



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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Women's Walk #22



First (Front) Row (L to R) Sarah Mathias, Jody Alt, Carol Boyd, Earnie Boyd, Laura Garrand, Lora Keiper **Row 2** Christa Fathergill, Jackie Van Dussen, June Adams, Renee Kent, Charlotte Ridley, Kate Torrey, Katie Durant, Ernie McKenzie, Estella Dewing, Gerrie Fletcher **Row 3** Kimberly Sellers, Carol Goodwin, Donna Derk, Sue Crawford, Kris Hall, Alyson Jones, Pat Corsette, Beth Smith, Sue Clarcq, Marylee Kozlowski, Nancy Venette, Patti Walter, Melba Meyer **Row 4** Karen Healy, Peg Ridley, Nancy Reed, Diana Pask, Becky Fox, Ruth Packer, Joan Hardy, Sharon Breton **Row 5** Nancy Light, Jan Mortimer, Mary Zwierzynski-Slack, Karen Rutherford, Sue Smith, Lorna Lawler, Jane Pierce, Sandy Ames, Nancy Vredenburg, Dan Berry **Row 6** Debbie Grimes, Diane Fields, Garry McCaffery, Laurie McMullen, Suzanne Block, Karen Smith

From the Lay Director

To God be the Glory!! Walk #22 was such a blessing to all that participated – Pilgrims and Team alike. The Holy Spirit's presence was evident all weekend, and in spite of us and/or through us our newest Pilgrims met Christ on their Emmaus Road!

Five words can be used to summarize our weekend. The first is pride, pride in being part of a Christian community where boundless acts of agape love gave these women a glimpse of "Jesus with skin on"! Secondly is trust. Even though most of us were strangers on Thursday night, these Pilgrims did place themselves in our hands and cooperated fully. It wasn't long before the Team saw Pilgrims caring for each other. Thirdly, is the courage shown by Team members to share their personal life stories in order to help liberate Pilgrims that weighted down by some of the same obstacles in their lives, keeping them from living a life in Grace. And all of us were reaffirmed that we are worthy to be called "daughters of the loving Living God"! Praise the Lord!

Finally, I have many people to thank. As the saying goes, "A leader is only as good as the people around her." God's Team was such a blessing to me, and showed so much love along the way. It was a wonderful six months that I shall treasure. I wish there were

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time to share with these Pilgrims the concerns that many Team members are dealing with in their personal lives during the Teaming experience. But because they felt called to serve, they gave no excuses, but trusted God to equip them to do what needed to be done. Thanks to our spouses and families for encouragement and support along the way, without whom we couldn't do what God called us to do. And lastly, I want to thank all the former Lay Directors that gave me moral support, wisdom of their own experience, and shared materials to make my task so much easier. Having served on prior Teams with some outstanding LDs and ALDs, I received training that gave me the confidence that with God's help, I could do this job. And what a blessing it has been! You know who you are, and God bless each of you.

May you all continue to live a life of Grace...and JOY!!

Love in Christ,
Jody Alt

Agape

Thank you for all of the Agape and Prayers for the Pilgrims and Team Members during Walk # 22. All on the weekend were nicely decorated with your love gifts.

We want to thank Daryl & Karen Lapp for their help with placemats and napkins the past four walks. They have recently moved to Kentucky and will be missed. Due to this we are looking for someone to fill in their spot. If anyone is interested in being in charge of the decorated placemats and napkins please get in touch with us.

We are now preparing for the upcoming Chrysalis Flights. Tom and Karen Klingenberger (225-4522) have the Prayer Vigils for the flights. Please sign up for a time to pray for the youth on these flights. Remember the caterpillars as you think of making agape.

There will be plain placemats and napkins at the reunion for you to take home and decorate. If you cannot make it to the reunion and would like to help decorate some, please let us know and we'll get some to you.

In God's Service,
Jim and Lora Keiper
591-3121



Chrysalis News

Please continue the lift up in prayer **Pam Renfro**, Lay Director Girl's Flight #11 and **Keith Grinnell** Lay Director Boy's Flight #11 as they prepare for there upcoming Flights.

