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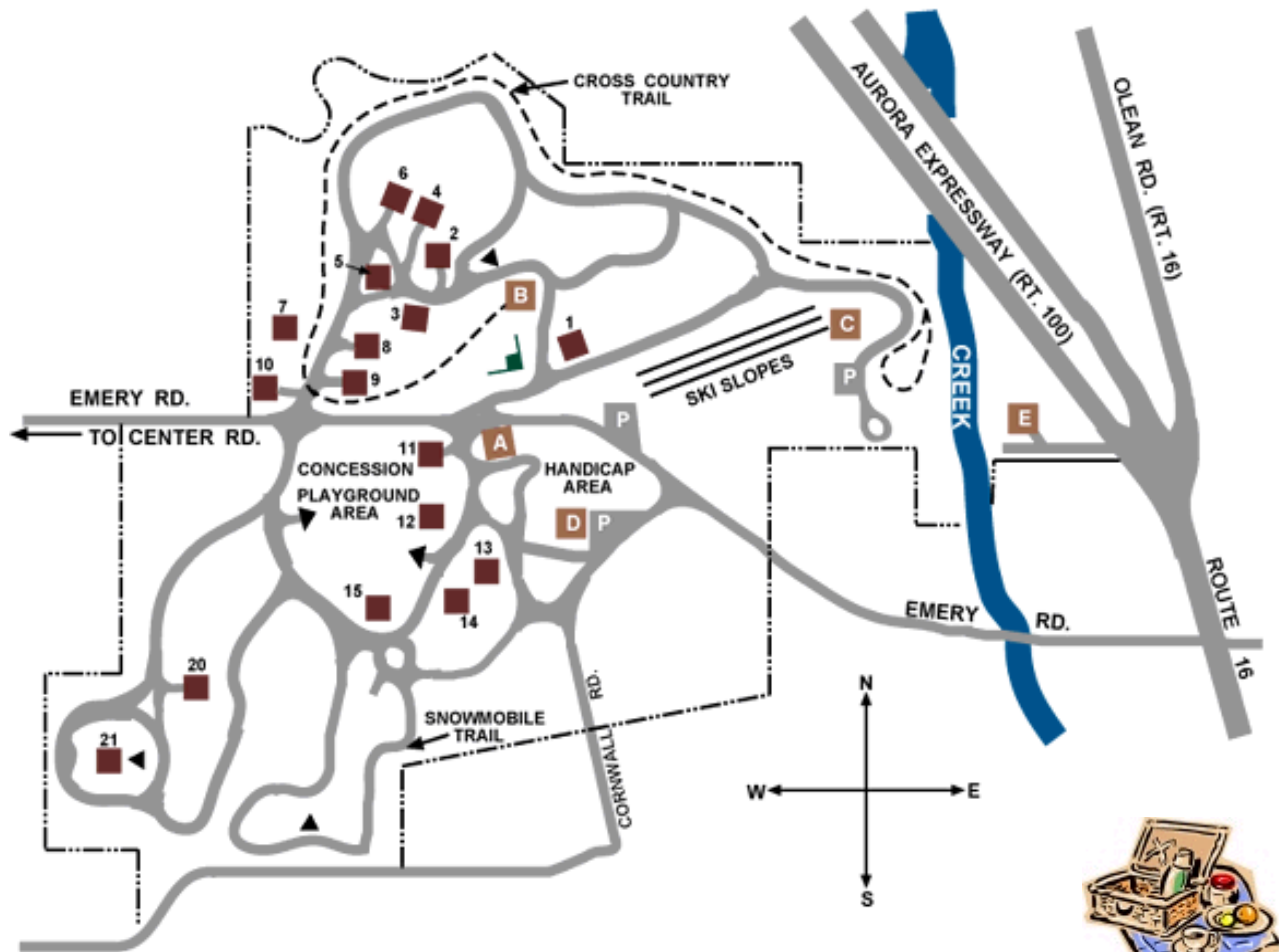
Emmaus Summer Picnic

Just a reminder that our Emmaus Picnic is fast approaching. The scheduled date is Saturday July 27th at Emery State Park in East Aurora, NY. While plans are being finalized and things are starting to come together there is still a lot more to do and we could use your help. We are still looking for some great picnic games and volunteers to help run them. A fantastic time will be had by all. We are looking forward to a great turnout this year.



Decolores, Michael & Florence Ritchie

Directions - From North: Take I 90 to Exit 54 (400 East). Follow until Expressway ends and turns into Route 16. Turn right on Emery Road. Follow road into park. We are in Shelter #3 which is to the right as you enter the park. From South: Take 17/86 to Route 16 North, turn left on to Emery Road and follow directions above.



