



September 2026 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

September 19 Gathering

6pm to 8pm(ish)

Sponsorship training is available from 5-6pm.

Board Elections will be held during the September Gathering.

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.

Speaker: Stacy King

**Babysitters are often needed ~ Age 18+, two needed, \$40 each.
Contact Deb Reupert to help – drupertmalone@myyahoo.com**

Upcoming Walks

Men's Walk #108 – Tom Huggins – October 15-18, 2026

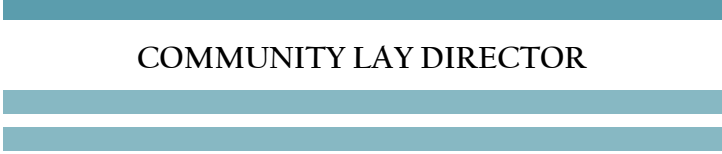
Women's Walk #108 – Stacy Ickes – October 22-25, 2026

Men's Walk #109 – Jack Ritenour – April 8-11, 2027

Women's Walk #109 – Erica Valentine – April 15-18, 2027

Men's Walk #110 – Adam Swinehart – October 14-17, 2027

Women's Walk #110 – Carol Pozuc – October 21-24, 2027



COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings EOEE 4th Day:

What a summer we have enjoyed. God blesses us with sun, warmth, flowers, greenery, and an opportunity to enjoy all that He has created.

A few weeks ago, we were able to enjoy a time of fellowship, praise, and food at our 3rd annual summer celebration. It was fantastic! I would like to thank the following people and groups who made the celebration a tremendous success: our Post-Walk Committee of Deb Rupert, Deb Ferry, and Luke Pahanish, Sean Cristea and his fellow musicians and singers, our speaker, Daniela Archer, our cooks, our tech people, and a host of other volunteers. Thanks also to the local businesses that donated food items. The venue was great, the food was great, the music was great, the speaker was great, the fellowship was fantastic. Mark your calendars as we are starting to plan for our 45th Anniversary in August of 2027.

Teams for our Women's and Men's October walks have begun their team meetings. Please lift the Walk #108 teams up in prayer as they prepare for their weekend events. You can also sign up for the 24-hour prayer vigil, begin preparing agape for the team and pilgrims (table, general, food, and personal), plan to attend Candlelight and closing.

We have 14 women and 5 men signed up for the fall walks. Please pray for these pilgrims and the others that are to come. I strongly encourage each of you to consider sponsoring a pilgrim. Remember our "Why". Our Emmaus Why is to renew Christian disciples and strengthen our local churches. Think of someone that you know that could use their Christian discipleship path enhanced and their church strengthened. We will have a sponsorship training class before our September gathering.

We need candidates to fill some of your EOEE Board of Trustees positions for 2027. We need someone to serve on our communications committee and someone to be our Chrysalis liaison. If you are interested or would like to know more about either position, please contact Laurie Maltempi.

Your EOEE is a vibrant community of dedicated, 4th Day members who love their Lord and Savior. God provides so many blessings to each one of us. Help our community to continue to provide new 4th Day to be servants and disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Ken Shillingburg

EOEE Community Lay Leader

LAY LEADER NEWS

Men's Walk #108

Greetings Fourth Day,

God has blessed us with a great team to do His work for the upcoming Walk #108.

WOW, here we are and we are ready to get started doing the work for God. Our first Team Formation Meeting was Saturday, August 15th. We had a great meeting, and the entire team is excited to prepare for the upcoming walk weekend.

We are just starting our Team Formation Meetings, but the entire team is looking forward to the walk weekend and serving the pilgrims that God will be calling to attend this walk.

Our walk weekend is October 15th – 18th. We ask that you keep our team in prayer as we begin our Team Formation Meetings to prepare to do God's work. We also ask you to keep the pilgrims that will be attending and the entire Emmaus Community in prayer. We know God has this already planned and we can't wait to see what he has in store for us.

Please start prayerfully creating general Agape for the Men's and Women's Walks.

We also would like you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a Pilgrim for the Men's and Women's Walk #108.

Matthew 19:26 – Jesus looked at them and said, **"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."**

Blessings!

Tom Huggins – Weekend Lay Leader

Adam Swinehart – Weekend Assistant Lay Leader

Note – We currently have (6) men signed up for this Walk.

