



# MARCH 2025 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

## **March Gathering**

March 15, 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.

Sponsorship training from 5:00-6:00 before the Gathering!

## **Upcoming Walks**

Men's Walk #105 - Shawn Fearon - April 3-6, 2025

Women's Walk #105 - Laurie Maltempi - April 10-13, 2025

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 – TBD – October 15-18, 2026

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

Greetings 4<sup>th</sup> Day;

Our Spring Walks are just a little over a month away, and God is working with the teams to prepare an event that will change lives for the team members and pilgrims. But as a community God has a place for growing not only those who are directly involved in the weekend event, but for those who seek to hear how He can use you, in showing servanthood and agape, to the teams and pilgrims as they journey together. Each time that we as a community come together to use our hearts, hands and feet to enhance the experience that we call the Walk to Emmaus, God returns blessings to us, as we bless others.

At the upcoming closings, I get to share with the pilgrims of Walks 105, ways they can get involved in the community. I remember when I was a pilgrim, the servanthood I saw on the weekend from a community who didn't know me, overwhelmed me, and I was wanting to know how I could be involved in serving God by serving others, like they had served me.

First of all, I got the message from that weekend, that the "WHY" of the Walk to Emmaus was not about the feelings I was having, but what I learned the success of the 72 hours I had spent was to renew me as a Christian Disciple, so that I would go back to serve and strengthen my church.

However, there was another message shared as the Community Lay Director got up at the closing and answered the question of how can I serve others the way they served me? We all got to hear this when we did our walk, and it goes something like this:

We would like you to continue to be an active part of this Emmaus Community, and there are many, many ways in which you can **SERVE**...

First, you can Attend Monthly Gatherings – talk to your sponsor about making sure you are introduced to and attend these monthly events. Are you still attending monthly gatherings to show your support to the community?

- You can sign up for the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil. – When was the last time your name was on the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil? I hope it was on Walk 104. There are spaces still available for both the Men's and Women's Walk 105.
- You can... Serve Meals... We can especially use you on Friday morning breakfast, Saturday morning breakfast and both meals on Sunday.
- Write or make Agape individually or as a group. Please think back to when you received your Agape bags as a pilgrim and the blessing it was for you. God can use you in this way to bless the pilgrims.
- You can provide food Agape for the weekend. Snacks are an important part of the overwhelming love that the team and pilgrims feel and having it available for the Kitchen team to continue to surprise the pilgrims with different options is very important to the event.
- You can Attend Candlelight – I have remembered Candlelight services that were so crowded it was hard to make a path through the barn. That only happens when all the community makes it a priority to be there.
- You can attend Closing. This is important for the pilgrims. However, it is also an important time when God can refresh you, as you hear the impact the weekend has had for each pilgrim.
- YOU CAN EVEN SPONSOR ANOTHER PILGRIM. As you read this newsletter there is still time to sponsor a pilgrim for Walk 105 both men and women. As I challenged you last month, we need to fill the rosters of the pilgrims, not because we want a full house for the weekend, but because our churches need others you know to experience the love that is shown on an Emmaus Event. This will help to bring new life to their church.

- Down the road, you could even Serve on an Emmaus Team if you are asked by one of the Weekend Lay Leaders. If you have been missed over the last couple of walks and have the desire to serve on a team again, or for the first time, I give you permission to talk to Chris Vaughn and Becky McCullough, the Weekend Lay Leaders for Walk 106. Let them know to pass your name on to the Weekend Lay Leaders for Walk 107, if they are not able to find a spot for you on their teams.
- One of the key things for each of you at this time is to get plugged into an Accountability Group either at your church, or with the new friends you made here this weekend. One of the strengths of the Emmaus movement is participation in a group that can help keep the fire alive in your life when meeting with other like-minded people. If you are not in a group currently, seek one out, because groups change lives.

I ask you as Community Lay Director, could you imagine if each of us as a community member would do one or more of these acts of service, how it would bring home the message of what the Walk to Emmaus is all about? I believe that God wants to bless us as we are a blessing to others, and if you have left these acts of service to someone else you are missing out on the joy of serving, that God provides.

Talk to God to find out which way He wants you to serve, next month for the East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Walks 105. Christ is Counting on You.

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Charlie Brechmacher

Community Lay Director 2025



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 COMMUNITY NEWS
 

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## 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](mailto:eoeecontact@gmail.com)
- **Church leaders or administration.** Do you have 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://eoee.org)
  - [Candidate Application](#)
  - [Sponsor Duties](#)
  - [Sponsor Application](#)
- 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

## Sponsorship for a Chrysalis Flight

- [Neochrysalis.com](http://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

4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:eoeecontact@gmail.com). Please feel free to also add to the EOEE Facebook page.

## MUSICIANS NEEDED!!

Do you like to sing?

Do you play an instrument?

Do you do both?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please call Deb Rupert at 330-685-2419 and get your name on the Emmaus Musician's List. Music is a big part of our walks and gathering and we'd love to have your name on the list.

## PRAYER VIGILS!!

**Men's Walk 105 Prayer Vigil**

[Men's Prayer Vigil](#)

**Women's Walk 105 Prayer Vigil**

[Women's Prayer Vigil](#)

## Manuals

[Emmaus-team-manual](#)

## MARCH GATHERING!!

Post Walk is looking forward to seeing everyone for our first gathering of 2025! If you are planning to attend and will need child care, please contact Kathy Grafe at 330-844-2886 by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Fourth Day volunteers will be needed to help if child care is needed.

Please watch your email and our Facebook page for further information and if you know someone who doesn't have email or Facebook we would appreciate it if you shared the information with them.

