



# FEBRUARY 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

## February 21 Gathering

6pm – 8pm(ish)

Uniontown United Methodist Church

13370 Cleveland Avenue NW

Uniontown, OH 44685

Ken Shillingburg will be our speaker. If childcare is needed, please call Deb Rupert by February 14th at 330-685-2419.

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

*Sponsorship training from 5:00-6:00 before Feb. Gathering!*

March Gathering our Speaker will be Sally Maltempi.

*Sponsorship training from 5:00-6:00 before March gathering!*

## 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 4thDay:

We are in the thick of winter. The cold winds and snow have enveloped all of us and lead us to thoughts of spring and warmer weather. What a bright future we have before us. The Men's and Women's Walk #107 are preparing to begin their respective team formation meetings. As spring is something to look forward to, the Walks are something that the Community can look forward to. God is preparing the team, and he is also prepping a new group of pilgrims. This is an exciting time.

It is important that we as the East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Community understand our "WHY." All our respective weekends were great, but our 4thdays should be even better.

What is our WHY? Our WHY is renewing Christian Disciples and strengthening local churches. We as a Community, want to partner with local churches. We want to renew our commitment to faith and church leadership. We also want to facilitate our ongoing growth in the Christian life.

We exist for you to live out your 4thDays as growing disciples, serving in your local churches and communities.

How can you, a member of the East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus 4thDay, help to accomplish our WHY? Here are a few ways:

Participation in Community activities. Join us monthly at our gatherings. It is a time of fellowship, food, enrichment, and music.

Support our teams. If asked to serve on a team, diligently consider your participation through prayer and meditation. If not on the team roster, consider providing agape, serving meals, and participating in some of the weekend activities. Help with setting up and tear down of the camp. Sign up for the prayer vigil.

Sponsorship. Seek out prospective pilgrims for the weekends. Complete the sponsorship training and help to bring our next 4thDay into the community.

Lastly, participate in a reunion group. Small groups are the foundation of our faith. Small groups allow for growth in our faith and can provide counsel as we navigate life.

Allow God to use you. Focus on servanthood and get and stay involved.

Continued blessings,

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Ken Shillingburg, Community Lay Director 2026

## 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](#)
  - [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, Ohio 44256

Email to: [wwwsdunn@yahoo.com](mailto: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](#)

## 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!

## Prayer Chain

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

## Manuals

[Emmaus-team-manual](#)

## 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~*

## Men's Walk # 107

Greetings Fourth Day,

As I'm writing this today, we are waiting for a winter storm to arrive, that will soon pass and we will be moving on to the hope of spring! Our Heads meeting will be taking place on Sat Jan 31st, followed by our 1st Team meeting on Feb 7th. God has assembled an awesome team to serve Him and minister to the pilgrims of Walk 107. God has blessed me with Jack Ritenour as the assistant lay leader and I look forward to serving with him.

Our walk weekend is April 9th-12th. We ask that you keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we start this time of team formation leading up to the walk. God is good and we can't wait to see what he has planned for us.

Blessings!

John Shilling, Weekend Lay Leader

Jack Ritenour, Weekend Assistant Lay Leader

# East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Men's Walk # 107

April 9 - 12, 2026

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

*Psalm 150:6*

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

## Women's Walk # 107

The women of Walk 107 are preparing to serve our precious pilgrims this Spring.

In the banner, the verse, the song, and the devotionals God has given, there is a strong theme of FREEDOM – freedom from fear, from the past, from everything that keeps us from living a full life with Christ at the center.

I believe God is going to bring healing and release in a big way. We so appreciate your prayers as we make this journey together!

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

Song: “Glorious Day” by Passion

In Christ's Love,

Diane Boslett, Weekend Lay Leader

Erica Valentine, Weekend Assistant Lay Leader

## 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	Megan Andrella -- Life of Piety
		4	Valerie Rado	4	Terri Paul		
	Assistant Lay Leader	5	Dawn Collins			3	Tammy Huggins --Grow Through Study
1						4	Carol Pozuc --Christian Action
	Erica Valentine -- Priority		Agape			5	Tracy Bowman --Discipleship
		1	* Emily Brown	1	Daniela Archer		
		2	JoAnn Fearon	2	Ashleigh Kuhns		
	ALD	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		Music				
4	Val Riedthaler	1	* Colleen Ash				
5	Cathy Tisch	2	Debra Walker				
		3	Allie Carter				
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	Spiritual Directors						
1	* Jane Piehl	Means of Grace					
2	Cindy Olson						
3	Darcy Miller				Utility Lynette Mahaffey		
4	Amie Price						
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110	Men's Oct 14-17, 2027 Women's Oct 21-24, 2027	TBD TBD		

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