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Men's Walk #108

October 15 - 18, 2026

Jesus looked at them and said, **"With man this is impossible,
but with God all things are possible."** -

Matthew 19:26

Lay Leader		Kitchen		Chapel		Lay Speakers
Tom Huggins	1	* Luke Pahanish	1	* Tom Holden	1	Travis Hostetler
-- Perseverance	2	Ted Howenstine	2	Bob Deseyn		-- Priesthood of All Believers
	3	Dave Clugston	3	CJ DeMartinis	2	Ken Hetrick
	4	Matt Brown Jr.	4	Dave Fritz		-- Life of Piety
Assistant Lay Leader	5	Andrew Dunlap			3	Matt Brown
						--Grow Through Study
Adam Swinehart				Assistant Table Leaders	4	Kurt Myers
-- Priority		Agape				--Christian Action
	1	* Rick Henriksen	1	Danny Brown	5	Terry Rupert
	2	Brock Curall	2	Dave Blubaugh		--Discipleship
ALD	3	Justin Mann	3	Paul Wilson	6	Randy Inboden
* John Schneider						-- Changing Our World
Tom Kelly					7	Brian Bard
Bill Stevens		Music				-- Body of Christ
Chris Ledsome	1	* Frank Ballard				
Jeff Obermiller	2	Mike McClintock				
-- Fourth Day	3	Dave Folk				
				Board Rep Brett Waller		
Spiritual Directors						* Denotes Head
* Vince Maltempi		Means of Grace				
Jeff Calkins		Prevenient Grace				
Philip Hoverstock		Justifying Grace		Utility Jim Fahey		
Randy Lewis		Obstacles to Grace				
Jim Lawrence		Sanctifying Grace				

Women's Walk #108

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are happy to share that we held our first team meeting for **Women's Walk #108**, and our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. God has truly woven together a beautiful team, and every person came ready to serve.

As we begin preparing for the walk weekend, we humbly ask that you keep our team in prayer. We know that God already has everything planned. Please also lift up the pilgrims who will be attending.

"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." — Exodus 14:14

May this truth settle deeply into our hearts as we prepare. May stillness become our strength, and may surrender become our offering.

The prayer vigils will be released soon. We encourage you to sign up for both the men's and women's 24-hour prayer vigils and pour out agape love over these teams and pilgrims.

Thank you for your continuous love and support!

Blessings,

Stacy Ickes and Carol Pozuc
Lay Leader and Assistant Lay Leader for Walk #108

Note – We currently have (14) women signed up for this Walk.

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Women's Walk #108

October 22 - 25, 2026

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still

Exodus 14:14

Lay Leader		Kitchen		Chapel		Lay Speakers
Stacy Ickes	1	* Sue Ward	1	* Kathie Ledsome	1	Megan Nelson
-- Perseverance	2	Susan Powell	2	Heidi Reddick		-- Priesthood of All Believers
	3	Carol Lavy	3	Laurel Stiller	2	Robin Guerra
	4	Veronica Campbell	4	Andi Tucker		-- Life of Piety
Assistant Lay Leader	5	Deanna Orr			3	Debbie Breyley
						--Grow Through Study
Carol Pozuc				Table Leaders w/o talks	4	Diane McLain
-- Priority		Agape				--Christian Action
	1	* Amy Moore	1	Violet Eicher	5	Becky McCullough
	2	Andrea DeGraw	2	Nicole Ickes		--Discipleship
ALD	3	Kim Kerr	3	Ann Fritz	6	Betty Fulton
* Laci McIntyre						-- Changing Our World
Pam Campbell					7	Rachel Kline
Sara Legg		Music				-- Body of Christ
Jill Crawford	1	* Annie Chittock				
Lisa Gardner	2	Grace Ballard				
	3	Joan Murray				
		-- Fourth Day		Board Rep		
Spiritual Directors						* Denotes Head
*Bubba Heasley		Means of Grace		*Sue Petrak		
Steve Partridge		Sanctifying Grace				
Sharon Buccitelli		Justifying Grace		Utility		
Janet Allen		Obstacles of Grace		*Barb Shilling		
Katie Watson		Prevenient Grace				

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 - [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](#)

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

Sep 19th – Uniontown – Stacy King

Oct – No Gathering, Walk 108

Nov 21th -

Dec 5th – Walk to the Manger at Easton

Chapel, 3906 Easton St NE, Canton

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.

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!

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.

Blessing

I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me. - Phil. 4:13

Andrea DeGraw

Manuals

[Emmaus-team-manual](#)

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

2026 Contact List

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LAY LEADERS					
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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	Adam Swinehart	tapiedmontese@gmail.com	330-641-1575
	Women's	Oct 21-24, 2027	Carol Pozuc	clmp811@gmail.com	330 571-5741

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