

December 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

December 5, 2026
Walk to the Manger

5pm – See flyer on page 3

Easton Chapel
3906 Easton St NE
Canton, OH 44721

Message: Beyond the Stable ~ Dinner following the service.

Board Meeting – January 18th – 6pm Team Selection

7pm – Abbreviated Board Meeting followed by "Retreat things".

Location: To Be Determined

Next gathering: February 20, 2027
at Uniontown United Methodist Church

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!

We are ending November with the Thanksgiving Day celebration. A time that we can congregate together with family and friends. We give thanks for our many God given blessings. We serve an awesome God!

November leads into December. This is a joyous time of the year as we celebrate the birth of our beloved Christ. Christ is truly a gift from God. Each 4th Day member of the EOEE Community is a gift. All of you are blessings. I am so thankful for each and every one of you.

2026 was a tremendous success. We held 4 walks. We welcomed 26 men and 41 women as new 4th Day to the EOEE Community. That's awesome. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2026 success.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Trustees for their dedication, hard work, drive, and unwavering leadership. I especially want to thank the Board members who have completed their time of service and will be leaving the Board. Thank you! I welcome their replacements and wish them much success.

We have one last event scheduled for this year. On Saturday, December 5th, please join us at the Walk to the Manger. This beautiful program will be held at Easton Chapel 3906 Easton St NE Canton, Ohio at 5:00 PM. Pastor Russ Bowman will be leading the service.

As the year closes, I would like to wish multitudes of blessings on each and everyone in the Community in 2027. May God bless you in every way possible. I love each and every one of you. Jesus loves you more!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God Bless the EOEE Community.

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Ken Shillingburg

Community Lay Director



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-eoee#/

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

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

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

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
Pam Ferguson
881 Berghoff St. – Akron, OH 44311
(330) 475-2546
Email to: pferg19209@sbcglobal.net

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

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

April - Walk 109

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

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 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

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.

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East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

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Walk	**When**		**Name**	**Email**	**Phone**
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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	davepiehl20@gmail.com	330-321-8783
	Women's	April ??, 2028	Tammy Huggins	tthuggins@frontier.com	330-324-0383

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

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