



FEBRUARY 2025 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

February Gathering

February 15, 2025

6pm to 9pm

Uniontown United Methodist Church

13370 Cleveland Avenue NW

Uniontown, OH 44685

Please bring a snack or dessert to share (Refreshments starting at 6). We have plenty of beverages! See you there!

Watch Facebook/Email for any changes and/or cancellations.

Sponsorship training from 5:00-6:00 before the Gathering!

Upcoming Walks

Men's Walk #105 - Shawn Fearon - April 3-6, 2025

Women's Walk #105 - Laurie Maltempi - April 10-13, 2025

Men's Walk #106 – Chris Vaughn – October 16-19, 2025

Women's Walk #106 – Becky McCollough – October 23-26, 2025

Men's Walk #107 – John Shilling – April 9-12, 2026

Women's Walk #107 – Diane Boslett – April 16-19, 2026

Men's Walk #108 – TBD – October 15-18, 2026

Women's Walk #108 – TBD – October 22-25, 2026

Greetings EOEE 4th Day;

As the cold of winter is all around us, the Board of East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus had a kick-off retreat where we looked back to see the history this community has developed over the years. Knowing where we have been and what we have accomplished is always a good way to see God's direction in our lives, both as individuals and as a community. But God is not finished with us yet, so once we established where we have been with God, we really need to seek to know where he is wanting us to go.

In my life, I feel closest to Christ when I feel the nudge of where he wants me to go and can look back and see how He has prepared me for the next step with what He has already brought me through. The retreat was my opportunity to speak to the Board and share with them the areas I felt God leading us for 2025. As I prepared for my current role throughout last year, I was continually challenged by the Community Lay Director for 2024, Brett Waller, to seek ways to help the Community grow by looking to what instructions and tools we provide to the community, teams and board to accomplish the "Why" of the Emmaus Model. That "Why" is "Renewing Christian Disciples, Strengthening Local Churches"

With that as my reminder of "Why" we do, what we do, as an Emmaus Community, I challenged the Board to consider four areas for the 2025 Board to focus on:

Education – for the board, teams and community, so that we better understand what we are trying to accomplish and what tools are available to be used to accomplish the tasks at hand.

Committee Building – in this area I am asking the board to seek to involve more community members in tasks that we work on as a Board, to put on the Walk Events, Gatherings and keeping the Community informed.

Sponsorship – Since Covid, the number of pilgrims taking part in each Walk has been declining. In 2025 finding ways to support and involve the community so that we can fill the conference room with pilgrims is the challenge.

Grouping – The strength of the Emmaus Model is what happens after the Weekend Event. Grouping change lives, for those who get involved. The Board will be talking about how to get better participation in the Reunion Group process from Board, Team and the Community.

At the retreat, I challenged all the board members to get involved in these four areas over the coming year. But now as the Community Lay Director, I want to challenge the Community, by asking for you to pray and consider who God wants you to sponsor in 2025. We have four Weekend Events happening this year, with Walks 105 in April and 106 in October for both Men and Women. I would love to see 25 pilgrims involved for each of these walks. From an educational standpoint we have regular Sponsorship training done by Community Trainer Doug Herr with assistance from his wife Lisa Herr.

I believe if you pray and ask God about sponsorship for the upcoming walks, that He will put a name in your mind. The next step is attending Sponsorship Training to know what the responsibilities are as a sponsor. Finally allow God to use you, to talk to the person He put on your heart and give the gift of the Emmaus experience.

Christ is Counting on You.

May God use you to share the Emmaus experience,
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Charlie Brechmacher

Community Lay Director 2025



 COMMUNITY NEWS

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 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.

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
 - [Candidate Application](#)
 - [Sponsor Duties](#)
 - [Sponsor Application](#)
- 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
Debbie Breyley
890 Kirkwall Drive
Copley, OH 44321

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](#)

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 or a 4th Day friend or any board member for information on how to get connected. Share the journey!

Prayer Chain

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

MUSICIANS NEEDED!!

Do you like to sing?
Do you play an instrument?
Do you do both?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please call Deb Rupert at 330-685-2419 and get your name on the Emmaus Musician's List. Music is a big part of our walks and gathering and we'd love to have your name on the list.

Manuals

[Emmaus-team-manual](#)

FEBRUARY GATHERING!!

Post Walk is looking forward to seeing everyone for our first gathering of 2025! If you are planning to attend and will need child care, please contact Kathy Grafe at 330-844-2886 by February 10th. Fourth Day volunteers will be needed to help if child care is needed.

Please watch your email and our Facebook page for further information and if you know someone who doesn't have email or Facebook we would appreciate it if you shared the information with them.

Kathy Grafe
Deb Rupert
Deb Ferry

WEB DEVELOPMENT

If you or someone you know has web development experience, especially in PHP or a comparable language, we would like to ask for your help and connect with you to help create some new tools for our webpage.

Please contact Charlie Brechmacher through email at cbrech@hotmail.com or by texting 330-317-9479.

PILGRIM SPONSORSHIP



Are you sponsoring a Pilgrim on the Spring Walks? Would you like to learn more about sponsorship? On 2/15 at 5:00, there will be a sponsorship training prior to the Gathering at 6:00. Led by Doug and Lisa Herr, it will cover important areas of good sponsorship, such as:

- Who makes a good candidate? Should couples go together?
- What is my role on the weekend, both at home and at camp?
- What should I not do as a sponsor?
- What is my role AFTER the Walk?

