

# UPDATE



## Madison County Area Emmaus Community

### Upcoming Walks & Gatherings

#### CENTRAL OHIO EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Cornerstone Global Methodist  
Church, 207 South Court  
Street, Marysville, Ohio 43040

**Men's Walk # 76**  
August 22-25, 2024

**Women's Walk # 132**  
October 24-27, 2024

**Gatherings 2024**  
May 14, September 10,  
November 12 @ 7pm

#### GREATER COLUMBUS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Grove City UMC, 2650  
Columbus St, Grove City, Ohio  
43123

**Women's Walk #103**  
October 3rd - 6th, 2024

**Gatherings 2024**  
May 25

#### SPRINGFIELD EMMAUS COMMUNITY

High Street UMC, 230 East  
High St, Springfield, Ohio  
45505

**Men's Walks**, May 30th -  
June 2, 2024

**Women's Walk**, Nov, 2024

**Gathering 2024**  
May 19, June 9, July 14.  
@ 7pm

Please join us for our Emmaus Gathering

**Monday, June 24, 6:30pm**

**First United Methodist Church of London**

**52 N Main St, London, OH 43140**

We will gather for a time of  
devotion and fellowship

**Dessert and coffee/tea will be served**

Our speakers will be Greg and Kim Bachman. Kim is the incoming Community Lay Director for the Springfield Emmaus Community. Both also volunteer to head up the Kitchen Committee on walks and are hoping members from our community would consider working in the kitchen on the next men's walk **May 30 - June 2**. They would be grateful for your help!

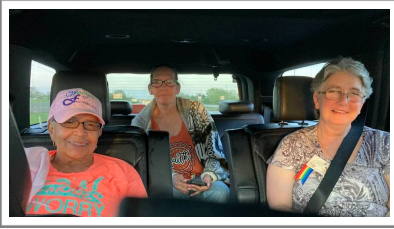
### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR FUTURE SCHEDULED 6:30pm GATHERINGS!

**Aug 26, 2024** (FUMC of London)

**Nov 25, 2024 & March 24, 2025** (TBA)

If your church would like to host a gathering  
contact Susan Wilson, 614.598.0608 or  
Familytreemaven@sbcglobal.net





## Carpooling

Interested in carpooling? We typically meet one hour prior to the event at the FUMC of London church parking lot.



## Stay in Touch!

We are updating our database so we can keep in touch with all of our community members. Visit: <https://www.londonfumc.org/walk-to-emmaus> to share your most recent information.



## Pray for all walks...

Be in prayer for our pilgrims, their families, spiritual directors, team members, sponsors, speakers and all individuals that make these walks a success!



## Volunteers are Needed...

**R**emember your walk and how special that time in your life was? Would you like to help others feel that same love by being 'His' hands and feet? Below are areas our group is in need of help. Opportunities to serve, and be blessed in so many ways! Please prayerfully consider...

**Sponsorship** - Sharing information about upcoming walk opportunities with potential pilgrims, and being the contact person for those who would like to sponsor a pilgrim.

**Agape** - Preparing agape to share with walks that will be given to pilgrims during their Emmaus weekend.

**Share Group Coordinator** - Connecting pilgrims with a share group once they complete their walk and enter into their Fourth Days.

If you are interested in helping, contact Susan Wilson - 614.598.0608 or [Familytreemaven@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Familytreemaven@sbcglobal.net).

## The Most Human and Most Divine Gesture - from Henri Nouwen's *Bread for the Journey*



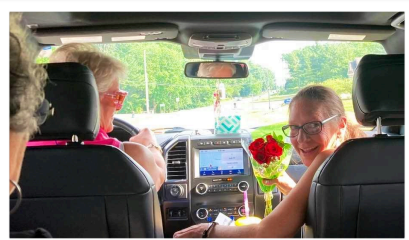
The two disciples whom Jesus joined on the road to Emmaus recognized him in the breaking of the bread. What is a more common, ordinary gesture than breaking bread? It may be the most human of all human gestures: a gesture of hospitality, friendship, care, and the desire to be together. Taking a loaf of bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to those seated around the table signifies unity, community, and peace. When Jesus does this he does the most ordinary as well as the most extraordinary. It is the most human as well as the most divine gesture.

The great mystery is that this daily and most human gesture is the way we recognize the presence of Christ among us. God becomes most present when we are most human.

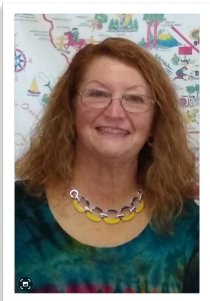
## Our Newest Pilgrims...

**Mikki Budd** - Central Ohio Emmaus Community (Marysville) Women's Walk #129- June 2022

*"My walk was life altering. It opened my heart and my eyes so much more to Jesus and how I live out my faith."*



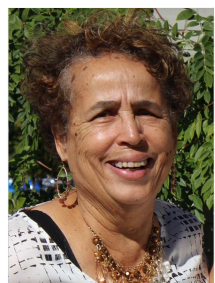
**Cathie Littleton** - Central Ohio Emmaus Community (Marysville) Women's Walk #131, Oct 2023



*"The Walk was a Holy Spirit-filled weekend with many wonderful fellow 'Pilgrims'. The weekend was one of spiritual renewal, sharing of faith journeys, and one that touched my life in a very spiritually positive way."*

**Barbara Cooper** - Central Ohio Emmaus Community (Marysville) Women's Walk #130, Oct 2022

*"My walk was filled with gratitude and appreciation for God's word and all the amazing hospitality shared by this community during my walk."*



**Luke Peart** - Springfield Area Emmaus Community Men's Walk #51-May 2023

*"My walk to Emmaus was and remains to be the single most important thing I have done in my life. It's difficult to accurately describe the experience without attending yourself but the walk changed my heart. Or rather, the Holy Spirit changed me and the walk was simply the vehicle through which it happened."*



**Laura Eldridge** - Central Ohio Emmaus Community (Marysville) Women's Walk #130, Oct 2022



*"My Emmaus walk was a sanctified event for me as I genuinely experienced the blessed assurance of God's immutable presence. What an extraordinary gift I received through this sponsorship! Today, as I lovingly sort through saved mementos stowed away in my Emmaus Walk box, and reminisce upon that extraordinary weekend, I feel touched beyond measure. I will forever be grateful to the amazing team of individuals that worked so hard to make this a truly exceptional experience in my life."*

