



JULY 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

No July Gathering

Upcoming Walks

Men's Walk #108 – Tom Huggins – October 15-18, 2026
Women's Walk #108 – Stacy Ickes – October 22-25, 2026
Men's Walk #109 – Jack Ritenour – April 8-11, 2027
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COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings EOOE 4th Day,

At a recent accountability group meeting, we discussed Isaiah 26:3. The verse reads: “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.” The verse assures believers that God Himself actively guards the one whose thoughts are anchored in Him.

Perfect peace is not fragile calm but God’s own unshakable serenity, granted to minds that remain fixed on His character and promises. The key is wholehearted trust: as we rely on the Lord rather than ourselves, He continually surrounds us with peace that the world cannot give and cannot take away.

I woke up this morning, and every morning with my mind stayed on Jesus? Do you?

We are halfway through the year with many events coming up on the horizon. Tom Huggins and Stacy Ickes are beginning to put their respective teams together for Walk #108. Team meetings will begin in August. Please keep Tom and Stacy in your prayers as they follow God’s direction in selecting His Teams for the fall walks.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a pilgrim for the upcoming walks. The 72 hour walk experience is the foundational piece of the Emmaus experience. Remember our “WHY”. Our WHY is “Renewing Christian Disciples and Strengthening Our Local Churches.” Our next sponsorship training will be before our September Gathering.

Your Board of Trustees are beginning the process of finding candidates to nominate for open positions for 2027. We are looking for replacements of members on the following committees: Communications, Agape, At Large, Chrysalis. We are also looking for interested individuals who would assist our Board committees. If you have an interest in serving or have questions, please contact Laurie Maltempi or myself.

Again, wake up every morning with your mind stayed on Jesus.

Continued blessings.

Ken Shillingburg

Community Lay Director

Stay Connected

- **Are you on Facebook?** We'd love for you to join our [Facebook group](#) (or search EOEE) and stay connected! Please make sure to answer the prompt questions when joining!
- **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 Frank Ballard at 330-620-3470.
- **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.

Sponsorship for a Chrysalis Flight

- Neochrysalis.com for more details
- Applications/Sponsor Forms must be received 2 weeks prior to the walk start date
- Download the [application](#)

Sponsoring a Pilgrim

Please begin in earnest to pray for pilgrim sponsorship.

- Remember that 2 forms must be completed in their entirety, and that a Pastor's signature must be on the pilgrim form along with a deposit toward the **\$215** fee.
- These forms can be printed from our web site eoee.org - [Pilgrim Application](#) – [Sponsor Duties](#) – [Sponsor Key Events](#)
- Applications/Sponsor Forms & Payment in Full, must be received 2 weeks prior to the walk start date
- 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 gather agape for their pilgrim.
- Please note that completed applications need to be submitted in a timely fashion to:

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus
Wanda Dunn
5688 Lindsey Oval
Medina, Ohio 44256
Email to: wwwsdunn@yahoo.com

Sponsorship Training at your location.

Doug & Lisa Herr may be available to provide Sponsorship Training for your group. Learn: Whom do we sponsor? Examples of questionable sponsorship. How do we sponsor? Who can sponsor. For more information contact Doug and Lisa at: l.herr@zoominternet.net

Upcoming Gatherings

August 15th – Picnic/Praise Party

at Jackson North Park

Sep 19th –

Nov 21th -

December 5th – Walk to the Manger

at Easton Chapel

Prayer Chain

Do you have a prayer request? Email any requests to eoeecontact@gmail.com. Please feel free to also add to the EOEE Facebook page.

Groups Change Lives

4th Day life includes being part of an accountability (or reunion) group, a small group of Christians (ideally 2-6) who meet regularly to help each other live and grow in a life of grace. There are many ways to meet! Ask your sponsor, a 4th Day friend or email eoeecontact@gmail.com for information on how to get connected.

Share the journey!

AMAZON WISHLIST

If you feel led to help out with our needs for the Walks, here is the link to the [Amazon Wishlist](#). All items should be mailed to 722 Ironwood Street SW, Canton, OH 44706 or they can be brought to the gatherings.

Blessing

I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me. - Phil. 4:13

~Andrea DeGraw~

Manuals

[Emmaus-team-manual](#)

Are you looking for ways to serve in the E.O.E.E. community?

EOEE Procurement is actively seeking committee members to help manage the supplies that support team formation and walk weekends.

The goal is to have one female and one male servant willing to help with the following activities:

- **Management of Walk Weekend supplies.** Each volunteer will retain and manage their respective supply totes used during community events (team formations and Walk Weekends).
- **Inventory Assessments.** This servant will be responsible for performing inventory assessments of the procurement totes; assuring adequate supplies are available for upcoming events. *This includes communicating to the Procurement Board Rep when additional supplies are required.*
- **Transportation:** Volunteers will be responsible for coordinating the delivery of supply totes prior to team formation and Walk Weekends, as well as arranging for their pickup following these activities.
- **Communication:** Volunteers must be competent communicators. This role will require direct contact with Weekend Lay Leaders, Team Heads, and the Procurement Board Rep to assure adequate supplies are available when and where necessary.

If you are lead to serve in this capacity, please contact: Andrea DeGraw

email: adegraw2713@gmail.com or by phone (text or call) 330-844-8227

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Andrea DeGraw #92

E.O.E.E. community Board Opportunities

Have you ever thought about serving the Emmaus Community by being a member of the board?

The following positions will be open at the end of year for a three year term beginning in January 2027.

They are: **Agape / Communications / At Large**

If you would like more information about these positions and the process of becoming a board member, please reach out to Laurie Maltempi 330-807-0103, or lauriemaltempi@gmail.com.