Good sponsorship is key for us to continue our mission to grow and support leaders in our local churches. We need you! If you are sponsoring, please make sure you come to the training so you are ready to show your love to your Pilgrim! Any questions, please reach out to Doug and Lisa at l.herr@zoominternet.net.

LAY LEADER NEWS

Hello Fourth Day,

It is hard to believe that it is time to start team meetings for team #105 already. The heads meeting is today, January 25th as I'm writing this. God has assembled a great team, and He blessed us with John Shilling as the assistant lay leader, who will be a pleasure to take this journey with. Please be in prayer for team formation over the next couple of months as we prepare for the walk taking place April 3-6.

I would also ask you to prayerfully consider sponsoring someone for the upcoming walk and make agape for the pilgrims. Everyone can be a part of the team through prayer, serving meals and candlelight.

I'm looking forward to seeing God at work through team meetings and the walk. It was amazing watching Him work through forming the team. It is a blessing going through this process!

Shawn Fearon

John Shilling

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Men's Walk # 105

April 3-6, 2025

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; submit to Him in all your ways and He will make your paths straight ~ Proverbs 3:5-6

	Lay Leader		Kitchen		Chapel		Table Leaders w/Talks
1	Shawn Fearon	1	*Tom Huggins	1	*Neil Fritz	1	Michael Patterson
	-- Perseverance	2	Larry Young	2	Shad Swinehart		-- Priesthood of All Believers
		3	Danny Brown	3	Ken Shillingburg	2	Adam Swinehart
		4	Rich Cochran	4	Bob Geiser		-- Life of Piety
	Assistant Lay Leader	5	Trevor Eisenbrei			3	Dave McIntyre
							--Growth Through Study
1	John Shilling				Table Leaders w/o Talk	4	Tom Harstine
	-- Priorities		Agape				--Christian Action
		1	*Dave Blubaugh	1	Matt Just	5	Travis Hostetler
		2	Brian Bard	2	Roger Blile		--Discipleship
	ALD	3	Dave Baird	3	Kristopher Lewis	6	Bob DeSeyn
1	*Herb Huff						-- Changing Our World
2	Josh Atkinson					7	Ron Crowl
3	Dustin Valentine		Music				-- Body of Christ
4	Jared Collins	1	*Steve McLain				
5	Perry Atkinson	2	Sean Cristea				
	-Fourth Day	3	Jason Neel				
					Board Rep		
	Spiritual Directors				Jim Grafe		* Denotes Head
1	*Bubba Heasley						
2	Ken Kesler						
3	Ashwin Welch				Utility		
4	Mike Kager, Jr.				Mike McCullough		
5	Jamie Walters						

Women's Walk # 105

I hope you all are staying warm and most importantly that the love of Christ is warming your hearts!

As we enjoy these cozy winter days, I pray that you are also looking forward to and praying for our Women's Walk coming up this Spring on April 10-April 12. I am so blessed and excited to be serving alongside Diane Boslett as our Assistant Lay Leader and Vince Maltempi as our Head Spiritual Director. God is at work putting His team together!

Our theme verse for the weekend is Ephesians 2:10. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do." I'm so looking forward to all of the ways that God has prepared and will prepare us to serve these pilgrims of Walk #105!

Thank you for being in prayer for the team and pilgrims of this walk, and I pray you would all continue them!

Lay Leader: Laurie Maltempi

Assistant Lay Leader: Diane Boslett

Dates: April 10-12, 2025

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Women's Walk # 105

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1	Laurie Maltempi	1	*Carol Pozuc	1	*Deb Rupert	1	Val Riedthaler
	-- Perseverance	2	Melissa Aquirre	2	Kristie Bourgeois		-- Priesthood of All Believers
		3	Deb Breyley	3	Krista Clavecilla	2	Kathy Grafe
		4	Jen Curall	4	Pam Ferguson		-- Life of Piety
	Assistant Lay Leader	5	Vickie Just			3	Allie Carter
							--Growth Through Study
1	Diane Boslett				Table Leaders w/o Talk	4	Deb Ferry
	-- Priorities		Agape				--Christian Action
		1	*Cheryl Wendell	1	Dawn Collins	5	Laura Geiser
		2	Emily Brown	2	Carolyn Shadley		--Discipleship
	ALD	3	Joann Fearon	3	Carolyn Valentine	6	Joy Weaver
1	*Stacy Ickes						-- Changing Our World
2	Annie Herr (4 th Day)					7	Betty Fulton
3	Tammy Huggins		Music				-- Body of Christ
4	Rachel Kline	1	*Colleen Ash				
5	Laci McIntyre	2	Sue Langanek				
		3	Sally Maltempi				
					Board Rep		
	Spiritual Directors				Wanda Dunn		* Denotes Head
1	*Vince Maltempi						
2	Russ Bowman						
3	Cindy Olson				Utility		
4	Jane Piehl				Sue Petrak		
5	Bill Seymour						

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

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LAY LEADERS					
Walk	When		Name	Email	Phone
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	Women's	April 10-13, 2025	Laurie Maltempi	lauriemaltempi@yahoo.com	330-807-0103
106	Men's	October 16-19, 2025	Chris Vaughn	chrislee@roadrunner.com	330-339-2014
	Women's	October 23-26, 2025	Becky McCollough	Beckymcc11@yahoo.com	330-844-4214
107	Men's	April 9-12, 2026	John Shilling	jbshilling@neo.rr.com	330-466-1103
	Women's	April 16-19, 2026	Diane Boslett	dianeboslett@gmail.com	330-635-8477
108	Men's	October 15-18, 2026	TBD		
	Women's	October 22-25, 2026	TBD		

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