



JANUARY 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

No January Gathering

Board Retreat – January 17, 2026
10am – 4pm

February Gathering

February 21, 2026
6pm – 8pm
Uniontown United Methodist Church
13370 Cleveland Avenue NW
Uniontown, OH 44685

Speaker: Ken Shillingburg

Bring a dish, snack, or desert to share (Refreshments starting at 6).
Please watch Facebook/Email for any changes and/or cancellations.

Need childcare? Contact Debbie Rupert by 2-14-26 at 330-685-2419

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 – Spring 2027
Women's Walk #109 – Erica Valentine – Spring 2027

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings EOEE Fourth Day!!!

A new year begins, full of hope and optimism. There is an air of anticipation that the New Year will provide each of us with new opportunities and accomplishments. God knows each of our futures. He knows the paths presented before us. His path adjoins ours. He will journey beside us, taking each step with us.

2026 will present each of us with opportunities to renew ourselves as Christian Disciples. Renewing Christian Disciples and Strengthening Our Local Churches is our WHY. This is WHY we exist as a Community. This is WHY we exist as Christians.

EOEE wants to partner with our local churches.

EOEE wants to renew our commitment to faith and church leadership.

EOEE wants to facilitate ongoing growth in our Christian lives.

EOEE exists for you to live out your 4th Days as growing disciples, serving in your local churches and communities.

As the Community Lay Leader, I serve the Board of Trustees and all the Community. The Board of Trustees, in each of their unique roles and responsibilities, serve the Weekend Lay Leaders and their team members. The Team members serve the Pilgrims. The Pilgrims serve their home churches. The churches serve to transform the world.

Let's follow Christ as a Community. To serve as He did. And love as He loved.

My challenge to the East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Community in 2026 is to enhance our walk with Christ, grow as disciples, welcome every opportunity to serve, and be bold in spreading the Good News.

May God bless you in the year to come.
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Ken Shillingburg
Community Lay Director 2026

COMMUNITY NEWS

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, OH. 44256

Email to: wdsdunn@yahoo.com

(effective January 1, 2026)

Sponsorship for a Chrysalis Flight

- wreneoc.org for more details
- Applications/Sponsor Forms must be received 2 weeks prior to the walk start date
- Download the [application](#)

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](#)

Looking forward to summer!

Our Praise Party picnic will be coming in August!

Location: Jackson North Park

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

2026 Contact List

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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	Spring 2027	Jack Ritenour	Jsje_4@frontier.com	330-756-2006
	Women's	Spring 2027	Erica Valentine	Missbaer25@yahoo.com	330-958-2466
110	Men's	Fall 2027	TBD		
	Women's	Fall 2027	TBD		

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