Big House for Flight #10 is confirmed for:
First United Methodist Church of West Webster
570 Ridge Road, Webster, NY 14580

... and that the Reunion for the Flights is planned for Saturday, March 9.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
CHRYSALIS FLIGHT # 10
GIRL'S FLIGHT - DECEMBER 11, 2002
BOY'S FLIGHT - JANUARY 15, 2002

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov. 30-Dec. 1 | Chrysalis Girls 2nd teaming -
LeRoy UMC |
| Dec. 1 | Chrysalis Boys first Teaming |
| Dec. 8 | Christmas Party -Attica UMC |
| Dec. 10 | Newsletter Deadline |
| Dec. 14 | Board Meeting - 7:00 P. M. - Leroy UMC |
| Jan. 4/5 | Girls 3rd teaming |
| Jan. 11-13 | Girls Flight #10 - Webster UMC |
| Jan. 18/19 | Boys 2nd teaming |
| Feb. 1/2 | Boys 3rd teaming |
| Feb. 15-18 | Boys Flight #10 - Webster UMC |
| March 9 | Flight #10 Reunion |

Scripture Corner

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love endures forever.

1st Chronicles 16: 34

Our Giving Community

THANK YOU to all those who pitched in to help set up on Thursday and clean up the facility on Sunday at St. Paul's after the Walk. We praise God for the faithfulness of His servants! So many willing hands and muscles made the work fly by. Your assistance means much to us, and to the Walk itself. We saw your love for the Lord reflected in your work.

Our offer is still open to the Lord in another capacity as a regional (in the East, West and South) helper or leader on the Facilities Committee. Your help will be appreciated to visit prospective facilities or coordinate set up/clean up crews for the Walks and Chrysalis Flights, for example. Please write or call us, we'll be happy to talk with you about it and send you more information.

In Christ,
Gary and Rose Caldwell

Weekend Coordinators

Praise God for such a spectacular weekend! We saw old friends from near and far and made new ones, "Cluck Hens" and "Roosters."

Community responded with a huge turnout both Saturday night and Sunday closing. We would also like to thank our Community for their generous contribution when we introduced our new Heart buckets.

We also thank God for this "thing" we call the Emmaus Weekend.

DeColores
Peace Be With You
Jim & Ann DeRooy

Emmaus Board of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone
2002	Co-Chairs	Bob & Nancy Reed	(585)388-9418
2001	Music	Norb Fuest	(716)591-1198
2001	Kitchen	Carol & Earnie Boyd	(315)462-3674
2001	Secretary	Barb & Mark Swanson	(585)964-2033
2001	Treasurer	Art & Deb Page	(585)624-1914
2001	Newsletter	Gary & Sue Clarcq	(585)323-1910
2001	Sprt. Director	Dan Berry	(716)822-7664
2002	Agape	Jim & Lora Keiper	(585)591-3121
2002	Facilities	Gary & Rose Caldwell	(716)649-3889
2002	Clergy	Greg VanDussen	(585)344-2759
2002	Registration	Will & Carolyn Rickman	(716)392-9784
2002	Evangelism	Hal & Carol Goodwin	(716)798-4593
2003	4 th Day	Lynn and Pat Blakeman	(716)373-6470
2003	Supplies	Eric & Vickie Jones	(585)964-8104
2003	Library	Karen Westerman	(716)547-9325
2003	Wknd Coord.	Jim & Ann DeRooy	(585)924-7645
2003	Clergy	Dave Durham	(585)833-6504

Enchanted Mountain Gathering News

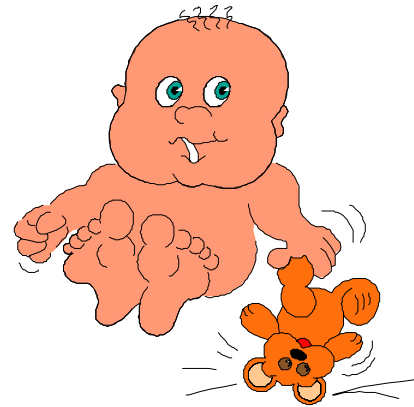
We will be meeting the 4th Saturday morning of each month at 9:00, Christ United Methodist Church. Meeting will be followed with a potluck breakfast. However, for Nov. there will be no Sat. morning meeting. We will meet on Friday 11-30-01 at 6:30 for a progressive dinner. In Dec. there will be no meeting.

Amy Loyd

Some thoughts for your Fourth Day

At Women's Walk #22, **Sharon Breton** completed Talk 15 with this summary of all fifteen talks.

