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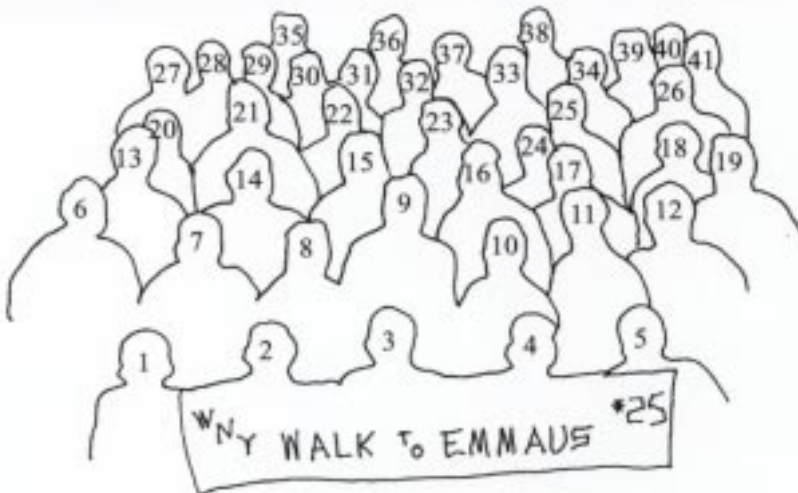


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Western New York Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis

April, 2003

Men's Walk #25



1. Bill Kast, 2. Brandon Healy, 3. Paul Brown, 4. Pastor Dave Derk, 5. Dale Barton, 6. WillRickman, 7. Jim Veazey, 8. Bill Hess, 9. Bill Garrett, 10. Pastor Shirley Davidson, 11. Scott Brady, 12. John Hunt, 13. Jim Coleman, 14. Jim Schulz, 15. Hans Jorstad, 16. David McKinney, 17. John Hackemer, 18. John Becker, 19. Pastor David Durham, 20. Merrill Porter, 21. Bill Barber, 22. Tom Cilvick, 23. Gordon Pike, 24. Bob Fathergill, 25. Joe Campion, 26. Rick Peters, 27. Mike Charles, 28. Earle Ridley, 29. Duane Priset, 30. Page Martin, 31. Mark Renfro, 32. Pastor Susan Boring, 33. Jeff Mellon, 34. Bob Robinson, 35. Norb Fuest, 36. Dave Rood, 37. Pastor Dan Berry, 38. Jack Woika, 39. Gary Clarcq, 40. Art Hall, 41. Bob Miller

Women's Walk #25

Pilgrims

Aimee Battaglia	St. Christopher's
Cindy Bauer	Alexander UMC
Kathleen Campion	Nativity of Our Lord RC
Kathy Clancey	Clarence Center UMC
Barb Cline	Hamlin UMC
Barbara Corra	St. Joseph's
Christine Fryer	Asbury First UMC
Cathy Garrett	First UMC of West Webster
Nancy Hackemer	Church of Corinth
Heather Hall	North Park Wesleyan
Sue Huedepohl	Ionia UMC
Amy Jorstad	St. Margaret Mary's RC
Darlene Keesler	Belmont UMC
Janice McKinney	Lockport Emmanuel UMC
Deb Miller	
Ginny Miller	First UMC of West Webster
Kim Morgan	
Patsy Morse	Grace UMC
Theresa Newberry	Fellowship Wesleyan
Teri Parker	Napoli UMC
Lauretta Peters	Napoli UMC
Phyllis Porter	Orchard Park UMC
Beth Priset	Lockport Emmanuel UMC
Carol Robinson	Grace UMC
Debbie Robinson	Grace UMC
Beth Williams	Grace UMC
Delores Wise	Hosanna Junction UMC
Mary Wood	St. Mary's of the Assumption

Team

Spiritual Dir	Steve Calso	#7 Means of Grace
Clergy	Linda Dolby	#9 Obstacles to Grace
	Gwen Wilson	#2 Prevenient Grace
	Fred Savage	#12 Sanctifying Grace
	Tom Maynard	#4 Justifying Grace
Lay Director	Karen Klingenberger	#14 Perseverance
ALD's		
Agape	Karen Westerman	#3 Priesthood of All Believers
Chapel	Jan Fuller	#5 Life of Piety
Bell Ringer	Shirley London	#1 Priorities
Board Rep	Chris Collins	
Logistics	Joye Swanton	
	Diana Pask	
Musicians	Peg Ridley	
	Becky Fox	
Table Leaders	Ann Nelson	#6 Grow Thru Study
	Kathie McMoil	#15 Fourth Day
	Judy Hunley	#10 Discipleship
	Chris Jetty	#13 Body of Christ
	Cherie Trabert	#8 Christian Action
	Jill VanderWoude	#11 Changing Our World
Asst Tbl Ldrs	Carol Pinneo	
	Carolyn Rickman	
	Debbie Russell	
	Florence Ritchie	
	Holly Scoville	
	Barbara Lockwood	

