



FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Dear Emmaus family,

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you." (2 Timothy 5-6)

Who first taught you about faith? Was it your mother, your father, your grandmother, your grandfather? Think about that person for a minute.

That faith lives in you because of that very special person in your life. That faith is a gift. We hear a lot of talk about faith. We read about faith in the Bible and we sing songs about faith, but what is faith? When we say that we have faith, it means that we believe something is true, even when we can't see it.

I shared this story with my congregation a few weeks ago: *One day, a little girl got lost in the woods on a farm near where she lived. The farmer who owned the land found the little girl and said to her, "Don't be afraid; I'll take you home."*

The little child looked up at him, and with a smile, said, "I'm not afraid. I knew you would come; I was waiting for you."

"Waiting for me?" said the man. "What made you think I was coming?"

"I was praying that you would," she said.

"You were praying?" the farmer asked.

"When I first heard you, you were just saying 'A B C D E F G.' What was that for?"

She looked up again and said, "I wasn't sure exactly what to say, so I was praying all the letters of the alphabet and letting God put them together the way He wanted them. He knew I was lost and He knew how to put the letters together better than I do."

How do you use that gift of faith that has been given to you? In Luke's gospel, Jesus describes faith, as just doing your job, just doing your duty, not because of any sense of reward but simply because it needs doing. Faith, in other words, is doing what needs to be done right in front of you and this, Jesus says, the disciples can already do. WE can already do. Sometimes faith can be ordinary.

Even the simplest things done in faith can have a huge impact:

- Signing up for the prayer vigil for team #87/#88
- Cleaning the toilets on the upcoming walks
- Sponsoring someone
- Serving breakfast/lunch/dinner

And not just in our Emmaus community but in our home communities as well-

- Take a look at all the good you did in the past week in your role as employer/employee, student, parent, citizen, or volunteer. It would add up very quickly into a mountain of amazing gifts.
- Imagine what the previous week would have been like if all those things hadn't been done. If we subtracted them from the planet over the last week, the world would be a grimmer place today.
- Then imagine what the world would look like next week if you thought that even your ordinary acts are being used by God to care for God's world, and you felt empowered and commissioned to do even more. You might not think what you do matters much to God-but I think we need to be reminded that sometimes even ordinary faith can be extraordinary.

And so Jesus tells his disciples -- both then and now -- that we have all that we need to be faithful and that being faithful, finally, is about recognizing all the God-given opportunities just to show up and do what needs to be done!

It's all the ordinary stuff we do all the time and, taken together and blessed by God, it's very extraordinary! So, **thank you**, for all the ways you serve. Your discipleship is very extraordinary!

Will you pray with me?

Gracious God, we don't ask you to give us more faith. We simply ask that you help us to use the faith that we have and trust you to do the rest. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

DeColores, Cindy Parker, CSD TRWE # 64



If you have a concern that you would like lifted in prayer, or would like to be added to the distribution list, or have information that you would like to share with the community, please email rpratt2707@gmail.com.

PILGRIMS

WALK 87

Beaumont, Russ	Mt Pleasant UMC	Penn, David	The Tabernacle (ND)
Bogdewic, Chad	Fairmont UMC	Phillips, Jerry	West Alex Presby
Bouch, Dennis	Glen Willard UMC	Polansky, John	The Tabernacle (ND)
Dahlem, Bruce	New Stanton UMC	Robinson, Raub	Kingdom Life Fellowship
Fisher, Ed	Kingdom Life Fellowship	Steel, Rich	Mt Pleasant UMC
Hayes, Clair	UM Charge for Christ	Trussa, Lance	Roscoe UMC
Keppen, Dave	DuBois UMC	Williams, John	Kingdom Life Fellowship
Moynihan, Jerry	Monroeville UMC		