Define your Priorities. Know that God continues to pursue you with his Prevenient Grace. As God's representative in the world you are a member of the Priesthood of all Believers, being put right with God by His Justifying Grace. You will attract others to this Life in Grace as you live your Life in Piety and as you Grow Through Study. Participate in the Sacraments and enjoy sacramental moments in your life as the Holy Spirit showers you with God's Means of Grace. Bring Christ to your work through your Christian Action, always being on watch for any sin that would erect Obstacles to Grace in your life. Let your Discipleship be a true witness to your relationship with Christ, as you consciously fulfill your role in Changing our World. Then the Sanctifying Grace of the Holy Spirit will empower your ministry in the Body of Christ, so that through Perseverance you may radiate the love of Christ to all around you in your Fourth Day.



It's a Girl!!!

Congratulations to Dan and Eileen Adams!

Elizabeth Sarah Adams was born on November 11, 2001, weighing in at 9lbs, 9 oz!

The Emmaus Web site

<http://mpadmin.homestead.com/index.html>, has not only the newsletter but it has important Community dates and links to other Emmaus sites too. We should spread the word around about this site. I have it saved in my "favorites" list so I don't have to type in all the time. **Matt Page** keeps this site up and running. Good job Matt! Check it out!!!

Keith Grinnell

Musician Workshop

On October 13, 2001 an Emmaus musician workshop was held at the New Life Fellowship church in Attica.

We had a small turnout of musicians but we were able to review the music that we have been working on in addition to the Chrysalis music. Musicians received a tape of the Chrysalis music that was recorded earlier. If a musician desires a copy of the tape, please contact Norb Fuest during the next two months and a copy of the tape will be mailed to your address.

We have many of the musician's e-mail addresses but desire to have as many as possible to cut down on postage costs. So, if you have not received e-mail from Norb Fuest, please send an e-mail to Norb Fuest at Mortonmf@wycol.com.

If anyone is interested in becoming a musician for Emmaus please contact Norb Fuest at 2039 Church Road, Darien Center, NY 14040 or preferably at the above E-mail address until the end of the year.

We are really fortunate to have talented musicians like Mike and Jan Mortimer leading the Emmaus musicians for the next three years. I sure do see exciting times ahead of us, Praise the Lord!!

So continue to make music to praise our Lord!

Norb Fuest

To God be the Glory - Thanks to you

On June 25th, after crushing my heel in a fall from a ladder, the doctors painted a grim picture of pain, poor healing, worst type of injury, etc..

Because of a deep faith in Jesus Christ and the hundreds of people praying for me, God's healing hands have been with me. I sincerely thank each and every one of you who have offered prayer on my behalf, sent cards of love and encouragement, stopped by or called wishing me well.

Without your petitions, I'm not sure how this would have turned out. The healing process is still slow, but the doctors say 6 months to a year. Things could have been much worse, but thanks to your perseverance, I'm on the road to recovery.

To God be the Glory!!!
DeColores,
Gary Clarcq

Christmas Party - December 8th

The 2001 Emmaus/Chrysalis Christmas Party is less than a month away! We look forward to seeing a strong representation from the entire Community, since the party is being held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Attica, which is just about in the middle of the Western New York territory. Take note that this is not limited to those who are a part of Emmaus and Chrysalis alone, but is open to family, friends, church friends, etc. There are some functions that are solely for our community, but the Christmas Party and Summer Picnic are not among them.

Time is of the essence in getting your entertainment selection to Don and Sue Crawford for the Christmas Party Program. Call them at 716-671-9158 with your skit, music, story, or reading as soon as possible. Nothing is more scary than arriving at the day of the Christmas Party and not knowing who, if anyone, is going to step to the forefront to provide entertainment.

On Saturday, December 8th from 2-5 PM we'll gather to share our spiritual gifts and to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Each family is encouraged to bring a generous snack and also a beverage to share. Circle the day on your calendars and plan to share part of the holidays with your Emmaus and Chrysalis family.

Check this newsletter for directions to Trinity UMC in Attica, and remember to call or drop Sue and Don a note at 898 Ridge Road, Lot #14, Webster, NY 14580 (585-671-9158) to volunteer to be part of the fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ's Service,
Don & Sue Crawford

Directions to Trinity UMC Attica

From the South: Follow NY 98 North to Attica. Turn right at the Flashing Light. The church is about 1/4 mile on your left.

From the North: Follow NY 98 South to Attica. Turn left at the Flashing Light. The church is about 1/4 mile on your left.



