



Rainbow Connection



Dear Community,

How we wish we could address this letter to each of you by name, so we ask you to read it as if it was written directly to you. We are more than saddened by the cancellation of Men's Walk #39. We are grieved. One of the Board members objected to the word "cancellation" in describing the action taken concerning the Walk, and she is exactly right. Your Board of Directors prayerfully and thoughtfully nominate and elect those who will lead Emmaus weekends. How does one "cancel" that? For everyone who ever attended an Emmaus weekend, you know that the Holy Spirit has moved in the hearts of team members, who have been called to serve a walk; He has moved in the hearts of Community members, who, through sponsorship, have extended the invitation to attend a walk; and He has moved in the hearts of Pilgrims, who have answered, "Yes," to the invitation to attend. How does one "cancel" the power and the work of the Holy Spirit? The entire journey from the team selection process to team formation to sponsorship has been bathed in prayer. How does one "cancel" the power of prayer? Obviously, the answer is that one does not "cancel" any of that. Since there will be a Men's Walk in the Fall, it may be more appropriate to say the Men's Walk has been interrupted. As the team reforms, please lift them up in your prayers. And lift up the sponsors and the eight men, who will be waiting for their opportunity to make a Fall pilgrimage.

Continue to be in prayer for Women's Walk #39 - for the team, for the sponsors, for the Pilgrims.

During the meeting of the Board of Directors on February 19th, an important vote was taken that will effect sponsorship, namely, that the requirement for a Sponsor Mentor's signature on reservation forms will be limited to first time sponsors only. Being mindful that good sponsorship is vitally important, the Sponsor Mentor network will remain intact to sign reservation forms for first time sponsors and will be asked to provide sponsorship training for gatherings and other occasions and be available to assist any and all members of the Community in successfully sponsoring Pilgrims. The Board asks that as a sponsor you prayerfully and carefully consider those whom you will sponsor. Only those attending church regularly should be considered for sponsorship. ALL questions on the reservation form must be answered. If not, the registrars have been authorized to return the reservation form. So, we encourage you to call upon the Sponsor Mentors, if you have any questions at all about sponsorship.

Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." May we, each and every one, see ourselves in this Word from God.

With Unity in Community, Stephen and Pat
-Stephen & Pat Morse

Women's Team WNY Walk #39

Kristen Merle-Hess	ALD Bell Ringer	Alethia Keiper	ALD Chapel
Christa Fathergill	ALD Agape	Char Smith	Table Leader
Sue Clarcq	Table Leader	Nancy Grierson	Table Leader
Lynne Wheeler	Table Leader	Anita Domes	Table Leader
Jessica White	Table Leader	Tracey Benjamin	Asst Table Leader
Dawn Quesenberry	Asst Table Leader	Kim Sellers	Asst Table Leader
Julie Noreck	Asst Table Leader	Laura Walker	Log
Mary Ellen McCarthy	Asst Table Leader	Bonnie Hall	Lead Musician
Mary Parr	Log	Lora Keiper	Board Rep
Mary Zwierzynski-Slack	Asst Musician	Karen Grinnell	Spiritual Director
Kathy Wessel	Lay Director	Renee Engles	Clergy
Greg Van Dussen	Clergy	Clara Wilder	Clergy
Bud Vredenburg	Clergy		

Women's Walk # 39 4/15-18/2010

PILGRIMS

Kris	Aldrow	St Paul's UMC
LaVerne	Ampadu	Metropolitan UMC
Linda	Baker	Knowlesville UMC
Shirley	Barber	Friendship UMC
Bertie	Billsborough	Hinsdale UMC
Betty	Dingman	1st UMC W. Webster
Patricia	Fehr	New Hope UMC
Vonda	Fossitt	Albion 1st UMC
Roxanne	Gassman	Little Valley UMC
Everlean	Glasco	Metropolitan UMC
Tracy	Harge	Metropolitan UMC
Margaret	Hewitt	Scio UMC
Eleanor	Kordt	1st UMC W Webster
Leslee	Lockwood	Albion 1st UMC
Kari	Maloney	Emmanuel UMC
Bertha	Smith	Metropolitan UMC
Audrey	Steingasser	Middleport UMC
Sherry	Thomas	New Hope UMC
Sandy	Wilson	Kendall UMC

WNY Walk to Emmaus #39**SPRING 2010**

**Christ United
Methodist Church
633 Linwood Ave,
Olean, NY 14760**

**Women's Walk April
15-18
Reunion: May 1**

Western New York Walk to Emmaus Board

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Chrysalis News

Sponsorship Mentors

These Sponsorship Mentors will help with your sponsorship questions, and review and sign your pilgrim applications before submitting them to Registrars Joe and Nancy Thoman. To contact one in your area, please call your Gathering leader (as listed on page 4). Thank you.

