

SOUTHERN OHIO EMMAUS

June 2026 Newsletter

*"Were not our hearts
burning within us while
He talked with us on
the road?"*

— Luke 24:32

FEATURED EVENT

SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday • June 27, 2026

12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Dairy Lane Park
Athens, Ohio

Bring a side dish and lawn chair!

UPCOMING EVENTS



June 27
Summer
Picnic



July 26
Community
Gathering



August 23
Community
Gathering



Sept. 17–20
Women's
Walk #74



Oct. 1
Men's
Walk

Welcome, Emmaus Family!



Grace and peace to you!

As we journey together in our Fourth Day, we are reminded that Emmaus is far more than a weekend experience. It is a lifelong commitment to growing in Christ, serving others, and encouraging one another along the way.

This month brings wonderful opportunities to reconnect through fellowship, worship, and service.

Whether you attend a Gathering, volunteer on a Walk team, sponsor a pilgrim, or simply pray for our community, your faithfulness strengthens Southern Ohio Emmaus.

We hope to see you at our Summer Picnic, Gatherings, and upcoming Walks.

De Colores!

SCRIPTURE OF THE SEASON

*"Trust in the Lord
with all your heart
and lean not on your
own understanding;
in all your ways
acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct
your paths."*

Proverbs 3:5-6



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JULY 26
Sunday

COMMUNITY GATHERING

3:00 PM

The Plains UMC
The Plains, Ohio

Covered dish for
potluck dinner



AUG. 23
Sunday

COMMUNITY GATHERING

3:00 PM

The Plains UMC
The Plains, Ohio

Covered dish for
potluck dinner

The Emmaus Community: Coming Together and Growing Stronger

By Amy Ream

In a world often marked by division and uncertainty, our Emmaus community stands as a powerful example of unity, faith, and shared purpose. We are rooted in the spirit of the biblical road to Emmaus—where companionship and understanding transformed despair into hope—this community continues to bring people together, nurturing connection and strengthening lives in meaningful ways.

At the heart of the Emmaus movement is a commitment to spiritual growth and encouragement. Participants come from diverse backgrounds, bringing unique perspectives and experiences. Yet, when they gather, those differences become strengths rather than barriers. Through mutual support, prayer, and reflection, individuals find common ground in their faith and a renewed sense of belonging.

*"No one
walks
alone."*

Emmaus Gatherings, retreats, and small groups create spaces where people feel seen and heard. Whether someone is new to the journey of faith or has walked it for years, there is room for everyone. This inclusiveness fosters an environment where relationships can flourish, and trust can build over time.

One of the defining features of the Emmaus community is its emphasis on companionship. Life can be challenging, but facing these challenges alongside others transforms the experience. Members uplift one another during difficult times, celebrate vicinities together, and provide encouragement when hope feels distant.



This spirit of togetherness extends beyond organized events. Friendships formed within Emmaus often grow into lifelong bonds. Members regularly meet in small share groups, offering guidance and listening without judgment. These consistent, intentional connections reinforce the idea that **no one walks alone**.

As the Emmaus community grows stronger internally, it also looks outward. Service plays a vital role in its mission. Members are inspired not only to deepen their personal faith but also to live it out through acts of kindness and generosity.

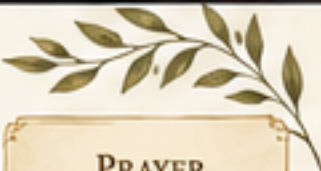
Whether through volunteering, outreach programs, or simple everyday acts of compassion, the Emmaus community seeks to make a difference. This outward focus strengthens the group as well, as shared service experiences build teamwork, empathy, and a deeper sense of purpose.

Countless individuals have found transformation within the Emmaus community. Many describe entering with uncertainty or weariness and leaving with renewed strength and clarity. The supportive environment allows people to be authentic, confront challenges, and rediscover hope.

