



# Rainbow Connection



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## Western New York Chrysalis Girl's Flight

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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    |
| Carlyn Kluge           | Penfield UMC                  |
| Eve Reimondo           | Hamburg UMC                   |
| Melissa Keane          | Hamburg UMC                   |
| Heather Keesler        | Napoli UMC                    |
| Stephanie Smith        | Maplehurst Baptist Church     |
| Leah Scoville          | Cuba UMC                      |
| Jen Ingianni           | Willow Brook Christian Church |
| Michelle Nicholas      | Pavilion UMC                  |
| Kelli Pincoski         | Napoli UMC                    |
| Danielle Filipiak      | Spencerport UMC               |
| Emily Stumpf           | Hamburg UMC                   |
| Jacquelyn Shaw         | Alexander UMC                 |
| Rachael Hall           | Napoli UMC                    |
| Hannah Moorison        | Darien UMC                    |
| Victoria Martinez      | Colden UMC                    |
| Danielle Perry         | Alexander UMC                 |

## Please Pray About Sponsoring a Boy!

**Boy's Flight is February 15-17<sup>th</sup>.**

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](mailto:irv7@localnet.com)

## Boy Catapillars to date:

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|--------------------|---------------|
| Justin Isaman      | Olean CUMC    |
| Ryan Pask          | Millville UMC |
| Benjamin Ehrenfeld | Medina UMC    |

**It is SOO good to see so many Catapillars!!!**

## 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]**

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*

## Team Selection Method and Process is a CHANGING.....

Back in the early days of Western NY Walk To Emmaus, everybody knew everybody in our enthusiastic but small Community. Team Selection was mostly the responsibility of the Weekend Lay Directors, and building a Team was largely a matter of calling people they knew personally. Pilgrims fresh off a Weekend were almost sure to be contacted for subsequent Team service, because there were so few of them and the new Lay Director had probably been an Assistant Lay Director or Table Leader on the weekend (thus knew the Pilgrims and had their names in his/her weekend information packet). The need for experienced Team members often resulted in people serving on several consecutive Teams, which seemed necessary at the time. As Chrysalis started, Emmaus Community members with a heart for youth ministry served on Flights. Overall, Western NY Emmaus and Chrysalis has done OK doing things the way we've done them since our humble beginnings.

With God's blessing we've grown up, conducted 24 sets of Emmaus Walks, 10 sets of Chrysalis Flights and have over 1000 people in our Community. It's no surprise that some of the things which worked when we were small don't work as well now that we're bigger. Team Selection is one process which needs to evolve to serve a large Community. Our Lord may know each of us intimately, but new Lay Directors can no longer personally know everyone who is qualified and interested in serving on Team.

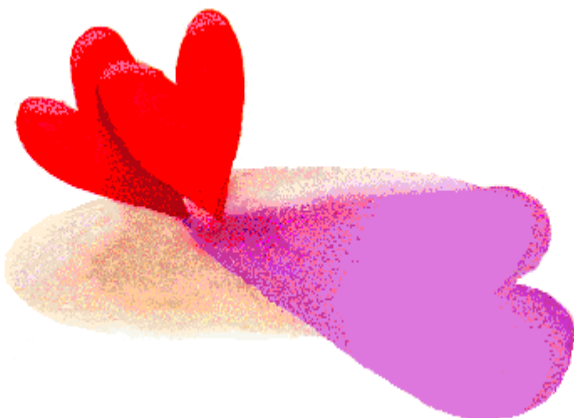
**So what can we do to improve the process?** When looking for guidance, there are two tried and true sources. First, of course, is to seek God's wisdom through prayer. Prayer is just as important now as it was for Walk # 1. Second, the Walk To Emmaus has been meticulously planned and documented by The Upper Room. The Upper Room's Emmaus Manual combines prayer with the wisdom and experience from 50 years of Catholic Cursillo and Walk To Emmaus events. The manual is required reading for the Board of Directors, and it works! An entire chapter is devoted to Team Selection, and following the guidelines here can help us in several areas. First, the Team Selection Committee will have a broader knowledge of Community members than an individual Lay Director. This will assure that more people will be recognized for possible Team service. Second, the Team Selection Committee will bring continuity to the process and plan development of leadership positions. This is vital as Team members grow into Assistant Lay Director and potential Lay Director eligibility. Third, we need to avoid having the same people on Team after Team after Team (several people have commented about this trend). Serving on a Team is a joyful experience, and we need to open this up to as many people as possible.