WALK 88

Carrier, Aletta	Mt Pleasant UMC	Kihl, Maxine	New Stanton UMC
Caruso, Jamie	Comm UMC Harrison City	Kramer, Fannie	Kanter UMC
Chase, Alicia	Oakland UMC	Lindsay, Susan	Comm UMC Harrison City
Fincham, Rosemary	Bethel Presbyterian	Merringer, Lana	Kanter UMC
Garrison, Michelle	First UMC, Houston	Meyer, Krysta	Cornerstone (ND)
Hayes, Linda	U M Charge for Christ	Musick, Shirley	Christ UCC
Hoff, Metta	Hopewell UMC	Shaffer, Marjie	Jefferson UMC of Greene
Jack, M J	Trinity UMC	Shields, Lois	First UMC, Brookville
Johnson, Marilyn	Ingomar UMC	Simpkins, Dru	Taylorstown UMC
Junod, Gerrie	Comm UMC Harrison City	Smith, Lynda	Jefferson UMC
Keller, Sandy	DuBois UMC	Wadsworth, Marsha	Kanter UMC
Keppen, Susan	Dallas Presby		

The Men's Walk (#87) is less than two weeks away and the Women's Walk (#88) less than three weeks away. The lay directors (Heidi and Mike) have been hard at work (with the Lord's blessings) to make these Walks an awesome experience for the Pilgrims. However, they can only do so much. The rest is up to us, the TRWE Community.

It is our role to show Agape love to these Pilgrims. It might be through prayer. It might be through service (inside or outside team or 4th Day). Or it might be through gifts of Agape.

Whatever the Lord is leading you to do, please heed His call. After all, think back to your Walk and those memories you will treasure

forever ... dying moments ... mimes ... candlelight ... and the gifts of Agape!

Gifts of Agape are due to Family resource Center (Cranberry) by Thursday night, October 31st for the Men's Walk and November 7th for the Women's Walk.

DeColores ... Janet Stewart, Agape Chair

	Men	Women
Pilgrims Only	16	25
Dining Room	45	54
Entire Team	52	64

"and now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."



Team #87

Team #88

Mike Varner	Perseverance	LD	Perseverance	Heidi Walker
Chub Dietz	Fourth Day	LDT	Fourth Day	Pam Walter
John DeBonis	Body of Christ	ALD	Piety	Bonnie Wiegand
Bryan McClaine	Priorities	ALD	Priorities	Amy Parks
Dennis Walker	Christian Action	ALD	Christian Action	Debbie Pass
Bill Saxman	Sanctifying Grace	HSD	Sanctifying Grace	Cindy Parker
Merritt Edner.	Prevenient Grace	ASD	Prevenient Grace	Angie Deal
Melissa Geisler	Justifying Grace	ASD	Justifying Grace	Scott Gallagher
John Hamilton	Obstacles to Grace	ASD	Obstacles to Grace	Laurie Armstrong
Ed Saxman	Sanctifying Grace	ASD	Sanctifying Grace	Ardi Hill
Nick Denardo	Priesthood of Believers	TL	Priesthood of Believers	Cynthia Boswell
Ken Potter	Life of Piety	TL	Growth Thru Study	Kathy Schmidt
Noel Jack	Growth Thru Study	TL	Body of Christ	Patty Houy
Jeff Clark	Discipleship	TL	Discipleship	Gloria Dudt
		TL	Changing Our World	Marty Fragello
		TL		Janet McKibben
John Turnbull	Changing Our World	ATL		Dianne Fiorentini
Joe Negri		ATL		Tyanne Saxman
John Shusteric		ATL		Janice Gottschalk
Scott Roberts		ATL		Chris Teagarden
Ryan Moynihan		ATL		Susan Saxman
		ATL		Pam Negri
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PJ Dippolito		Music		Wally Wells
Jack Gusew		Tech		Heather Stewart
Bryan Pass		Board Rep		Carena Phillips
Bob Fragello		Prayer Chapel		Ruth Sabo
Chuck Besong		Prayer Chapel		Joan Burnette
Rex Walter		Dining Room		Madeline Rainey
Juan Olivarez		Dining Room		Carol Ender
Ron Hujik		4th Day		June Corbett
Mark Pasek		4th Day		Connie Hart
Larry Parker		Agape		Karen Edwards
Richard Brigham		Agape		Dawn Yeagar
Mike Schmidt		Snack Agape		Lois Dille
		Snack Agape		Kelly Chase
		Snack Agape		Sharon Gallagher

A BIG



is extended to **Mike Zuber** (TRWE 35) for

his generous gift of a new projector to the Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus community!