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Agape Party

On July 13, 2002 we will be holding an Agape party at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 75 Main Street, Attica NY. We will start at 10AM and finish up by 3PM. All are welcome to come help make community Agape for the upcoming walks and flights this year. Bring a sack lunch, a willing heart to create, and scissors and a glue gun, if you would like. Any questions, please call us 585 591 3121. Thanks in advance for the help!! Jim & Lora Keiper

Walk # 24 Springville UMC

Men's Walk - Oct. 10 - 13
Women's Walk - Nov. 7 - 10
Reunion - Nov. 23

Deadlines: Men's - Sept. 10
Women's - Oct. 8

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Deadlines will be respected.

Sponsor a Pilgram

During our term of service as your WNY Walk to Emmaus Registrars it has been shown repeatedly that proper sponsorship is the Master's key to bringing about the hoped-for results of each individual's Walk.

With that in mind, we remind you once again to sit down with your prospective pilgrims (and their spouses if a "single spouse"), go through as much as you wish to reveal about the Walks including the possible pitfalls when returning to the "real world," as well as the blessings one can expect. Do fill out the forms together with your prospective pilgrims, making certain to fill them out completely. There really are reasons for all those questions.

Trust us: Your dedicated sponsorship will be rewarded by grateful appreciation from your Registrars as well as heart-felt and lasting gratitude from your pilgrims. No doubt, you will find it well worth your time and effort.

De Colores! Will and Carolyn Rickman
WNY Walk to Emmaus Registrars

A Belated THANK YOU

for your tremendous support!!!

A belated but very appreciative, thank you to the terrific Emmaus community members who came and worked so hard to help with set up and tear down for both the Men's and Women's Walk #23. We especially would like to thank Jeff and Pam Mellon, and Randy and Laura Walker for all their leadership, planning, and hands on work which made things run so smoothly, and which made our task as well as the teams' so much easier. Much of the work, especially the heavy moving, was already done by the time the teams arrived. Blessings and kudos to to all who served in this important ministry. Your help was greatly appreciated. We depend upon the faithfulness of the Emmaus community members in serving, (as do all the Board positions and the teams), to make the Walks appear as effortless as possible to the pilgrims, so that the Holy Spirit may do its work without distractions. Our Lord needs YOU to to make the Walks a success and a life changing experience for the pilgrims. Again a resounding thank you to all who participated in this ministry of love for Walk #23.

We are now looking ahead in preparation for the Fall Walks, (#24), to be held at First United Methodist Church in Springville. We again, as always, are looking for community members to step forward and serve in this important ministry. If you are available to help with, or to coordinate, set up and tear down in Springville; or if you may be interested in serving the Lord on a Facilities Committee, (or if you have any questions about what might be involved in such a role), please contact us at: 716-649-3889, PO Box 414, Athol Springs, NY 14010, or rgscaldwell@msn.com.

In Christ's Name,
Gary and Rose Caldwell
Facilities Chair

Scripture Corner

"God opposes the proud, but gives
grace to the humble."

-James 4:6

Lost & Found

Someone left a new roll away bed at the church following the Spring Walks. To claim it and make arrangements to pick it up they should call Pam Mellon at the church office (716-372-3495).

May 18th Board Workshop

On May 18th, the Board of Emmaus/Chrysalis met at "snowy" Perry UMC for a daylong workshop. After a time of prayer and communion we devoted the day to looking at improving the program we already have in place. Below are action items that will be happening in the next year.

- Establishing guidelines for sponsorship
- Obtaining feedback from team members after walks
- Maintaining updated lists of the involvement interests of community members
- Evaluating the first Chrysalis flights under the united Board and looking ahead
- Team selection
- "Out-of conference room" team
- Adding a summer walk in 2003
- Approving the purchase of a computer program to keep records of community members address, phone, walk/flight #, service on teams, talks given

We always welcome the ideas of the community.

A Note from the Secretary:

Do we have your current address, phone number and e-mail address? If not, please take the time to drop a note or give me a call. We want to keep you up-to-date on all the Emmaus news and we can only do that if we are up-to-date on you! Also, if you have e-mail, please consider having your Newsletter mailed electronically. This will help with finances and you will be able to have a color edition of the Newsletter.

Thanks, and have a great, Christ-filled summer!

Chris Collins
68 Flower Dale Drive
Rochester, NY 14626
(585) 227-1519

Emmaus Board of Directors

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	Kitchen	Jeff & Pam Mellon	(716) 372-1836
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



WNY Walk to Emmaus Chair Position

*Oh, that You would bless me indeed,
and enlarge my borders,
That Your hand would be with me,
and that You would keep me from harm
So that I will be free from pain
and God granted His request.
Prayer of Jabez
1 Chronicles 4:9-10*

The Emmaus/ Chrysalis community continues to grow and change. We are blessed. The Board is in the process of determining ways for this community to reach more leaders for our Lord and His church.

