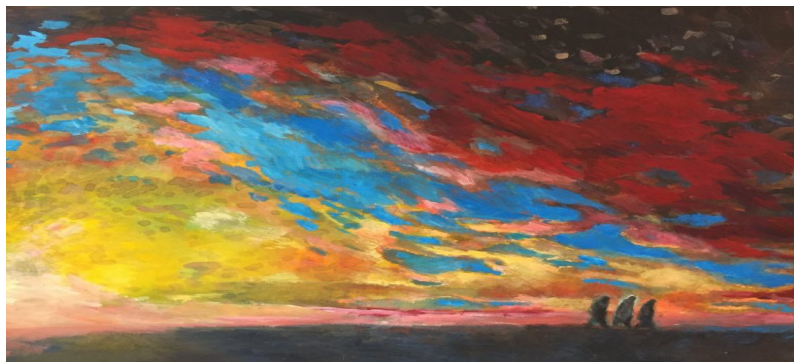




November 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

November 21, 2026 Gathering

6pm to 8pm(ish)

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

Please bring a snack or dessert to share (Refreshments starting at 6).
Watch Facebook/Email for any changes and/or cancellations.

Please join us to welcome our New Fourth Day!
The 4th Day Experience begins at 4:30pm

Next gathering: December 5, 2026 Walk to the Manger

Upcoming Walks

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
Men's Walk #111 – Dave Piehl – Spring 2028
Women's Walk #111 – Tammy Huggins – Spring 2028

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings, EOEE 4th Day:

During the fall time of the year, God blesses us with a vivid landscape of color. Our master painter fills his canvas with bright reds, yellows, and golds. Such a beautiful picture.

As I traveled to Camp Wanake over these past couple of weeks, I was able to enjoy the beautiful fall colors. Hopefully you were able to attend some of the events during the recent walk weekends for the Men's and Women's Teams.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus, I am honored to welcome 13 men and 19 women to EOEE 4th Day. Congratulations and welcome. It was great to hear what the 72 hour walk meant to them. God was truly present.

I encourage each of you to attend our Gathering on November 21st to meet our newest 4th Day. The Gathering starts at 6:00 PM. Prior to the Gathering, at 4:30 PM, we will be holding another event called the 4th Day Experience. This is a time for the New 4th Day and their sponsors to come and meet some of the leadership of the Community and hear how they can volunteer to serve. If you want to learn more about the Community and how to get more involved, you are welcome to attend this meeting as well.

Another event that is coming in the month of December is The Walk to the Manger. The event is planned for December 5th at 5 PM. It will be held at Easton Chapel. This takes the place of our December Gathering and is planned earlier in the month so as not to conflict with other holiday events.

As we have just finished our Fall Walks, it is not too late to start thinking about sponsoring someone for our Spring Walks. Jack Ritenour will lead the Men's Walk #109 from April 8th to 11th. Erica Valentine will lead the Women's Walk #108 on April 15th to 18th. Start thinking about who will become our next group of 4th Day.

Lastly, at our last EOEE Board meeting, the Board Trustees voted on the Community Lay Director for 2028 as well as the Weekend Lay Leaders for Walk #111 (Walks taking place in the Spring of 2028). It is my privilege to announce that **Jo Ann Fearon** will be our Community Lay Director for 2028. Her term will begin in January of this coming year when she will be serving as the assistant to Jim Grafe. It is also my pleasure to announce the Weekend Lay Leaders for Walk #111. The Men's Leader for Walk #111 will be **Dave Piehl**, and his counterpart to lead the Woman's Walk #111 will be **Tammy Huggins**.

Their 18-month journey will begin next month in November when they begin preparing as the Assistants for the upcoming Spring Walks #109.

Please congratulate them when you see them and keep them in your prayers!

I wish you all many blessings for your Thanksgiving Holiday. Embrace your family and friends and express thanks for all of your Heavenly Father's blessings.

Continued blessings and De Colores!

Ken Shillingburg
Community Lay Leader



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.

