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The Newsletter of the Central Ohio Emmaus Community

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Perseverance
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Fourth Days

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Talk

Priesthood of All Believers
Life of Piety
Growth Through Study
Christian Action
Discipleship
Changing Our World
Body of Christ

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Central Ohio Emmaus Community,

It has been eighteen years since my wife Jen and I attended the Central Ohio Walk to Emmaus. I was on Men's Walk 26 and sat at the table of Paul {*single hand-clap*}, and Jen was on Women's Walk 42 and sat at the table of Sarah. {*single hand-clap*} I wish that I could say that life has been a bowl of cherries since then because it has not. We have had our "ups and downs" yet God proves His faithfulness. And it is that faithfulness that we have grown to depend on. In fact, it is His faithfulness that has become most valued in our lives.

Recently, I read Matthew 13:44, which Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." We didn't always value "the treasure." We believe we found it early on in our lives but didn't always understand its value. Since our Emmaus Walks, the treasure grew in value. That is, we came to understand what the treasure really was and that we had it all along.

As our faith has grown, the value of it has grown also. In Matthew 13:31, Jesus talks about faith as small as a mustard seed which grows to be the largest of all the garden plants. This parable exemplifies the growth of our faith to its fullness. In other words, as Jesus proves faithful to us we value Him and He grows in us until He is bigger than the other things in our lives. At that point we are willing to "sell it all" for Him. By no means are Jen and I done growing, but we very much identify with the treasure parable because of how valuable Christ has become in our lives. Our faith in Christ has enabled us to start the next chapter in our lives.

Jen and I and our four kids are preparing to leave for the mission field. If all goes well, we will be leaving in June and be there for two years. We will be working with a mission in Costa Rica called, Pura Vida Missions, which means "the pure life." PVM, as we call it, does humanitarian aid, service projects, evangelism, and disciple training for Costa Ricans. Another focus of PVM is training of American youth teams via a ten day course during summer break. If anyone is interested please contact us!

This time of preparation has been exciting, stressful and scary but God is right there working things out, just as He has in the past. We have learned that God's faithfulness surpasses our circumstances and He will be faithful through this as well. I firmly believe that God started us out with a mustard seed faith right there in Marysville eighteen years ago. Now it is the treasure of our garden.

Thank you Central Ohio Emmaus Community!

Please keep us in your prayers.

The Shiffer family,
 Eric, Jen, Alex, Brett, Sarah and Grace



Come to our next Gathering, or come show your love to the pilgrims of Walk #102

Gathering
 Tuesday, May 11th
 7:30 PM

Candlelight
 Saturday, May 15th
 8:30 PM

Closing
 Sunday, May 16th
 4:30 PM

Walk Dates for 2010

Women's Walks

#102 May 13 - 16 #104 November 11 - 14
 #103 July 22 - 25

Men's Walk

#61 September 16 - 19



Welcome, Women of Central Ohio Emmaus Walk #101



Darlene Anderson	Mary LeMaster
Martha Bayliss	Nicole McMahon
Kendra Buris	Donel McNickle
Paula Cole	Lori Meckstroth
Melanie Erbe	Melody Miller
Lois Hall	Amy Parrett
Merry Henretty	Suzanne Polsinelli
Gina Hunter	Amy Rigney
Deborah Hurst	Karen Runkle
Deb Jackson	Michelle Scobee
Esther Jones	Julie Scott
Debbie Kelly	Michelle Wasserbeck
Shelly Lane	Chris Watkins
Byunghee Lee	Sally Williams

Emmaus Reunion Cookout

There will be an Emmaus Reunion Cookout on August 10th at 6:00 PM. The Emmaus Board will provide table service, meat, buns and drinks. Please bring a potluck dish and/or dessert to share. This is a wonderful opportunity to get reacquainted with old Emmaus friends from your walk, so please help spread the word. We will gather in the Burnside Center for dinner and move to the sanctuary at 7:30 PM for the Gathering.

The Rooster

There is a minimal subscription cost to help offset the cost to print and mail the Rooster newsletter for each Emmaus Walk. Please make sure you update your subscription by May 2010, so you will continue to receive your newsletter in the mail. If you prefer to receive it via email, please send your request to the Rooster team via email.

To update your mailed subscription, send the \$5 annual fee to:

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Childcare

The Emmaus community provides childcare for Gatherings, Candlelight, and Closings. The cost is \$1.00 per child, which is not a donation or a tip to the sitter. The \$1.00 helps offset the expense of the babysitter paid by the community. Please continue to help us with expenses by remembering to pay for the services offered, so we can continue to provide this wonderful childcare for everyone.

Sponsorship Training

You are encouraged to attend the Sponsorship Training held in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, May 11th at 6:30 PM. Information about being an effective sponsor will be provided. Childcare will be provided also.

The Men's and Women's Good Shepherds would like to keep their databases current, so they can more easily connect new community members with share groups. Please take time to fill out the survey on the last page of the Rooster. You can mail the form to: FUMC c/o Men's (or Women's) Good Shepherd, 207 S. Court St., Marysville OH 43040 or you can email the information to them from the web site — www.centralohioemmaus.org.



Pilgrim List for Walk 102

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Sharon Allman	Milford Center	Janell Bolte
Jeni Andrews	Marysville	Shari & John Smith
Lindsay Andrews	Plain City	Amy Plank
Jean Carmean	Richwood	Heidi Dunbar/Vicki Price
Jennifer Coffmon	London	Jennifer Schulman
Deb Copas	Cable	Mike Belli
Carol Eades	Mechanicsburg	Ron & Deb Lantz
Linda Eirich	Marysville	Judy Ohnsman
Joyce Evans	Washington CH	Tammy Roberts
Sarah Feasel	Marysville	Annie Feasel
Shelly Feasel	Marysville	Christie Hunter
Tracy Gerkin	Medina	Tricia Cossette
Kitty Halfhill	Mt Gilead	Elizabeth Hart
Jewell James	Marysville	Mary Lemaster
Valerie Jones	Gahana	Darlene Anderson/Jamie Frisby
Kae Lynn Lyden	Belle Center	Kristen Johnson
Sharon Martin	Plain City	Barb Keith
Vickie McQuiston	Marion	Merry Henretty
LeeAnne Monroe	Richwood	Christie Hunter
Robin Neal	West Mansfield	Deb Wright
April Phillips	Belle Center	Kristen Johnson
Bobbie Quinlan	Marysville	Mike Belli/Marcie Liszeski
Betty Rupert	Marysville	Bertie Eversole
Kristyl Shoaf	Delaware	Ellen Thomas
Tami Sowder	Richwood	Deb Wright
Teresa Stewart	London	Tammy Roberts
Kelly Transue	Plain City	Shelly Detwiler
Malorie Vitale	Marysville	Lisa Little/Deb Jackson
Donna Wilson	Marysville	Ken Daft

Please remember there will most likely be further changes to the pilgrim list.
 Check online at www.centralohioemmaus.org for an updated list.

Date	
Share Group Name (if applicable)	
Share Group Member Names	
Share Group Contact Information Email, Phone number and/or Address	
Meeting Date and Time	
Meeting Location	
Open to new Members? (Circle One)	Yes or No