



# APRIL 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

## No April Gathering

There is no gathering this month as Walks 107 are taking place at Camp Wanake. Please join us there for:

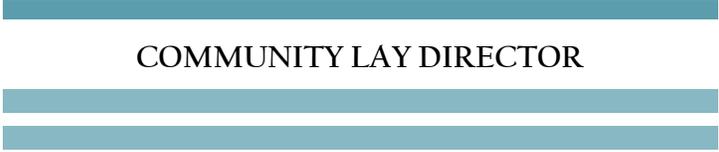
Candlelight: April 11 and 18  
Service begins at 9:00 pm

Closing: April 12 and 19  
Service begins at 4:30

Next gathering: May 16, 2026 at Uniontown UMC

## 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 4 th Day,

What a difference a month makes. Since our last newsletter, Spring has sprung officially (maybe not metrologically).

We are seeing the end to the Lenten season.

We are experiencing Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

We celebrate a risen Savior!

Walk #107 Teams have completed their training sessions and are ready to serve a new group of Pilgrims. What a great time of the year!

We exist as a Community to hold events, Walks, so that we can see Pilgrims grow into 4 th Day. Our “Why” is renewing Christian Disciples and Strengthening Local Churches.

We need and do spread the good word about our risen Savior. Christ’s sacrifice on the cross washes away our sins and gives us the opportunity to live in eternity.

Let’s keep our Community thriving. Seek out potential Pilgrims that will be renewed by a walk weekend and will go on the strengthen our local churches. Become a sponsor.

I want to leave you with a sign I recently saw. “In happy moments, praise God. In difficult moments, seek God. In quiet moments, worship God. In painful moments, trust God. In every moment, Thank God.”

Thank you God for every moment. Thank you God for my next breath. Thank you God for every blessing. Thank you God for the EOEE Community. Thank you God for our new 4 th Day.

De Colores!

Ken Shillingburg

Community Lay Leader

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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: [wwwsdunn@yahoo.com](mailto:wwwsdunn@yahoo.com)

## Sponsorship for a Chrysalis Flight

- [Neochrysalis.com](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> – Team/Pilgrims of Walk #107

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Speaker: Allie Carter

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

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Walk to the Manger  
at Easton Chapel

## Prayer Chain

Do you have a prayer request? Please email any requests to [eoecontact@gmail.com](mailto:eoecontact@gmail.com). Please feel free to also add to the EOEE Facebook page.

## Groups Change Lives

4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

The last two months have just flown by. We are finishing up team formation on Saturday (3/28/26) and in less than 2 weeks we will be in the middle of our Walk weekend. God has blessed us with an awesome team that's working well together and the speakers did an outstanding job on their previews. We are looking forward to sharing God's love with the pilgrims.

We ask that if you are available during the weekend that you come and serve meals, write agape to team and pilgrims, and come to candlelight. Most of all we covet your prayers. Just remember your weekend and how wonderful it was.

Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."

Blessings!

John Shilling, Weekend Lay Leader

Jack Ritenour, Weekend Assistant Lay Leader

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

## **Pilgrims for Men's Walk #107**

Theme Verse: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6

Ryan Barkan	Andy Broadbent
Paul Brodnansky	David Brokaw
Chris Decker	Vaughn Denison
Scott Harroff	Paul Heller
Al Horn	Joe McDaniel
Jerry Stump	Ian Tillman
Ricky Vazsonyi	Scott Zieman
Bob Eicher	

# East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Men's Walk # 107

April 9-12, 2026

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

*Psalms 150:6*

	<b>Lay Leader</b>		<b>Kitchen</b>		<b>Chapel</b>		<b>Lay Speakers</b>
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		
	<b>Assistant Lay Leader</b>	5	Adam Swinehart			3	Jared Collins --Grow Through Study
1	Jack Ritenour -- Priority				<b>Assistant Table Leaders</b>	4	Ben Andrella --Christian Action
			<b>Agape</b>				
		1	* Herb Huff	1	Tim Gardner	5	John Weaver --Discipleship
		2	Justin Mitchell	2	Steve Slater		
	<b>ALD</b>	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		<b>Music</b>				
4	Dustin Mackintosh	1	* Jason Neel				
5	Sam Studer -- Fourth Day	2	Jonathan Long				
		3					
	<b>Spiritual Directors</b>				<b>Board Rep</b> Chris Ickes		* Denotes Head
1	* Ken Kesler		Means of Grace				
2	Vince Maltempo		Prevenient Grace				
3	Bill Seymour		Justifying Grace		<b>Utility</b>		
4	Sy Horn		Obstacles to Grace		Jim Grafe		
5	Ash Welch		Sanctifying Grace				

*Women's Walk # 107*

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

The strong, faithful women of Team 107 have completed team meetings and are excited to serve April 16-19. We look forward to welcoming the pilgrims God has prepared for this time!

We treasure your support, whether it's sponsoring, serving meals, praying, giving agape, coming to Candlelight on Saturday evening, attending closing on Sunday, or any of the many ways you always help these weekends to succeed. God gets the glory!

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#/>

## **Pilgrims for Women's Walk #107**

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

Isaiah 43:1

Lynne Adams	Kris Becher
Anene Bilodeau	Donna Brokaw
Karen Combs	Sue Corrigan
Jen Croft	Susan Croskey
Tracy Evilsizer	Meredith Flaherty
Leah Goulter	Deb Heller
Mindy Hochstetler	Jane Kollar
Marilyn Krider	Bethany Kupiec
Tracie Middleton	Linda Nyholm
Charlotte Rowe	Peach Schillmiller
Natalie Schlegel	Melodie Stroud
Nora Tillman	Linnea VanBlarcum
Charlotte Zieman	

## 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		
	<b>Assistant Lay Leader</b>	5	Dawn Collins			3	Tammy Huggins --Grow Through Study
1	Erica Valentine -- Priority				<b>Assistant Table Leaders</b>	4	Carol Pozuc --Christian Action
			<b>Agape</b>				
		1	* Emily Brown	1	Kathleen Holden	5	Tracy Bowman --Discipleship
		2	JoAnn Fearon	2	Ashleigh Kuhns		
	<b>ALD</b>	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		<b>Music</b>				
4	Val Riedthaler	1	* Colleen Ash				
5	Cathy Tisch	2	Debra Walker				
		3	Allie Carter				
			-- Fourth Day		<b>Board Rep</b> Michele Atkinson		* Denotes Head
	<b>Spiritual Directors</b>						
1	* Jane Piehl		Means of Grace				
2	Cindy Olson		Prevenient Grace				
3	Darcy Miller		Justifying Grace		<b>Utility</b> Lynette Mahaffey		
4	Amie Price		Sanctifying Grace				
5	Cindy Olson		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](mailto:adegraw2713@gmail.com) or by phone (text or call) 330-844-8227

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Andrea DeGraw #92

# East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus 2026 Contact List

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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

<b>LAY LEADERS</b>					
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	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		

<b>TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE/MENTORS</b>		
<i>(Not included on Board, but provided minutes &amp; agendas so that they're continually updated.)</i>		
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