Future Prayer Vigils

Men's 109 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EA9AD29ABFA7-67025335-e0ee#/>

Women's 109 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EA9AD29ABFA7-67025621-e0ee#/>

Men's 110 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EA9AD29ABFA7-67025587-e0ee#/>

Women's 110 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EA9AD29ABFA7-67025915-e0ee#/>

LAY LEADER NEWS

Men's Walk #108 (AKA God's Walk #108)

Greetings Fourth Day,

This was the most humbling eighteen months of my life preparing for God's Walk #108. During the seven weeks of Team Formation Meetings, it humbled me so much to stand up in front of thirty-eight men and watch them sing and praise God because they wanted to not because they had to. We had our Team Formation Meetings in our church Sanctuary. One time our Pastor came in and said to me that he could not believe how great the music sounded when we were singing our theme song of Graves Into Gardens. The words of this song is the story of my life. God's Walk #108 Banner is very special to me because it is a copy of the large mural that in the front of our Church Sanctuary.

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Men's Walk #108



Jesus looked at them and said, **"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."**

Matthew 19:26

And the walk weekend was even more humbling for me. The reason I say that I sat at the table of the Spectators was because I sat there the entire weekend and watched thirteen Pilgrims and thirty-nine Team Members, including myself, strengthen our personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And we gave all the Praise and Glory to God for everything.

God blessed us with a great Team and great Pilgrims for the weekend to do His work on Walk #108. The Pilgrims were totally engaged with God by the end of the weekend. All I kept hearing them say was "With God all things are possible."

We ask you to keep the Pilgrims in prayer as they start their Fourth Day experience. We also ask that you keep our Team in prayer as we come down from this blessed weekend. 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

Jesus looked at them and said, **"With man this is impossible,
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	Jim Fahey
	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		
Spiritual Directors				Brett Waller		* Denotes Head
* Vince Maltempi		Means of Grace				
Jeff Calkins		Prevenient Grace				
Philip Hoverstock		Justifying Grace		Utility		
		Obstacles to Grace		Charlie Brechmacher		
Randy Lewis						
Jim Lawrence		Sanctifying Grace				

New Fourth Day from Men's Walk #108

Mike Baldasare
Brad Crombie
Edward Domer
Jim Eberly
Tim Everly

Paul Heller
Tom Lindberg
Ben McClintock
Tom Moreland
Andrew Sears

Todd Stump
Don Walters
Sky Yeargin

LAY LEADER NEWS

Hello Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

What an amazing weekend watching God move and carry us through. His light shined brightly, and His love was overflowing. God's amazing team worked joyfully and tirelessly to guide the pilgrims through their 72-hour walk. The pilgrims connected and bonded at their tables very quickly and with the team. And could this group sing! WOW!!

It was awesome listening, staying in the moment, and watching God move. God is so amazing as he orchestrated everything through these 18 months for the weekend. As our theme verse states – The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still. Exodus 14:14.

We are thankful to all of you for praying, serving meals, snacks, agape, music, setting up/tearing down, helping with all the special moments, candlelight and carrying luggage. We appreciate you so much!

What a blessing this has been. I am humbled and grateful to have been given the blessing and opportunity of being part of God's Walk #108.

Thank you for all the love and support.

Blessings,

Stacy Ickes, Lay Leader

Carol Pozuc, Assistant Lay Leader

Walk #108



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				

New Fourth Day from Women's Walk #108

Kristie Adamov
Kaye Broadbent
Polly Daher
Teri Decker
Darla Eberly

Jenn Everly
Tricia Farley
Jessica Grotemeyer
Kylie Lautzenheiser
Sharen Lindberg

Abby Orellana
Chelsea Patterson
Amy Proseus
Kelly Rose
Kathy Schirra

Rashelle Sponseller
Shyler Swinehart
Linda Wuske
Julia Yeargin

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 **\$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 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

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

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

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](#)

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

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

2026 Contact List

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	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
111	Men's	April ??, 2028	Dave Piehl	davidapiehl@aol.com	330-321-8783
	Women's	April ??, 2028	Tammy Huggins	tthuggins@frontier.net	330-324-0383

1	2028 Lay Director	Jo Ann Fearon	Maricoledesigns2009@gmail.com	330-432-2467
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