participants with an opportunity to reflect on their own faith, while giving them some insights as to where they are headed. The joint effort of laity and clergy seeks to develop and renew Christian church leaders.

A Cursillo is an encounter with Christ in which the participant becomes a part of a beautiful community abounding in God’s grace. The Cursillo movement was born in the Roman Catholic Church. Then, as Catholic centers started accepting applications from Protestants, interest grew in making the Cursillo experience available to all Protestants.

Because of its interest in the Cursillo movement, the Upper Room, an agency of the United Methodist Church, sponsored two model Cursillos in Peoria Illinois. These two events were held under the guidance and helpful leadership of the Peoria Diocese and their Spiritual Director, Fr. Thomas Henseler. As a result, the Upper Room Cursillo community formed in Nashville with the help of the Nashville Catholic Cursillo movement and Fr. Charles Giacosa.

As the Upper Room Cursillo developed, it was greatly aided by ecumenical Cursillos across the country. Not only was the Cursillo an effective tool in energizing disciples for ministry in the local congregations, it was a tremendous experience in sharing the fundamental nature of the common faith in the Christian community.

In 1981, by mutual agreement between the National Secretariat of the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement and the Upper Room, the name of the Upper Room Cursillo was changed to the Walk to Emmaus. Thus began the life of the Upper Room Emmaus movement in equipping knowledgeable church leaders with piety and spiritual renewal.

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Live- in Selection Process

Have you ever wondered how the live-in teams are selected? Each Emmaus Community implements a procedure based on recommendations from the Upper Room's handbook on Emmaus. The following summary explains that process for the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community.

First, let's review the Emmaus Lay Team and the process for developing the skills for team participation.

Normally, there are 25 lay team members, and about six of them are serving for the first time. A team usually consists of a Lay Director (LD), 3 Assistant Lay Directors (ALDs), a Music Director (MD), Assistant Music Director (AMD), 6 Table Leaders (TLs), 6 Assistant Table Leaders (ATLs), 4 people who serve in Logistics (LOGs), and 2 Prayer servants (PS).

According to the handbook, there is a set pattern for live-in team service. This pattern establishes a sequence for serving in the primary roles of a live-in team. This sequence (or "progression") ensures that the live-in team is properly trained and equipped for the weekend. Here is how it works:

A person's first experience as being part of the live-in team will almost always be as an Assistant Table Leader (ATL).

After serving as an ATL, a person may be asked to serve as a Table Leader and to give a talk. (If they are gifted with certain talents, a person might be asked to serve as a Music Director. This person would still have served as an ATL

first. The MD's role is a "specialized" role, and is not part of the normal progression.)

To serve as an ALD, a person must have already served as a Table Leader and given a talk. Of the three ALDs, one (or two) of them must have served as an ALD before.

To serve as LD, a person must have already served as an ALD two times. This person's total previous team experience would include a minimum of serving as an Assistant Table Leader, Table Leader, ALD and ALD again. This should make him/her sufficiently prepared to lead a team as it prepares for a walk weekend.

To serve as PS, a person should have served on at least 3 live-in teams; be spiritually mature and have a reputation of a person of prayer.

The final team positions are those for live-in Logistics help. (These people perform a number of critical "behind the scenes" tasks during the weekend). These jobs are not part of the progression, and are filled by at least one experienced team member. LOGs primarily serve outside the conference room during the weekend.

From each walk, there are about 25 people who could become ready to serve on a team at some time. Since about six people on any live-in team are "first timers", only 20% of those who could be eligible would ever serve in this way. Because people from many different walks may all be ready to serve on a team, far less than 20% are asked to serve the first time on any particular walk.

On average, of the 25 pilgrims on a walk, 20% will someday serve as assistant Table Leaders,

15% will serve as Table Leaders, 6% will serve as ALDs and only 3% ever serve as a Lay Director.

Fortunately, producing LDs is not the goal of Emmaus. Rather, Emmaus strives to build up the leadership of the local church. Since the Body of Christ is made up of many different parts, it is important for each of us to recognize and use our talents without comparing them to the talents of others. Through prayer, God's will may be discerned and through our obedience He will be glorified.