Directions to Webster UMC

Webster UMC is located at 169 East Main Street (Route 404) in Webster, NY

From the South: Rt. 390 North to 590 North. Follow 590 North to Exit 10B (Rt 104 East - Webster) 104 East to RT. 250 Exit. Turn right. At Signal light (Main St.) turn left. Webster UMC is about 1/2 mile on the right.

From the West: NYS Thruway to Leroy Exit. Rt. 490 East toward Rochester. Go through the city on 490. Exit at Rt 590 North (just past Winton Rd. Exit). Follow 590 North to Exit 10B (Rt 104 East - Webster) 104 East to RT. 250 Exit. Turn right. At Signal light (Main St.) turn left. Webster UMC is about 1/2 mile on the right.

From the East: NYS Thruway West to Victor Exit. Follow Rt. 490 West toward Rochester. Exit at Rt. 590 North. Follow 590 North to Exit 10B (Rt 104 East - Webster) 104 East to RT. 250 Exit. Turn right. At Signal light (Main St.) turn left. Webster UMC is about 1/2 mile on the right

Women's Walk #25 Schedule

April 24: Sendoff @ 7 pm

April 26: Candlelight @ 8 pm

April 27: Closing @ 4 pm

Be sure to attend the Closing for Women's Walk 25. We will announce the newly elected Chaircouple of the Board of Directors as well as the Lay Directors for the Fall Walks

See you there!!
Walk #25 Reunion
May 10: 9:30-3:30
Webster UMC

Lay Director's Report

Men's Walk #25

PRAISE THE LORD! When starting this report to the Emmaus Community, I wondered how one could manage to condense 72 wonderful hours into a few sentences. Now I understand it's impossible to convey that much love and joy in a few paragraphs, but with God's help I will try.

At the completion of three powerful teamings it was obvious the Lord had big plans for each of us and was preparing us to serve the Pilgrims. Then less than 24 hours before send off our country went to war. The impact of this situation on each person was tremendous with several people (both team members and pilgrims) having family directly involved in the military action. It was necessary to become informed of the planned evacuation routes away from the Ginna nuclear plant and have available a radio placed with the kitchen crew to obtain final evacuation information if the alarm were sounded. The decision was made to keep the turmoil of the world situation out of the weekend if at all possible. And with God's help we were able to maintain separation throughout the 72 hours. So send off came with its typical joys, and the pilgrims were soon immersed in the agape love that surrounded all of us.

God's presence and support were strongly evident throughout the Walk. You could see Him working before your eyes as the Pilgrims and Team had their lives touched by each other, as well

as by Him. This radiant and abundant love continued to become more intense as the 72 hours progressed.

The many items of agape, agape letters from around the world, candle light service, sponsors involvement, prayer vigil and prayer partner support, closing participants, as well as the sacrifices of many who worked at various parts of the Walk were all tremendous testimonies of love. And, of course, the kitchen crew was, as always, outstanding! All of these offerings of self gave the words to the song, "Here I am, Lord! Is it I, Lord?" new and especially significant meaning to me (and I'm certain to everyone) during the entire Walk.

It is my sincere prayer that the impact of the 72 hours was positive for each Pilgrim and stays with them throughout their entire Fourth Day. And I pray that they, too, may recognize the great joy of serving Him by serving others.

It was a tremendous personal blessing and honor to serve as Lay Director for the Western New York Men's Walk to Emmaus # 25. I thank our Lord, the Board of Directors, the Emmaus Community and the Team members for this privilege of serving and for all of the excellent support. To God Be the Glory!

DeColores!
Will Rickman

Chrysalis Hoot/Gathering

Who: Anyone firm the WNY Chrysalis and Emmaus Community Where: Penfield LJMC

1795 Baird Road
Penfield NY 14526

When: April 26-27

We will meet at the Church at 6:00pm on Saturday night. Bring money so that we can order pizza for dinner. We are about 5 miles away from the Church which is holding the Women's Walk to Emmaus so we will be attending both Candlelight and Closing services. You need to bring stuff for sleeping. Also be aware of the fact that food will not be provided so please bring a snack to pass or some kind of breakfast food and either a bottle of soda or juice. If you are interested in coming please contact Angela Sens at agsensna.rochester.rr.com or (585) 425-3148. If you are under the age of 18 be sure to contact me so that I can send you a permission slip. I will also give you directions if you need them.

