



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

March, 2002



WNY Boys' Chrysalis flight #10

CONGRATULATIONS!!



(left to right)

Row 1: Jeff George, Tom Klingenberger, Sue Russell, Josh Jetty, Anthony Whitmore, Bud Fuller, Doug Wilson, Dennis Weil, Mark Curtis

Row 2: Don Smith, Steve Grinnell, Chris Laird, Ryan Layton, Dave Ziegler, Jonathan Minazzi, Dan Healy, Chris Dupont, Matt Page, Dee Finch-Ross, Mark Swanson

Row 3: Keith Grinnell, Bill Lang, Stan Mierzwa, Andy Stumpf, Brian Heiss, Joel Sens, Andy Fuest, Josh Pratt, Tim Carlson, Marty Doherty, Jim Keiper, Kenneth Neese, Earle Ridley, Andy Drago

Team for Women's Walk #23

Western NY Women's Walk # 23 Pilgrims

Please use these lists when you write your agape notes!

Spiritual Director Greg VanDussen

Clergy Lee Carlson
Karen Grinnell
Sue Russell
Karen Smith

Lay Director Barbara Swanson

Assistant Lay Directors

Bell Ringer Chris Collins
Agape Diane Moody
Chapel Deb Page

Board Rep Rose Caldwell

Logistics Kristine Byrne
Cindy Morrison

Musicians Sara Merle (lead)
Heather Young

Table Leaders Neoma Berry
Jean Heiss
Kati Iannello
Shirley London
Mary Trowbridge
Kathy Weil

Assistant Table Leaders Barb Gorton
Ruth Hoyler
Vicki Perry
Sheri Russell
Angela Sens
Pam Wallum

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Mary Babcock - Trinity UMC
Alice Cauvel - Christ UMC
Deborah Chamberlain - Canisteo UMC
Donna Coleman - Hosanna Junction UMC
Cynthia Davis - Millville UMC
Stefany DeLorme - Hosanna Junction UMC
Sandy Dolan - Christ UMC
Leona Doyle - Roland UMC
Linda Eaton - Clarence UMC
Donna Ferraioli - Gananda Community Church
Cora Hahn - Harris Hill UMC
Joan Hepfer - Roland UMC
Mary Kautz - Trinity UMC
Cheryl Keesler - Napoli UMC
Ruth King - Penfield UMC
Kari Kopp - Hosanna Junction UMC
Jen Lonnen - Trinity Lutheran Church
Jennifer Magin- Herold - Hosanna Junction UMC
Kathy Masur - 1st UMC, Niagara Falls
Bonnie North - Roland UMC
Phyl Nozell - Hosanna Junction UMC
Arlene Quackenbush - Knowlesville UMC
Carol Schulz - Hosanna Junction UMC
Karen Sellers - Belmont UMC
Linda Stinson - Knowlesville UMC
Darlene Taylor - Valley Chapel Free MC
Diane Watts - Millville UMC
Robyn Watts - Millville UMC
Sue Williams - Wesleyan Church Hamburg
Kathie Woika - Alexander UMC
Jodi Zacher - Millville UMC
Sharon Zacher - Millville UMC

ATTENTION **TEAM MEMBERS**

If you will need new name badges, please contact the Rickmans prior to the Thursday night of registration.
Thank you.

Spring Walk @ Olean Christ UMC

Women's Walk: April 18-21
April 18: Sendoff @ 7PM
April 20: Candlelight @ 8PM
April 21: Closing @4PM

Reunion: May 4 9:45AM - 4PM

Registration Deadlines

Women's Walk: March 19



Emmaus is Sharing. **BE a Sponsor!**

It is not too early to start thinking about sponsoring someone for the Fall Walks! Please remember if you are sponsoring a "single spouse" (an individual whose spouse is not going on the Walk) there are additional forms to be completed before that person can be registered. Please call us or e-mail us for the forms. Thank you.

