



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

September, 2003

Women's Walk #26



Banner Row: Judy Hunley, Deb Page, Garry McCaffery, Mary Trowbridge **ROW 1:** Dorothy Wein, Erin Trabert, Lisa Wickins, Beth Stefani, Pamela Reeb, Linda Hoffman, Laurie Curtis, Halyma Chevez, Sandra Stoica, Donna Sukackas **ROW 2:** Laura Walker, Linda Clark, Pat Morse, Paulette Albone, Melissa Bowers, Carol Sierk, Karen Grinnell, Joanna Brown, Ann DeRooy, Deanna Laurie **ROW 3:** Terry Grundy, Dottie Merle, Carol Wilson, Christa Fathergill, Clara Wilder, Sarah Winkler, Nancy Vredenburg, Pat Blakeman **ROW 4:** Karen Metz, Sandy Selden, Bev Compertore, Brenda Deever, Char Smith, Troy Sellers, Lay Kroening, Joyce Spencer, Nan Clark, Marlene Worthington, Carol Ensell, Sue Crawford, Patricia Parrott

From the Lay Director

O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136 vs 26

Dear Friends,

Women's Walk to Emmaus #26 was an amazing and personal work of God. If anyone thinks that God did His creating in the book of Genesis, I would like to let you know that He is still creating! Our walk began with our first teaming and hasn't ended yet! God called a team of laity and clergy together to help Him with a task. Most of us knew a few people, but a lot of us didn't know everyone. So we introduced ourselves and began the preparations for the walk. Almost immediately we felt bonded together.. Then the weekend finally arrived

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WNY WALK TO EMMAUS # 27

Christ United Methodist Church
Olean, New York

Men's Walk

October 16 Sendoff = 7:00 pm
October 18 Candlelight = 8:00 pm
October 19 Closing = 4:00 pm

Women's Walk

November 6 Sendoff = 7:00 pm
November 8 Candlelight = 8:00 pm
November 9 Closing = 4:00 pm

November 22 Reunion 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Men's Walk # 27 - Pilgrims

Name	Church
Neil Bedford	First Presbyterian Church, Leroy
Dennis Brooks	Napoli, UMC
Scott Braun	Allens Hill, UMC
Wesley McDuffie	First Assembly of God, Batavia
Jerry Thomas	Allens Hill, UMC
John Wojtkowiak	St. William R.C.

Women's application deadline is October 5, 2003

Applications received after the deadline date will be processed for the next upcoming walk.

For registration information or to obtain an application, please contact

Randy & Laura Walker
147 N 9th Street
Olean, NY 14760
irv7@localnet.com

Men's Team Walk #27

Lay Director	Bob Reed	Perseverance
Spiritual Director	Ron Isaman	Means of Grace
Clergy	Beth Kottemann	Justifying Grace
Clergy	John Tuff	Prevenient Grace
Clergy	Ron Sellers	Sanctifying Grace
Clergy	Jo Vineyard	Obstacles to Grace
ALD - Agape	Stephen Morse	4th Day
Chapel	Don Crawford	Life of Piety
Bell	Robert Longhouse	Priorities
Musician	Craig Schwarz	
Asst. Musician	Bob Zimmerman	
Log	Tony Byrne	
Log	David Pinch	
Tble Ldrs	Dennis Kopp	Changing Our World
	Doug Merle	Grow Through Study
	Mike Russell	Priesthood of All Believers
	Andy Storm	Body of Christ
	Dennis Weil	Christian Action
	Bob Fathergill	Discipleship
Ass't Tble Ledrs	Michael Ritchie	
	James Joss	
	Rich Sidoti	
	Bernard Kirkland	
	John Hunt	
	Tim Klembczyk	
Board Rep	Randy Walker	

