



MAY 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

May 16 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).

See you there! Watch Facebook/Email for any changes and/or cancellations.

Please join us to Welcome Our New Fourth Day!

The 4th Day Experience begins at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Next gathering: June 20, 2026 at Uniontown UMC
Speaker: Allie Carter

Upcoming Walks

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 4t Day,

April has been an exciting month. With the completion of the Men's and Women's Walk #107, I am honored to welcome a new group of 4th Day to our Community. Both walks were tremendous and God's presence could be felt. We had great leadership, great teams, great pilgrims, great talks, great fellowship, great music, great food. The weekends were GREAT.

Our new 4th Day entered their 4th Day energized and ready to serve God. We have a group that has been renewed as Disciples and are ready, willing, and able to strengthen our local churches.

I would like to invite all our 4th Day Community to meet our new 4th Day Community at our May Gathering. The Gathering will be on Saturday, May 16th at 6:00PM at the Uniontown United Methodist Church.

For our new 4th Day, I would like to cordially invite you and your sponsor to join our EOEE Board Leadership for a program called "The Fourth Day Experience." This program will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 4:30 PM, just prior to the Gathering. This will be an opportunity for you, as new 4th Day, to meet our Community Leadership, hear about our Community activities, and ask questions. We will have our future Walk Lay Leaders in attendance. We want you to learn that our Community has a number of year-round activities that complement Walk weekends

At the Gathering, we look forward to announcing the Lay Leaders for Walk #110, to be held in the Fall of 2027.

Let's maintain the energy that Walk Weekends provide. Let us be earnest in our prayers and dedicate our lives to serving our Lord and Saviour.

Continued blessings,

DeColores

Ken Shillingburg

Walk #50 and 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 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 eoe.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: wwsdunn@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](#)

Upcoming Gatherings

May 16th – Team/Pilgrims of Walk #107

June 20th – Speaker: Allie Carter

August 15th – Picnic/Praise Party

at Jackson North Park

December 5th – Walk to the Manger

at Easton Chapel

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](#)

Men's Walk # 107

Hello 4th Day,

What an awesome journey God has led me on the last 18 months from the time he called me to be Lay Leader for Walk 107, until the weekend finished and these couple weeks afterwards.

God blessed me with an amazing team and great Assistant Jack Ritenour who were committed to serving him and each other throughout. Then the Pilgrims were all blessed by the team and our 4th day community as they showered God's love over them during the weekend.

Thank you all for your support, it does take a community.

Our theme verse for the weekend was Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord"

We most certainly did and were all very Blessed by it.
DeColores !!

John Shilling - Lay Leader Walk 107

Jack Ritenour - Asst Lay Leader Walk 107

Pilgrims for Men's Walk #107

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

Ryan Barkan

Paul Brodnansky

Chris Decker

Bob Eicher

Al Horn

Ian Tillman

Andy Broadbent

David Brokaw

Vaughn Denison

Scott Harroff

Jerry Stump

Ricky Vazsonyi

Scott Zieman

Women's Walk #107

Wow. Words cannot describe the power and love God showed us throughout the preparation for, and the weekend of, Walk 107. 60 women were filled with the Holy Spirit at Camp Wanake, as the Lord revealed His presence in every detail of the Walk.

God gives us FREEDOM – freedom from fear, from the past, from so many things that keep us from living a full life with Christ. In their place He gives us JOY and PEACE.

We thank all of you who prayed, served, sponsored, gave agape, and did so much to show God's love to the pilgrims and team. We are blessed beyond measure. Please continue praying that we will hold onto that fire and love and joy as we go back to our daily lives.

Our God reigns!

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.” Isa. 43:1
Theme song: “Glorious Day” by Passion In Christ's Love,

Diane Boslett, Weekend Lay Leader

Erica Valentine, Weekend Assistant Lay Leader

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
Donna Brokaw	Karen Combs
Sue Corrigan	Jen Croft
Anene Denison	Tracy Evilsizer
Meredith Flaherty	Leah Goulter
Deb Heller	Jane Kollar
Marilyn Krider	Bethany Kupiec
Tracie Middleton	Linda Nyholm
Charlotte Rowe	Peach Schillmiller
Natalie Schlegel	Melodie Stroud
Nora Tillman	Charlotte Zieman

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 or by phone (text or call) 330-844-8227

DeColores,

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

LAY LEADERS					
Walk		When	Name	Email	Phone
107	Men's	April 9-12, 2026	John Shilling	jbshilling@neo.rr.com	330-466-1103
	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		

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