



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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Western New York Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk #29 Springville, NY



Row 1 (left to right). Lisa Wickins, Paulette Albone, Pat Blakeman, Sue Clarq, Lora Keiper, Barbara Middaugh, Carol Goodwin, Marilyn Sanchez. Row 2. Wendy Burley, Diana Wallum, Karen Smith, Heather Young, Jeanette Kofahl, Mary Trowbridge, Kathie Woika, Greg VanDussen. Row 3. Judy Culotta, Mary Jane Nunn, Pam Wallum, Judy Barrett, Teasha Fisher, Nancy Baxter. Row 4. Susan Schroeder, Susan Scharf, Caroline Schneggenburger, Ann Adams, Mary Lou Stark, Sarah Denny, Ann DeRooy, Lori Stutzman, Sara Merle. Row 5. Amy Rydholm, Lorrie Gammack, Courtney Townsend, Mary Michels, Sharon Zacher, Anne Marie Lovria, Carol Wittlinger, Jen Endsley, June Stack, Gail Walker, Nancy Vredenburg. Row 6. Marilyn Lange, Jo Vineyard, Martha Haggety, Irma Phelps, Toby Dole, Dave Derk, Alex Gage, Christa Fathergill, Karen Westerman, Alethia Keiper

Women's Lay Director Walk #29

I thank and praise God for allowing me to serve as the Lay Director for Women's Walk # 29. Only through our Father God, could I have received the courage, strength and peace to lead the team and Pilgrims that He selected for this walk. God truly blessed me with an awesome team to work with. We encountered some "hiccups" along our teaming process and then the weekend, but this only caused us to draw closer together as we encouraged and prayed each other through. God prepared us for the awesome Ladies He sent on the walk. From the moment we met each other on Thursday night we knew we had a group of "joy-filled" and "joy-full" Ladies. Each one of us was bathed, soaked and steeped in God's ever present Spirit through the communities acts and gifts of love given over the weekend. One thing I know that we were all reminded of, is that God cares so deeply for us. Right down to the tiniest detail like the type and color of flower for a daughter's wedding... "Blue Hydrangeas"! We all love and serve an AWESOME GOD!

I Stand humbled before God for all of the work He did through each of us; the Team, the Pilgrims and all of the "behind the scenes" people. Thank you for all of your prayers and support for me, my family, the Team and the Pilgrim's of Walk # 29.

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make know among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the earth." Isaiah 12:4-5

Your Sister in Christ,
Lora Keiper

Never too Early

(From the Registrars)

Walk #30 will be held at the Clarence UMC

Men's Walk - March 3rd thru the 6th
Men's Walk deadline - February 13th
Women's Walk - March 31st thru April 3rd
Women's Walk deadline - March 13th

We would greatly appreciate the sponsors going over their applications very carefully as to not omit any address, phone number, or zip code. This will make our processing much more efficient. Also a note of importance to sponsors is to make sure if their candidate has any special needs or concerns that they make sure we are informed of them before the weekend. We send out hold-over letters to any sponsors who may have a candidate in the holdover file. It would be of great help to us if you receive one of these letters to inform us in a timely manner if your candidate will or will not be attending the upcoming walk as this would eliminate any miscommunication between us. Applications can be downloaded at <www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org>. If you have any problems please email (irv7@localnet.com) or call us at 716-373-5310.

Please remember to have a non attending spouse form if the spouse is not going to attend.

Once again it is not too early to send in your applications for the spring walks. We will send the fact and acceptance letters out as soon as we confirm there is enough pilgrims to go ahead with the Walk. If you have a pilgrim going and have not received your letter by two weeks before the Walk then please do not hesitate to contact us to clear up any situations before they become a problem.

We wish to thank all of you for your commitment to being good sponsors.

Your Registrars
Randy and Laura Walker

Ionia Gathering is not meeting in November & December.
Normal Gathering date resumes Saturday the 29th of
January.

LAY DIRECTORS AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS FOR WALK #30

It was our privilege and honor to announce the Lay Directors at the closing of Women's Walk #29 in Springville. The Lay Director for the Men's Walk (March 3 - 6 2005) is Steve Morse. The Lay Director for Women's Walk (March 31-April 3) is Chris Collins. The Reunion will be on April 16.

The Spiritual Directors for Walk #30 are Steve Calos for the Men's Walk and Garry McCaffery for the Women's Walk. Walk #30 will be held at Clarence UMC in Clarence, New York. This will be the first time we hold a Walk in Clarence. Our prayers go with these Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors as they prayerfully put together the teams for Walk #30.

Reflections from Outgoing Spiritual Director

Just what does the Community Spiritual Director do? The CSD is responsible for finding the clergy persons who spiritually direct the weekend walks, and for helping find other clergy persons to serve on the walks and give the "grace talks." I also attend the monthly Board meetings, and provide spiritual input as needed. Taking part in the Closing at Walks is also a privilege.