Fly with Christ
Angela Sens

Come One, Come All

The Chrysalis Reunion for Flight #11 will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 10 to 3:30; at New Life Fellowship in Attica, NY. We really want to encourage youth, adults and all community members to attend. The day will include time for fellowship, music, eating, four more brief, but essential Talks, more fellowship, more music, Communion together, maybe some Clowning, and definitely a time of many blessings! Bring your own bag lunch, drink and snack to share. Kathy Weil will be bringing a big pot of something to eat (like goulash or BBQ Burgers or soup), if you don't like what's in your fridge! Baby sitting will also be available, if needed.

We plan on having a great turn out! Please be there, and remember why we are here: living a life in imitation of Christ, drawing others to Him through our actions and words. In all this we should be doing more than merely "catching" someone for Christ, doing more than just "selling" Him to others, going beyond just "providing a service". As we put on the face of Christ we are touching other human lives, reaching out with the hands of Christ!

We hope to encourage all of you to join us on May 17th!
John Trowbridge and Kathy Weil

Lay Directors, Boy's and Girl's Flight #11

Emmaus Board of Directors

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2005	Chair	Tom Heiss	(585)586-4116
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2004	Sprt. Dir.	Jo Vineyard	(585)237-5582

WNY Walk To Emmaus # 18 - The Power of Prayer

Our son, Keith, passed away on March 16, 2003. I always promised that I would write an article for the Rainbow Connection how God answered our prayers. Now is the time for "The Rest of the Story".

I was on Walk # 18 when I was notified that our son was in the hospital and needed to have our permission for surgery. My sponsors Bill and Sparkey Hess came to Grace United Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. Saturday evening to notify me. After prayer with the Team Emmaus, I left with my sponsors and went home to find out all of the information. When I got home my two other sons had been calling the last four hours trying to locate our son Keith at the hospital. The only information that we had received that was correct was the area code for Orlando, Florida. We had not seen Keith for 11 years and had not talked to him for over 9 years. After prayer, I told my sons that I was going to start over and see if I could locate Keith. They had made several phone calls and were unsuccessful. I made three phone calls, using the same phone numbers they had gotten through information and we were talking with Keith. God had answered our prayers. He had put the right people in place for Barbara and I. After two hours sleep I got up in the morning and took a shower. I called my sponsors Sunday morning at 6:00 am. and told them that I needed to go back to finish my Walk to Emmaus. I did not want to be known as a "baby chick" the rest of my life. So they picked me up and I returned to Walk # 18.

The Tuesday after my Walk to Emmaus, Barbara and I flew to Orlando, Florida. We were able to see Keith and re-establish a relationship with our son. Why Keith never made any connections with his family over the years we do not know the answer. It was a question that was never to be asked. Once Keith was out of the hospital, we put the wheels into motion to bring him home to live with us. Keith did not have any type of picture identification to board the plane. His wallet had been stolen. We had our daughter fax a copy of his birth certificate to the hotel. It was required to have a second identification before obtaining a police ID. Again we went into prayer. Again God answered. When we went to the Motor Vehicle Bureau in Florida they were able to enter New York State computer system and verify Keith previous address from 11 years ago. We were able to obtain a Florida ID so that Keith could fly home with us. We arrived back home on October 26, 1999.

When Keith got home he needed medical attention. Because Keith was a diabetic I thought that it would be best to take him to Rochester General Hospital Medical Clinic. His doctor was Dr. Lainoff. I must note that I thought that I made this decision to take Keith there but it was God's will. Dr. Lainoff is a most caring, compassionate, understanding, and loving Doctor that we have ever encountered. Dr. Lainoff treated Keith as well as if he was his son. Because of him we knew that Keith was receiving the best of care.

In January 2002, Keith became a dialysis patient because of kidney failure. He went on kidney dialysis three times a week until he passed away.

In April 2002, Keith went into the hospital for gangrene in his left foot. It was a surprise to us because this was all internal in the foot. Keith had to have part of his foot amputated. Because of poor circulation they ended up with above the knee amputation. While he was in the hospital at this time he had to have a stomach tube and a feeding tube put into his stomach. He had gastric paresis and his stomach would not process food. Keith would be on a feeding tube the rest of his life. Because of the

feeding tube and all that was required Dr. Lainoff told Keith that he needed to go to an assisted care living facility.