This transformation is not a one-time event—it is an ongoing process. Emmaus encourages participants to continue growing long after initial experiences, staying connected and contributing to the community's vitality. In this way, each person becomes both a recipient and a source of encouragement.

As the Southern Ohio Emmaus community continues to come together, its future looks bright. With each new member, the network of support expands, creating more opportunities for connection and growth. By remaining grounded in its core values—faith, fellowship, and service—it continues to adapt while preserving the essence that makes it so impactful.

In a time when meaningful connection can be hard to find, our Emmaus community serves as a reminder of what is possible when people come together with open hearts. Through shared faith, supportive relationships, and a commitment to serving others, it not only grows stronger—it helps individuals and communities thrive together.



PRAYER REFLECTION



*Join us in prayer for
our Southern Ohio
Emmaus Community
that God will continue
to bless our Walks
for years to come
and that He will
guide each of us in
helping build the
future of this
community.*

*“Christ is
counting on you.
I am counting
on Christ.”*



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Serving Behind the Scenes

By Penny Peters-Guest

Hi! I'm Penny Peters-Guest.

I made my original Emmaus Walk in 1999 in Middletown, Ohio, with the Northern Lights Emmaus Community. I was blessed to be a pilgrim on Walk #9 at the Table of Rachel.

It took me a few tries to get to my Walk because of my work schedule, but once I attended, it truly changed my life.

I've always enjoyed serving "behind the scenes." That's where Agape and Logistics come in! I love helping create those special moments that make each Walk meaningful. Since I also play guitar, I spent many of my Emmaus weekends serving on the Music Team.

I encourage you to volunteer for an Emmaus team. You will not regret it! It is so rewarding to see how God moves in the lives of both the pilgrims and the team members.

Today, I have the privilege of serving on the Southern Ohio Emmaus Board as chair of our Books and Shirts Ministry.

Penny Peters-Guest
Northern Lights Emmaus
Walk #9 • Table of Rachel
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Books & Shirts Ministry

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AT A GLANCE



Original
1999



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Walk
#9



Table
Rachel

Favorite Ministry



Music



Logistics



Current
Books &

Favorite Quote

"We are the
and feet of

UPCOMING WALKS



WOMEN'S WALK #74

September 17–20, 2026

- Pray for our pilgrims, team, clergy, and volunteers.
- Consider sponsoring a woman who would benefit from an Emmaus Walk.
- Applications available at Gatherings and online.



MEN'S WALK #74

October 15–18, 2026

- Pray for our pilgrims, team, clergy, and volunteers.
- Consider sponsoring a man who would benefit from an Emmaus Walk.
- Applications available at Gatherings and online.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP



SPONSOR

Invite someone to experience an Emmaus Walk.



VOLUNTEER

Serve on a team and help change lives.



DONATE BOOKS

Share Christian books for our book table.



PRAY

Lift up our community in daily prayer.



ATTEND GATHERINGS

Strengthen your walk and connect!

Learn more, apply, or stay up to date at southernohioemmaus.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOOKS & SHIRTS MINISTRY



We need your gently used Christian books for the book table. Books are available by donation only. Stop by and visit our table at Gatherings!

PRAYER CORNER



Please pray for our Walks, pilgrims, sponsors, teams, churches, and our community. Prayer changes everything.

SCRIPTURE REMINDER



"Let us not live in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

1 John 3:18

BOARD UPDATES



Thank you to our board members for their faithful service and leadership. God is at work!

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to our Emmaus brothers and sisters celebrating in June – July – August!

TEAM FORMATION



Team Formation Meetings will begin soon for Walk #74. Watch for details at Gatherings and online.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please keep all pilgrims, teams, and leaders in your daily prayers as preparations continue for Walk #74.

*"The Walk lasts four days.
The Fourth Day
lasts a lifetime."*

Christ is counting on you.
I am counting on Christ.

De Colores!

STAY CONNECTED!



Read the latest news
and updates



Volunteer on a team



Register for a Walk



View upcoming events



Sponsor a pilgrim



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Walking Together with Christ