



August 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

EOEE 3rd Annual Praise Party & Picnic
Saturday, August 15th, 3pm-7pm
Ruwadi Pavilion - Jackson North Park
7660 Fulton Rd NW - Massillon

Burgers, beverages & sides provided.

Please bring your own table service.

We will enjoy a time of music, singing and fellowship.

All musicians are invited to attend.

Dessert can be purchased from The Frosty Gator.

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,

I trust that each one of you has taken time to soak in the many blessings of an Ohio summer. Enjoy the sunshine, the warm weather, the opportunity to ride a bike, take a walk in one of our many parks, swim in the warm waters of our pools and lakes. What a great time.

One of the other great perks of summer is gathering with friends and family. I look forward to our 3rd Annual Praise party on Saturday, August 15, 2026. The fun starts at 3:00 PM and lasts until 7:00 PM. It is going to be held at Jackson North Park located at 7660 Fulton Rd. NW Massillon, Ohio 44646.

Our Post-Walk Committee has done a fantastic job of arranging for a great selection of food. We will even have a visit from The Frosty Gator Ice Cream Mobile Concession Stand. There will be an abundance of eating, music, singing and fellowship. I look forward to seeing you there.

Another aspect of mid-summer is that the teams for our fall walks will soon begin their team meetings. Tom Huggins and Stacy Ickes are completing their team rosters for Walk 108. Their journey as Walk Weekend Lay Leaders now kicks into high gear. If you know someone that could see their discipleship walk, be enhanced by completing the 72 hour Walk to Emmaus Weekend, consider becoming their sponsor. We will have a sponsorship training before our September Gathering.

Let's fellowship together, break bread together, worship together, sing together, and bring others into our East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus community.

Continued blessings,

DeColores!

Ken Shillingburg

EOEE Community Lay Leader

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. Our Heads Meeting will take place on Saturday, August 8 th with our first Team Formation Meeting on Saturday, August 15th.

God has also blessed me with Adam Swinehart as the Weekend Assistant Lay Leader and I look forward to serving with him.

Our walk weekend is October 15th – 18th. We ask that you keep our team in prayer as we begin our Team Formation Meetings to prepare to do God's work on the walk weekend. 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 creating general Agape now for the Men's and Women's Walks.

We also would like you to consider sponsoring a Pilgrim for the Men's and Women's Walk #108 and start the sponsorship process with them.

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

Note – We currently have 4 men signed up for this Walk.

Women's Walk #108

Hi everyone!

I am humbled to lead the Women's Emmaus Team #108 this fall. God has put together a wonderful group of ladies and a couple gentlemen who will serve Christ and love on the Pilgrims. I can't believe that our team meetings will be starting on August 22nd.

As we get ready to start meeting, we ask for your prayers for the team as we prepare for the Weekend. We also ask for your prayers for the Pilgrims that God is preparing to attend the weekend. We look forward to what God has planned for His team while knowing He will protect and fight for us as we go about fulfilling that plan!

Our Theme verse for the weekend is Exodus 14:14, “The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

Blessings,

Stacy Ickes and Carol Pozuc

Lay Leader and Assistant Lay Leader for Walk #108

Note – We currently have 11 women signed up for this Walk.

Stay Connected

- **Are you on Facebook?** We'd love for you to join our [Facebook group](#) (or search EOOE) 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 EOOE 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 eooo.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 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](#)

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 – Uniontown – Stacy King

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

DeColores,

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.