De Colores!
Will and Carolyn Rickman
Emmaus Registrars
585-392-9784

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Agape

Walk #23 is upon us. Please remember all the pilgrims and team in your prayers before, during and after the weekends. Let us show the Pilgrims God's love by attending Candlelight and Closing. What a joy it is to see the Pilgrims' faces filled with wonder in the glow of candle light and at Closing as they speak of the work God has done in their lives these three days. Don't forget your time to pray on the 72 hour prayer vigil. If you haven't made agape for the walks, you can send along snacks or drinks for the snack table instead. If you can't do that, then a form of agape you can do is . . . pray and pray and pray for the Pilgrims and Team and all others involved with the weekend.

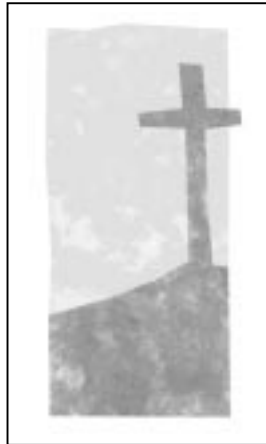
OTHER COMMUNITY WEEKENDS TO PRAY FOR...

Northwest New Mexico Emmaus
Women's Walk # 11 April 11-14
Men's Walk # 12 May 2-5

Hawaii Emmaus
Men's Walk #19 April 25-29
Women's #20 May 9-12

Traverse City (Michigan) Emmaus
Men's Walk #40 April 11-14
Women's #41 April 18-21
Keryx #1 May 16-19

Simply Emmausing Community
Seguin, Texas
Men's walk April 18-21



WNY Walk to Emmaus Fourth Day

We welcome the new Northern Mountain View Area Gathering to the Western New York community. Gatherings are held at the Holland United Methodist Church and the contact person is Ruth Zimmerman (phone 537-9524). At present they will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM. We are looking forward to visiting them on March 16th.

We shared fellowship and a renewed walk experience during our recent visit to the Chautauqua Area Gathering on February 9th. We were welcomed by Tim Phelps, who currently Pastors the Falconer UMC. They are a close-knit group who share their Christian walk on the second Saturday of each month. We would like to thank the Chautauqua Gathering for their warm hospitality. As Fourth-Day board members, Pat and I have set a goal to meet with each gathering at least once during the year.

This year's picnic is scheduled for July 27th at Emery Park in East Aurora from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Watch for more details, as the date gets closer.

Thank You

Art and I would like to take this moment to say Thank You for the opportunity to serve on the Emmaus Board of Directors for the last three years. It has been such a blessing to us to be a part of this organization. We also would like to wish Stephen and Pat Morse well as they take on the position of treasurer as well as all of the new board members! DeColores! Deb and Art

Stephen and Pat Morse
239 Pearl Street
Medina NY 14103

Scripture Corner

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”

-John 4:7

Directions to Christ United Methodist Church in Olean

From Rochester: Interstate 390 to Dansville, then Route 36 to Hornell, then Route 17 to Olean. Take Exit 26 onto Route 16 and go right. Follow directions below.

From Batavia: Route 33W to Corfu, then Route 77 South to 98 South into Arcade. Route 39 to Yorkshire, follow Route 16 South to Olean. Follow directions below.

From Buffalo: Route 400 South, then follow Route 16 South to Olean. Follow directions below.

LAST STEP COMING FROM ALL POINTS:

At first light, turn left onto Front St. At first light, turn left onto Main St. At Oviatt St., turn left and follow into church parking lot.

Boy's Flight #10

As you will note from the cover picture on this newsletter, Boy's Flight #10 is now only a memory in our minds but what a great memory. On behalf of the Team and our 9 guy butterflies, I'd like to thank the community for all your support during the preparations and the Flight. Those in the Community who were at the Closing could tell that we have a spirited group (there is a "Phat Chance" moss will grow under their feet). With God's leading and your support every obstacle that might have stopped the Flight was overcome. Hebrews 11:1 became the Team's verse for this Flight.