How does someone get on a Greater Dayton live-in team? Those chosen are prayerfully selected from a list of people who have filled out a Willing Servant form and meet some basic requirements for each team position.

How do I know if my name is on the list? Each person who is interested in serving on a live-in team needs to complete a Willing Servant form. This form is submitted every 2 years and lets prospective team members express their interest and identify skills appropriate to live-in team service. This form should be sent to the Leadership Chair or if submitted online at www.daytonemmaus.org, then a confirmation is sent to you. This information is entered into the database and will ensure that your name appears on the proper list. If you have served on a Greater Dayton team in the past, your prior team service is recorded. If you have served on a team in some other community, you should include that information on the Willing Servant form.

My name is on the list. Are there other requirements? Active participation in both the local church and in a share group is mandatory for all team members.

How about community service? It is important for team members to understand what it means to be a servant. It is also important for them to be familiar with the "behind the scenes" aspects of an Emmaus weekend. Both of these are accomplished by serving on various work teams (Social, Housing, Kitchen, etc.) that deal with the activity outside the conference room. It takes time to gain this experience, and so approximately one year is recommended between when a person takes the walk and when they become eligible to serve on a Live-in team. This gives people plenty of opportunities to become familiar with the flow of the weekend.

How is the Lay Director chosen? Using the list of those who are eligible, the Board Vice-Chair, who also serves as Chair of the Team Selection Committee (TSC), prepares a list of three or four names for possible LD service. (Sometimes this is the entire eligible list). This list is presented to the Executive Committee (Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) and Spiritual Directors for input. These names are then presented to the entire board who, through prayer, approves the final order in which potential LDs will be called and asked to serve.

Then, how is the rest of the team chosen? Once the LD is determined, the Team Selection Committee (TSC), a group of active community members who have extensive team experience and a good knowledge of community members, meet to review lists of people who have expressed an interest in serving on the various team positions (through their Willing Servant form), and are eligible for the positions.

At this meeting, specific individuals are recommended as potential team members. These recommendations come from TSC a combination of the TSC members' knowledge of

the job that the potential team members have done on previous teams, written reports provided by past LDs after the weekend when they served as LD, and length of time that the people have been waiting to serve in a particular position.

The TSC then meets with the LD and presents them with the list of people to contact for their team, including the order in which to call people for positions. This prevents the appearance of a Lay Director picking just their friends.

Finally, armed with information and supported by the prayers of the Board and community, the LD seeks the Lord's will for team selection by prayerfully following the leading of the Holy Spirit. As the calls are made, the LD asks two questions of each potential team member. They are: (1) "Are you in a share group?" and (2) "Are you active in a local church?" "Yes" answers are need to both questions. Many people who have been asked to serve on a team do not serve because they are not in a share group.

Is there anything else I should know about team selection or serving on a team? Yes:

1. Participation on a live-in team is not a reward for Emmaus service. Though it is necessary for table leaders to understand servant-hood, not everyone who serves well is called to be a table leader. As always, the Body of Christ is made of many parts. The parts are different, and they are all important.

2. Not everyone who serves well on a team is asked to serve again. In the progression, the number of available team positions gets fewer and fewer. This is a dilemma. At the same time, we need to remember that serving on a live-in team is not the goal of Christian service. We need to go where God wants us to serve. In Emmaus, that may be behind the scenes, helping on a weekend or assisting a board member; maybe it is in sponsoring a friend and praying for this ministry. There is joy in serving the Lord wherever he wants us.
3. Live-in team members make a serious sacrifice of time in order to serve and serve well. 25-30 hours are spent in team meetings over six weekends before the walk weekend. Additional time is spent by most team members as they prepare talks, skits and music for the weekend.
4. The local Board is concerned with the health of the community and cultivating local resources. For those reasons, these procedures have been developed and are explained to each LD before team selection starts. However, the team is ultimately determined through communication with God.

Interested in serving on a team? Make your desire known. Have additional questions? Contact the Board Vice-Chair, Board Chair or a community Spiritual Director. This information can be found on the website: www.daytonemmaus.org.