Kathy Grafe  
Deb Rupert  
Deb Ferry

## WEB DEVELOPMENT

If you or someone you know has web development experience, especially in PHP or a comparable language, we would like to ask for your help and connect with you to help create some new tools for our webpage.

Please contact Charlie Brechmacher through email at [cbrech@hotmail.com](mailto:cbrech@hotmail.com) or by texting 330-317-9479.

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## PILGRIM SPONSORSHIP

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Are you sponsoring a Pilgrim on the Spring Walks? Would you like to learn more about sponsorship? On 2/15 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](mailto:l.herr@zoominternet.net).

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## LAY LEADER NEWS

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Hello fourth day,

Saturday, 2/22 we had our third team meeting and everything is going well. You can feel the Lord's presence as all the different teams are learning their roles to serve the pilgrims. The men are working well together. Next week we will have our first talk preview and I'm excited to hear what God laid on each of the speaker's hearts to share. I know they will share something that will speak to what the pilgrims need to hear and also to the team.

The prayer vigils are up for the men and women's team, I ask that you please sign up because prayer is the number one thing we need for our walks. I also ask each of you to be in prayer about someone you can sponsor to make the walk. We still have time to make a difference in someone's life. I know Emmaus had a big impact on my life.

God Bless you all! Do as our team verse says in Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding; In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Shawn Fearon

John Shilling

Men's Walk #105

April 3-6, 2025



## East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Men's Walk # 105

April 3-6, 2025

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; submit to Him in all your ways and He will make your paths straight ~ Proverbs 3:5-6*

	<b>Lay Leader</b>		<b>Kitchen</b>		<b>Chapel</b>		<b>Table Leaders w/Talks</b>
1	Shawn Fearon	1	*Tom Huggins	1	*Neil Fritz	1	Michael Patterson
	-- Perseverance	2	Ken Shillingburg	2	Shad Swinehart		-- Priesthood of All Believers
		3	Danny Brown	3	Ronnie Wendell	2	Adam Swinehart
		4	Rich Cochran	4	Bob Geiser		-- Life of Piety
	<b>Assistant Lay Leader</b>	5	Trevor Eisenbrei			3	Dave McIntyre
							--Growth Through Study
1	John Shilling				<b>Table Leaders w/o Talk</b>	4	Tom Harstine
	-- Priorities		<b>Agape</b>				--Christian Action
		1	*Dave Blubaugh	1	Matt Just	5	Travis Hostetler
		2	Brian Bard	2	Roger Blile		--Discipleship
	<b>ALD</b>	3	Dave Baird	3	Kristopher Lewis	6	Bob DeSeyn
1	*Herb Huff						-- Changing Our World
2	Josh Atkinson					7	Ron Crowl
3	Dustin Valentine		<b>Music</b>				-- Body of Christ
4	Jared Collins	1	*Steve McLain				
5	Perry Atkinson	2	Sean Cristea				
	-Fourth Day	3	Jason Neel				
					<b>Board Rep</b>		
	<b>Spiritual Directors</b>				Jim Grafe		* Denotes Head
1	*Bubba Heasley						
2	Ken Kesler						
3	Ashwin Welch				<b>Utility</b>		
4	Mike Kager, Jr.				Mike McCullough		
5	Jamie Walters						

Women's Walk #105

Hello, 4th Day!

As we begin team formation on February 22, we consider the words of our theme verse Ephesians 2: 10, which says "For we are Gods' handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which he has prepared in advance for us to do". This team has been called by God do to all of the things He has planned for us in His service, and we can trust Him to both prepare and equip, both us on team, as well as those pilgrims who will be attending. I can't wait to see what He has in store! We rely on Him for all things, as our theme song for the weekend of Walk #105 says it perfectly; "Christ is My Firm Foundation"!

We ask that you keep us all in prayer for health, safety and good weather as we prepare to serve!

Laurie Maltempo Lay Leader Women's Walk #105

Diane Boslett Assistant Lay Leader Women's Walk #105

Walk Dates: April 10-13.

## East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Women's Walk # 105

April 10-13, 2025

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

	Lay Leader		Kitchen		Chapel		Table Leaders w/Talks
1	Laurie Maltempi	1	*Carol Pozuk	1	*Dep Rupert	1	Val Riedthaler
	-- Perseverance	2	Melissa Aguirre	2	Kristie Bourgeois		-- Priesthood of All Believers
		3	Deb Breyley	3	Krista Clavecilla	2	Kathy Grafe
		4	Jen Curall	4	Pam Ferguson		-- Life of Piety
	<b>Assistant Lay Leader</b>	5	Vickie Just			3	Allie Carter
							--Growth Through Study
1	Diane Boslett				<b>Table Leaders w/o Talk</b>	4	Deb Ferry
	-- Priorities		<b>Agape</b>				--Christian Action
		1	*Cheryl Wendell	1	Dawn Collins	5	Laura Geiser
		2	Emily Brown	2	Carolyn Shadley		--Discipleship
	<b>ALD</b>	3	Joann Fearon	3	Carolyn Valentine	6	Joy Weaver
1	*Stacy Ickes						-- Changing Our World
2	Annie Herr (4 <sup>th</sup> Day)					7	Betty Fulton
3	Tammy Huggins		<b>Music</b>				-- Body of Christ
4	Rachel Kline	1	*Colleen Ash				
5	Laci McIntyre	2	Sue Langanek				
		3	Sally Maltempi				
					<b>Board Rep</b>		
	<b>Spiritual Directors</b>				Wanda Dunn		* Denotes Head
1	*Vince Maltempi						
2	Russ Bowman						
3	Cindy Olson				<b>Utility</b>		
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106	Men's	October 16-19, 2025	Chris Vaughn	chrislee@roadrunner.com	330-339-2014
	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
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	Women's	October 22-25, 2026	TBD		

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