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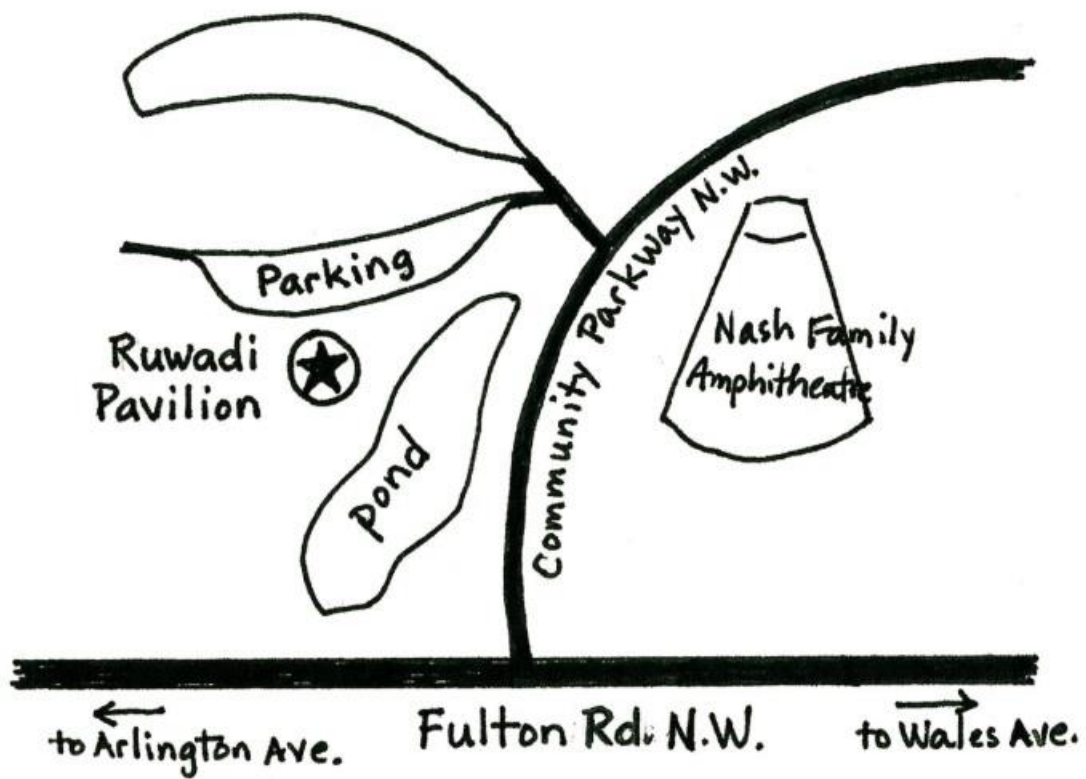
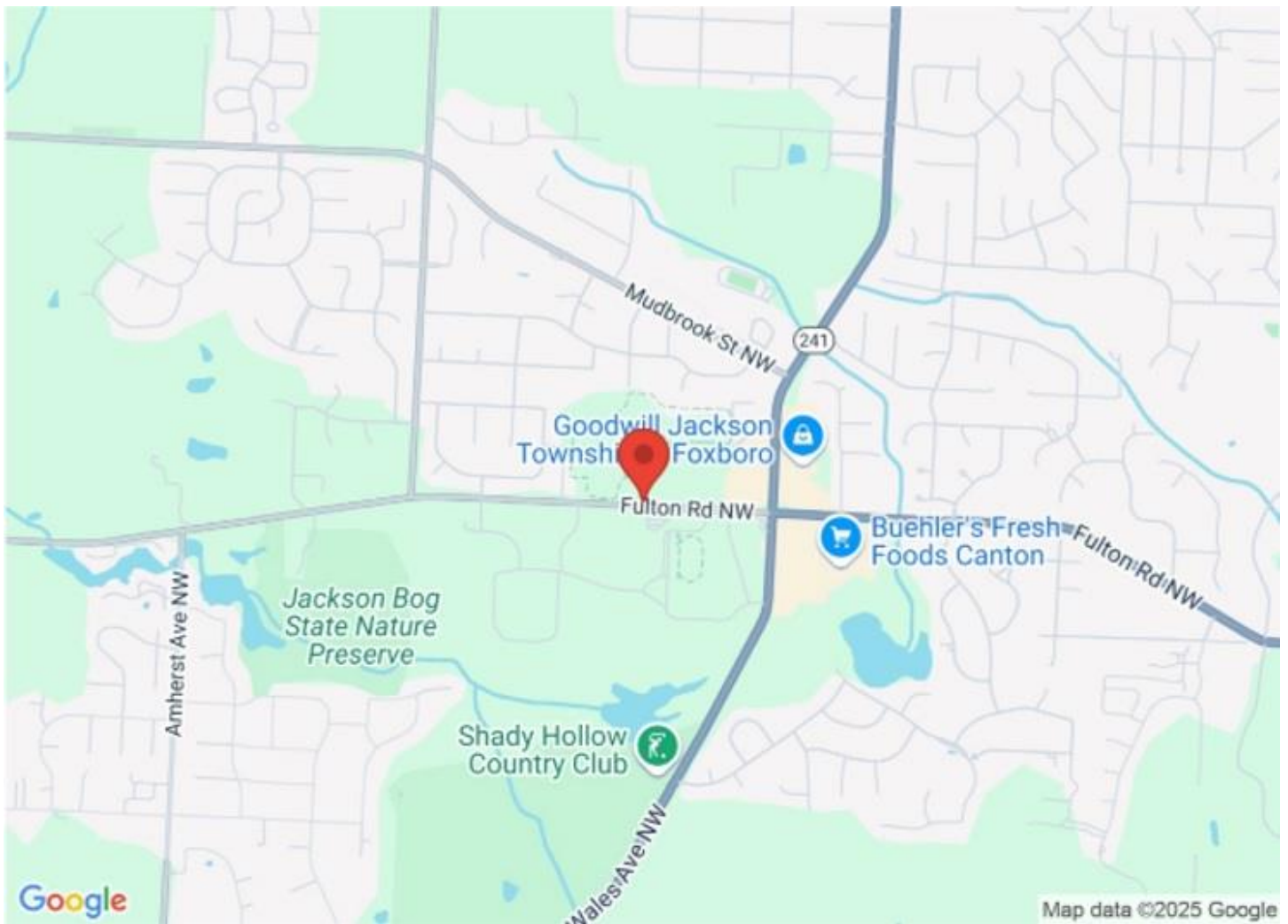
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Mobile Concession Stand for a Nominal Fee*





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2026 Contact List

BOARD				
	Position	Name	Email	Phone
1	Lay Director	Ken Shillingburg	Kenshill5@aol.com	330-620-8232
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1	Secretary	Mary Nitzsche	marynitz@gmail.com	330-571-6279
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1	Chrysallis	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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