The Caterpillars, Team and Board in many ways all went through the same changes and are all emerging as new Butterflies together. These were the first set of Flights under the revised Board arrangement, so a great deal of learning and adjustment took place. Also, the Team had to step out of our comfort zone and lean on God as he stretched us to do new tasks. The Butterflies changed over the 3 days as we became a community.

It's safe to say that we all have learned, has some fun and grown closer to each other and Christ along the way.

Flying With Christ,
Keith Grinnel

In Sympathy

The Western New York Walk to Emmaus Community expresses its deepest sympathy to two of its members, Eric and Barbara Lintala on WNY#13, in the loss of their treasured 13 year old son, Grant Matthew on Sunday February 17th, 2002. Grant died suddenly from a viral infection.

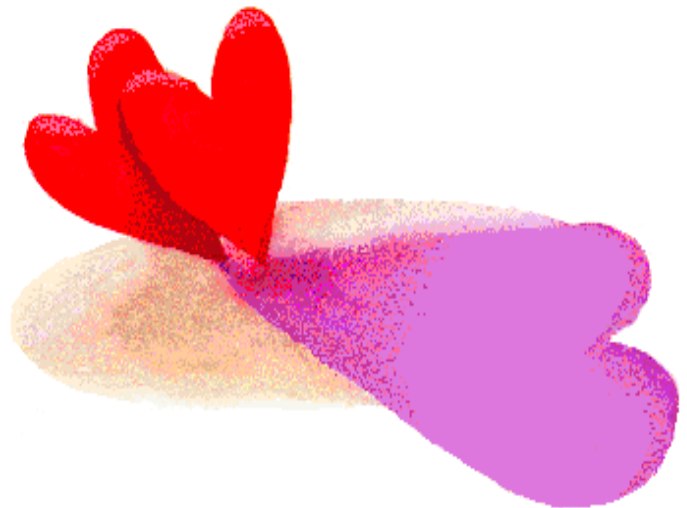
Grant Matthew means "great gift of the Lord" and Grant Matthew Lintala certainly had a strong faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. When Grant made his Profession of Faith at the Webster Christian Reformed Church in March of 1997, he chose John 6:35 as his favorite bible verse. It reads, "Jesus said, I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." In his testimony at that time Grant wrote: "Jesus helps me to tell other kids about Jesus. He helps me with different things that I have trouble with, like when I'm scared or when I'm sick or when I can't do something very good" Grant lived what he believed, because as he said in his own statement of faith: "My belief in Jesus is important so that I can go to Haven." Grant Matthew Lintala was indeed a "great gift of the Lord" to all of us who knew him and loved him.

You can send your expression of sympathy to Eric and Barbara at 1194 Imperial Drive, Webster, NY 14580.

Hello!

My husband and I participated in the Men's and Women's Walks 22 this past fall. At the time, I was six months pregnant. Our fellow pilgrims all asked that we be sure to let them know when our baby arrived. Here's the pertinent information:

A son, Kameron Maxwell Torrey was born on February 14, 2002 weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces to parents Mark and Kate Torrey of Walks 22



Term	Position	Name	Phone
2002	Co-Chairs	Bob & Nancy Reed	(585)388-9418
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	(585) 392 - 9784
2002	Evangelism	Hal & Carol Goodwin	(716) 798 - 4593
2003	4 th Day	Lynn & 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) 624-5575
2004	Music	Jan & Mike Mortimer	(716)373-2237
2004	Kitchen	Cherie Trabert	(585)388-1919
2004	Secretary	Chris Collins	(585)227-1519
2004	Treasurer	Pat & Steve Morse	(716)798-1605
2004	Newsletter	Walt & Sarah Mathias	(585)334-8374
2004	Sprt. Director	Jo Vineyard	(585)237-5582

It's time for a special prayer...

