



October 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

October 2026 - No Gathering

Join EOEE at Camp Wanake for

Candlelight: October 17 and 24
Service begins at 9:00 pm

Closing: October 18 and 25
Service begins at 4:30 pm

Next gathering: November 21, 2026 at Uniontown UMC

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

Women's Walk #109 – Erica Valentine – April 15-18, 2027

Men's Walk #110 – Adam Swinehart – October 14-17, 2027

Women's Walk #110 – Carol Pozuc – October 21-24, 2027

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings EOEE 4th Day:

As I write this, we have officially entered the autumn season of the year. Living in Northeastern Ohio allows us to experience the change in seasons. We approach fall and will experience the great master's paint brush of the brilliant fall colors.

Along with fall comes the Men's and Women's Walk #108. Tom Huggins will lead the Men's Walk which is scheduled for October 15 to 18th. Stacy Ickes will lead the Women's Walk which is scheduled for October 22nd to the 25th. Team formation for the walks only has a few weeks left in their preparation.

As we are less than a month away from the two weekends, I would like to share with you some of the activities that we, as 4th Day, can participate in, to support the weekends. The 4th Day activities include:

- Sign up for the 72 Hour Prayer Vigils for both weekends. [[Men](#)] [[Women](#)] If the Prayer Vigil is filled, you can still pray. Both weekends need to be covered in prayer.
- Sponsor a pilgrim for the walk.
- Serve meals (the exception being if you are a sponsor or spouse of a pilgrim).
- Provide Agape. This can be written notes of encouragement. Small tokens commemorating the Walk Weekend experience. All Agape should fit in a small lunch bag, so please refrain from providing large items such as books.
- Provide Snack Food Agape. The Board requires me to say that the food should be healthy, such as raw vegetables, fruit, etc. I, however, am inclined to mention some other food items, like bacon, that may show up. If you have food agape, please leave it in the dining hall.
- Attend Candlelight
- Attend Closing on Sunday.

Here are a few things that, as 4th Day, we should refrain from doing.

- Please do not enter Savage Retreat Center where the Pilgrims and talks can be found. Savage Retreat Center is off limits to anyone except for the team and pilgrims once the walk begins.
- Please do not enter the Barn when the Team and Pilgrims have an activity in progress.
- There are to be no videos, recordings, or photos taken during the weekend. We promise the Pilgrims a safe sanctuary for the weekend. The lone photo exception is the Team photo.
- When serving meals, be in an attitude of servanthood. Please refrain from long interactions with the team or pilgrims during the meal.
- Before and during candlelight, try to measure your enthusiasm. Let's keep the sound down before, during, and after candlelight. Sound travels up the hill to Savage Retreat Center. Do not intentionally draw attention to yourself. When we leave candlelight, we should be quiet.

Let's make the Pilgrim's Walk Weekend special.

We want them to come away energized and ready to be disciples for Christ.

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Ken Shillingburg
Community Lay Director

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

Time	Activity
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:20 am	Priority
10:30 am	Prevenient Grace
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Priesthood of All Believers
2:30 pm	Justifying Grace
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:20 pm	Life of Piety

Saturday

Time	Activity
8:00 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Grow Through Study
10:05 am	Means of Grace
12:30 pm	Lunch
2:10 pm	Christian Action
3:05 pm	Agape Drop #1
3:50 pm	Obstacles to Grace
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:50 pm	Discipleship
9:00 pm	Fourth Day Service
9:00 pm	Agape Drop #2
10:00 pm	Candlelight (4 th Day arrive at 9:00 pm)

Sunday

Time	Activity
8:00 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Changing Our World
9:45 am	Sanctifying Grace
10:45 am	Body of Christ
11:30 am	Agape Drop #3 (Personal)
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Perseverance
2:10 pm	Fourth Day
4:30 pm	Closing

Snacks for the Weekend

Healthy and not so healthy snacks are needed. Fruits, Vegetables, Chips & Pretzels, Dips & Salsa's, Meats and Cheeses, Crackers, Cookies, & Finger Desserts. Gluten Free, Dairy Free, & Sugar-Free snacks.

- Before Walks begin – please drop off food in the Savage kitchen.
- After Walks begin – please drop off food in the Dining Hall for the kitchen team to distribute.
- Food for the snack tables should arrive anytime from Thursday through Friday. Please do not bring snack foods to Candlelight

LAY LEADER NEWS

Men's Walk #108

Greetings Fourth Day,

God has blessed us with a great team to do His work for the upcoming Walk #108.

WOW, here we are and we are ready to get started doing the work for God on the walk weekend. Our fifth Team Formation Meeting was Saturday, September 19th. We had a great meeting and finished our Talk Previews. The entire team is excited as we prepare for the upcoming walk weekend.

We have just two more Team Formation Meetings. The meetings have progressed so fast and is truly a humbling experience to lead God's team on Walk#108. The entire team is looking forward to the walk weekend and serving the pilgrims that God will be calling to attend this walk.

Our walk weekend is October 15th – 18th. We ask that you keep our team in prayer as we complete our Team Formation Meetings to prepare to do God's work. We also ask you to keep the pilgrims that will be attending and the entire Emmaus Community in prayer. We know God has this already planned and we can't wait to see what he has in store for us.

Please start prayerfully creating general Agape for the Men's and Women's Walks.

We also would like you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a Pilgrim for the Men's and Women's Walk #108.

Matthew 19:26 – Jesus looked at them and said, **“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”**

Blessings!