*East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus 3rd. Annual Praise
Party & Picnic 2026*

*Burgers, beverages & sides provided. Please bring your
own table service.*

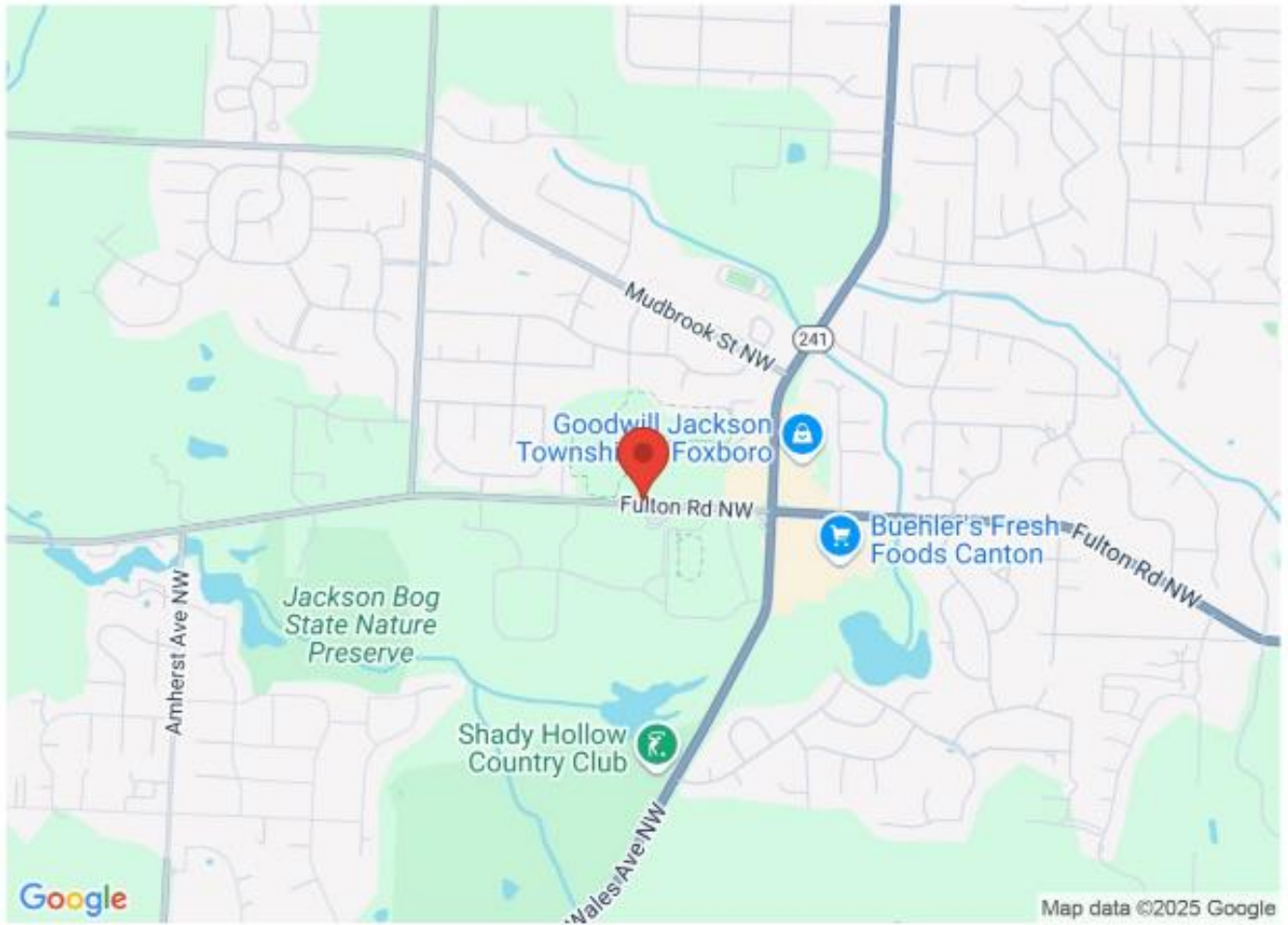
*Saturday August 15, 2026 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Jackson North Park 7660 Fulton Rd. N.W.
Massillon, Ohio 44646*

*We will enjoy a time of music, singing and fellowship.
All musicians are invited to attend.*

*Musicians please contact Deb Rupert 330-685-2419 to
confirm specific details for this event.*

*Dessert will be provided by The Frosty Gator Ice Cream
Mobile Concession Stand for a Nominal Fee*





East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus 2026 Contact List

BOARD				
	Position	Name	Email	Phone
1	Lay Director	Ken Shillingburg	Kenshill5@aol.com	330-620-8232
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1	At-Large	Laurie Maltempi	lauriemaltempi@gmail.com	330-807-0103
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1	Chrysalis	Sally Maltempi	Smaltempi1@gmail.com	330-675-9825
1	Community Trainer	Doug Herr	dherr@zoominternet.net	330-416-5735

LAY LEADERS					
Walk		When	Name	Email	Phone
108	Men's	October 15-18, 2026	Tom Huggins	tdhuggins@frontier.com	330-312-3505
	Women's	October 22-25, 2026	Stacy Ickes	csickes18@gmail.com	330-704-8662
109	Men's	April 8-11, 2027	Jack Ritenour	Jsje_4@frontier.com	330-756-2006
	Women's	April 15-18, 2027	Erica Valentine	Missbaer25@yahoo.com	330-958-2466
110	Men's	Oct 14-17, 2027	Adam Swinehart	tapiedmontese@gmail.com	330-641-1575
	Women's	Oct 21-24, 2027	Carol Pozuc	clmp811@gmail.com	330 571-5741

TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE/MENTORS		
<i>(Not included on Board, but provided minutes & agendas so that they're continually updated.)</i>		
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