



November 2020

East Ohio Emmanuel  
Emmaus, Inc.

**Good day 4<sup>th</sup> Day community,**

We will be having a Gathering in November! **In person and Livestream! Details later in newsletter.**  
October 21st from **6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

Location:

**Church of the Lakes UMC 5944 Fulton Dr NW Canton, OH 44718**

Gathering will be at Church of the Lakes. We will be inside. Please wear a mask and bring your own snack and drink if you wish them. We will sing and have a speaker and communion with individual cups/wafers. For the safety of everyone, we are requiring all 4<sup>th</sup> Day to maintain social distancing of 6 feet and we strongly recommend wearing a mask during the time of worship. Also, for safety concerns of all, there will be no child care provided. We look forward to seeing everyone in person to reconnect and fellowship. Please keep in mind, the safety of everyone you come in contact with and make sure everyone who attends does not have a cough, fever or any COVID-19 related symptoms. Please also take into consideration if you are HIGH RISK or are a caretaker of anyone in the high-risk category for contracting COVID-19 and possibly not attend gathering at this time. However much we all desire to, we are discouraging any HUGGING or embracing also. Restrooms will be available.

As noted above, we are meeting at Church of the Lakes, UMC. Faith UMC is not available at this time. There will be Walk to the Manger in December. This will be at First United Methodist Church of Cuyahoga Falls on Dec. 12. More information below.

Happy November 4<sup>th</sup> Day community! We pray you have all been keeping safe during this time. As we move into the holiday season, we need to be reminded to count our many blessings. May you be comforted by this verse: *For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Psalm 27:5*

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Eph. 1:3* My brothers and sisters, we are truly blessed by this gift of life Jesus has given us each day. May you this day see His blessings in your life He has provided.

Your Board has been continually meeting monthly via Zoom and we are now in discussions on how to move forward into 2021. Please know we are making sure any and all plans are ensuring the health and safety of our community. We miss seeing everyone in person, but continue to lift you all up in prayer. Please make sure to keep in touch with each other in your local churches and visit our Facebook page for prayer requests and praises. We need to hear from each other to provide encouragement and support.

Always in HIS service,

Sue Petrak, Community Lay Director

The Gathering will be streamed, so if you are unable to, or uncomfortable with coming in person, you can still see and hear what's going on! A clickable link is in the body of your email, as well as on the EOEE website. It is a YouTube Channel and you can also search for East Ohio Emmaus Communications Board. The link won't be live until we are ready to stream.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvZV6AuZSiS2ZIXvvP\\_6hCg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvZV6AuZSiS2ZIXvvP_6hCg)

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain must now be submitted to [eoeecontact@gmail.com](mailto:eoeecontact@gmail.com)

### Upcoming EOEE Walks

Men's Walk #98	TENTATIVE	June 3-6, 2021	Charlie Brechmacher
Women's Walk #98	TENTATIVE	June 10-13, 2021	Phyllis Nicholson
Men's Walk #99			Jim Grafe
Women's Walk #99			Michele Atkinson
Men's Walk #100			Perry Atkinson
Women's Walk #100			Barb Shilling

### Sponsoring

Community, sponsoring can still be done, by praying for those we are being led to approach. However, please contact Andrea before sending any paper work or money. Since the dates of the next Walks are still tentative, we don't want to hold checks or make refunds.

#### East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus

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Hello 4<sup>th</sup> Day!

Traditionally, at the November Gathering, the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community is asked to vote for a person to take a seat on the EOEE Board when more than one person has volunteered to serve for an open position. At this point, there is one such scenario. During the November Gathering, we will ask you to cast your vote in a manner that follows CDC guidelines, so it is safe for everyone to participate. Thank you for your help with this important decision!

Blessings to you all!

Wanda Dunn, EOEE Board At Large

**EOEE needs a new insurance agent for our liability policy. If you know of anyone, please reach out to Lucas Mathie, our Treasurer. [Ldmathie1@hotmail.com](mailto:Ldmathie1@hotmail.com) or 330-209-1206**

### WALK TO THE MANGER

The First United Methodist Church of Cuyahoga Falls is looking forward to hosting the Walk to the Manger on December 12, 2020! If you are interested in attending in person or online, please see the information below:

1. The musical program will begin at 4PM at FUMC of Cuyahoga Falls, 245 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls 44221. This will be instrumental only, no singing. Will last about an hour.
2. Please only sing in your heart to decrease the chance of anyone getting sick.
3. If you are able, please bring bedding, blankets, comforters, towels, and/or washcloths to donate to the Heart 4 the City. There is also a need for microwaves, toasters, and toaster ovens if you have one that you want to donate. Heart 4 the City is a UMC mission church located in Goodyear Heights in Akron.
4. We can only have up to 75 people attend in person. Please RSVP online at <https://forms.gle/moISnm8idum4afVS7> if you plan to attend in person. Anyone is able to watch online. Link to RSVP in body of email. Link to watch below and in body of email.
5. If you attend in person, sit in the pews marked for the 8:15 service and wear a mask. Unfortunately, we will not have a meal, snacks or drinks. A snack will be available as you leave the Sanctuary.
6. If Summit County is at level 2, the event will be live and live-streamed. If Summit is at level 3, the event will be live-streamed only. Valerie Riedthaler will email those who RSVP'ed if this happens. (Hopefully not!!)
7. Any of your congregations can post the link in your church bulletin, website, or social media for anyone to watch, if you like.
8. The link to watch online is <https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchcf/live/> or <https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchcf/> These links are also in the body of your email and on the EOEE website.

Starting with the Fall Walks 2019 and going forward, all Walk photos will be digital. What this means is that the photo will still be taken on Thursday evening, and then a link will be emailed to all team and pilgrims after the weekend where they can view the picture and print if they so choose. The list of names will still be included in the take home packet with some places that will print the pictures. (Walgreens, etc.) For those people without email, there will also be a number to contact if they need help in getting the picture printed.

## **Community,**

**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.

Thank you!

## 2020 Gathering Dates

**November 21 at Church of the Lakes UMC**

**December 12 Walk to the Manger First United Methodist  
Church of Cuyahoga Falls**

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