Agape, Service, and Prayer for Walks 87 and 88

WILL YOU? CAN YOU? WILL YOU?

Don't shoot me; I'm only the piano player.

I know you don't want to shoot me! It's just Ken, trying to be creative again, and attract your attention long enough to read on (regardless of what you think of Elton John). I hope you're not insulted by my wackiness.

Here's the thing. On the one hand, God made it all. It's all God's! Our time, our talent, our treasure – it's only ours to steward for a season and all for God's glory. On the other hand are the needs of those around us. When we put the two together – God's resources applied to our needs – we get...God's blessing poured out on us and through us. Simple theology that works every time because God set it up to work that way!

So, Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Community, here are the outstanding 4th Day needs for Walks 87 and 88 coming up in a few short weeks. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to fill these needs from God's provision in your life.

SNACK AGAPE NEEDS – We are trying something new by using a sign-up page for Snack Agape. Please follow these links to view the items needed and supply as you feel prayerfully led:

TRWE Men's 87 Snack Agape [\[M87 Snacks click here\]](#) **May need to hold control**

TRWE Women's 88 Snack Agape [\[W88 Snacks click here\]](#) **May need to hold control**

4th DAY SERVICE NEEDS – If you are new to the community or if you haven't gotten the chance to serve in this way yet, just so you know, much of the behind the scenes work to prepare the camp, keep it tidy, serve you meals, set up luminaries, pack up the camp and clean up afterward is done by volunteers, your Emmaus 4th Day community. Now that you've been on a walk, you can now serve in this way too!

TRWE Men's 87 4th Day Service Needs [\[M87 Service click here\]](#) **May need to hold control**

TRWE Women's 88 4th Day Service Needs [\[W88 Service click here\]](#) **May need to hold control**

SPECIAL NOTE TO THOSE SIGNING UP FOR MEAL SERVICE– SEE BELOW!

PRAYER VIGIL NEEDS - Likewise, if you are new to the community or if you haven't gotten the chance to serve in this way yet, just so you know, that prayer vigil that was so awesomely impressive and undergirded your walk was filled out by 4th Day community. Please prayerfully consider clicking on one or both of the links below, scan down the list of available times and choose a time that you might pray for the men and women of Walks 87 and 88, that their experience of God's love and grace, rivals your own when you did your Walk to Emmaus.

TRWE Men's 87 Prayer Vigil Sign-Up [\[M87 Prayer click here\]](#) **May need to hold control**

TRWE Women's 88 Prayer Vigil Sign-Up [\[W87 Prayer click here\]](#) **May need to hold control**

A SPECIAL NEED – calling all those with a truck with a trailer hitch. It would be really useful to create a stable list of people with a vehicle willing and able to haul our storage trailer from its storage place to the camp for unloading on Thursday of the Men's Walk and return it to storage and do the reverse run on Sunday of the Women's Walk. If you are willing and able to serve in this way, please contact Gary Pennington – Facilities Board Rep grkpennington@gmail.com or cell 412-767-5886.

WILL YOU? Will you prayerfully consider these needs?

CAN YOU? The next question: Has God provided the resources for you to satisfy the need. If not, it's not meant to be, and by stretching yourself you are robbing someone else of the opportunity to be in God's flow of blessing. Please don't.

WILL YOU? Click on one or more of the links above and fill in a blank with you time, talent, or treasure?

WILL YOU? Talk to those in your Reunion Groups and ask them to do the same?

SPECIAL NOTE TO THOSE SERVING MEALS DURING UPCOMING WALKS – It used to be that when we served at meals during walks we could stay after and be fed with the leftovers. It was a help; we were fed and we didn't have to store or throw away leftovers. That's back in the day when we rented a camp and cooked our own meals. With a camp that prepares our food and charges per plate, the logistics are actually better and more economically beneficial for all parties if 4th Day serving volunteers actually feed themselves. Please consider bringing your own bag meal to camp when you come to serve or take advantage of one of the many eateries only a mile away in Cranberry. It's a great time of fellowship with other 4th Day helpers.