This was another example in our lives where God made the decision for us and made the necessary arrangements. Because of Dr. Lainoff taking the responsibility to tell Keith, Keith did not feel that his family had abandoned him.

Keith moved into Monroe Community Hospital during July 2002. It was to be one of the most blessed decisions that God helped to make for us. MCH as it is affectionately known is such a fabulous facility. Keith was in Friendship 4 East Wing. The Staff was so good to Keith and he loved it very much.

In October 2002 Keith went back into Rochester General Hospital. After two months of many medical problems I talked to God. The reason that I say that I talked to God, I did not go into prayer when this happened. One day talking with God I said "I'm tired of this whole process. God it's yours to handle and to do what needs to be done." Within two weeks Keith got out of the hospital and temporarily went to Arbor Hills Care Center on Monroe Avenue. Again God made the decisions for us. He was in Arbor Hills Care Center for one month before returning to Monroe Community Hospital. While at Arbor Hills he was to have one of the best nurses that we ever encountered. Her name was Cheryl and she was a special angel. She took care of Keith so well and he started to recover.

In January 2003, Keith returned to MCH at the Hope Building on the 31' floor. Again the staff at MCH took care of Keith so well. During the December 2002 until Keith returned to the Rochester General Hospital in February 2003 Keith was having severe back pain, which was a new problem. While he was in the hospital this time it was determined that Keith had an abscess or cyst on the base of his spine. This was causing the severe pain and because of Keith's condition they were unable to operate. Two weeks before Keith passed away he had a Grand Mal seizure and he went into the intensive care unit. Just after Keith got out of the intensive care unit on March 12th, Barbara had surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital. Barbara was discharged from Strong Memorial Hospital Saturday afternoon on March 15th. On March 16th, in the morning I talked with Dr. Lainoff and he told me that Keith was critically ill. I was to see him on Monday and discuss the necessary details. Keith had another Grand Mal seizure just shortly after noon. Dr. Lainoff called me again and said Keith would not make the night.

Because of Dr. Lainoff's compassion and caring for Keith, we were able to contact all of his brothers and sisters to be with him. Dr. Lainoff had spent over four hours taking care of Keith this Sunday morning. God's chosen comforting hands for Keith. Keith passed away at 10:00 p.m. that evening with all of his loved ones with him.

There are so many times that God talked to Barbara and I. He was with Keith and us throughout the whole process. In closing I must let you know some of the things that I have learned. Because of God's grace for Keith he answered our prayers to bring him home. Because of God's love for Keith he wanted Keith to be home with his family during this difficult time of his life. Because of God's mercy he called Keith home. But the greatest joy of all is that because of God's son, Jesus Christ, Keith has eternal life. Barbara and I can only rejoice in God's love for Keith and us. It was very special that God gave us a second chance with Keith.

DeColores, Barbara and Mike Gorton

Board of Directors Meets With Upper Room Regional Director

On Saturday, March 29 the Board of Directors conducted a very productive workshop with Bob Brandt, our Regional Director from The Upper Room Emmaus. Bob lives in northern New Jersey and covers 35 Walk To Emmaus communities from Virginia to Maine. As part of our Agreement with The Upper Room, this "Emmaus 101" course is conducted with local Boards every 3 years. We will invite Bob back later this year or in 2004 to conduct a community-wide workshop, which is also to be scheduled once every 3 years. Bob is an energetic, willing and talented yet humble servant of our Lord. In addition to his "day job" as a computer guru, Bob regularly travels to Emmaus communities in his territory, has been on numerous Teams, served as Lay Director multiple times, has helped start several new communities and is very active in his local church. That level of sustained effort is possible only with God, through whom all things are possible, and Bob understands this well.

The day was a combination of reviewing the mission of The Walk To Emmaus and discussing local issues. Even for those who have been around a long time, it's valuable to be reminded of what Emmaus is all about. The Upper Room has a written Purpose, Mission and Vision. All of these are consistent with the themes of the Talks given on the Weekend Here we'll review the Purpose. The Mission and Vision will be covered in the next issues of The Rainbow Connection.

