



MARCH 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

March 21 Gathering

6pm – 8pm(ish)

Uniontown United Methodist Church
13370 Cleveland Avenue NW
Uniontown, OH 44685

Danny and Emily Brown will be our speakers

. If childcare is needed, please call Deb Rupert by March 14th at 330-685-2419.

Bring a dish, snack, or desert to share (Refreshments starting at 6).

Please watch Facebook/Email for any changes and/or cancellations.

Sponsorship training from 5:00-6:00 before Mar. Gathering!

Upcoming Walks

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

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

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

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings EOEE 4th Day!

We survived the winter cold and snow of January and February. We can now look forward to March and Spring. As we enter the Lenten Season, let us prepare ourselves for a time of reflection, a reminder of our need for repentance, and the reality of our human frailty. Let us engage in Lent by fasting (abstaining from something in order to focus on God), prayer, and giving to charity. Let us have the awareness that sin separates us from God and what Christ endured to save us from sin, death, and the devil.

Continue to remember the WHY. WHY we do what we do as an Emmaus Community. Our WHY is: Renewing Christian Disciples and Strengthening Local Churches. This is our focus.

The Men's and Women's Walk #107 have begun their team meetings. Please lift both teams up in prayer and lift up the group of pilgrims that will be taking their walk. I look forward to welcoming our new 4th Day members.

If you are not serving on a team, please consider the following activities:

Serve meals on a weekend

Provide Agape

Provide food Agape

Attend Candlelight and/or Closing

Sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil for one or both walks.

Consider sponsoring a pilgrim. We will have sponsorship training one hour before our March Gathering for those who are sponsoring this April. We will have additional sponsorship training prior to other gatherings later in the year. Sponsorship is vital to the success of our Community.

An important activity for your personal growth is participating in an Accountability Group. Grouping allows for small group dynamics that enhance your personal and faith walk.

Talk to God to find out which way He wants you to serve next month for East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Walks #107. Christ is counting on you.

DeColores

Ken Shillingburg, Community Lay Director 2026
March 2026

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.

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
 - [Sponsorship Packet](#)
- 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 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](#)

Upcoming Gatherings

April – No gathering due to Walks

May 16th – Team/Pilgrims of Walk #107

June 20th – Speaker: Allie Carter

August 15th – Picnic/Praise Party
at Jackson North Park

December 5th – Walk to the Manger
at Easton Chapel

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.

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!

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.

Blessings,

I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.

Phil. 4:13

~Andrea DeGraw~

Manuals

[Emmaus-team-manual](#)

Men's Walk # 107

Greetings Fourth Day!

It's hard to believe how time has passed by so quickly this last month. We have had 3 team meetings already and Saturday, February 28th we will have our first talk preview day. I can't wait to see what God has placed on the hearts of our speakers. The team has bonded quite well and they are looking forward to the walk and serving the pilgrims that God is calling.

We would ask that you prayerfully consider sponsoring someone for the upcoming walk and consider making agape, serving meals, coming to candlelight, and signing up for the prayer vigil. We are all in this together. You are a part of our team, too.

Please remember us in your prayers as we continue this journey!

Blessings!

John Shilling, Weekend Lay Leader

Jack Ritenour, Weekend Assistant Lay Leader

Prayer Vigil - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EA9AD29ABFA7-62179091-e0ee#/>

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Men's Walk # 107

April 9-12, 2026

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"

Psalm 150:6

	Lay Leader		Kitchen		Chapel		Lay Speakers
1	John Shilling -- Perseverance	1	* Neil Fritz	1	* Ronnie Wendell	1	Scott Houmard -- Priesthood of All Believers
		2	Jim Rini	2	Kevin Gessling		
		3	William Moore	3	Jacob Collins	2	Dave McIntyre -- Life of Piety
		4	Tracy Weisel	4	Dave Baird		
	Assistant Lay Leader	5	Adam Swinehart			3	Jared Collins --Grow Through Study
1	Jack Ritenour -- Priority				Assistant Table Leaders	4	Ben Andrella --Christian Action
			Agape				
		1	* Herb Huff	1	Tim Gardner	5	John Weaver --Discipleship
		2	Justin Mitchell	2	Steve Slater		
	ALD	3	Shawn Fearon	3	Shad Swinehart	6	Jeff Thomas -- Changing Our World
1	* Rick Davenport						
2	William Adelman					7	Michael Patterson -- Body of Christ
3	Richard Reese		Music				
4	Dustin Mackintosh	1	* Jason Neel				
5	Sam Studer -- Fourth Day	2	Sean Cristea				
		3	Jonathan Long				
					Board Rep Chris Ickes		* Denotes Head
	Spiritual Directors						
1	* Ken Kesler		Means of Grace				
2	Vince Maltempi		Prevenient Grace				
3	Bill Seymour		Justifying Grace		Utility		
4	Sy Horn		Obstacles to Grace		Jim Grafe		
5	Ash Welch		Sanctifying Grace				

Women's Walk # 107

God is building up a team of joyful, giving, courageous women to serve on Walk 107. Please note changes in our assignment roster and continue to support us with your prayers. The themes of freedom and no fear are in our hearts and minds as we listen to God for His guidance and direction. He has redeemed us; He knows us by name; we are His.

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine." Isa. 43:1

Song: "Glorious Day" by Passion

Women's Walk 107 Theme: Freedom

In Christ's Love,

Diane Boslett, Weekend Lay Leader

Erica Valentine, Weekend Assistant Lay Leader

Prayer Vigil - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EA9AD29ABFA7-62179124-e0ee#/>

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Women's Walk # 107

April 16-19, 2026

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine."

Isaiah 43:1

	Lay Leader		Kitchen		Chapel		Lay Speakers
1	Diane Boslett -- Perseverance	1	* Nicki Myers	1	* Beth Eisenbrei	1	Joy Weaver -- Priesthood of All Believers
		2	Laura Geiser	2	Mary Gardner		
		3	Christine Mitchell	3	Nannette Hahn	2	Daniela Archer -- Life of Piety
		4	Valerie Rado	4	Terri Paul		
	Assistant Lay Leader	5	Dawn Collins			3	Tammy Huggins --Grow Through Study
1	Erica Valentine -- Priority				Assistant Table Leaders	4	Carol Pozuc --Christian Action
			Agape				
		1	* Emily Brown	1	Kathleen Holden	5	Tracy Bowman --Discipleship
		2	JoAnn Fearon	2	Ashleigh Kuhns		
	ALD	3	Laurie Huff	3	Carla Miner	6	Shirley Swinehart -- Changing Our World
1	* Cheryl Wendell						
2	Judy Horn					7	Deborah Rupert -- Body of Christ
3	Herminia Lee		Music				
4	Val Riedthaler	1	* Colleen Ash				
5	Cathy Tisch	2	Debra Walker				
		3	Allie Carter				
			-- Fourth Day		Board Rep Michele Atkinson		* Denotes Head
	Spiritual Directors						
1	* Jane Piehl		Means of Grace				
2	Cindy Olson		Prevenient Grace				
3	Darcy Miller		Justifying Grace		Utility		
4	Amie Price		Sanctifying Grace		Lynette Mahaffey		
5	Wilma Robertson		Obstacles to Grace				

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

DeColores,

Andrea DeGraw #92

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	Treasurer	Mark Boslett	markwboslett@gmail.com	330-416-8146
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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
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	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	TBD		
	Women's	Oct 21-24, 2027	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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