



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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Western New York Chrysalis Girl's Flight

The Girl's Flight is January 18-20.
Here is a list of the caterpillars to date:

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| Brea Juntunen | Grace Baptist Church |
| Angela Felt | Napoli UMC |
| Katherine Peterson | South Dayton UMC |
| Lora Cunningham | South Dayton |
| Christine Gallisdorfer | Blessed Trinity Church |
| Charissa Beechler | New Life Fellowship |
| Amanda Mellon | Christ UMC |
| April Stister | Rhema Christian Fellowship |
| Kimberly Hopkins | St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church |

Please Pray About Sponsoring a Boy!

Boy's Flight is February 15-17th.

Registration deadline for Boy's Flight is January 15th. With the holidays, this is just around the corner, so get your registrations mailed to the Registrars now!

Please call us if you have any questions.

Fly With Christ!

Randy & Laura Walker Registrar

(716) 373-5310
147 N 9th Street
Olean, NY 14760
irv7@localnet.com

Chrysalis Flights

It is time to look around in our churches for youth who you feel would be good candidates to attend a Chrysalis flight. The purpose of Chrysalis is the same as Emmaus – to give believers an opportunity to come closer in their walk with our Lord, and to become better leaders in His Church. Stop now and think of those youth in your church that would grow because of a Chrysalis flight. Pray about asking that young person. If you are led to do so, approach them and ask if they would be interested. It will not happen unless you do it. If you need information, or application forms, contact the Evangelism Board member, or any other Board member. Please think of our youth in Emmaus.

Flights at Spingville UMC

[NOTE TIMES]

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| January 18 Gilr's Sendoff | 8AM |
| January 19 Girl's Candle Light | 7PM |
| January 20 Girls's Closing | 3:30PM |
| February 15 Boy's Sendoff | 8AM |
| Feburary 16 Boy's Candle Light | 7PM |
| February 17 Boy's Closing | 3:30PM |
| March 1 Reunion | 9:30AM - 3:30PM |

They are the future of Christ's witness to the World.

Thank you to the Emmaus Community...

As we finish our three-year term as co-chair of the Western NY Emmaus Community, we would like to thank you for letting us serve in this capacity. It was the opportunity of a lifetime, and we will cherish the special memories that this experience has brought us. Over-and-over we hear fellow travelers on this journey say that they were so blessed by experiences that they have had in Emmaus. This is very much the way that we feel now. Whatever we were called upon to give, we received ten times the blessing in return. We thank you all for supporting the Board, and we thank our Lord for all that we have gained during this time.

As we go into a new year, it is important for us to focus on the leadership of Mike Sens and the new Board. The tasks that they have before them are great, and they are an important part of God's plan to carry the salvation message to those who haven't heard it. We need to be in prayer for them, and for all of the Emmaus movement. We need to be in prayer that this community will continue to grow and that God will continue to bless the people of Western New York.

Eph 4:12 ...to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

Nancy & Bob Reed

Evangelism Thank You

After three years on the Emmaus Board, we are about to turn over the Evangelism position to Pat Corsette. It has been a joy and a blessing to help spread the word about Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis throughout Western New York. We have met many new friends, and seen the Emmaus community grow into areas and churches that previously did not have members who had made an Emmaus Walk or a Chrysalis Flight. We thank God and give Him all of the glory and honor that is due Him for all that He has accomplished through us, and in spite of us. Now, we ask that all of you in the Emmaus family support Pat with your prayers as she assumes the awesome responsibility of continuing to introduce others to Emmaus/Chrysalis. We thank all of you who have upheld us in prayer these past three years, and all of you who have assisted us with Emmaus/Chrysalis presentations. We could not have done it without your help. To God be the glory!

DeColores Hal & Carol Goodwin

Spring Walks At Webster UMC Registration Deadlines

Men's Walk - March 20 – 23
Women's Walk - April 24 – 27

Men's Deadline - February 8
Women's Deadline - March 8

Please note the deadlines have been moved forward a few days in order to include the pilgrim's names in the "Rainbow Connection."

Deadlines will be respected.

Agape Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their acts of Agape and help with Agape during the fall walks. Your acts of Agape touched all involved in the weekend in a special way. As a new year begins, we need to prepare for all the Chrysalis flights. Remember the 72 hour prayer vigil. If you can fill a time slot, please call Tom & Karen Klingenberger at 585 225 4522. If you are making Agape, it should be at the Springville UMC by sendoff on Saturday morning. Additionally, your personal Agape letters are helpful when in alphabetical order & rubber banded together.

As this is our last article as Agape chairs, it has been a joy and blessing serving the WNY Emmaus community in this way. God has touched us in doing His task and also brought us many new friends within our community. Thank you all for your help juring the past 3 years. Dean & Vicki Perry will be serving as your new Agape chairs.

