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'It is Finished' Last Words Are Only the Beginning

- Bill Lang, Walk #38 Lay Director

What famous words our Christ spoke from the cross! And for some, they signified the end. The end of a ministry, the end of a journey, and the end of a life. But this is not what Jesus meant when he uttered those final words. In truth, those now infamous words marked only the end of death itself. In fact, those words could more accurately be called "the beginning."

And so that is where I believe we are with Walk #38. We are at a beginning. Through the tears, the smiles, the music and the joy, we have marked the beginning of a journey for the pilgrims and team who ventured to encounter the living Christ through their Emmaus experience.

I must admit that as we began this

"walk," I felt utterly ill prepared. I like being in control and nothing about this weekend was about my controlling anything. If I wanted the schedule to be on time, it was not. If I anticipated one reaction to a talk, it was the opposite. If I expected an obedient team, well, let's not go there. Needless to say, God took

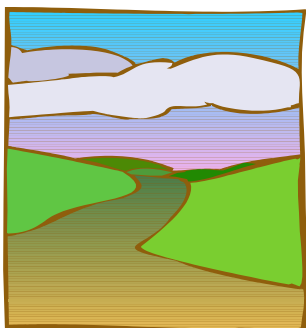
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me by surprise, which is no surprise at all!

We were also privileged to have an "international flavor" to our walk, being blessed by several members of Iglesia Metodista Unida Emmanuel in Rochester. These brothers in Christ provided so much more depth to our understanding of Emmaus' roots in the Spanish Cursillo. The sharing of this culture through our talks and songs will forever remain a dear memory of this Walk and hopefully inspire greater multicultural participation.



As always, the support we received from the Emmaus community of faith was overwhelming. Your gifts of time and service were the subject of many discussions by the pilgrims and team alike. As a member of an

Emmaus community, you can never know how your involvement in a weekend event can impact a pilgrim and team. Your show of love for these people speaks volumes of your faith and models just what a Christian community is called to be.

In closing, all I can say is that over my 15-plus years of involvement with Emmaus, the path has never been the same. God uses each Walk in some new way every time. Thank you all for blessing us as we journeyed down our Road to Emmaus.

Join in Christmas Party

The annual **Emmaus Christmas Party** will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at Alexander United Methodist Church, just off Route 98 in Alexander. The Christmas party offers an extended time to visit with Emmaus friends. Please bring a snack to share and your Emmaus cross and nametag.



Along with wonderful food there will also be a chance for Gatherings or individuals to be a part of the entertainment. Please let me know if you or your group plans to perform. A couple of Gatherings are in already, but the more the merrier! The entertainment can range from the serious to the silly and from skits to songs to readings. I've seen the wonderful entertainment that is the hallmark of the formal dinner on a Weekend, so I know we have a lot of talent in this Community. You can reach me at 585-750-3519 (cell) or at kksbg@localnet.com. Please try to join us—I'm sure you will go away a Merry Christmas Spirit!

The West Bank Gathering will not meet in December. Please plan to attend the Christmas party!

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Part 1: Miracles, Mix-ups, Providence, Chance - Greg Van Dussen, Community Spiritual Dir.

We in Emmaus are blessed by God in so many ways! We see blessings in each Walk, from Team Selection to the weekend itself. We wouldn't get far without God's involvement. We depend on his grace.

There are people called Deists who believe God created the universe and let it go. As they see it, once he set things in motion, he kind of walked away and left us to ourselves. Others see God's powerful hand determining

everything that happens. For them there's little or no place for free will, chance or accident.

Both extremes have their problems. One finds little reason to ask for and look for the working of God's grace in our lives. The other gives God total responsibility for everything, good or bad - not much point in their praying, either. Neither one is the God we know in Scripture and in Christ.

Leslie Weatherhead, author of **The Will of God**, pointed out what can happen if we too quickly see God as the cause of every event. Whenever

someone has a terrible disease or accident, some folks are bound to say it's God's will. "It must have been their time," or "God is in control," might be their response. But is that so? Does God go around zapping people with cancer or creating deadly collisions and plane crashes? Can you imagine Jesus doing that? We've seen good things come from bad situations. God certainly deserves credit for that. But does he create the bad situations to get those good results? Doesn't sound like God to me.

