



December 2020

East Ohio Emmanuel
Emmaus, Inc.

Good December 4th Day community,

As this year draws to a close, may you treasure the time you have been given to share with the ones you love. I pray for peace and joy going into the Christmas season by the greatest present given to each of us, Jesus.

Be encouraged by these verses:

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.” Philippians 4:6

During this season of giving, please remember those in need and reach out in love and support to those that are lost and hurting.

For unto us a child is born, our Savior and Redeemer. Blessings to you and your families.

Please know your Board has been meeting monthly during this past year and we are considering all options for having Walks in 2021. We ask for prayers for the future of this community and look forward to the day when life will return to PRE-COVID-19. We encourage everyone to support each other virtually and praying for each other on a regular basis. May you and your stay healthy and safe during this time.

Finally, it is my privilege to announce that Wanda Dunn will be starting her three-year term of Community Lay Leader in January 2021. She will begin as assistant to Chris Ickes.

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Sue Petrak, Community Lay Leader EOEE

Walk to the Manger

The Walk to the Manger, a tradition in our EOEE Community, will be hosted by the First United Methodist Church of Cuyahoga Falls on December 12th at 4 PM. This virtual event will be on the FUMC Facebook page. The link is in the body of the email. Dean Wagner, the Director of Music Ministries, will provide an hour of Christmas music that you can enjoy at home with your family. Please check in with your name and church you attend so you can link with your neighbors! This video will be available after the livestream ends to view later.

To donate to the church's mission, please send checks to Hearts 4 the City. 954 Eastland Ave. Akron, OH 44305

Upcoming EOEE Walks

Men's Walk #98 TENTATIVE June 3-6, 2021 Charlie Brechmacher

Women's Walk #98 TENTATIVE June 10-13, 2021 Phyllis Nicholson

Men's Walk #99

Jim Grafe

Women's Walk #99

Michele Atkinson

Men's Walk #100

Perry Atkinson

Women's Walk #100

Barb Shilling

Sponsoring

Community, sponsoring can still be done, by praying for those we are being led to approach. However, please contact Lisa before sending any paper work or money. Since the dates of the next Walks are still tentative, we don't want to hold checks or make refunds.

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Hello 4th Day!

Traditionally, at the November Gathering, the 4th Day Community is asked to vote for a person to take a seat on the EOEE Board when more than one person has volunteered to serve for an open position. Since we did not have a Gathering, we are doing an online vote. In the body of the email, you will find a link that will take you to the poll. The poll will be available until Dec. 15th. Thank you for casting your vote and thank you to the people willing to give their time to our Board and Community!

Dear EOEE Community,

It has come to that time of year when we must say goodbye to members of the EOEE Board who have served their full term and to vote for member for the upcoming three-year terms.

It is with great appreciation that we recognize David Blubaugh (Walk), Kathie Ledsome (Communications), Laurie Maltempi (NEO Chrysalis), Kathy Grafe (Post-walk), Jen Gabor (Pre-walk), and Barb Shilling (Agape) for their faithfulness in serving the East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Community. David would like to continue as our Procurement Officer. Kathie would like to continue as our Agape representative. Laurie would like to continue as the Member-at-Large. Kathy Grafe would like to continue in the Post-walk position. Jen remains an active and important part of our 4th Day Community. And, Barb will concentrate on plans for being the Lay Leader of Walk #100.

We also want to acknowledge Ted Howenstine for his gracious and devoted service to the EOEE Community. Ted served the maximum number of years allowed under EOEE bylaws, two years as part of the Walk Committee and four years as our Procurement Officer.

And last, but certainly not least, we want to express our deep gratitude to Doug Herr for his many years of dedicated service on the EOEE Board. He completes his three-year term as our Community Lay Director and remains a valuable resource and asset as a member of our 4th Day Community.

We are grateful for the servant hearts and for jobs well done by these dear saints! May God's great blessings continue to fill all their 4th Days!!!

The link to vote for the new EOEE members is in the body of the email. This will be available until Dec. 15th.

Wanda Dunn, Member at Large

Greetings friends!

I am sure that you are missing our regular Gathering, Walks and time together as 4th Day members of EOEE. I assure you that you are NOT alone! Communities around the globe have stopped holding Gatherings for much of 2020. In fact, the total number of pilgrims globally in 2019 was 12, 580 and 1939 Butterflies. Before the pandemic this year there had been 4152 pilgrims and 665 Butterflies. That's a really big difference!! Emmaus Ministries is 100% funded through participant fees, merch sales and manual fees. Without walks, none of that income is earned. There is a projected deficit of \$165,000 this year. You can help by being a part of the 100 Days of Giving that started earlier this fall. Through your financial support, we can keep the doors open for our beloved Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, and Face to Face experiences when this pandemic allows us to meet again. You can give in two ways:

1. Go to www.emmaus.upperroom.org and click on the 100 Days of Giving box on the home page. You can use a credit card to make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts each month.
2. Send a check to: The Upper Room PO Box 305150 Nashville TN 34230-9891

The tax ID number is 62-0475840 for your records.

Any amount will be a blessing! However, please consider a donation in the amount of your team fee if you were planning to serve this past year or in the amount of the pilgrim fee you would have spent had you been able to send someone on a weekend. This Walk to Emmaus' 40th Anniversary. Maybe you could consider \$40 a month to honor the milestone—or a one-time donation of \$40 this year and \$41 for next year. Be creative!

I so look forward to seeing our community and the other communities that I serve giddy with the excitement of Send Off, reflective for the reverence of Candlelight and thankful with the joy of Closing. IN the meantime, thank you for your love, prayers and support to keep this beloved ministry fulfilling the mission of making disciples!

God Bless,

Lisa Herr

Area 8 Communicator for Emmaus Ministries and EOEE #55 Table of Ruth

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain must now be submitted to eoeecontact@gmail.com

Starting with the Fall Walks 2019 and going forward, all Walk photos will be digital. What this means is that the photo will still be taken on Thursday evening, and then a link will be emailed to all team and pilgrims after the weekend where they can view the picture and print if they so choose. The list of names will still be included in the take home packet with some places that will print the pictures. (Walgreens, etc.) For those people without email, there will also be a number to contact if they need help in getting the picture printed.

Community,

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.

Thank you!

2020 Gathering Dates

December 12 Walk to the Manger First United Methodist Church of Cuyahoga Falls ONLINE ONLY

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