The Purpose of The Walk To Emmaus is defined as:

- Renewal of the church. In this context, "church" means both the individual's local church and Christ's church in general. This certainly is not restricted to the United Methodist Church. While Emmaus is sponsored by United Methodists, it is in-tended to be an ecumenical movement where all Christians are welcome. This renewal of the church comes about by . . .
- Renewal of individual Christians as faithful and committed disciples. Did you feel renewed after your Walk? I sure hope so! Renewal also comes to Team members and those serving in the background.
- Renewed persons are called to share grace with their community. "Community" here is not limited to the Emmaus community. It really means your local church, your friends and family, those you see at school or at work, even people you may not like.
- Renewed persons are called to be a leavening influence in their local church. OK, this is the third time the local church has been mentioned. Do you see a trend here? Bob developed the analogy to leaven, which blends with the dough to help bread rise during baking. Leaven does not overpower the other ingredients, in fact it willingly takes a lesser but still vital role. Emmaus Pilgrims can help raise up their local churches by identifying unmet needs and cheerfully helping without seeking recognition or trying to push new ideas through overnight.
- The purpose is fully realized in the 4th Day. The purpose is not realized on the Walk itself. While The Walk To Emmaus is a mountaintop experience, we all come down from the mountain and back to the real world. I always remember a comment from Cherie Jones, former Director of The Upper

Room Emmaus, who said "If all we do is give Pilgrims a wonderful 3day retreat, then we have failed !" Her point is very clear: we must take the renewal of the Walk and carry it into our 4th Day and be leaven in our churches and communities.

There's a lot more to cover on Mission and Vision, in fact too much to jam into one newsletter. So think of this as the first installment of a 3-part story. Sorry, no cliff-hanging endings here to entice you back later, but I hope you absorb the Purpose and look forward to hearing more about Mission and Vision.

We also discussed some logistical issues and adherence to The Upper Room Emmaus "model". A lot of time was spent identifying where we can improve sponsorship, 4th Day activities and the Weekend itself. Again, there will be more on these topics in future newsletters, but the biggest and most immediate need is Chrysalis.

From The Upper Room's viewpoint, Chrysalis is the # 1 outreach activity of an Emmaus community.

Unfortunately in Western NY we constantly struggle to sponsor Caterpillars (especially for Boys' Flights), Teams are often hard to build, Next Steps programs such as Hoots are not well supported (despite the best efforts of a few dedicated leaders) and so on. The good news is that God works through us, or in spite of us, to touch the hearts of teenagers through Chrysalis. Right now we are structured as a dual-purpose Board covering both Emmaus and Chrysalis. The idea was that this would help blend what seemed to be separate Emmaus and Chrysalis communities. While we may have blended somewhat, we need to bring more focus on Chrysalis. It turns out that Bob's wife, Ruth Ann, is our Regional Director for Chrysalis, and we will schedule a visit from her to help us bring renewal to our Chrysalis program. Please contact me if you'd like to be involved.

All in all, Bob Brandt's visit was an enjoyable and eye-opening experience for us. God works through humans to accomplish His purpose, and we have the awesome responsibility of using the welldefined models of Chrysalis and The Walk To Emmaus to help renew Christians in their journey with Christ.

Tom Heiss,
Emmaus Board Chair

Emmaus Summer Picnic

The Annual Emmaus Summer picnic will be held on the afternoon of August 16th. This year we will be gathering at the Genesee County Park in sunny East Bethany. Yes, summer will be coming along so mark your calendars now. Watch future newsletters for more details.

Jim & Lora Keiper

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 UMW - 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 UMW - 1st Saturday of month
(Rte. 332 @ 5925 County Road)
Covered dish @ 5:30 P.M.
Heidi and Marty Cressman 289-6780

Alexander: WILL be with and at Medina last Friday in April

Alexander UMW - 3rd Saturday of month
7:00 P.M.- Meeting (child care)
Jim and Lora Keiper 591-3121

Northern Mountain View Area Gathering:

Holland UMW - April 26th
9:30AM coffee -Meeting: I OAM
Please call ahead for childcare
Ruth Zimmerman 537-9524

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Enchanted Mountain Gathering (Olean):

Christ UMW - 4th Saturday of month
9:00 A. M. - Meeting followed by
Continental breakfast
Amy Loyd 716-373-6640

Ionia Gathering:

Ionia UMW Last Saturday of the month
7:00 P. M. - Meeting (child care)
Burgy and Grace Anne Scott 229-2249

Buffalo Area Gathering:

Seneca UMW 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

Fairport Gathering will meet on the
FIRST SUNDAY of May
because May 11, is Mother's Day.
This will be an
AGAPE PARTY

News Letter Articles

Articles concerning WNY Emmaus activities are always welcomed by the editorial staff of YOUR Rainbow Connection!! Please email: smathias@rochesterr.com Walt and Sarah Mathias 269 Martin Road West Henrietta, NY 14586

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