Fairport

John & Mary Trowbridge
Gary & Sue Clarco

Alexander

Jim & Lora Keiper
Rev. Greg & Jackie Van Dussen

Millville/Medina

Hal & Carol Goodwin
Pat and Steve Morse

West Bank

Chris Collins, Sparky Hess
Don Crawford, Carolyn Rickman

Enchanted Mountain

Mike & Jan Mortimer
Lynn & Pat Blakeman

Springville

Rev. Greg & Jackie Van Dussen
Bud & Nancy Vredenburg

Niagara Area

Bill & Sue Barber
Keith & Karen Grinnell

West Seneca/Buffalo

Pat Corsette; Bob & Deanna Laurie

Hamburg/Buffalo Southtowns

Gary & Rose Caldwell
Paul & Sue Gagne

Napoli

Bryant & Cheryl Keesler

As we get closer to the flights this summer, members of the Chrysalis Steering Committee has been ramping up their efforts. Registration forms will soon be out, and we are looking for opportunities to visit with youth groups or churches to share information about Chrysalis. Team selection committee has given lists to lay directors and the teams are being formed. All systems are GO, we just need young people. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a young person. Sponsorship is a wonderful chance to express Gods' love for our young people. REMEMBER how your walk or flight impacted you?? Please step up and share this great experience. Give the young people a chance to say yes to a life altering three days.

Young men and women in high school age 15-18 may attend a Chrysalis flight. College age students, 19 -24 years of age may attend a Chrysalis Journey. Western New York Chrysalis will be holding a girls' flight/Journey August 13-15, 2010. The boys' flight /Journey will take place September 4-6, 2010. The reunion will be September 25. The Springville UMC will be the location for all these events.

We hope to have a web site up and running soon, but meanwhile, contact any steering committee member for further information. The names and contact information of these servants are in the Rainbow Connection. Sonia and Barr Ingle are in charge of evangelism but have had some health issues lately. Please remember them in your prayers. Contact Kathy Weil if you would like some enthusiastic steering committee members to visit your church and sign up some young people for this years' flight. Contact information for Kathy: Phones, 585-547-9508 or 716-510-9508; e-mail kdw1973@juno.com.

Char and I have agreed to accept a temporary duty as supply chairpersons for the upcoming flight. Since Chrysalis has not been active for several years our supplies are non-existent. Chrysalis could really use your donations of supplies or money to buy supplies. We need everything from paper towels and toilet brushes to pencil sharpeners and post it notes. If you have worked on a walk or flight you can probably remember the numerous items it takes to run smoothly. We have seven typewritten pages for a supplies list which will not fit into the Rainbow Connection. Please contact us if you would like to donate supplies, we could give you some ideas needed for your shopping list. If you prefer to send some money, Char is acting as treasurer, and can get the money into the account. Be sure to indicate that the donation is for Chrysalis supplies so the correct budget line gets credited. Contact us, Char and Jeff Smith, 585-798-3831, 585-590-0045, 585-590-0046, or jsmith24@rochester.rr.com.

Again please step up to sponsor. Send us your long haired, buzz cuts, baggy pants, pierced, buttoned down collar or any type of young people. God loves all of them, as do we, and we can't wait to see their faces as they get blown away by the Chrysalis experience.

God bless everyone, *Char and Jeff Smith*

GIRLS FLIGHT;	BOY'S FLIGHT; SEPTEMBER	REUNION:
AUGUST 13-15, 2010	4-6, 2010	SEPTEMBER 25, 2010
** Open to Youth ages 15-18: Chrysalis, AND Youth ages 19-24: Journey**		
FLIGHTS WILL BE HELD AT SPRINGVILLE UMC, SPRINGVILLE, NY		

For applications, contact

Registrar, Cherie Trabert at
585-347-4879 or e-mail
cheriet@rochester.rr.com

or

Kathy Weil, Lay Director, at
716-510-9508 or e-mail
kdw1973@juno.com

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future!" F.D.R.
"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs.

22:6

Be a Blessing to someone;

sponsor a youth and put their hand in the hand of Christ!

Chrysalis Steering Committee

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Western New York Emmaus Community,

"One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple." Psalms 27:4

The recent scripture lessons from Psalm 27 have stuck with me these past few weeks as I've encountered several situations where people are struggling with the consequences of their decisions. One thing that has been common in each of these situations is the lack of consultation of God's will in each of the decisions.