Women's Team Walk #27

Lay Director	Rose Caldwell	Perseverance
Spiritual Director	Laura Calos	Means of Grace
Clergy	Melba Meyer	Prevenient Grace
	Dale Fryer	Sanctifying Grace
	Fred Savage	Justifying Grace
		Obstacles to Grace
ALD - Agape	Jean Grinnell	Fourth Day
- Bell	Sarah Mathias	Priorities
- Chapel	Sue Doherty	Life in Piety
Musicians	Jean Heiss	
	Mary Beth Trenchard	
Logistics	Sharon Breton	
	Chris Coffta	
Tble Ldrs	Lora Keiper	Discipleship
	Sharon Goodenow	Christian Action
	Becky Mullin	Body of Christ
	Chris Tryon	Priesthood of All Believers
	Patty Tuff	Changing Our World
	Pam Wallum	Grow Through Study
Asst Tble Ldrs	Cheryl Babcock	
	Ann Becker	
	Bonnie Hall	
	Ruth Joss	
	Lisa Rood	
	Kathie Woika	
Board Rep.	Vicki Perry	

Walk #27
Directions to
Christ United Methodist Church, Olean, NY

From Rochester: Interstate 390 to Dansville, then Route 36 to Hornell, then Route 86 West to Olean. Take Exit 26 (Route 16) and go right. Follow Directions below:

From Batavia: Route 33W to Corfu, then Route 77S to 98S to Arcade. Route 39 to Yorkshire, follow Route 16S to Olean. Follow Directions below:

From Buffalo: Route 400S, then follow directions below:

LAST STEP COMING FROM ALL POINTS:

At first light, turn left onto Front St. At first light, turn left onto Main St. At Oviatt St., turn left and follow into church parking lot.

Lay Director (from P. 1)

everyone was eager and full of anticipation- sponsors, Pilgrims and team alike. When our names were called and we went off to the sanctuary, some of us knew someone, but most of us didn't know everyone! So, we introduced ourselves and began the weekend. God inspired the perfect table groups and again we bonded together. What an awesome sense of love we felt! How we laughed! Yes, we cried. And we sure did sing! We had some of the funniest skits, creative posters, and even a foot washing! We prayed and we felt prayed for. We received Agape in so many forms, and how loved we felt! Someone said that this was "the closest we would get to heaven in these bodies!" It felt like God had surrounded Emmanuel UMC like a cloud filled with love. I am sure each of us received something different from the experience, but I am also convinced that we each received exactly what God intended for us! God created a very special Women's Walk to Emmaus!

I personally feel very grateful to all of the people who were giving of their time talents and resources to support our Emmaus weekend. The food was fantastic! We had everything we needed – supplies, toiletries, etc. People helped set up and return the church to the way it was before we came. People prayed. People made things- agape, food, lanyards- people I didn't see, people I may or may not know! I am so thankful for the dedication and commitment of all those involved in this experience. You are all serving in such very important ways!

Lastly, I feel privileged to know our pilgrims who are now part of our Emmaus community. They are such special people! I hope they will find ways to persevere in their Fourth Day, and that we may all encourage them along the way.

DeColores!
Deb Page

Chrysalis Registration

Chrysalis Winter 2004 application deadlines will be here before you know it. Plan ahead.
Do you know of a youth to sponsor?

For registration information or to obtain an application, please contact

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Why is there an envelope attached to the Rainbow Connection?
Read about the Envelope on Page 5.

Westbank Gathering has Moved!

In case you haven't heard ... or you have forgotten ... the West Bank Gathering has moved. We are still on the "West Bank" (of the Genesee River), but not quite as far West as we were. We hope to be able to include some of the people who have found it difficult to get to Hilton. The new address is:

Grace United Methodist Church
121 Driving Park
Rochester, NY 14613

We will still meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. for Continental Breakfast and the Gathering begins at 9:00 a.m.

Babysitting will be provided, but if possible, please call Beth Williams at (585) 647-1262 by the Thursday before the Gathering if you plan to bring children. This way, the care person can plan some nice activities. If you find that you can come, however, and Thursday has passed by, please don't let that stop you! We look forward to gathering with everyone who can come.

Hope to see you there!!
Love in Christ,
Chris Collins
585-227-1519

Alexander Gathering

The Alexander Gathering will not be meeting the Third Saturday in October, due to men's Walk # 27 candlelight. Please experience one of the other gatherings for October. We will be back to the third Saturday for the November Gathering.

