



BOW IN HUMILITY BEFORE YOUR GOD From the Community Spiritual Director, David Wells

My oldest son and his wife recently returned on military leave from Germany. Over the previous year, they had taken a number of USO tours. Ryan and Laura recently visited the Church of Our Lady in Copenhagen. The signature pieces of the church are its Thorvaldsen statues. Each statue is carved out of solid stone.

In the center of the church is a statue of Christ with His arms extended. Ryan claims that when he approached the statue, the eyes of Jesus appeared to be closed. He assumed that Christ was in prayer. However, one of the tour guides motioned for my son to kneel down. When he did, Ryan said, "I looked up into the face of Jesus and saw his eyes. And, as those beautiful eyes looked upon me, I felt a rush of grace, mercy, and compassion unlike I've ever sensed before."

Numbers 12:3 declares that "... Moses was a very humble man, more

humble than anyone else on the face of the earth." I find it intriguing that this is the same man of whom God speaks "... face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord . . ." (Numbers 12:8). From this description of Moses scripture makes this implicit observation: the level of our posture before God determines the clarity with which we experience His presence. Consequently, the more lowly we submit our lives before God, the more clearly we see His face.

But, understand this. Unlike the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) or the Gifts of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12), humility is a decision. Humbleness is a posture we must choose to assume.

It has been said that the work of the Holy Spirit is a lot like the weather. The greater the difference between high and low pressure systems, the stronger the wind blows. This same principle holds true for us as

Christians. The lower we choose to bow in submission before God, the more powerfully His Holy Spirit rushes through us.

My greatest hope comes directly from the Emmaus Canon - - that each of you might make a conscious decision to bow in humility and submission before the Spirit of this community. By doing so, I believe that together we will experience a revival unlike any the Church has seen in years.

So, in the words of song-writer, Darrell Evans, may our collective prayer be:

*Let the river flow, let the river flow
Holy Spirit come, move in power
Let the river flow, let the river flow
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Let the river flow, let the river flow
Let the river flow.*

SPEAKING WITHOUT WORDS

- By Kimberley Scott, Board Chairperson

Many years ago, the daughter of a famous singer recorded a song titled "These Boots Are Made for Walking." The first two lines of the chorus are: "These boots are made for walking and that's just what they'll do..." To be sure, these two lines make a simple statement. The last two lines-for those who are familiar with the song-sound, though, as if the boots would vanquish anyone and anything that got in their way!

As I reflect on my Walk to Emmaus and all it has meant to me in my Fourth Days, the image that comes to mind is not a pair of boots, but a pair each of sandals and feet.

The sinful woman in the Bible-the one who anointed Jesus with the expensive perfume-definitely had her shortcomings. Even so, she stayed abreast of the news of

the day, when on a particular day, she learned that Jesus was eating at the home of Simon, a Pharisee. The woman met Jesus at Simon's home where He said, "I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair." (Luke 7:44)

You see, whether barefoot or in sandals, travelers in those days arrived with their feet covered with dust and dirt. It was the custom for the host to offer water and a towel for a foot wash. Simon, however, failed to do this. The woman, though, did the right thing. Once again, Jesus remarked that, "You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet." (Luke 7:46) Her sins were forgiven. Without uttering a word, she expressed repentance. Without making a sound, she

cried out for forgiveness. And, without stating one syllable, she spelled out the desire of her heart: to love Him.

Her actions said EVERYTHING.

Just as this woman did two thousand years ago, let us: openly seek Him; Humbly abandon ourselves; Completely worship Him; and, Joyfully embrace His forgiveness.

And, remember, that silence speaks volumes.

DeColores!

Please Note:
The July Gathering
will be held the
2nd Tuesday of July
due to the
July 4th holiday.

June Gathering
Tuesday, June 6,
at 7:15 p.m.

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

July Gathering
Tuesday, July 11
at 7:15 p.m.

KITCHEN KORNER

For the past few months I have talked about the ways we *Serve*. Our Emmaus community is just that. *Service*. *Service* to the pilgrims, the community and most importantly the *Service* of building of God's Kingdom. Each weekend our *Service* in the kitchen takes on a slightly different feel as there different needs for each specific walk. The one constant is the number of people it takes to produce each meal. I would encourage that each of us remind ourselves in whatever way we can of our commitment to *Serve*. There are pieces of paper at the gatherings to write down our service times to take home to your

personal calendars. You can call yourself on your cell phone and leave yourself a message. You can text message yourself. You can even buddy up with someone to remind each other. Just as too many people in the kitchen is a distraction, having too few hands to help discourages people from returning to *Serve* again. God has blessed this community in so many ways; the greatest way is having the opportunity to *Serve*. See you in the kitchen.