Tom Huggins – Weekend Lay Leader

Adam Swinehart – Weekend Assistant Lay Leader

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Men's Walk #108

October 15 - 18, 2026

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but with God all things are possible."** -

Matthew 19:26

Lay Leader		Kitchen		Chapel		Lay Speakers
Tom Huggins	1	* Luke Pahanish	1	* Tom Holden	1	Travis Hostetler
-- Perseverance	2	Ted Howenstine	2	Bob Deseyn		-- Priesthood of All Believers
	3	Dave Clugston	3	CJ DeMartinis	2	Ken Hetrick
	4	Matt Brown Jr.	4	Dave Fritz		-- Life of Piety
Assistant Lay Leader	5	Andrew Dunlap			3	Matt Brown
						--Grow Through Study
Adam Swinehart				Assistant Table Leaders	4	Kurt Myers
-- Priority		Agape				--Christian Action
	1	* Rick Henriksen	1	Danny Brown	5	Terry Rupert
	2	Brock Curall	2	Dave Blubaugh		--Discipleship
ALD	3	Justin Mann	3	Paul Wilson	6	Randy Inboden
* John Schneider						-- Changing Our World
Tom Kelly					7	Brian Bard
Bill Stevens		Music				-- Body of Christ
Chris Ledsome	1	* Frank Ballard				
Jeff Obermiller	2	Mike McClintock				
-- Fourth Day	3	Dave Folk				
				Board Rep Brett Waller		
Spiritual Directors						* Denotes Head
* Vince Maltempi		Means of Grace				
Jeff Calkins		Prevenient Grace				
Philip Hoverstock		Justifying Grace		Utility Jim Fahey		
Randy Lewis		Obstacles to Grace				
Jim Lawrence		Sanctifying Grace				

Pilgrims for Men's Walk #108

It was decided that it is too early to release a Pilgrim list yet.

LAY LEADER NEWS

Women's Walk #108

Hello 4th Day,

We can't believe that Walk #108 is less than a month away!

Our team formation meetings are going well, and we have just completed our Talk Preview days. All we can say is, "WOW!" God has already begun weaving everything together, and we are excited to see how He will use these ladies to bless the pilgrims.

As we enter the final weeks of team formation, we ask for your prayers for our team members and their families. We also ask that you keep our pilgrims in your prayers as they prepare for this special journey.

The prayer vigils have been posted, and we encourage you to sign up for both the men's and women's 24-hour prayer vigils. Your prayers are a beautiful way to pour agape love over the teams and pilgrims.

We would also like to share that several team members and pilgrims have gluten, dairy, and coconut allergies. Please keep this in mind as you are considering bringing snacks to camp.

We look forward to seeing you at Camp Wanake in just a few weeks!

Thank you for your continued love, support, and prayers.

Blessings,
Stacy Ickes & Carol Pozuc
Lay Leader & Assistant Lay Leader

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Women's Walk #108

October 22 - 25, 2026

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still

Exodus 14:14

Lay Leader		Kitchen		Chapel		Lay Speakers
Stacy Ickes	1	* Sue Ward	1	* Kathie Ledsome	1	Megan Nelson
-- Perseverance	2	Susan Powell	2	Heidi Reddick		-- Priesthood of All Believers
	3	Carol Lavy	3	Laurel Stiller	2	Robin Guerra
	4	Veronica Campbell	4	Andi Tucker		-- Life of Piety
Assistant Lay Leader	5	Deanna Orr			3	Debbie Breyley
						--Grow Through Study
Carol Pozuc				Table Leaders w/o talks	4	Diane McLain
-- Priority		Agape				--Christian Action
	1	* Amy Moore	1	Violet Eicher	5	Becky McCullough
	2	Andrea DeGraw	2	Nicole Ickes		--Discipleship
ALD	3	Kim Kerr	3	Ann Fritz	6	Betty Fulton
* Laci McIntyre						-- Changing Our World
Pam Campbell					7	Rachel Kline
Sara Legg		Music				-- Body of Christ
Jill Crawford	1	* Annie Chittock				
Lisa Gardner	2	Grace Ballard				
	3	Joan Murray				
		-- Fourth Day		Board Rep		
Spiritual Directors						* Denotes Head
*Bubba Heasley		Means of Grace		*Sue Petrak		
Steve Partridge		Sanctifying Grace				
Sharon Buccitelli		Justifying Grace		Utility		
Janet Allen		Obstacles of Grace		*Barb Shilling		
Katie Watson		Prevenient Grace				

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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 **\$50** 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: wsdunn@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

Oct – No Gathering, Walk 108

Nov 21th – 6pm - Uniontown

Dec 5th – 5pm - Walk to the Manger at
Easton Chapel, 3906 Easton St NE, Canton

Jan – No Gathering

Feb 20th – 6pm – Uniontown

Mar 20th – 6pm - Uniontown

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!

Community Song Books

Please check around and see if you have a community song book. Our supply has been dropping so we need to regather our copies.

Manuals

[Emmaus-team-manual](#)

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.

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

We need a Chrysalis Liason

We are still looking for a chrysalis liaison to serve on the board. This person would be a board member who would serve to supply both communities with happenings to be supported and prayed for. Reach out to Laurie Maltempi if interested and for additional information.

lauriemaltempi@gmail.com

EOEE Core Principles

- Christ-Centeredness: Everything we do as a community, on weekends and in the rest of our activities, must always reflect the love and teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Kindness and Respect: Every person is created in God's image and deserves respect, dignity, and warmth. Nothing we do or say should be at the expense of another's comfort or dignity.
- Inclusion and Sensitivity: All ethnicities, backgrounds, and communities must feel welcomed, valued, and safe. On Walk weekends this means that language, skits, costumes, and mannerisms should avoid stereotypes, mockery, or anything that could single out or marginalize any individual or group.
- Grace: Extend grace in all communications, remembering we are all growing in faith and understanding. Mistakes should be met with gentle correction and forgiveness.

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

2026 Contact List

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LAY LEADERS					
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	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

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