DeColores, Ken Gryger 4th Day Board Rep 2013

Something's New.....

Snack Agape is not new, but the way we are asking for Snack Agape is.

We used to ask Team and Sponsors to bring 1 snack item along with a 2-liter or case of water. But, our community, being a VERY giving community, gave so much that the Snack Agape person could have provided snacks for a third weekend.

To make it easier on the Team and Sponsors, there is now a Snack Agape Sign-Up on the

All snack agape needs to be brought to camp by Thursday evening.

TRWE.org website and can be found on the drop down box – Quick Links.

Now not only the Team and Sponsors can participate in bringing snacks if they wish, but the whole community can support the walks with a snack donation.

Just another way you can serve the Walks.
Kathy Shusteric

EMMAUS Peanut Butter



It is a TRWE tradition that everyone talks about, looks forward to, and when discussing the Walk to Emmaus with a potential pilgrim, makes sure they mention that special recipe Emmaus Peanut Butter. If

you or your reunion group would like to make and donate the **Emmaus PB** let me know and I will provide you or your group with the secret recipe. Please feel free to contact me at 724-864-6949 or kshusteric@yahoo.com. DeColores, Kathy Shusteric, Kitchen Coordinator Board Rep

Keep Looking Up



Bodie Thoene, co-author of the best-selling Christian fiction such as the Zion Chronicles, once worked for John Wayne as a scriptwriter. She tells how that opportunity came about.

By the time I was 19, I was commuting to Los Angeles and doing feature articles on different stuntmen and other film personalities for magazines. Four years later, an article that I co-wrote with John Wayne's stuntman won the attention of the Duke himself. One day he called and invited my husband Brock and me to come to his house. He talked to us as if we were friends, showing keen interest in us as individuals. From that day on, I began writing for his film company.

Brock helped me with the historical research.

We were awestruck. Here was this man who had been in films for 50 years and he takes a young couple with small children under his wing! Once I asked him, "Why are you doing this? You're so good to us." The Duke replied, "Because someone did it for me."

Goodness doesn't originate with us. We receive and then we give. God is good to all, enabling all to be good to others. The entire board would like to send a special "Thank You" to all who have given so generously to the TRWE scholarship fund.

Ernie DeLuca Outreach Coordinator

DIRECTIONS TO FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

1100 Freeport Road, Cranberry, PA

From Pittsburgh, Take Route I-279 North to Route 79 North. Take Exit 76 (Cranberry, US 19—a left-hand exit). Your exit ramp will merge into Route 19 North. Stay in the right-hand turning lane; turn right at the first traffic light, onto Freeport Road. The intersection is marked by a Sunoco station and a Fifth Third Bank.

**** See below for further directions.**

From Pennsylvania Turnpike (*Points East/West*) Take the Turnpike to Exit 28 (Cranberry). Take US Route 19 South. Move into the left-hand lane as soon as possible. At the first traffic light on Route 19, turn left. Count three more traffic lights and turn left onto Freeport Road. The intersection is marked by a Sunoco station and a Fifth Third Bank. **** See below for further directions.**

From Erie (*Points North*) Take Route 77 South to Exit 78 (Cranberry, US 19). At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Route 228. Move into the left-hand lane as soon as possible. At the first traffic light on Route 19, turn left. Count three more traffic lights and turn left onto Freeport Road. The intersection is marked by a Sunoco station and a Fifth Third Bank. **** See below for further directions.**

******The Family Retreat Center is approximately one half mile from the intersection of Route 19 and Freeport Road. Take Freeport Road over the bridge, passing the Regional Learning Alliance on the left, and continue another 300 yards. Slow down—the Retreat Center entrance is on the left, partly concealed by trees. Enter through the black gate and the first set of stone pillars.

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