

# The Joyful Noise



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Join us for our Community  
**Spring Gathering**



**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

**Epworth United Methodist Church**

4855 Central Ave, Toledo, OH 43615

Come Fellowship! Carry-in Potluck Dinner begins at **6 p.m.**

Praise & Worship at **7 p.m.** (childcare provided!)

*All are welcome! Bring a friend or family member. We're excited to see everyone!*

***It's Time to Sponsor!***  
**2026 Walk Planning is Underway!**

**Women's Walk #94**

**June 11 - 14**

**Wesley UMC in Bryan, Ohio**

903 Center St., Bryan, OH 43506

**Men's Walk #78**

**August 13 - 16**

Our **Reunion Gathering** will be **Aug. 22** at Hope Church in Delta

A warm welcome to our New Community Members  
from Women's Walk #93

**Amy Perry, Racheal Mingione, Kim Breen, Erin Owens, Alicia Gruver,  
Natalie Harvey, Deb Hoffman, Shannon Fuller, Katie Klawonn,  
Martha McAnlis, Michelle Winters, Judy Gibson-Carter, Emily  
Widdowson, Marge Coffman, Kayla McCall, Amy Stultz, Beth Jensen,  
Savannah Nowakowski**

*What a powerful weekend! Best. Walk. Ever.*

*Thank you* to each of you who contributed in any way to the beautiful weekend of Women's **Walk #93! Welcome to our newest Community members**, as you have crossed from the pilgrim side into your Fourth Days. We embrace each and every one of you as the NWO Emmaus Community, and are eager to see continued joy and agape love grow deeper, wider, fuller!

We encourage you to be involved! **Active membership will keep our local Emmaus movement going strong.** Commit to pray for individuals whom you may consider sponsoring on the upcoming Walks. Become familiar with the [website](http://nwoemmaus.com) (nwoemmaus.com) where you will find all things related to the walk weekends and our fellowship!

**\* \* \* \* \*** *Share Group Spark* **\* \* \* \* \***

In coming months, we'd like to spotlight our NW Ohio Emmaus Community Share Groups in the Joyful Noise newsletter! Please email a fun photo from your next group meeting (or serving behind the scenes together), tell us a little about you, where you're all from, how you got started, how long you've been meeting, what your group has meant to you; whatever you could share. If your group is complete and well-established, you may be able to inspire others. If your group happens to be open to new participants, please let us



know contact information as well. There are many new Community Members who have not yet started a share group, and some long-time members who may need encouragement to re-connect in that way. Please submit your photo(s) and details about your group to Lori via email: [LLStrohmaier@gmail.com](mailto:LLStrohmaier@gmail.com).

Would you consider serving on the Emmaus Community Governing Board?

Our Community is in need of additional members to help direct and support this ministry in practical ways.

Please reach out to any standing board member to express interest or with questions. *Thank you!*

## 2026 Board Members

Click on member name to email them directly or email us at [NWOEmmaus@gmail.com](mailto:NWOEmmaus@gmail.com)

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