



Emmaus Newsletter

March, 2006



What kind of Body Odor are you projecting? When others come close, do they get a whiff of the Master?

During Men's Walk #50, I received a piece of agape in a sealed envelope. Even before I opened to read the letter, I knew who had authored it. "How," you ask? "By its scent," I reply. The correspondence was drenched in a type of perfume unique to the individual who wears it. But, even more fragrant than the letter's scent, were its contents. In part, the author wrote, "I hope that the Men's Walk #50 was yet another time of refreshing for you as you experienced the Father in a new way!"

I've given a great deal of thought in recent days about what I call the power of perfume. Did you know that human beings have the capacity to distinguish over 10,000 odor molecules? That women have a greater sense of smell than men? And,

THE POWER OF PERFUME From the Community Spiritual Director, David Wells

because the sense of smell gets worse as we age, children get a better whiff of their environment than their grandparents.

Yet, if you were a bloodhound, you'd be able to sense odor molecules 1000 times better than humans. (Which begs the question as to what could possibly be so aromatic about another hound's hind quarters?)

But, in addition to our ability to pick up differing scents is our human ability to broadcast them. www.senseofsmell.org claims that just as people have uniquely different DNA structures, "No two people have the exact same odor identity or "smell-fingerprint," which is determined by many factors including: our genes, skin type, diet, medicine, mood state, and even the weather."

In speaking of this ability to transmit our tang, Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians, 2:14-15, "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing" (NIV).

Ponder those words for a moment. As Christians, we are the "aroma of Christ." We

are the fragrance of our Heavenly Father. We are the scent of the Saviour. I wonder. As the Church Universal, what kind of "Body Odor" are we projecting?

I ask that question because some weeks ago, I was having dinner with an out-of-town guest. We were waited on by a server who appeared to be very new to the job and visibly nervous. The poor girl mixed up our drink orders. She brought out the wrong salad dressing. She mistakenly told the chef to cook our steaks medium well instead of medium rare. But, worse than the service we received was my colleague's abrasive language. He berated our young server for her mistakes. He proceeded to chastise her in front of her manager. He had the poor dear in tears. All the while, I was begging him to put his coat on -- not because I wanted to leave -- but, because I wanted him to cover up his shirt that carried his church's logo! I was ashamed at the kind of pungent witness my friend was emitting.

So, I ask you as you journey into your Fourth Days, what kind of Body Odor are you projecting? When others come close, do they get a whiff of the Master? Do they sense the bouquet of the Spirit? Remember, Friend, Christ is counting on you to fragrant his love to the world.

SERVE US OR SERVICE - By Kimberly Scott, Board Chairperson

A popular British sitcom titled "Are You Being Served?" is set in the men's and women's departments of a large department store. As customers peruse the items to purchase amid the silly antics of the staff, the salespeople approach and ask the question: "Are you being served?" Although appropriate to this line of work, for the Christian, a better question might be, "Am I or how am I serving?"

When we concern ourselves with the needs of others, Christ can and will work through us. All of us can give of ourselves according to the talents and gifts we've been given. In an earthly, secular economy we witness the waste of resources-human, plant, animal, and material. In God's economy, though, nothing is wasted. No gift

is considered insignificant or an act too small to be used to serve others. Every act of service great or small is needed in God's Kingdom.

In God's eyes, greatness comes through humble service. He showed us this in the most profound way. When Jesus took a towel and a basin of water and performed the most menial of tasks: washing of the dirty feet of those who would desert him when he most needed them. When God is in control, He will give us ways to serve. Being a people called to live lives of service, we need not worry how we measure up to others. Instead, we should concentrate on how we are doing with what God has given us. In the parable of the talents the man who was given five talents earned five more; he

who received two talents received two more. But the man receiving one talent buried it, refusing to make use of it in any way. This man was condemned, not because he failed to measure up to the others, but because he did not use what he was given. Being God's servants does not make us less. Instead, it makes us more-not more of ourselves, but more of who we were created to be.

A poignant summary of our mission as servants titled "Why?" from Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul is the following: "On the street I saw a small girl, cold and shivering 'Why did You permit this? Why don't You do something about this?' For a while God said nothing. That night He replied quite suddenly: 'I certainly did do something about it. I made you.' (Author Unknown)

March Gathering
Tuesday, March 7,
at 7:15 p.m.

