



JANUARY 2024 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

January Gathering

January 20, 2024

6pm to 9pm

Uniontown United Methodist Church

13370 Cleveland Avenue NW

Uniontown, OH 44685

Please bring a drink, snack, or dessert to share. See you there!
Watch Facebook/Email for any changes and/or cancellations

Upcoming Walks

Men's Walk #102 (Tom Harstine) October 12-15, 2023

Women's Walk #102 (Shalleen Mayes) October 19-22, 2023

Men's Walk #103 (Ken Shillingburg) April 2024

Women's Walk #103 (Susie Partridge) April 2024

Men's Walk #104 (Craig Welsh) October 2024

Women's Walk #104 (Clarissa Lawrence) October 2024

Men's Walk #105 (Shawn Fearon) Spring, 2025

Women's Walk #105 (Laurie Maltempo) Spring, 2025

Greetings and Happy New Year EOEE 4th Day!

It's my hope that you all had a blessed Christmas holiday.

I understand that for many of us, this time of year is a season of celebration and reflection. We celebrate the birth of Christ and all the blessings the Lord has provided us. As we reflect on the past year, we assess our growth, changes, accomplishments, and the various challenges we've faced. As a community, we do the same.

Some of the positive experiences our community had in 2023:

1. We gained a better understanding of our societal health changes. This blessing allowed the Walk experience to settle into what we believe is the new "normal".
2. We have improved our alignment with the Upper Room by updating manuals and appointing a community trainer under their guidance.
3. We welcomed a dynamic new group of Fourth Day working as disciples in our community!

2023 did come with its own share of challenges. The most significant challenge is related to inflation and its impact on our community. We are experiencing an increase in costs associated with camp fees and the supplies required to conduct a Walk weekend.

In 2024, our board is committed to finding ways to support our new budgetary requirements and to ensure transparency throughout the process. With the support of this loving community, I am confident we will find a way to become more prosperous than ever!

Our goal for 2024 should reflect Proverbs 16:3, "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

Also, I would like to express my gratitude to all those who have dedicated their time and resources to help maintain the strength of this community. We appreciate your dedication and service. I hope more of you feel led to become active participants in growing our community in 2024.

As a reminder, Walk 103 will be upon us in no time. I ask each of you to begin praying for the pilgrims and team members as they are being called to participate. As you are led, I also encourage you to prepare agape.

I look forward to witnessing the unfolding of our Lord's plan in 2024. I pray it's a blessing for all of you.



In His service,

Brett Waller

EOEE Community Lay
Director

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 eoeecontact@gmail.com
- **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.

Manuals

[Emmaus-team-manual](#)

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 **\$175** fee.
- These forms can be printed from our web site eoee.org
 - [Candidate Application](#)
 - [Sponsor Duties](#)
- 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 Street
 Akron, OH 44311
<mailto: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](#)

Prayer Chain

Do you have a prayer request? Please email any requests to eoeecontact@gmail.com

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Walk to the Manger!! We had lots of good food and fellowship!! The children enjoyed several crafts!! Merry Christmas to all

Giving back to our community..Kathie Ledsome

Update your Information

My name is Charlie Brechmacher, and I made East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Walk #69.

I am currently helping to update the community database that is maintained by the communication committee of the board. As I continue this work, I am finding that some team information has been lost over the years, which centers in on the teams from Walks 40 through 65. If you were a lay leader or team member from any of these teams and have a team roster with positions, I would appreciate it if you would share that information with me, so I can get names and positions added to the database. You can email me any pertinent information at cbrech@hotmail.com.

Also, if you have changed your address since you were a pilgrim, or last served on a team, that I have not already conformed with you, please send updates to me through texts at (330) 317-9479, so we can update our records.

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Charlie Brechmacher

LAY LEADER NEWS

Women's Walk #103

In this season of Advent, let us take time to rejoice for our many blessings. I think of family, friends, a comfortable warm home and the privilege of freely worshipping my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What are your blessings?

Another huge blessing is the opportunity to be the Lay Leader for the Women's Walk to Emmaus #103. A large part of that blessing is serving with Laurie Maltempi as Assistant Lay Leader and Nancy Conley as Head Spiritual Director. God is putting together a wonderful team to serve the pilgrims of #103.

Theme verse: Ephesians 6:13 "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and when you have done everything, to stand."

As we celebrate the birth of Our Savior, stand tall and shout it loud, Jesus Christ is born!

Thank you for the prayers already lifted up for #103 and keep 'em coming!

Lay Leader: Susie Partridge

Assistant Lay Leader: Laurie Maltempi

Walk dates: April 18-21, 2024

Men's Walk #103

Theme Verse: Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, so has preparation begun in earnest for Men's Walk #103. The blessings have already begun flowing. God has given Shawn Fearon to Walk #103 as its Assistant Lay Leader. I am honored to serve alongside Shawn and together, we will lead God's team.

We are in the final stages of Team selection and are looking forward to our first team meeting on February 17, 2024, just two quick months from now!

Please continue to pray for God's Team and the pilgrims of Walk #103. All glory goes to God. He provides us with breath, life, love, grace, direction, and everlasting life.

I thank each and every one of you for your prayers and support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lay Leader: Ken Shillingburg

Assistant Lay Leader: Shawn Fearon

Dates: April 11-14, 2024

PILGRIM SPONSORSHIP



Are you sponsoring a Pilgrim on the Spring Walks? Would you like to learn more about sponsorship? On 1/20 at 5:00, there will be a sponsorship training prior to the Gathering at 6:00. Led by Doug and Lisa Herr, it will cover important areas of good sponsorship, such as:

- Who makes a good candidate? Should couples go together?
- What is my role on the weekend, both at home and at camp?
- What should I not do as a sponsor?
- What is my role AFTER the Walk?

Good sponsorship is key for us to continue our mission to grow and support leaders in our local churches. We need you! If you are sponsoring, please make sure you come to the training so you are ready to show your love to your Pilgrim! Any questions, please reach out to Doug and Lisa at l.herr@zoominternet.net.

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

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	Women's	Fall 2024	Clarissa Lawrence	just_clarissa@yahoo.com	330-204-8898
105	Men's	Spring 2025	Shawn Fearon	shawnfearon93@gmail.com	330-432-3463
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