Although it is only March, it is time for the Emmaus/Chrysalis community to begin praying about the leadership of the community for the next three years. As Board Chairpersons, our term ends this December. The Western New York community is approximately 1300 people and growing. The Chairperson(s) is/are responsible for

1. Planning and conducting Board meetings .
2. Overseeing the activities of the community.
3. Representing Western New York in the broader community.
4. Having a thorough understanding and heart for the Emmaus & Chrysalis experience.

The chair position is nominated and elected by the entire community. Read the article "The Selection of New Leaders" and be in prayer as you consider new leadership. Please speak to us or another member of the Board if you feel God is calling you or another community member to this position. The other Board positions which will be changing in December are Agape, Facilities, Registration, Evangelism, and one Clergy position. These will be described in the April newsletter.

DeColores, Nancy and Bob Reed

The Selection of New Leaders

The selection of new leaders for a community is of utmost importance. New leaders not only perpetuate the ministry, they also establish perspectives which take it into the future. When the Christian community found it necessary to replace Judas (Acts 1: 1-26), they established this criteria for candidacy: "One of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us(v.21-22). From this requirement we can see a number of essential qualities in the search for new leadership.

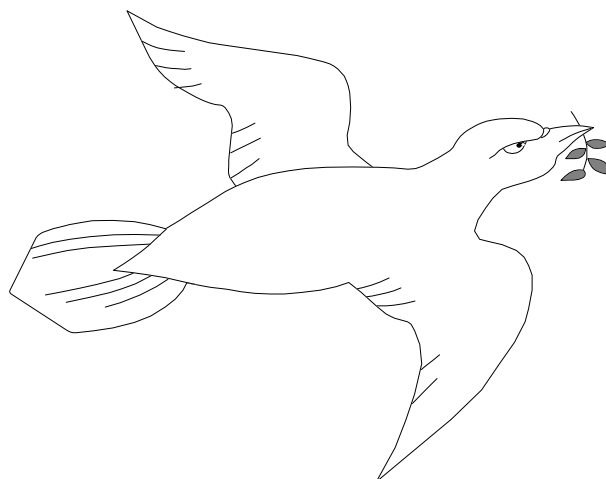
Duration. Leaders need to be drawn from those who have been part of things for a long period of time. Duration provides perspective, an ability to see "the big picture" and lead in relation to it. Leaders must be those who know the path, who are walking on the path, and can guide others on the path. Leaders are responsible for holding the vision, guarding against its erosion, and guiding the community in its evolution.

Depth. Length of association also means that new leaders will have been part of the community long enough to know it realistically. Starry-eyed leadership

will only lead to disappointment. Leaders must be those who have seen the community at its best, and at its worst, and who know that God is present both in the good times and in the bad.

Devotion. Leaders must be those whose commitment is unquestioned. Many other things will be questioned in the course of one's leadership; that's the nature of community life. There will be disagreements and difficulties. One thing must be certain: the new leader is one whose devotion to the mission and ministry is unquestioned. He or she must be one the community trusts.

Decisiveness. Here is a message for the community itself. The early Christians put forth two names, Justas and Matthias. Each was deemed worthy to be the next apostle, and doubtless each had his group of supporters. But when the election was held., and Matthias was chosen, the whole community gave him their support. There was no grumbling among those who lost. Instead, the whole group supported Matthias and moved forward. This is a mark of maturity in any community: the ability to get behind new leaders even if your favorite was not chosen.



Gathering Schedules

Rochester Area:

Gathering at 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 289-6780

Alexander:

Alexander UMC - 3rd Saturday of month
4th Saturday March & April
7:00 P. M.- Meeting (child care)
Jim and Lora Keiper 591-3121

Northern Mountain View Area Gathering:

Holland UMC - 3rd Saturday of month
9:30AM coffee - Meeting: 10AM
Please call ahead for childcare
Ruth Zimmerman 537-9524

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 Articles

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

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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”.

Newsletter Deadline April 10, 2002

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