Merry Christmas Jim & Lora Keiper

FROM the REGISTRARS

It has been a privilege to serve the Emmaus Community as your Registrars for these last three years. During that time we've become very much aware of the time and effort put forth by those who serve in any capacity on your Board of Directors. To all of those who have served, are serving or will be serving we extend our sincere thanks.

We've also determined there are two definite things the community can do to make the Registrar's job go smoothly. First: Please always be present when your potential pilgrim fills out the application form. In

that way you can be certain that it is filled out completely—clearly legible information for the pilgrim, pastor and best friend is absolutely necessary. Second: Please remember when you are contacted by the Registrars for additional information that the guidelines are established by the National Board for the Walk to Emmaus, not the local Board and, especially, not by the Registrars themselves. The Registrars are simply doing the job you have asked them to do and will be most grateful for your helpfulness in these respects.

We welcome Randy and Laura Walker as our new Registrars. Please address correspondence to them at: 147 North 9th Street Olean NY 14760 Phone # 716-373-5310

Thank you once again for entrusting us with this opportunity to serve the Emmaus Community. We were truly honored to do so.

De Colores! Will and Carolyn Rickman



Facilities Thank You

We praise God for the faithfulness of his servants! Community support for set up and tear down of the Springville site for Walk #24 was terrific and very much appreciated. Thank you!

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve Christ and our Emmaus/Chrysalis community in this role. Thank you for this awesome opportunity. We ask you to be ready to respond to Randy and Renee Kent when they call for help on a committee or with a walk or flight with a resounding "Here am I, send me!" Better yet, CALL THEM and OFFER your help. You will be blessed and you will be a blessing!

DeColores! Gary and Rose Caldwell Facilities



Flight #11 at Springville UMC

Girls' Flight – January 18 – 20

Boy's Flight – February 15 – 17

Be sure to reserve a spot for your favorite youth!!!

Summer Walks to begin in 2003

Registrations have reached the level where it is time to add a third set of walks. Beginning this next summer WNY will add a summer walk. The location of Walk #26 will be at Lockport UMC.

Men's Summer Walk – July 10-13

Women's Summer Walk – August 21- 24

Reunion – September 13

Chrysalis Girl's Flight #11 Team

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|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kathy Weil | Lay Director | #14 Priesthood of All Believers |
| John McNeill | Spiritual Director | #8 God's Gift to You |
| Jennifer Calos | Clergy | #2 God Designed You |
| Marty Doherty | Clergy | #4 God Loves You |
| Sue Russell | Clergy | #13 God Empowers You |
| Kit Snyder | Clergy | #10 God Sustains You |
| Angela Sens | ALD/Chapel | # 5 Prodigal |
| Ann DeRooy | ALD/Bell Ringer | |
| Diane Weidel | ALD/Agape | |
| Heather Ingianni | Youth ALD | #15 Next Steps |
| | Board Rep | |
| Debbie Hamel | Logistics | |
| Sarah Page | Logistics | #7 Christian Growth thru Study |
| Heather Young | Musician | |
| Erin Trabert | Musician | |
| Amy Busby | Table Leader | #12 Single Life |
| Vicky Perry | Table Leader | #6 Communication thru Prayer |
| Kathy Swanson | Table Leader | #3 Faith |
| Laura Garrand | Table Leader | |
| Renee Kent | Table Leader | #9 Marriage |
| Emily Ritchie | Youth Table Leader | #1 Ideals |
| Suzanne Perry | Youth Table Leader | |
| Jennifer Henton | Youth Table Leader | |
| Sarah Mesh | Youth Table Leader | #11 Christian Action |
| Casey McNeill | Youth Table Leader | |

Lost & Not Yet Found

After the Men's Walk, one 2X Black Alpine Ski jacket with a blue lining. If this is yours, please notify Jim Keiper at 585 591 3121

25th Anniversary International Emmaus Celebration!

A note from the Upper Room, Nashville.....

The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the International Walk to Emmaus will occur July 24-27, 2003 at the Nashville Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Begin making plans now to attend this grand reunion. We look forward to a festive fellowship of people from around the world who have participated in the Emmaus movement. Worship, music, and dynamic presentations will resound as we celebrate the many colors of God's grace as they shine through The Walk to Emmaus. Come and join us as we explore a deeper walk and paths to a more Christ-like world. Learn more about this celebration by talking with an Emmaus Board member and/or looking on the Internet at www.upperroom.com.emmaus

Emmaus Board of Directors

| Term | Position | Name | Phone |
|------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 2005 | Chair | Mike Sens | (585) 425-3148 |
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| 2004 | Sprt. Director | Jo Vineyard | (585) 237-5582 |

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

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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

News Letter Articles

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