Emmaus/Chrysalis Prayer Chain

Any member of the Western NY Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis Community has a powerful group of dedicated people willing to pray for your needs and concerns. You also can become a member of this prayer warrior group. Prayer requests or a request to join the prayer chain can be emailed to either Ann Becker at <Emmaus@frontiernet.net> or to Trish Ruffino at <par@parxgroup.com>. Phoned in requests should be made to Trish at 225-3226, or for emergency only 328-4790 (week-days).

Why not cut this out and tape it to your refrigerator so it's handy.

'Believe that the inner transformation of
our lives is a goal worthy of our best
effort'
Leo Tolstoy



Musician's Workshop

The next Musician's workshop will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2003 from 2:00 to 5:00, at Xtreme Youth Center at 1801 West State St. in Olean. This is the Saturday of the Men's Walk in Olean. We hope this timing will allow people to attend the workshop, grab a bit of dinner and be able to attend candlelight. As you know, attendance at a musician workshop is a prerequisite for serving as musician on team. Veteran musicians are encouraged to attend to help the newcomers. This time we will also be learning the new songs from the new songbook. We will also have a supply of the new Musician's books (Please bring a three ring binder to hold the pages).

This workshop will have two special agenda items: 1. Develop a standard format for the workshops so that we can have several workshop leaders hosting workshops in various areas of WNY. 2. Occasionally musicians ask to bring songs that are not in the songbook. We will consider if this is necessary or desirable for the pilgrim's experience. If so, what policy should we suggest? Any musician who wants to have some input should mark the calendar for a trip to Olean on October 18. Many thanks to those gathering leaders who have swapped old songbooks for the new ones. If you have not done so, please contact me. Also, contact me if you need directions to the Youth Center.

We look forward to getting together and making music in God's name.

Jan & Mike Mortimer
Music Coordinators

Moving??

In recent months, a number of members of the Western New York Emmaus Community have been removed from our mailing list. This is due to the fact that they have forgotten to let us know their address change. The United States Mail Service forwards first class mail to a new address for six months. It is forwarded with a yellow forwarding label affixed to it. After six months of forwarding, it is returned to us and we remove the name from the list. Don't forget to let us know of an address change. Contact The Emmaus Secretary:

Chris Collins
68 Flower Dale Drive
Rochester, NY 14626
E-mail: <ccollin9@rochester.rr.com>

From the Newsletter Editor:

I hope you have all had a blessed month. Fall is coming upon us soon. Remember to take some time and experience the beauty of the fresh air! Also, remember that this newsletter is open for you to communicate with friends throughout the Emmaus community. Share a thought, story or just tell us how you are! Hearing from each other brings us together as one in Christ. We are richer because of our relationships with one another. Praise God for all of you! Until next month

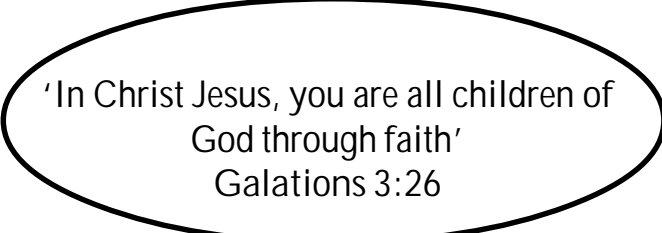
Blessings in Christ.

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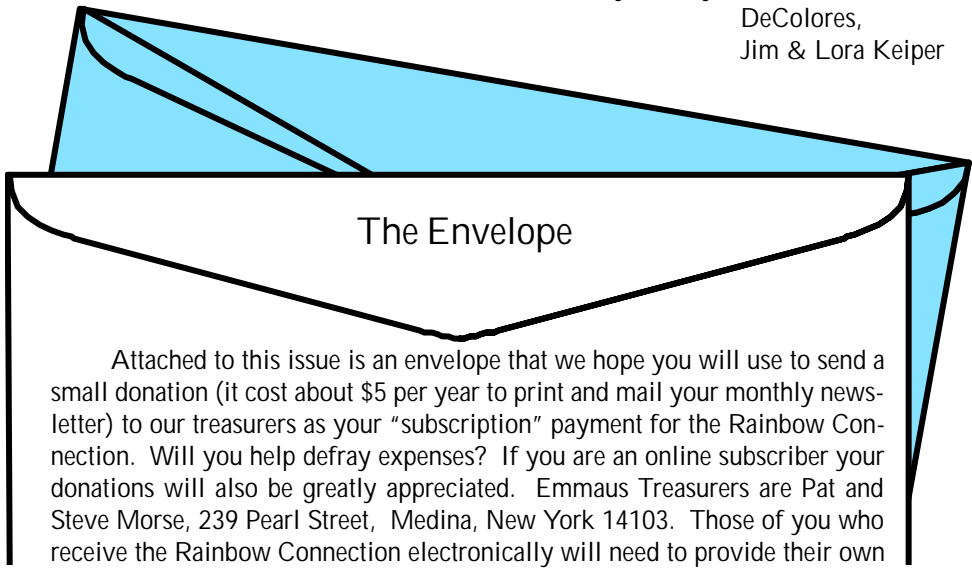
News Letter Articles

