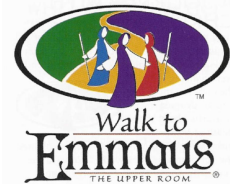


The Joyful Noise



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Pilgrim Registration for **Men's Walk #78** will be open for **just two** more weeks, and then the Walk will be underway! Who have you been praying for? Who is a brother in Christ who would be ready to experience a fresh encounter with Jesus? Time is of the essence to sign up your pilgrim for Walk #78.

Now is also the time to create pilgrim and team **agape**, as well as to sign up for **silent servanthood** opportunities and the very importantly, the **prayer vigil**. These are all important aspects of doing our part to make the walk everything it can be, in the grace of Christ.

You'll find everything needed to **register a pilgrim** or **sign up to serve and pray** on the website...go to nwoemmaus.org, but if you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any one of us serving on the board and we'll be very happy to assist you getting you to what you need. We rely upon the Lord's faithfulness and are reminded that prayer is at the center of everything we hope for. Thank you!

Meet Our 2026 Summer Men's Walk Lay Director

With the Men's Walk fast approaching, let's hear a little bit from the Men's Lay Director of Walk #78, Steve Godwin.

Who is the Lay Director of Men's Walk #78?

Steve Godwin, Northwest Ohio Men's Emmaus Walk #59, Table of Peter!

My name is Steve Godwin, I have been part of the Emmaus community for awhile now, I am retired and God has put this community in my path. I am 55 and I have been through a lot of things in my life. Things that I am not proud of... but I know that I am a forgiven man, child, of God. And I am loved, that is who I am. My original walk is #59. Table of Peter, held at Wesley UMC in Bryan, Ohio.

Why is Emmaus important to you:

Emmaus is important to me because it is where I believe that my journey with and for Christ began.

What is the Bible verse that you have chosen, and why?

My bible verse is **Ephesians 1:7** *through whom we have redemption by HIS blood we have forgiveness of sins according to the riches of HIS grace*. This is the only way we have forgiveness for what we have done here. And this verse is my HOPE for any future.

How is the Team formation going?

Team formation is going well. It was a challenge but I was willing to persevere through the the process of seeking to find the team members that are meant to be part of this Walk, through all the yesses and nos that I have received not knowing exactly how the team would look. But it is Gods will and I believe that GOD has put people on this team for a reason. And great things are going to happen. Please continue to pray for each and every man who has answered, "yes, I will serve" and that the Lord will bless them for heeding the call.

Closing thoughts for our Community?

Things God is putting on my heart is: I keep saying that "I believe that I am doing a great job" BUT is it really ME? Or do we need to step back and ask instead, "It is NOT about you Steve". Or I should I say, "WOW look what GOD is doing here for HIS Glory not mine!"

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Sponsors, please register your pilgrims asap!

The Men's Walk Needs You!

Men's Walk #78

August 13 - 16

Maumee UMC

405 Sackett St., Maumee, OH 43537

The Men's Walk Reunion Gathering
will be at **Hope Church** in Delta
Saturday, Aug. 22

101 Northwood Drive, Delta, OH 43515

Team de-brief at 4:30 p.m. / **Men's Walk REUNION** at **5:30 p.m.**
6 p.m. DINNER and **7 p.m. WORSHIP** (childcare provided!)

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NWO Emmaus Community Fall Gathering

will be held

Saturday, Oct. 17

at PMC (Pettisville Missionary Church)

19055 County Road D, Pettisville, OH 43502

6 p.m. DINNER and **7 p.m. WORSHIP** (childcare provided!)

Bring your favorite autumn dish and enjoy a grateful gathering!

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Reminder: Please sign up for a slot (or more) during the **Prayer Vigil**. You can access the list on the website. Vicki will transfer the online sign-up names to the poster for the pilgrims' benefit.

There are many opportunities that yet need to be filled in order to serve as agape for our pilgrims. [If you click on this link, you will go directly to that interface.](#)

[PRAYER VIGIL SIGN UP](#)

Thank you!



A HUGE THANK YOU to our entire Community for showing up to LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE for the Women of Walk #94. Sponsors, AGAIN, Thank you. It is through good sponsorship that we steward what God has blessed us with.

Ladies, you were PILGRIMS but now you are in your FOURTH DAYS as COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

WELCOME to the Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community!

Zoie Brown - Fayette Church of Nazarene - sponsored by Joe Brown

Stevie Balko - Downtown Church - sponsored by Valerie Plouck

Hollie Carroll - New Hope - sponsored by by Roger Goebel

Kelsey Girlie - Peace Reformed Church - sponsored by Gretchen Arno

Julie Hite - Maumee UMC - sponsored by Barb Bowers

Midge Grabowski - Crossroads Evangelical - sponsored by Jennifer Thourot

Andrea Woodford - Rock City - sponsored by Robin Michael

Lisa Armstrong - North Clinton Church - sponsored by Marlin Frey

Patricia Lankey - Aldergate UMC - sponsored by Michael Lankey

Carli Rossow - sponsored by Julia Rossow

Heather Smith - Fair View - sponsored by Joie O'Neal

* * * * * *Share Group Spark* * * * * *

If you're reading this, this community needs to hear from you! Consider allowing your Share Group to be featured in the Joyful Noise newsletter. Email a photo from your next group meeting (or serving behind the scenes together), and tell us a little about what you love about meeting together. Please encourage our Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community to strengthen our bonds and promote Share Group involvement. Thank you!

Please reach out to any standing board member to express interest or with questions. *Thank you!*

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Our Community Needs You.

Each Emmaus Community relies upon the servanthood of its members. Board members rotate and new representatives will keep our community on the right track and ensure its vitality in the months and years to come. Pray about serving in this way for season. Reach out to any board representative for more information.

For the most up-to-date information please remember to
visit the website: NWOEmmaus.com

Please follow us on **Facebook!** The Emmaus Board wants to promote more interaction and communication between community members through social media. Check us out at Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community, and feel free to share any blessings or thoughts you may have!



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