



December 2021 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

Walk to the Manger December 4th; 4 to 6 PM

Community Bible Fellowship
3671 Tallmadge RD; Rootstown

Bring a side dish to share; the church is providing Sloppy Joes and drinks. Please bring non-perishable foods to support the church's food pantry.

With the spike in Covid cases and the number of hospitalizations on the rise, we urge caution should you choose to attend the Walk to the Manger.

As with the Fall Walks, we continue to encourage, but do not require, masks at the event. As an act of Agape Love for your fellow 4th Day Community, we ask that you do not attend if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, or if you are not feeling well, as we do not want to put others at risk of being infected. Should you choose to attend and are immune compromised, or are around others on a regular basis who are at risk, we would ask that you please feel comfortable to wear a mask.



Greetings from the EOEE Board and may you each find Peace, Love and Joy this Christmas Season. As we get ourselves in the swing of things for Christmas, I found myself reflecting on God's Grace this morning, meditating on Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." As we think of all of the "presents" that are sitting on ships off the coast of California... waiting to be unloaded, I

can't help but be in awe of the greatest gift we could have ever received, which is the gift of a Savior in Jesus Christ... born on Christmas Day!! This gift of God is more than enough for me and I hope for you as well.

As I was meditating on Ephesians 2:8, I was also drawn to read on to verses 9 and 10, "not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do." Clearly, we can do nothing to earn God's Grace... but He has also fashioned us in His image and we are the work of His hands. Moreover, God created us to "do good works" and he has prepared these in advance for us. As Christian Men and Women, it struck me that maybe we should not be worrying about cargo vessels moored off the coast of California that may or may not be unloaded in time for Christmas morning. Instead, we could possibly direct our attention to the "good works" that Christ and the Holy Spirit are leading us to give away in this year. We have been created in Christ Jesus for these good works!! Maybe, just maybe... the most meaningful gift that we can give someone this year is a gift of service or an act of true compassion. Maybe our collective acts of Agape Love, can be used by God to lead someone into a loving relationship with Jesus this Christmas Season - now that's a gift that would have eternal significance!!

May you each feel His Spirit dwell in your hearts as we celebrate Christ's Birth on Christmas Morning!

God Bless You and may you have a very Merry Christmas!

Chris Ickes
EOEE Community Lay Director

Chrysalis

Boys Chrysalis Flight is January 15 to 17, 2022
Girls Chrysalis Flight is February 19 to 21, 2022

Chrysalis is a three-day weekend, similar to Emmaus weekends.
They are for teens aged 15 to 18, Sophomore to Senior in High School.

Please visit <http://www.neochrysalis.com/> for questions and to sign up a teen.



Upcoming EOEE Walks

Men's Walk #99
Mar. 31-Apr. 3, 2022 Jim Grafe
Women's Walk #99
April 7-10, 2022 Michele Atkinson
Men's Walk #100
October 13-16, 2022 Perry Atkinson
Women's Walk #100
October 20-23, 2022 Barb Shilling
Men's Walk #101
Spring 2023, Mark Boslett
Women's Walk #101
Spring 2023, JoAnn Fearon

Sponsoring

Please begin in earnest to pray for pilgrim sponsorship for the upcoming EOEE Walks. Remember that 2 forms are required to be completed in their entirety and that a Pastor's signature must be on the pilgrim form for acceptance along with a deposit toward the **\$150** fee. These forms can be printed from our web site: www.eoee.org. Also 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 also gather agape for their pilgrim. Please note that completed applications need to be submitted in a timely fashion to:

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus
Beth Milliken (bnmilliken9@gmail.com)
4340 Deer Run Dr
Medina, OH 44256
330-636-0189

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain can be submitted to eoeecontact@gmail.com or there is a link on the eoee.org.

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.

Thank you!

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