



# Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

May, 2003

## Summer Walk #26

Be sure to sponsor a couple!!

Registrations: Laura & Randy Walker  
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### Summer Walks to begin in 2003

Registrations have reached the level where it is time to have three sets of walks per year. Beginning this July, WNY will add a summer walk. Walk #26 will be located at Emmanuel UMC of Lockport.

**Men's Summer Walk – July 10-13**

**Women's Summer Walk – August 21- 24**

**Reunion – September 13**

## Western New York Women's Walk #25



**Left to Right Row 1:** Fred Savage, Christine Fryer, Susan Huedepohl, Phyllis Porter, Karen Klingenberger, Gwendolyn T. Wilson, Florence Ritchie, Aimee L. Battaglia, Stephan Calos, Tom Maynard **Row 2:** Janice Fuller, Carol Robinson, Heather Hall, Amy Jorstad, Deb Miller, Barb Cline, Judy Hunley, Cindy Bauer, Debbie Russell, Beth Priset, Kathleen Campion, Patsy Morse, Mary Wood **Row 3:** Ginny Miller, Cathy Garrett, Kathy Clancey, Teri Parker, Beth Williams, Nancy Hackemer, Chris Collins, Delores Wise, Carol Pinneo, Holly Scoville, Barbara Corra, Lauretta Peters, Karen Westerman **Row 4:** Joye Swanton, Shirley London, Debbie Robinson, Barbara Lockwood, Cherie Trabert, Darleen Keesler, Ann Nelson, Kathie McMoil, Chris Jetty, Becky Fox, Peg Ridley, Jill VanDerWoude, Janice McKinney, Diana Pask

## Agape Suggestions

Agape Chairs  
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Initially we had planned to have a catalog of photos with instructions as recommendations for individual, gathering, hoot and Bighouse agape for upcoming walks and flights. Suffice it to say the Lord has other ideas - much better than we could ever come up with. No photos, no instructions - just some helpful explanations and suggestions.

Currently the WNY agape chair is responsible for coordinating acts of agape for the WNY Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights. An example of agape is the decorated placemats and napkins that appear on the dining tables during the course of the walk or flight. The Chrysalis Bighouse is responsible for the decorated placemats and napkins on the Girls and Boys Flights. The decorated placemats and napkins represent one form of table agape from the Western New York community. The use of the decorated placemats and napkins begin on Friday evening **after** agape has been introduced by the Justifying Grace speaker. In fact, that is when nearly all forms of agape, i.e. the small gifts of love that our pilgrims and team wear (local flavor), the 72- Hour Prayer Vigil (Emmaus model), bed agape (local flavor), and dining table agape (Emmaus model), etc. are introduced on the walk. "The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus" model specifies the following forms of agape, anything other than this represents a local community flavor and caution should be exercised if venturing outside the official Handbook model.

**Prayer Chapel Agape** – the team and pilgrims or caterpillars are supported throughout the walk or flight through community prayer. **The WNY community has a tradition of writing notes and cards of encouragement to the team members giving talks. The upper right corner of the envelope should have the word "Chapel" written on it; in addition, it should have only the team member's name and the title of their talk written on the outside.** The team member is given these cards and letters during their Chapel prayer time prior to their talk. There is a time of prayer by the team member, Prayer Chapel coordinator, a clergy team member, and persons requested by the team member giving the talk immediately prior to each talk – this prayer time is another form of agape. If you would like to participate by writing a word of encouragement to a team member giving a talk check a current issue of the "Rainbow Connection", the WNY community

newsletter, for upcoming walks and flights, the list of team members, and the title of talks they are giving. If you are unable to find it there, contact a current board member – especially the chair of Team Selection – and they should be able to help you. The best way to deliver your letters would be to plan on attending either Sponsor's hour or the Candlelight service. On both occasions the WNY community mail box is set-up for dropping off cards and letters to those attending the walk or flight.