Part 2 to be Continued Next Issue

Spring Walk Dates, Thank You for Service

- Stephen & Pat Morse, Comm. Lay Dir.

The 2010 Spring Walks have been scheduled to be held at Christ United Methodist Church in Olean. The Men's Walk will be March 11-14 and the deadline for men's reservations is Feb. 2. The Women's Walk will be April 15-18 with the deadline March 5. Reunion is May 1. **Please begin praying for the person you will ask to attend.** Look for Reservation Forms in the December and January Rainbow Connection.

We have recently held important elections for the Board of Directors. The Community and the Board are saying, "Thank You for serving" to Pastor Greg Van Dussen, Community Spiritual Director; Keith Grinnell, 4th Day; Bob & Teasha Fisher, Library; Rose Caldwell, Newsletter; Dave & Janice McKinney, Supplies; and Paul & Sue Gagne, Community. We are saying, "Thank You for agreeing to serve" to Pastor Nilla Owen, Community Spiritual Director; Marty and Sue Doherty, 4th Day; Pat Blakeman, Library; Kandi Lehsten, Newsletter; Bob & Sally Shearing, Supplies; and Jesse and Cheryl Babcock, Community.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Chrysalis Corner

- Kathy Weil, Lay Director



We are preparing for the Western New York Chrysalis Flights next summer at Springville First UMC! The Girls' Flight is Aug. 13-15 and the Boys' Flight is Sept. 4-6. **Please begin praying about youth ages 15 to 18 to sponsor.**

Lay and Spiritual Directors for the Flights will be announced at the Emmaus Christmas Party. We are still in

need of Steering Committee members in the roles of Secretary and Supplies. Please consider joining us!

We also are willing to come to churches and youth groups to speak about Chrysalis. Please contact me at kdw1973@juno.com or 585-547-9508 to schedule a visit. We love to share about Chrysalis!

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Gathering Schedule

Fairport: East Rochester UMC

357 Fairport Road (Rt. 31F)

2nd Sunday of the month

5 p.m. - Meeting (Child care upon request)

Bob & Christa Fathergill 585-387-0928

West Bank: Greece UMC - 2nd Saturday of the month

8:30 a.m. - Continental breakfast

9 a.m. - Meeting (Call ahead for child care)

Sonia Ingle - Child care contact 585-621-1766

Will & Carolyn Rickman 585-392-9784

Niagara: Lockport - Emmanuel UMC

2nd Saturday of the month

6 p.m. - Meeting

Dave & Janice McKinney 716-434-5471

Alexander: Alexander UMC - 3rd Saturday of month

7 p.m. - Meeting (Child care as needed)

Kathy Wessel & Bob Neamon 585-547-9221

Springville: Springville UMC - 3rd Saturday of month

9:30 a.m. - Meeting

Brian & Susan Scharf 716-592-9811

Enchanted Mountain (Olean): Christ UMC

3rd Wednesday of the month

7-8:30 p.m. - Meeting

Lynn & Pat Blakeman 716-373-6470 smitann1@verizon.net

Buffalo: New Hope UMC

2846 Seneca St., West Seneca - 3rd Saturday of the month

9:30 a.m. - Meeting

Pat Corsette 716-826-6840

Hamburg/Buffalo Southtowns: Hamburg UMC

116 Union St., Parlor - 3rd Tuesday of the month

7 p.m. - Meeting

Gary & Rose Caldwell 716-649-3889

Medina/Millville: Millville UMC - Last Friday of the month

7 p.m. - Meeting

Jesse & Cheryl Babcock 585-589-7413

Napoli: Napoli UMC - 4th Monday of the month

7 p.m. - Meeting

Rick Peters 716-938-6800

Kendall: Kendall UMC, 1808 Kendall Road - 2nd Friday of the month; 7 p.m. - Meeting

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No Dec. Mtg.
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