Articles concerning WNY Emmaus activities are always welcomed!! Please email: jxmoody@yahoo.com or send to:
Jim Moody
303 Ellis Drive
Brockport, NY 14420

Please Note: My apologies to the Clarcq's and Jo Vineyard for leaving their name off in separate locations last month - first time boo boos !!



'In Christ Jesus, you are all children of
God through faith'
Galations 3:26



The Envelope

Attached to this issue is an envelope that we hope you will use to send a small donation (it cost about \$5 per year to print and mail your monthly newsletter) to our treasurers as your "subscription" payment for the Rainbow Connection. Will you help defray expenses? If you are an online subscriber your donations will also be greatly appreciated. Emmaus Treasurers are Pat and Steve Morse, 239 Pearl Street, Medina, New York 14103. Those of you who receive the Rainbow Connection electronically will need to provide their own envelope. No fair trying to email a check!!!!

Online Subscriptions

Become an online subscriber and receive your newsletter 1 to 2 weeks earlier than mail – and in color!! Email Jim at jxmoody@yahoo.com with your name and your email address. The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is significant. Any contribution is a help to your Emmaus community. Thanks.

How to Contact the Emmaus Board Chairpersons

If you have questions, concerns or comments, they are always welcome:

Gary and Sue Clarcq
4140 Culver Road
Rochester, NY 14622
(585) 323-1910
email: <suzieandcq@espsnet.net>
(This a new email address)

Picnic Wrap-up

The Annual WNY Emmaus summer picnic was held on August 16th at Genesee County Park in East Bethany. Almost 100 people were in attendance and a great time was had by all. The rain showers missed our sight for the afternoon, and God showered us with sunshine. We would like to thank those who were in charge of the games, shared their musical gifts, cooked the food, or helped in any way. It is special act of Agape Love to serve, when you volunteer to help in any function. We hope to see you at the next 4th day activity.

DeColores,
Jim & Lora Keiper

Gathering Schedules

Rochester Area:

Fairport UMC:

2nd Sunday of the month
6:00 P. M. - Meeting (child care upon request)
Bob and Christa Fathergill 585-387-0928

"West Bank" Area:

Grace UMC - 2nd Saturday of month
8:30 A. M. - Continental Breakfast
9:00 A. M. - Meeting (Child care)
Beth Williams 585-647-1262 (Child Care Contact)
Chris Collins 585-227-1519

"Niagara" Area:

Lockport Emmanuel UMC - 2nd Saturday of month
6:00 P. M. - Meeting
Wilson Jones 716-741-5079

Alexander:

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

Northern Mountain View Area:

Holland UMC - 3rd Saturday of the month
9:30AM coffee - Meeting: 10AM
Please call ahead for childcare
Ruth Zimmerman 537-9524

Enchanted Mountain (Olean):

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

Ionia:

Ionia UMC Last Saturday of the month
7:00 P. M. - Meeting
Burgy and Grace Anne Scott 585-229-2249

Buffalo Area:

Seneca UMC Church, 2846 Seneca St.
West Seneca, NY
3rd Saturday of month - 9:30 A. M.
Pat Corsette 716-826-6840

Medina:

Medina United Methodist Church
Last Friday of the Month - 7:00 P. M.
Hal and Carol Goodwin 585-798-4593

Newsletter Deadline October 10, 2003

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