Mark your calendars
for the upcoming gatherings.
Be sure to wear your name tags!

April Gathering
Tuesday, April 4,
at 7:15 p.m.

SERVING OTHERS SOMETIMES MEANS NOT SERVING

OK, just what the heck does he mean by that? Well, my brothers and sisters we have somewhat of a growing problem. As our community continues to grow in numbers, the opportunities to serve in the kitchen get less and less available by the numbers. Each shift is calculated to have a certain number of servants to ensure that the pilgrims get great tasting food and prompt service. However, there are times when the number of folks in the kitchen is a bit overwhelming. Some volunteers also show up and have very little to do because

of all the extra help. What I am asking is this. When the shift you wish to sign up for is full, please respect those who have already signed up and do not overfill the shift. There are plenty of other opportunities to serve the pilgrims such as logistics. Yes, it's more behind the scenes but consider it an act of Agape not only to the pilgrims, but also to your fellow community members. Thank you for all your dedication to our community.
DeColores
Dan Collins

COMMITTING TO GOD

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be." John 12:26

Do servants serve only on their terms and conditions? Many of us have other commitments, but I see the people at RUMC, committing to God, before themselves in so many ways. Making themselves available, unselfishly ready to

serve. It is a blessing to be a part of the Emmaus Community and to have so many wonderful Sisters and Brothers in Christ, to share in God's work.
DeColores!
Sandy Linley
Logistics Chair Person

LIVE-IN TEAM, WOMEN'S WALK #66

Name	Role	Talk
David Cady	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Dan Stires	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Derik Hines	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
TBA	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Maxine Smith-Pierce	Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Wilma Ebright	Lay Director	Perseverance
Ami Adams	Asst. Lay Director	
Kathy Underwood	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Judy Horn	Asst. Lay Director	Life in Piety
Linda Jones	Music Director	
Carla Hughes	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Denise Durlay	Asst. Table Leader	
Marta Allen	Table Leader	Growth Through Study
Nikki Warner	Asst. Table Leader	
Sue Allen	Table Leader	Christian Action
Darcie Matheson	Asst. Table Leader	
JoAnn Stanley	Table Leader	Discipleship
Emily Allen	Asst. Table Leader	
Tammy Kellogg	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Donna Stoffel	Asst. Table Leader	
Kim Ransom	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Abby Burchell	Asst. Table Leader	
Sue Martin	Table Leader	Fourth Day
Lenni Male	Asst. Table Leader	

IS YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT?

It's time to update our community mailing list. Please send the following information to Dave Pagura at dapagura@insight.rr.com bring the information with you to an upcoming Gathering or mail it to the address at the bottom of the form.

REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY DIRECTORY CHANGES

Name(s): _____

Current Address: _____

Phone: _____

New Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Original Community: _____

Walk#: _____

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Reynoldsburg Emmaus Mailing List
1636 Graham Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

