



JUNE 2024 Newsletter

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

June Gathering – Ice Cream Social

June 15, 2024

6pm to 9pm

Uniontown United Methodist Church

13370 Cleveland Avenue NW

Uniontown, OH 44685

Watch Facebook/Email for any changes and/or cancellations.

Upcoming Walks

Men's Walk #104 (Craig Welsh) October 17-20 2024

Women's Walk #104 (Clarissa Lawrence) October 24-27 2024

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 – Fall 2025

Women's Walk #106 – Becky McCollough – Fall 2025

Blessings and greetings Fourth Day!

God truly blessed us with some fantastic weather throughout May! His blessings were great in preparing us for a fantastic summer!

The EOEE community will kick off the summer at our June gathering. This gathering will be an outdoor music fest. Everyone, please bring a chair and your sweet tooth. Our Emmaus musicians will lead worship throughout the evening, while the rest of us share and participate in an old-fashioned ice cream social!

We are about halfway through the calendar year, so the Community has started looking at what 2025 will bring.

A few roles will be opening on the Emmaus Board come January 2025. Nominations and considerations are being accepted now and moving forward. Elections will occur this Fall. For those people who are interested, the following committees will have openings:

*Pre-Walk

*Walk

*Post-Walk

and

*Communications

Each of these opportunities will be a 3-year commitment. For details related to each role, or to announce your interest in being a Board member, please reach out to Laurie Maltempi. Her contact information is available at the back of the newsletter.

Also, I ask that everyone reading this actively considers those people around you, especially those at your home church. If you know someone who is strong in faith but hasn't attended a Walk, please be prayerfully considerate of sponsoring them. We are looking for strong candidates to grow our community. There is still room for pilgrims in these upcoming Walks happening this Fall. Applications can be found on the EOEE website, and completed applications can be submitted to the Pre-Walk committee. All sponsors are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend the Sponsorship Training commonly held the hour before the gathering.

I look forward to seeing you all at the gathering.



Blessings to all.

In His service,

Brett Waller

 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.

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
 - [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
 Pam Ferguson
 881 Berghoff Street
 Akron, OH 44311

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](#)

Manuals

[Emmaus-team-manual](#)

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 Sue Shaw at 330-603-6450 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 Chain

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

**JOIN US JUNE 15, 2024 AT 6:00 IN THE PARKING LOT OF UNIONTOWN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH FOR OUR
FIRST ANNUAL EOE PRAISE PARTY AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

What you need to know:

Bring a comfortable chair and a pop-up canopy if you want shade.

Bring your singing voice.

Bring your instrument if you play.

Suggestions of songs you might like to sing, as well as copies/music for musicians

IMPORTANT - Bring your entire family and friends.

Tell your church family.

No child care as kids love to sing.

Please Eat before you come as this is an ice cream social

Only bring something if the post walk committee reaches out and asks you to bring something

If it rains, we'll move inside to the fellowship hall



LAY LEADER NEWS

Just as the horse is made ready for the day of battle, the Lord is readying His team for Women's Walk 104. I am listening to His calling of servants and praying over each person. I ask that each of you pray with me on those that are called. Becky and I are eager servants.

Lord, we can do nothing without You. To You belongs the victory. From You comes everything that is good. There is nothing good we have apart from Your hand. Help us to be still as You prepare us for the day of battle. Reminding us the victory is Yours, amen.

Ride on for Christ,
Clarissa and Becky

Men's Walk #104 Theme Verse: Psalm 16:8 "I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

Preparation has fully begun for Men's Walk 104 as we begin to assemble God's team. We still have more than a couple of months before our first team meeting but I know that time will move fast. God has provided Chris Vaughn as Assistant Lay Leader for Walk #104. I am blessed and honored to serve along side Chris and together we are preparing to lead and serve the team.

Please continue to pray for the team and the pilgrims of Walk 104. Pray that we will seek God's will and direction for this Walk. Pray that we will give Him all the glory and see his hand as He works through us. I thank each of you in the Community for your love, prayers and support. You are a vital part for all we will do together to show each Pilgrim the love that Jesus has for them.