God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes
Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,
And all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,
But though the gold became heavier each
day The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black,
I wanted to find out why,
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be."
He smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're all here with me."

I asked, "God, why He gave me the boxes,
Why the gold, and the black with the hole?"
"My child, the gold is for you to count
your blessings,
The black is for you to let go."

Newsletter Articles

Articles concerning WNY Emmaus activities are always welcomed by the editorial staff of YOUR Rainbow Connection.

Regular mail address is: 4140 Culver Road
Rochester, NY 14622
Email address is: suzieandcq@mindex.com

E-Mail Postman

If you wish to receive your "Rainbow Connection" online please contact Matt Page at Emmaus@rochester.rr.com.

Matt will be going off to college in 2002. If anyone is interested in taking over his ministry of Email postman and Email Prayer chain, contact him at his address above. He will give you the particulars on the "job description".

Dear Friends,

It was with great excitement we attended the women's candlelight in November. The greetings and welcomes we received from the Emmaus/Chrysalis community were truly a blessing. As we settle in at our new church here in Ohio, we are glad to say our pastor and her husband recently attended the Walk to Emmaus. We attended their candlelights, but it was very different being in a group of 400+ and not knowing anyone. They do things a bit differently, but Paul says we're not too old to learn new ways. There are only 2 gatherings in NW Ohio, 1 and 2 hours away! We attended one, but again with 400 people, it wasn't very personal. We'll continue to go as we can. The people are friendly (what Emmaus people aren't!) and they've made a big deal of Holly being from WNY Chrysalis. We'll continue to participate, especially enjoying sharing Emmaus with Pastor Judy and Jim. Our church family has welcomed us with open arms and we are finding ways to serve Him there.

School is going well for our kids. Peter is currently playing basketball and the marching band goes to Disney World over Thanksgiving. Holly likes the small college atmosphere and enjoys her two jobs. She works in the Student Activity Center at college and at Great Lakes Popcorn Co. (one of our favorite tourist attractions for when you visit!). Kelly will student teach next semester and graduate in May.

We wish each of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas season. We continue to lift up WNY Emmaus and Chrysalis in prayer, you are very close to our hearts. But as a lighthouse in this area reminds me, we are to be a beacon for Christ wherever we are planted.

DeColores and Happy Holidays,
Paul, Cheryl, Kelly, Holly, & Peter Matla

Lost and Found

After Women's Walk #20 in Olean, six CD's were found.

Titles include:

"Summer Stuff"
"Authorized Unauthorized"
"Silver nuggets and fool's gold"
"The Waiting"
"Happily Ever After"
"Brother's Keeper"

If you would like to claim your lost property, call Gary or Sue at 585-323-1910.

Gathering Schedules

Rochester Area:

Fairport UMC - 2nd Sunday of the month
6:00 P. M. - Meeting (child care upon request)
John and Mary Trowbridge
377-9330

“West Bank” Area Gathering:
Hilton UMC - 2nd Saturday of month
8:30 A. M. - Continental Breakfast
9:00 A. M. - Meeting (Child care)
Chris Collins 227-1519

“Closer Walk” Area Gathering:
Farmington UMC - 1st Saturday of month
(Rte. 332 @ 5925 County Road)
Covered dish @ 5:30 P. M.
Heidi and Marty Cressman 288-6780

Alexander:

Alexander UMC - 3rd Saturday of month
7:00 P. M.- Meeting (child care)
Jim and Lora Keiper 591-3121

Enchanted Mountain Gathering (Olean):

Christ UMC - 4th Saturday of month
9:00 A. M. - Meeting followed by Pot Luck
breakfast
Tony and Kris Byrne 373-3216

Chautauqua Area Gathering:

Falconer UMC - 2nd Saturday of month
7:00 P. M. (child care)
Tim and Liz Phelps 665-2930
Randy and Renee Kent 763-2255

Ionia Gathering:

Ionia UMC Last Saturday of the month
7:00 P. M. - Meeting (child care)
Burgy and Grace Anne Scott 229-2249

Buffalo Area Gathering:

Seneca UMC Church, 2846 Seneca St.
West Seneca, NY
3rd Saturday of month - 9:30 A. M.
Pat Corsette - 826-6840

Medina Gathering:

Medina United Methodist Church
Last Friday of the Month - 7:00 P. M.
Hal and Carol Goodwin 798-4593

Newsletter Deadline December 10, 2001

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