From my childhood my parents taught me that I should seek God's guidance when I have decisions to make and that by knowing the Word of God and seeking His guidance I would find a satisfactory plan of action. At this point in my life, I find this process to come almost naturally when I am faced with decisions.

One difficulty with considering God's will in our lives is to discern if our answer truly is coming from God or whether we are projecting our desire into God's will or whether we will indeed recognize God's answer when we get it. There is a joke that has been going around the last several years about this very topic.

A storm descends on a small town, and the downpour soon turns into a flood. As the waters rise, the local preacher kneels in prayer on the church porch, surrounded by water. By and by, one of the townsfolk comes up the street in a canoe.

"Better get in, Preacher. The waters are rising fast."

"No," says the preacher. "I have faith in the Lord. He will save me."

Still the waters rise. Now the preacher is up on the balcony, wringing his hands in supplication, when another guy zips up in a motorboat.

"Come on, Preacher. We need to get you out of here. The levee's gonna break any minute."

Once again, the preacher is unmoved. "I shall remain. The Lord will see me through."

After a while the levee breaks, and the flood rushes over the church until only the steeple remains above water. The preacher is up there, clinging to the cross, when a helicopter descends out of the clouds, and a state trooper calls down to him through a megaphone.

"Grab the ladder, Preacher. This is your last chance."

Once again, the preacher insists the Lord will deliver him.

And, predictably, he drowns.

A pious man, the preacher goes to heaven. After a while he gets an interview with God, and he asks the Almighty, "Lord, I had unwavering faith in you. Why didn't you deliver me from that flood?"

God shakes his head. "What did you want from me? I sent you two boats and a helicopter."

Will you recognize God's will in your life and decisions? How will you know if the answer truly comes from God?

Have you ever watched a couple dancing? No, not some of the modern dances but a couple who has been together for years, a couple who has stuck together through thick and thin. A slow dance...in which each one appears to know the other's thoughts and they move together seemingly effortlessly.

They glide slowly to the music, smiling slightly...comfortable in one another's arms. Friends, that is what it is like to have an intimate relationship with God. To be able to discern God's will in our lives. To move in the direction that God leads us. Trusting. Obeying. Being in tune with our partner. Knowing the next move based on months, years, decades of practicing and learning the steps. Look at it this way, if we seek God's guidance in our lives we come to realize that guidance truly means...G (God) U (you) and I "dance". May you dance with God every day of your life. *Decolores, Nilla*



Kitchen Korner

With women's walk # 39 quickly approaching next month, we are busy planning menu's, and making shopping lists. We are also quickly filling up the kitchen volunteer sheet. If you would still like to volunteer please let us know as our time slots are filling in. We usually have 6-8 workers per meal, and each shift usually last about 3 hours from start to the final clean dish. Working in the kitchen is a blessing to us, and we have a good time working together. If you have any questions and would like to volunteer please let us know. We can be contacted at (585)591-3121, or keiper5@wildblue.net.

DeColores,

Jim & Lora Keipe

Calling all musicians, we will be having another get together in Olean on:

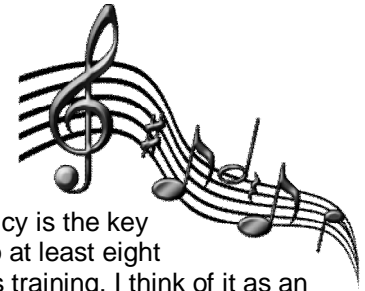
Saturday April 17, 2010

3pm to 5pm

(This gives us time for dinner afterwards and then we can meet at candlelight)

Mountain View District Office

1801 West State Street, Olean, NY 14760



At this musicians training, we will be going over the expectations of the musicians and the need for consistency in our music and walks. If you know how a song is supposed to go and we are not singing it correctly we need to know this. Consistency is the key to good congregational music and we all want to do things correctly. I have been to at least eight musicians training events and I still don't know what I am doing! I don't think of it as training, I think of it as an opportunity to learn more and to sharpen my knowledge of the music.

Also, we will be going over and reviewing new songs to make sure they are playable and applicable to the essence and spirit of the walks.



Bring your own refreshments if needed.

Please, go to your gatherings and help lead worship. We especially need women musicians for walks and flights and this is how we know you have the desire and ability to play. If you are interested in being a musician on team let me know or someone on the board or at your gathering.

You may contact me via email dgrood62@yahoo.com that is the best way to get me. Or call 716-941-5703. I do not text or face book.

From a servant to the Almighty and Graceful Master,

Dave Rood
WNY Walk to Emmaus
Musicians Board Rep

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; 6:30 p.m. - Meeting

Bob & Trudy Slocum 585-659-8445

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