The manual clearly states that a Team Selection Committee, not the Lay Director, develops the list of prospective Team members (and assigns Talks) for every Walk and Flight. The Committee is to be headed by a Board member, who in turn recruits a few additional experienced and active Community members representing different geographical areas. The Community Spiritual Director also serves on the Team Selection Committee. The upcoming weekend Lay Directors will participate as well, and they still make the telephone calls and actually build the Team once the list is complete.

In order to comply with the Upper Room Emmaus, the Western NY Board of Directors has added a position for Team Selection, and I have the honor to serve in that role. My wife, Jean, and I made Walk #1 in March of 1991, and it is a wonder to behold what God has done through the Western NY Walk To Emmaus and Chrysalis since then. For me, it's also a joy to return to the Board after serving there from 1992-1996. It's our objective to implement the new Team Selection process for Walks #26 (the first summer Walks!), and I'm in the process of calling people to ask for their participation on the Team Selection Committee.

The Team Selection Committee is open to suggestions from anyone in the Community, so if you'd like to serve on a Team or know someone whom you feel would be a worthy candidate, then please let send me a note (165 Sawmill Drive, Penfield NY 14526 or e-mail to [theiss1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:theiss1@rochester.rr.com)) or give me a phone call at 585-586-4116.

Thanks and God Bless You! - Tom Heiss -



### 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.**



## 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**

## WNY Walk To Emmaus Men's Team #25

Spiritual Director	Dave Durham
Ass't. Spiritual Director	Dan Berry
Clergy	Dave Derk Susan Boring Shirley Davidson
Lay Director	Will Rickman
Board Representative	Jeff Mellon
Ass't. Lay Directors	
Agape	Mark Renfro
Bell Ringer	Jim Veazey
Chapel	Art Hall
Lead Musician	Dave Rood
Ass't. Musician	Jim Schulz
Logistics	Earle Ridley Mike Charles
Table Leaders	Bill Barber John Becker Gary Clarcq Norb Fuest Bill Hess Gordon Pike
Ass't. Table Leaders	Dale Barton Paul Brown Jim Coleman Bob Fathergill Rick Peters Jack Woika

## Economics is never a barrier in Emmaus & Chrysalis

On occasion there are potential pilgrims/butterflies who desire to go on a Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis flight, or others who have been asked to serve on team, however, a lack of funds prevents them from being able to participate. For this reason, the Board of Directors asks that you prayerfully consider helping to provide funds. A list is compiled of persons willing to make a financial contribution when the need arises. Then when a request is received, persons on the list are contacted and given the opportunity to donate anonymously whatever they are able to contribute. There is never any obligation to contribute, and names can be removed from the list by simply requesting that it be done. At this time there is a need to update the list of those willing to be a part of this ministry. If, after prayerful consideration, you are able and willing to serve others in this way please contact us, Hal and Carol Goodwin at (585)-798-4593, or email <carolhal@lakeplains.com>. We thank you in advance for your generosity, and as always may God bless you as you are a blessing to others! DeColores.

## Emmaus Board of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone
2005	Chair	Tom Heiss	(585) 586-4116
2005	Agape	Dean and Vikki Perry	(585) 268-9079
2005	Facilities	Randy and Renee Kent	(716) 763-2255
2005	Clergy	Marty Doherty	(716) 648-4278
2005	Registration	Randy & Laura Walker	(716) 373-5310
2005	Evangelism	Pat Corsette	(716) 826-6840
2003	4 <sup>th</sup> 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	Team Select	Tom Heiss	(585) 586-4116
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

# 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!!  
Please email: [smathias@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smathias@rochester.rr.com)  
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*Newsletter Deadline February 10, 2003*

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