PILGRIM'S WOMEN'S WALK # 66, MARCH 9 - 12

Pilgrim	Church Name	Sponsor
Jeanne Beaumariage	None listed	Jason Beaumariage
Marilyn Bobo	Greater St. Timothy Bible Way Church	Elton Davis Jr
Cindy Braden	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Cindy Brumbaugh
Judy Browner	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Sue Allen
Vicki Burlingame	Vineyard Christian Fellowship	Jennifer Haley
Amanda Clotts	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Shirley Vingle
Gail Dillon	Groveport United Methodist Church	Stan Dillon
Lynn Drawbridge	Reynoldsburg Alliance Church	Marti Manko
Brooke Durham	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Angela Cremeans
Jacki Faller	Somerset United Methodist Church	Imelda Scurlock
Brooke Gaberle	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	William Gaberle
Lisa Glenn	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Gail Clark
Krystal Green	Power of Prayer Church	Kathy Watkins
Jessica Hall	Heritage Nondenominational Church	Mark Hall
Stacy Harkins	Grace Brethren Church	Ron England
Kathy Hurst	Peace United Methodist Church	Lisa Clingo
Faye Johnson	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Shirley Vingle
Jo Ruth Jordan	Greater Life Temple of Praise	Elton Davis Jr
Virginia Keiffer	Pataskala Church of the Nazarene	Bettie Paugh
Dana Lynne Koehl	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Angela Capers
Jennifer Kraner	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Kim Ransom
Patrina Lee	Grove City Church of the Nazarene	Bettie Paugh
Ann Lochstampfor	Parkview Presbyterian Church	Mark Lochstampfor
Christiane Marshall	Marietta Seventh-Day Adventist Church	Victor Marshall
Gayle McPeek	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Barry McPeek
Diane Miller	Fairview United Methodist Church	Michael Miller
Angel Naylor	Violet Baptist Church	Sally Kidd
Paula Penha	Power of Prayer Church	Claudio Penha
Kim Perdeu	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Peggy Newland
Kim Rodgers	Summit Station United Methodist Church	Rodney King
Maxine Schwarz	Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church	Laura Elsworth
Barbara Thomas	Power of Prayer Church	Mary Speights
Heidi Warren	First Presbyterian Church, PA	Melinda
Lee Young	North Pointe Community Church	Julie Hill
Deborah Zandarski	Gatherings Ground Community Fellowship	Terri Evans

Check the Emmaus website at www.rumc.org/emmaus/index.html for updates! Just click the Emmaus link on the left of the web page!

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AGAPE REMINDERS

- ▶ For both men's and women's walks we need 38 pieces of agape for bedtime and 63 pieces of agape for meals. Please help us by specifying the number of pieces in each package.
- ▶ Consider listing only your share group time and place as a form of humble servanthood.
- ▶ Agape (not letters) from the community is first distributed to the pilgrims at bedtime on Friday.
- ▶ Team members may receive written agape each night. Table leaders and clergy also receive letters before talks. Please specify on the envelope the day you wish the agape delivered.
- ▶ When writing multiple agape letters, please help us by alphabetizing them prior to placing them in a bundle.
- ▶ The agape room must be dismantled Saturday night. Please help us by dropping off agape before candlelight.
- ▶ Sponsors who are holding their pilgrim's agape, but have not dropped it off by the Saturday morning of the walk, please notify Jeff or Joyce Myers at 614-836-5515.
- ▶ Sponsors who have a pilgrim who is unable to attend a walk, please notify Jeff or Joyce Myers.



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2006 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY WALK CALENDAR

Women's Walk # 67 May 18 - 21
Women's Walk # 68 July 27 - 30

Men's Walk # 51 April 27 - 30
Men's Walk # 52 October 12 - 15

- **Gatherings** - the first Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m.
- **Candlelight** - Saturday of each Walk at 8:30 p.m. meet in the Worship Center.
- **Closing** - begins on Sunday of each Walk at 4:30 p.m. meet in Kirsch Hall.

Note: Children & guests are welcome at Gatherings. However, Candlelight & Closings are for those who have attended **The Walk to Emmaus**.

Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community Web Page
www.rumc.org/emmaus/index.html

EMMAUS WALKS

How will **YOU** be the hands and feet of Christ? Sign-up sheets are displayed in the RUMC kitchen and in St. Andrews Hall on the Gathering evenings or call the board representative. *Christ gave his life for you. Will you give your hands and feet for him?*

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| • 24 Hour Prayer Vigil | • Agape Room |
| • Carry Luggage | • Kitchen |
| • Bedtime Agape | • Attend Candlelight |
| • Mealtime Agape | • Write Pilgrim Agape |
| • Logistics: Set-up, clean, teardown | • Attend Closing |

Are you persevering in your walk with Christ? Are you utilizing all the tools you learned on your Walk to Emmaus?

Remember to count on Christ as he counts on you!

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| ▶ Seek Discipleship Opportunities | ▶ Bible Study Attendance |
| ▶ Serve the Emmaus Community | ▶ Daily Morning Prayer |
| ▶ Use the Reunion Group Card | ▶ Study the Scriptures |
| ▶ Sunday School Attendance | ▶ Serve Your Church |
| ▶ Share Group Attendance | ▶ Worship Attendance |
| ▶ Daily Morning Devotions | ▶ Daily Meditation |