



# Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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## WNY Women's Walk #23



# CONGRATULATIONS!!



(left to right)

**Row 1:** Barbra Swanson, Joan Hepfer, Leona Doyle, Kristine Byrne, Cora Hahn, Ruth King, Angela Sens, Stefany DeLorme, Jen Lonnen, Sandy Dolan, Chris Colins

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## Thank You

A grateful thanks to all of you who gave the variety of Agape to the Women and Men of Walk #24. God's faithful love was felt by all, through these gifts. A hug from Heaven!

## Community Agape Party

JULY 13TH 10:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M.  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST  
75 MAIN STREET, ATTICA

All in the Community are welcomed to come out and help make agape for the upcoming walks and flights. Bringing your own scissors and glue guns can be helpful. Any questions?? Please call us, (585) 591-3121

Decolores, Jim and Lora Keiper



## Spread the Emmaus Story!

We have enjoyed presenting the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis flight story in small groups, and are still willing and able to travel to your church or home to tell others about the Emmaus/Chrysalis experience. We can help you introduce the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis experience to your church family and friends but we need you to make the initial contact and then call us to set up a time and date to get together. We have a short video and brochures to share, and the program takes about an hour or so. Let's sit down together and spread the "Good News". We can be reached at 585-798-4593, email <carolhal@eznet.net> or write us at 310 Park Ave., Medina NY 14103-1516. Remember, "Christ is counting on you."

DeColores! Hal & Carol Goodwin

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## Clowns – Clowns – Clowns

Calling all chrysalis clowns and those that would like to learn more about this ministry. We will be meeting Saturday, June 29 at The Fairport United Methodist Church. We will gather at 2:00 pm. If you have an interest in this part of the body of Christ (the funny bone), then I encourage you to join us. This meeting is for those who want to don the make up and those that are just interested in learning more about Christian clowning. All are welcome. The meeting should run for 1-2 hours. If you have questions, comments, are unable to attend but want to know more or if you need directions, please contact me by phone at 585-377-9330. You can also e-mail me at <mailto:mrclowns@frontiernet.net>.

God bless, John Trowbridge



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## Come One, Come All ...

Join us for a day of fun and fellowship at the Annual Emmaus/Chrysalis Picnic. This year's event will take place on Saturday, July 27th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Emery Park on the border of East Aurora and South Wales. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs provided; everyone is asked to bring your favorite picnic dish/beverage to share. This is a great opportunity to show off your athletic abilities (or maybe just your sense of humor) as we'll have games, games, games. And warm up your singing voices as there will be plenty of musicians and song. All this will help you work up your appetites for dinner at 3:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help run games, cook, set up or entertain, please call Michael and Florence Ritchie at 826-4577 Watch the July Rainbow Connection for directions and last minute details.

# Congratulations!!!!

This year's WNY United Methodist Annual Conference will be an exciting time for several in the Emmaus Community! On Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, the following of our brothers and sisters in Christ will be Ordained as Elders in the United Methodist Church:

Garry McCaffery  
Rodney Mileham  
Jennifer Schaus-Green  
Kim Smith

More exciting news from Conference is the fact that a brother in Christ will attain Full Member status in WNY Conference, United Methodist Church:

Wilson Jones

# PRAISE GOD!!

PS There may be celebrations going on at the home church in honor of those mentioned above. It would not be fair to invite you to those celebrations without permission. I am sure that they would each enjoy a note of encouragement and congratulations, along with continued prayers.

I do have permission to extend an invitation to you for an Open House reception in celebration of Kim's Ordination at the Hilton United Methodist Church 4:30-7:30 on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>. The address is 21 West Avenue in Hilton.

## Emmaus Board of Directors

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## Women's Walk #23 was.....

It doesn't seem possible but Women's Walk #23 has come and gone. This follow up article for the Rainbow Connection is one of the most difficult tasks I have had to do. There is so much to share, yet so much that is intensely personal. I can't begin to capture the essence of the weekend, let alone put it down in written form! It was truly a blessing to watch as God worked in the lives of all those present (pilgrims and team alike). He had called us each there, some as servants and some as His invited guests. The power and presence of God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit was undeniable!

From my perspective, the weekend was intense yet full of peace, love and joy. Just as God planned for each of us to be present on Walk #23, He anticipated and was ready for an intruder some of us may have thought we had left behind or that we could ignore. The individual battles varied, but the outcome was invariably the same...by God's grace Satan was defeated.

We watched first hand as Satan and his team (Gluttony, Lust, Greed, Deception & Pride) went against the Lord's team (Love, Faith, Godly Wisdom and Grace) in a softball game. At the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> with the score tied Love led off the inning with a single (because Love never fails). Faith followed with a single (because Faith works with Love). Next up was Godly Wisdom, who walked (because Godly Wisdom never swings at what Satan throws). Satan and Grace then went head to head (literally) Grace hit everybody in with a grand slam. The Lord's team won! You might wonder why Love, Faith and Godly Wisdom could get on base but could not win the game. As the Lord explained, If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom will get you on base, but only God's grace can get you home.

*"....Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Take the helmet of salvation..... Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel..."* Ephesians 6:11,17a, 18 Actually, I would refer you to Ephesians 6:10-20. Personally, I praise God for the armor He provides me for battle, for permission to have fun wearing silly hats and for persistent prayers that have been answered beyond measure!

I know that for many, Satan has not let up because the weekend has ended. I thank God and give Him praise that the weekend's talk, chapel visits, table discussion etc. gave us some tools to live a life in grace. I thank God for bringing us together for Walk #23! I praise God for all that He did through the lives of YOU the loving Emmaus community. A simple phrase doesn't seem enough but it is all I have to offer you...THANK YOU ALL for living your faith and giving of yourselves so that others can experience a journey with Christ, along the Road to Emmaus. May God bless you all as you continue on your 4<sup>th</sup> Day journey, as you take your Next Steps!

In humility and gratitude, Barbara Swanson

# 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  
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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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 June 10, 2002*

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