



MAY 2025 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

May Gathering

May 17, 2025

6pm to 9pm

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

Upcoming Walks

Men's Walk #106 – Chris Vaughn – October 16-19, 2025

Women's Walk #106 – Becky McCollough – October 23-26, 2025

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 - TBD - Spring 2027

Women's Walk #109 - TBD - Spring 2027

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings EOEE 4th Day,

What an awesome time of the year for our community as a group and as individuals. Early April brought us two amazing weekends at Camp Wanake as we welcomed 36 new 4th Day to our community. For those who attended the weekends, you know what a special time it was. As community members you came through with an abundance of Agape love for the pilgrims by coming to camp to serve meals, providing agape of all kinds in the form of food agape, table agape, praying throughout the weekend, and special and personal agape that the pilgrims and team received in those wonderful white bags.

One thing that I especially enjoyed witnessing was the number of community members who made the effort to come to camp to serve each and every meal, along with attending candlelight and closing. Such a blessing when we get to share service with friends we have met over the years.

However, even more importantly, this time of year gives us the opportunity to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior providing each of us with the joy and hope of eternal life. As the flowers and trees remind us of the new life that Spring brings, we can see the symbolism that God provides to us as we remember the greatest gift he provides to us in His son Jesus Christ, through his death and resurrection.

As we continue to move forward through this year, I have a few items that I want to bring to the attention of the whole community.

First on May 17th at 4:30 PM prior to our May Gathering that starts at 6:00 PM, we are providing a special education opportunity for our newest 4th Day members that we are titling “The 4th Day Experience”. This will give them the opportunity to get to know a little more about the ways they can get involved in our Community and to better understand the Walk to Emmaus movement.

Second, it is my pleasure to announce the Weekend Lay Leaders who will be serving as assistants on Walk #106 this October and will then lead Walk #108 in October of 2026. For the men it will be **Tom Huggins** and for the women it will be **Stacy Ickes**. Please join me in congratulating them as they start their 18-month journey of preparation with God for these events.

Finally, the board has continued to emphasize sponsorship this year, and I want to suggest that even though we have just finished Walks 105, that now is the time to be in prayer for the pilgrims that God has planned to attend Walks 106. By starting now, it would be wonderful to have many of the applications in during the next couple of months so that by the time team meetings begin, we can already be close to filling the pilgrim lists.

As a Community, let's keep the excitement going, as we move into the future following God's plan for our lives, as we remember to live for Him who died for us. And as a movement continue Renewing Christian Disciples and Strengthening Local Churches.

Charlie Brechmacher

Community Lay Director 2025



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 Deb Rupert at 330-685-2419.
- **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
Debbie Breyley
890 Kirkwall Drive
Copley, OH 44321
Email to: dabreyley@aol.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

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!

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.

MAY GATHERING!!

Please call Kathy Grafe 330-844-2886 if child care will be needed for the Gathering.

We will need volunteers to help with childcare if needed for the May Gathering. .

Kathy Grafe
Deb Rupert
Deb Ferry

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~

LAY LEADER NEWS

Hello Fourth Day,

Walk #105 was amazing, I loved seeing God at work the whole weekend, and also through the whole process! That's why I love to serve. God never ceases to amaze me! The more you trust God to take you out of your comfort zone, the more He will amaze you! You will be Blessed as I was blessed to be a part of what God did during walk #105.

I thank John Shilling for being a great asset and ask for your prayers for him as he prepares for walk #107. I also want to thank the whole team. Every one of them was awesome as they fulfilled their role on team and listened to God. I know God taught me things on this journey and I think the team can say the same.

It was great watching the pilgrims during the weekend. They started out on Thursday night searching for a closer relationship with the Lord and they were already on fire. As the weekend went on, they were able to get rid of some baggage and learned more of what it was like to follow our Lord. I would say that their fire was really burning bright by Sunday afternoon. I pray that they never lose that fire, and I ask that all of you continue to pray for them. I know that they will find out as I found out that the Emmaus community is more than a community. It's a family, here for each other.

Shawn Fearon, Lay Leader team #105

John Shilling, Assistant Lay Leader team #105

Pilgrims for Men's Walk #105

Theme Verse " Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

William "Pork Chop" Adelman

Jacob Collins

Kevin Gessling

Spencer Hodges

Jeff Karnes

Johnathon Long

Dustin Mackintosh

Blake Miner

Justin Mitchell

Will Moore

Rick Reese

Jim Rini

Aaron Rhode

Tyler Shellenbarger

Gerald Stephan

Women's Walk #105

Dear 4th Day!

I'm so excited to welcome all of the new members of the Emmaus Community who just spent 72 hours with the Lord on Women's Walk #105! It was truly an inspirational weekend. We laughed, cried, sang, and left things on the cross for Him to deal with, and pray for his strength to leave them there. We had a wonderful time!

Thank you to all of you who supported the weekend in so many ways including: providing agape, serving meals, and in keeping us all in prayer, just to name a few. We are so grateful.

I'm so looking forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks at the Gathering on May 17th. It will be a great time to catch up with everyone and to show love to these new 4th day!

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do" Ephesians 2:10.

Praying for God's Blessings for all of you!!

Laurie Maltempi
Lay Leader Women's Walk #105

Diane Boslett
Assistant Lay Leader Women's Walk #105

Pilgrims for Women's Walk #105

Theme Verse – "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do" Ephesians 2:10.

Amy Adelman
Crystal Fordyce
Andi Frescura
Shelly Hamilton
Mary Hernandez
Haley Hopkins
Ryann Kavali
Nancy King
Aubrey Kline
Nancy Kynion
Donna Long

Sharon McConnell
Carla Miner
Christine Mitchell
Dana Rabung
Barb Reese
Roberta Reese
Amy Schwitzgable
Nancy Stephan
Jami St. Germaine
Cathy Tisch

PILGRIM SPONSORSHIP



On Sunday, May 4th from 1:30pm-2:30pm, Doug & Lisa Herr will provide Sponsorship Training at the [Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church](#).

Those of you who live inside the circle formed by Medina, Ashland, Danville, New Philadelphia and Canton are within 36 miles of Fredericksburg.

The address is: 201 N Mill St, Fredericksburg, OH 44627 and should be less than an hour drive for everyone in the above circle.

Good sponsorship uses discernment in inviting or recruiting participants.

Good sponsors do not set out simply to recruit anyone with a willingness to attend.

Good sponsorship is the first act of agape before the Emmaus event ever begins.

You will learn:

Whom do we sponsor?

What are some examples of questionable sponsorship?

How do we sponsor?

Who can sponsor?

After this training, you can immediately begin to Pray-Pray-Pray --- and then begin the process of sponsoring a pilgrim for our next walk.

Applications can be turned in even before the Walk 106 team meetings begin.

Any questions, please reach out to Doug and Lisa at l.herr@zoominternet.net.

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

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	Women's	October 23-26, 2025	Becky McCollough	Beckymcc11@yahoo.com	330-844-4214
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	Spring 2027	TBD		
	Women's	Spring 2027	TBD		

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