Lay Leader: Craig Welsh

Assistant Lay Leader: Chris Vaughn

Dates: October 17-20, 2024

Following the news from the 2024 UMC General Conference

Following the recently held United Methodist Church's General Conference, in an attempt to provide a maximum of clarity to their constituents, various Boards of Directors have reached out to the Upper Room Emmaus Ministries office. Their main question has been the following "How does the UMC's human sexuality related decision affect the work of the Emmaus Ministries community?"

The following is the essence of our response to those inquiries. It is our hope that it will be helpful as you seek to share with your community members on the matter:

The recent LGBTQ+ decision(s) taken by the UMC do(es) not affect our work.

There are 2 things that are central to this conversation:

- 1- Persons must have clarity on our mission – "to renew Christian disciples and strengthen local churches"*
- 2- Persons must have clarity on the nature of our work: it is ecumenical*

Our mandate – that goes back to the mid-1900s - continues to be an ecumenical one that results in us being in partnership with various local churches and denominations.

On some issues, these local churches and denominations have diverging views. In the context of the Emmaus Ministries, we acknowledge this diversity, but we do not discuss it. Having discussions/arguments over the many theological, political, racial, social, doctrinal ... positions that divide us as a people is not part of our mission.

On these divisive issues, Emmaus Ministries programs are neutral territories on which team members work with God to "build" an environment of grace in which participants are able to experience God's love in refreshing ways.

For that reason, when participants show an interest in having clarity on these divisive issues, we do not give our stance. We encourage them to further the specific conversation with their church leadership. Those leaders will help them gain clarity on their church's position on the matter.

All of this to say that in the context of the Emmaus Ministries, we welcome everyone. However, there is one caveat: no one is allowed to use the programs to promote their views on any of those divisive issues. When this happens, persons (team member or participant) should be immediately excused from further service on the team or participation in the event.

If persons (BoD members, Team members, participants) are having difficulties upholding the approach to

the work of the Emmaus Ministries community then, it might be a case in which Emmaus Ministries is not (no longer) a good fit for them. They should not seek to change our mission. They should not seek to reduce the scope of the ministry. They should be treated with respect and encouraged to fulfill their calling in another ministry setting.

Much grace and peace to each and everyone of you.

The Emmaus Ministries Team

Are you an Emmaus Nerd? Do you love to gather together with other Emmaus Nerds? Would you like to learn more about how Emmaus ticks? If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, then please consider joining us for a Regional Gathering of 4th Day from all over the country!

Go to: <https://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/events/regional-gathering>

for reservation and registration links.

If there is a large enough group going, housing and carpooling can be arranged to help with travel expenses. Contact Lisa Herr 330-416-3400 for more information.

THE UPPER ROOM

Emmaus Ministries

Regional Gathering & Celebration

August 30-31, 2024 • Buffalo, New York



With great joy we invite you to The Upper Room's Emmaus Ministries **Regional Gathering & Celebration**. This year's event will be held in **Buffalo, New York on August 30–31, 2024**. The Regional Gathering offers a way for Emmaus Ministries communities to celebrate, worship, and learn together. No matter which Fourth Day Ministries event you attended, there will be something for you to enjoy at this gathering.

This will be an opportunity to celebrate and affirm persons involved in Emmaus Ministries across the United States. We will participate in worship and conversations, building relationships and networks as siblings in Christ.

There is a small registration fee to help offset the costs of the event.* Each person will be responsible for their transportation and housing (links to recommended hotels on the website). Dinner on Friday, light breakfast snacks on Saturday, and lunch on Saturday will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you in Buffalo!

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NEOC Bonfire RUSH!!!

Saturday, June 29th at 4pm

Community Park
26570 Edgecliff Dr.
Euclid, OH 44152

There will be
grills and a
place to build
a fire!! All
are welcome!

Hot dogs and
buns will be
provided!
Everyone is
invited to bring a
dish to share and
any outdoor
games!



East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

2024 Contact List

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	Position	Name	Email	Phone
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LAY LEADERS					
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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
	Women's	Spring 2025	Laurie Maltempi	lauriemaltempi@yahoo.com	330-807-0103
106	Men's	Fall 2025	Chris Vaughn	chrislee@roadrunner.com	330-339-2014
	Women's	Fall 2025	Becky McCollough	Beckymcc11@yahoo.com	330-844-4214

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