DeColores,
Dan Collins

DISCOVERING HIGHER PLACES

I came across this from Deuteronomy 3:24 "O Sovereign LORD, you have begun to show to your servant your greatness and your strong hand."

This made me think that in our servanthood for God, that we may see the fruits of our labor, but there are times when we may not and may never see them.

It certainly doesn't happen overnight or even 72 hours, but when we serve, we have the opportunity to discover higher and deeper places, through God, and to

see the wonderful ways HE not only touches the pilgrims lives but our own lives as well. We simply have to be open and humble to all that takes place. No job is less important than another, please remember that.

Thank you again for all you do, and all you give on each walk.

DeColores,
Sandy Linley
Logistics Chairperson

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Thank you to those who have shared their gifts of music and song at gatherings and candlelights. Likewise a hearty thank you to those who have opened their hearts and given Fourth day talks. With more than half of the year remaining Lynnette and I look forward to many more songs and praises to our Lord and Savior. The problem, with close to 4,000 members

spread out amongst hundreds of churches is, it hard to find you. We want to get many churches involved in Fourth day talks. If you feel led to share your pilgrim experience with a few close friends, give us a call. God wants you to share your gifts.

DeColores,
Mark and Lynnette Kline 866-4857

LIVE-IN TEAM, MEN'S WALK #51

Name	Role	Talk
David Wells	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Sharon Hausman	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
David Leckrone	Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Sue Ellen Miller	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Maxine Smith-Pierce	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Esther Ford	Lay Director	Perseverance
Paula Stoffel	Asst. Lay Director	
Elaine Fencl	Asst. Lay Director	Growth Through Study
Lori Riddle	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Pam Gariety	Music Director	
Faith Ortiz	Asst. Music Director	
Karen Collins	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Jen Windnagel	Asst. Table Leader	
Katrina Grabe-Douglas	Table Leader	Priesthood of all Believers
Betty Paugh	Asst. Table Leader	
Janet Shreffler	Table Leader	Fourth Day
Tara Griebel	Asst. Table Leader	
Melinda Board	Table Leader	Discipleship
Vicki Lee	Asst. Table Leader	
Marie Renner	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Cathy Olshefski	Asst. Table Leader	
Brenda Curran	Table Leader	Life in Piety
Tracy Herрман	Asst. Table Leader	
Amy Beaumariage	Table Leader	Christian Action
Patricia Wycuff	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.

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PILGRIM'S WOMEN'S WALK # 67, MAY 18 - 21

Pilgrim's Name	Church Name	Sponsor
Amanda Bonito	RUMC	Matt Bonito
Maria Brooks	Heritage Christian	Trina Dreyer
Kristina Brown	Vineyard - Pataskala	Nikki Warner
Rhonda Burns	World Harvest	Torri Aprile
Trina Cannon	Faith Ministry	Tavarous Turner
Naomi Childers	RUMC	Steve Friece
Judy Foor	Brice UMC	Theresa Lee
Diana Hughes	RUMC	Larry Hughes
Sherry Kuehnle	First Presbyterian/Grove City	Sally Kidd
Joan(Joni) Kurr	New Horizons UMC	Cindi Cline
June Lewis	RUMC	Louise Wilcoxon
Linda Lineback	E. Columbus Christian	Sally Kidd
Susie Luker	RUMC	Fran McNew
Wendy Mattucci	Eastpointe Christian	Louis Mattucci
Gayle McPeek	RUMC	Barry McPeek
Teri Owens	Christ Lutheran Church	Jen Haley
Gwen Prince	Wooster UMC	Don Prince
Kristen Marie Reinhart	RUMC	Angela Cremeans
Dorothy Rickards	Thurman Ave Methodist	Yvonne Sells
Deborah Smith	Epiphany Lutheran	Melinda & Matt Alic
Ramika Stephens	World Harvest	Torri Aprile
Natasha Turner	Faith Ministries Church	Pauline LaPaugh
Ronicesha Wearren	Summit Station UMC	Rodney King
Jodi Wilson	Timothy Lutheran	Dan & Linda Jones
Amy Wood	Trinity Lutheran	Clista Davis
Deborah Wood	Eastview UMC	Mary Ann McElroy
Lee Young	North Pointe Community Church	Julie Hill

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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 BJ or Tim Reed at 891-3729.
- ▶ Sponsors who have a pilgrim who is unable to attend a walk, please notify BJ or Tim Reed.



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2006 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY WALK CALENDAR

Women's Walk # 68 July 27 - 30
Women's Walk # 69 November 16 - 19

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?**

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

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