The next form of Emmaus model agape is the **72-Hour Prayer Vigil**. For the WNY community the prayer vigil currently begins on Thursday at 7:00 P.M. and ends on Sunday at 6:30 P.M. on the weekend of a walk, and begins on Friday at 7:00 P.M. and ends on Monday at 6:30 P.M. on the weekend of a flight. Once again, the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil is introduced **after** the talk on Justifying Grace. Community members are encouraged to sign-up for ½ hour time slots on the Prayer Vigil. We try to make several opportunities for this to happen; during the closing of a walk or flight, at the walk or flight reunion, at gatherings, hoots or other WNY Emmaus Chrysalis functions throughout the year. Perhaps the best method is by contacting the agape chair via phone or email to request a prayer time slot. Some of these duties we hope to delegate to community members as a committee in the future to increase community involvement in all aspects of the weekend.

**General agape** – the "Handbook" defines this as "several other forms of agape given by the local and international Emmaus communities". Forms of this agape are the banners and the "long distance" letters, addressed as a group to those attending the weekend, from Emmaus and Chrysalis communities throughout the United States and the entire world. These letters should be prominently posted and displayed on the walls of the conference room gradually throughout the course of the weekend – you guessed it – **after** the talk on Justifying Grace! Currently the agape chair is responsible for coordinating, collecting and making sure the letters are delivered before Sponsor's hour the first evening of the walk or flight. Other forms of general agape include all the small gifts of God's love that are pinned to our chests, worn on our necks or wrists, lying on our beds at night, or appear in our agape letter bag (paper items please : ^). The agape chair is also responsible for making one form of bedtime agape on behalf of the WNY community. We encourage the community to participate in making general agape; this can be done as a gathering, hoot, or as individuals. Let the Lord be your guide, and check with your local hoot or gathering to see how they may have become involved. If you do make general agape, make 65 pieces for each walk or flight – a full flight or walk is 60 people, and the extra are just in case a piece gets broken. They should all be identical since our mission is to reflect that God loves all His children equally, unconditionally. Deliver agape to the agape chair or the walk or flight site immediately prior to or during Sponsor's hour. If you would like any extra agape returned to you after a walk or flight, write your name, etc. on the outside of the bag or box you deliver the agape in, and the agape chair will do their best to see that it is returned. Returned agape is most easily accomplished by attending the closing or walk and flight reunions.

## Fall Walk #27

Registration for the Fall walks is now open. The location of Walk #27 will be Christ UMC in Olean.

**Men's Fall Walk –October 16-19**

**Women's Fall Walk – November 6- 9**

**Reunion – November 22**

**Registrations: Laura & Randy Walker**

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## 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

**Congratulations to Rose Caldwell and Bob Reed. They are the lay directors for the Fall Walks!!!**



In case you're not aware of it (I wasn't), Chrysalis has an international newsletter which is available on their web site at <http://www.upperroom.org/chrysalis/>.

**Congratulations to Gary & Sue Clarcq, the newly elected chair couple.**

**Table agape** is next on the list of Emmaus model agape. Currently the agape chair is responsible for the decorated placemats and napkins, and one other form of table agape on behalf of the WNY community. The Chrysalis Bighthouse take care of decorating placemats and napkins for flights. All other table agape comes from gatherings, hoots, or individual community members. As quoted from the Handbook; "Table agape is an expression of unconditional love; therefore personal names are not attached, although reunion groups or church names are acceptable." The number of pieces, method of delivery and return are the same as for the general agape above. Some additional information regarding placemats and napkins: 1) Decorated placemats and napkins appear only after when? Yes, the talk on Justifying Grace at the Friday evening meal! 2) We currently solicit community support for this activity by preparing 14 packets of approximately 50 plain placemats and napkins (or 50-75 napkins) that are made available at the walk reunion (this is enough to cover both men and women walks) – if a gathering, hoot or individual would like a packet you need to contact the chair immediately following a flight or walk. The current chair reserves the right to keep at least one packet of placemats and napkins for personal agape! 3) The chair is also responsible for the "Good Morning" placemats that are used for Sunday morning meal. The WNY tradition is that these Good Morning placemats are signed by community members who attend the Candlelight service during the walk, and tables will be set-up during the time preceding Candlelight to accommodate this special form of agape.

MORE NEXT MONTH.....

## Emmaus Board of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone
2005	Chair	Gary & Sue Clarcq	(585) 323-1910
2005	Agape	Dean and Vicki Perry	(585) 593-4262
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  
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  
Continental breakfast  
Amy Loyd 716-373-6640

## Ionia Gathering:

Ionia UMC Last Saturday of the month  
7:00 P. M. - Meeting  
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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