Once every three years the Western New York Emmaus/ Chrysalis Community has the responsibility of electing a new chairperson(s) of the Board of Directors. The nominees are Gary and Sue Clarcq and Mike Sens. Each is well known to the Emmaus/ Chrysalis community, has served on the Board, and has an understanding of the commitment to the Nashville Model of the Upper Room.

The Board has asked each candidate to write a brief description of his/her vision for WNY Emmaus/ Chrysalis. We ask you to read the articles carefully and then spend time in prayer before you vote. Each member of the Emmaus/ Chrysalis community is entitled to one vote. Follow the directions on the ballot

**Please Review the introductions of Gary & Sue Clarcq
and Mike Sens on the reverse of this sheet.**

*Cut on dotted line & mail to
Bob and Nancy Reed
33 Shadowmoor Drive
Fairport, NY 14450*

Ballot

For Western New York
Emmaus/Chrysalis
Board Chair 2003 –2005

Gary and Sue Clarcq _____
Mike Sens _____

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Place an "X" next to your choice for Chairman of the Board of Directors of the WNY Emmaus/Chrysalis Community for 2003 – 2005. There is enough room for four (4) family members to vote. If there are more than four members in your family, please copy this ballot so that everyone can vote. Place your ballot in **two** envelopes. The **inner envelope** should be left blank. The outer envelope should be addressed to the Reeds and have your last name with the number of votes in parenthesis (example Reed (2)) in the return address corner.

**BALLOTS MUST BE
POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN
July 31, 2002**

Mike Sens

As an introduction, I'll use a format we're all familiar with: my name is Mike Sens, I made WNY Walk to Emmaus #2 at Camp Hackamo and sat at table #2, Matthew. You may know me as Donna's husband or Angela, Katie and Joel's Dad. Over the past 11 years, I've had the privilege to serve as Lay Director for both Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends, serve on the Emmaus Board as treasurer and on the Chrysalis Board as registrar. It's been a real joy to see my children grow through the Chrysalis experience and to see them share that experience with others through their music and clowning ministry. And I was thrilled to see my oldest daughter, Angela, serving on her 1st Emmaus team this past spring (Chrysalis kids do grow up!). It has truly been a privilege to be a part of such wonderful movements as Emmaus/Chrysalis, and to see how God works through each of our lives to reach out and touch the lives of others. The WNY community has been blessed with Godly leadership in the past as reflected in our continued ministry and growth. When approached about being nominated for the Chair position, it was something I seriously had to pray about to understand how God could use me in this way. I approached it initially with a little hesitation, knowing the magnitude of the commitment required for this position. But as I prayed about it, I realized that I can bring some unique perspectives and insight to the position, having served both communities over the years.

The WNY Community has grown from just a handful of people from the first few Walks, to the community we know and love today. For years I knew everyone in the community and felt a little strange when I started seeing people I didn't know. I worried that the community would lose intimacy when so many others became involved, but I'm convinced that God didn't intend for us to be a private little club. The intimacy remains in the fact that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Change is inevitable as we grow, but the one thing that never changes is our mission to be the hands and feet of Christ and to make His love more tangible to adults and youth seeking a deeper relationship with Him. As we strive to fulfill that mission, we may approach it differently than we have in the past, depending on the size of our community and the extent of our outreach. But one thing I take consolation in is that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8) I believe the reason Emmaus and Chrysalis have been such a blessing to so many is that our community as a whole continues to seek God for His guidance and blessing. If we continue to pray and listen, we will continue to go in the way God leads.

Your brother in Christ
Mike Sens

Sue and Gary Clarcq

We went on WNY Walk #7 in Batavia (Fall 1994). Sue goes to Durand United Church of Christ in Irondequoit (Rochester) and Gary goes to Saint Salome's Roman Catholic Church. Sue is a lay reader at her church and has headed up the Samaritan's Purse Project for the last 4 years. Gary is a lay reader, Eucharistic Minister and newly named "Safety Director". Sue was Lay Director for Walk #20 and Gary was Lay Director on Walk #13. Both of us have had the honor to serve on team for numerous other walks. We have also enjoyed helping in the kitchen for many walks. We served on the Emmaus Board as Editors of "The Rainbow Connection" for three years (1999 – 2001). We are also active participants in the Fairport Gathering. We have been married for 35 years and have four sons and one daughter-in-law Matthew and Cassy, Jason, Andrew, and Peter. We also have one beautiful 6 month old granddaughter Carissa Joy.

The Western New York Emmaus/Chrysalis Community has grown and continues to grow with each new Walk/Flight. We envision greater participation at gatherings, and all inclusive Community events. Community involvement in Candlelight and Closings continue to be very well attended and a blessing to pilgrims as well as Community members.

We both believe that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." We believe that the Nashville model for Emmaus should continue to be followed. Our primary purpose is to strengthen and revitalize already strong church leaders to return to their churches and Christian communities to better serve our Lord and Savior.

Your team in Christ
Sue & Gary Clarcq

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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