



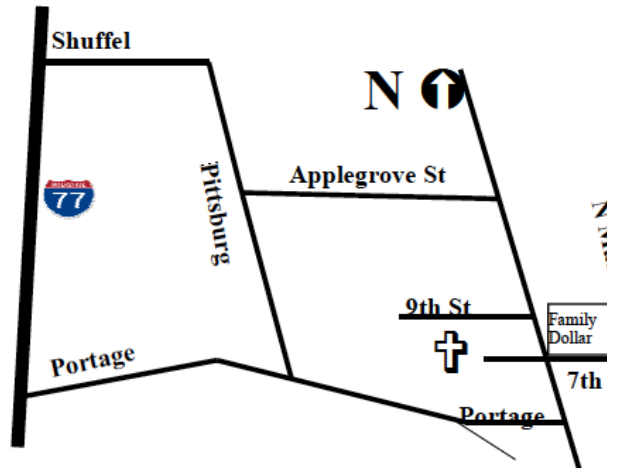
June 2021
East Ohio Emmanuel
Emmaus, Inc.

Emmaus Gathering
June 19, 2020
6:00-8:00
Faith United Methodist Church
300 9th St NW, North Canton, OH 44720
Please see full information on page three.

Directions:

From the North—
77 to Shuffel St (exit 112). Right (East) on Shuffel. Right on Pittsburgh. Left on Applegrove. Right on N. Main. Right on 9th St. Church is on the left.

From the South—
77 to Portage (exit 111) Right (East) on Portage to light at N. Main. Left on N. Main to 9th St. Left on 9th. Church is on the Left.



Hello EOEE 4th Day community,

Greetings on behalf of the Board of the East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Community, and let me say what an honor and privilege it is to serve each of you this year. Who would have ever thought that when I said yes to take on this responsibility that it would include navigating through a pandemic along with all of its uncertainties, twists and turns? Isaiah 41:13 says, “For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you.” This devotion emphasized that He is involved in each and every moment of our lives and that He has carefully mapped out every inch of our journey—even on those days which feel haphazard and full of trouble. Our challenge is to stay conscious of Christ as we go through each day and remember the promises from Isaiah 41:13, that He will hold our right hand and He will help us.

I feel blessed to lead a Board that is absolutely Christ centered and I can tell you that each step along the way this past year and a half has been bathed in prayer. While you would expect prayer to be a cornerstone of serving on an Emmaus Board, I have found that it has been much more. It has been an absolutely essential part of what we do as a Board and Community as we navigate in uncertain waters. It is our connection to Christ! I am so very thankful that each person on the Board has different experiences and perspectives and I appreciate how willing everyone has been to have robust conversation and share their thoughts and concerns this way. This has been critical to gaining the information necessary to make solid decisions and keep us moving in concert with the Lord.

You will read later that we are moving back to in-person Gatherings beginning in June, but with a measure of caution. Please know that while we are in-person and face-to-face, that we are still very aware that people sometimes are in very different places when it come to comfort level—and that is perfectly okay and frankly very acceptable. That said, while masks will not be required, if you feel more comfortable wearing one, I want you to know that it’s perfectly acceptable to do so, and you should feel at peace with your decision. Additionally, I know that there is some pent-up desire for some much-needed Embraccio (let’s face it, hugging is sort of an Emmaus Cornerstone). This said, I recognize that everyone may not be comfortable with that just yet. Just simply extend a fist or elbow as a signal for a fist or elbow bump is you aren’t quite comfortable just yet—let that be the sign to forgo the hug—this is perfectly acceptable!

Most importantly, let’s all recognize that we are still navigating through some pretty tough waters and it is absolutely okay to be in different places on our “comfort journeys”. Let’s respect on another’s positions and give the gift of grace if someone is in a little different place than where you find yourself!

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Chris Ickes,
EOEE Community Lay Director

We will be having a “REAL” in-person Gathering on June 19th from 6 PM to 8 PM at Faith United Methodist Church at the outside pavilion. There will be a few changes for this Gathering. Since it’s our first time back together this year and to keep everyone safe, we are going to do something different. If you wish to bring food to share, please bring individually store prepackaged snacks only. Such things as single serving bags of chips, individually wrapped cookies or pastries, cans or bottles of soda (please no 2 liters). If you wish to bring a sandwich or other food items for yourself and/or family members, please feel free to do so. The community will provide bottled water. **Bring your own lawn chair. Restrooms will be available. In the case of inclement weather, watch your email and Facebook.**

Our picnic this year will be on July 17th at Community Bible Church at 3671 Talmadge Rd. Rootstown. As the time approaches, we will be letting you know more information.

Mark your calendar for these two Gatherings and we hope to see you all there!

Upcoming EOEE Walks

Men’s Walk #98	October 14-17, 2021	Charlie Brechmacher
Women’s Walk #98	October 21-24, 2021	Phyllis Nicholson
Men’s Walk #99	Mar. 31-Apr. 3, 2022	Jim Grafe
Women’s Walk #99	April 7-10, 2022	Michele Atkinson
Men’s Walk #100	October 13-16, 2022	Perry Atkinson
Women’s Walk #100	October 20-23, 2022	Barb Shilling

Sponsoring

Please begin in earnest to pray for pilgrim sponsorship for the upcoming EOEE Walks. Remember that 2 forms are required to be completed in their entirety and that a Pastor’s signature must be on the pilgrim form for acceptance along with a deposit toward the **\$150** fee. These forms can be printed from our web site: www.eoee.org. Also pray for these pilgrims in their walk of faith realizing that the purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to build leaders in their local church. Pray for sponsors as they are making a commitment to attend sponsor’s hour, candlelight, closing and also gather agape for their pilgrim. Please note that completed applications need to be submitted in a timely fashion to:

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

Lisa Limbaugh

8370 Middle Run RD NE

Dover, OH 44622

330-260-5443

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain must now be submitted to eoeecontact@gmail.com

Community,

A vital part of all our Walks and Gatherings is music. We need musicians to serve on Walks; to play and sing at Gatherings and to play and sing at Candlelight. However, if the community doesn't know you play and/or sing, you can't be asked to serve in that way! If you play guitar or keyboard or you can sing, or both, please let us know! Contact eoeecontact@gmail.com

Church leaders or administration

Do you have 4th Day in your church that do not have email? That means they do not get the newsletter. Please consider printing a few copies of the newsletter for your 4th Day church members so they can stay up to date on EOEE news.

Thank you!

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