

The Joyful Noise



February 17, 2025



Registration Deadline Is Approaching For Men's Walk!

The NW Ohio Emmaus **Men's Walk #76** is coming up on **Feb. 27 - March 2** at Maumee United Methodist Church, and we're looking for more pilgrims along with more volunteers and prayer warriors to make it a successful and enriching experience for everyone!

We have ten pilgrims signed up so far, and registrations will be accepted through February 23. Any questions can be directed to Sponsorship Chairman [Ray Sudheimer here](#). Please pray about how you can support others, as you were supported when you attended your Emmaus Walk!



You can download a [Registration Sponsor Form and Registration Pilgrim Form here](#), and find information on good sponsorship, the mission of Emmaus, and much more. A list of Men's Team members and registered pilgrims can be found [here](#).

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Maumee UMC

Opportunities to serve and support our Emmaus Walks

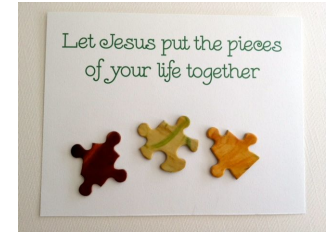
There are many more people involved in each weekend walk besides the pilgrims and team members! You can participate before and during each walk in various ministries:

Prayer Vigil - Our pilgrims are blessed through their entire 72-hour weekend with the prayer support from our faithful community! You can sign up for 30-minute periods to pray from your home, or wherever you may be.



[Sign up for Men's Prayer Vigil here](#)

Agape Gifts - Small surprise gifts and messages throughout the weekend show the pilgrims the love from our community. Please provide at least 50 of the items you create, to cover all pilgrims and team members at the men's and women's walks.



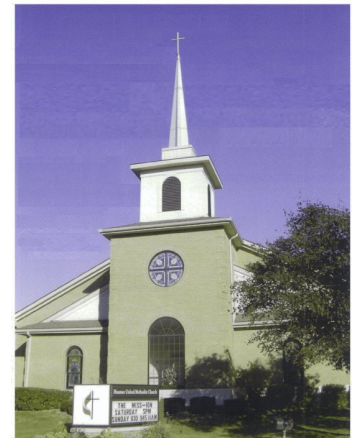
Volunteers - From setup to reset at the churches, carrying luggage, serving meals, and helping with other needs during the weekend, you can help the Walk go smoothly and share your love with our Pilgrims. [Sign up here.](#)

Attendance - These are special times during the weekend that we can directly show our support for the pilgrims and team members!

Sendoff - Thursday 6:30 pm

Candlelight - Saturday 8:00 pm

Closing - Sunday 4:30 pm



Women's Walk #92 - "Best Walk Ever!"

Notes from Kathy Hartford, Lay Director

After a slight delay (four months) and a fair amount of patient prayer, Northwest Ohio Women's Walk #92 was held at Bryan Wesley UMC January 30 – February 2, and... it was most certainly worth the wait! The Lord called seven pilgrims on this Walk, and I can truly say He did not fail to show up for them and meet them where they were... BIG time!

From their first meeting, these "new best friends" connected with each other and members of the team. There was even a suggestion by more than one that we merge them all into one big table! This began their own journey to Emmaus... some reviewing their struggles, some deepening their faith and others letting go of hurt they'd been carrying for decades. We may have been small in number of pilgrims, but the extra time in the schedule allowed for longer and deeper conversation during breaks. And some lunch table conversations included times of tears and sharing! What a beautiful sight to see our Lord and Savior at work in the lives of His precious children... what a

wonderful blessing to be a part of this weekend... what I'm sure had to be the "Best Walk Ever!"

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Kathy Hartford



Put these upcoming events on your calendar

Reunion Gathering - March 8

Hope Church of Delta

101 Northwood Drive, Delta

6:00 - Potluck Meal

7:00 - Praise & Worship

Men's Walk #77 - Oct 2-5

Wesley UMC, Bryan

Women's Walk #93 - Nov 6-9

Maumee UMC

**Please Pray
For Emmaus!!**

The purpose of Emmaus is to encourage spiritual renewal and strengthen our local churches through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program follows the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

**Walking With Jesus,
Together**



Image from christchurchdownend.com

Prayer is a vital part of all Emmaus meetings and events, and we ask for your prayer support in this new year to help us follow Jesus' teachings more closely and spread his word more boldly. **Come Holy Spirit, and light the fire of God's love in our hearts!**

Click on member name to email them directly or email us at NWOEmmaus@gmail.com

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