I have enjoyed the past three years as your WNY Emmaus Community Spiritual Director! There have been moments of challenge and moments of joy, as I have seen lives changed and new commitments made. Thank you for those moments. We welcome Rev. Ron Isamen to this position and pray for the new dimensions his leadership will bring. May God bless us all as we continue to serve God in our own unique ways.

To God be all the glory!
Jo Vineyard

Emmaus/Chrysalis Christmas Party Saturday December 4th

The Medina/Millville Gathering will be hosts for this years Christmas Party, from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday December 4, 2004. This is an Emmaus function, so snacks will be part of the activities. Maybe your special, favorite Christmas recipe? If you or a group will be doing any entertainment (Eg. song, skit, poem) please call Cheryl and Jesse Babcock - 585-589-7413 or email @ <babcock@lakeplains.net>Entertainers and Musicans are encouraged to participate.

Directions:

From Buffalo Area: NYS Thruway to Pembrook exit.(48A) North on Rt. 77.Rt. 77 and Rt. 63 become one. Continue North until Junction with Rt.31A. Turn right on 31 A. Millville UMC is on the left side of 31A (5 - 6 Miles)

From Rochester Area: Rt. 490 West to Rt. 531. %31 to end. Left on Rt. 31. Just West of Brockport follow 31A signs. Stay on Rt. 31A. Millville UMC is about 5 - 6 miles past intersection with Rt. 98.

From the South: Rt 98 North to 31A left on 31A. OR 77 South and follow directions above for Buffalo Area.

(Hope to see you all there)

Agape Corner

The term "Agape" is God's gifts of love. We all know how wonderful it is to receive all the precious agape on a walk. A gentle reminder, ALL special gifts of Agape that are of a personal nature (one to one)are to be given to pilgrims or team AFTER the conclusion of the walk not during the course of the weekend.

When sponsors or others are collecting mail for that wonderful twelve letter package on Sunday it would be a great help to mark their letters accordingly. It is very important to assure that the most significant letters are put in the mail bag. They should be marked in the upper right corner of the envelope with such things as this: S (for spouse) or you can write husband/wife, mother/father, sister/brother, pastor, child or son/daughter, aunt/uncle or some can be just plain family. The important thing is to be able to define who it is from. Those twelve letters are very important and it helps in the sorting process, instead of having to guess if we chose the right letters. If you have any questions please feel free to send me an email and I will try my best to answer them in a timely fashion. Another thing you might think about is adding the Western New York web site to your favorites list as well as the other address for the on-line prayer vigil. You can access it either way and there are other walks who welcome praying people. I have included both of the addresses here. www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org or www.3dayol.org/Vigil

Thank you to everyone who has reached out and with the grace of God's hands have enriched the lives of others by sponsoring them on the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. May God bless all.

DeColores,
Vicki Perry

Heartfelt Thanks

We would like to thank members of the Emmaus Community for their thoughts and prayers. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Cards of encouragement and well wishes certainly bouy our spirits and strenghten our Faith. God Bless you all.

Don and Sue Crawford
898 Ridge Road Lot 14
Webster, NY 14580.

PS. Still no visitors, please.

Music Coordinators

As outgoing Music Coordinators of the WNY Emmaus/Chrysalis Board of Directors we want to thank God for the opportunity to serve Him in an area we both enjoy and love so much. The past three years have been an area of tremendous growth for us. We have been challenged to accept organizational and leadership roles we never dreamed of and have experienced God's marvelous grace through them all.

We have met wonderful folks along the way- and that includes literally all of you!!

Our love and thanks to all you faithful talented musicians. You accepted the challenge to be trained and devote your time and energy to the many opportunities that the Emmaus/ Chrysalis experience provides for musical praise.

Thank you to the entire community for the joy in your singing. What worship we share in song!!

In His Harmonious Love,
Jan and Mike Mortimer

Emmaus Board of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone
2005	Chair	Gary & Sue Clarcq	(585) 323-1910
2004	Sprt. Director	Jo Vineyard	(585) 237-5582
2005	Agape	Vicki Perry	(585) 593-4262
2005	Facilities	Randy and Renee Kent	(716) 763-2255
2005	Clergy	Garry McCaffery	(716) 741-2462
2005	Registration	Randy & Laura Walker	(716) 373-5310
2005	Evangelism	Pat Corsette	(716) 826-6840
2006	4 th Day	Lynn & Pat Blakeman	(716) 373-6470
2006	Supplies	Jim & Donna Coleman	(585) 385-1296
2006	Library	Jack & Kathie Woika	(585) 343-3813
2006	Wknd Coord.	Allen & Alethia Keiper	(585) 591-0502
2006	Clergy	Carol Sierk	(585) 591-2410
2004	Team Select	Tom Heiss	(585) 586-4116
2004	Music	Jan & Mike Mortimer	(716) 373-2237
2004	Kitchen	Jeff & Pam Mellon	(716) 372-1836
2004	Secretary	Chris Collins	(585) 227-1519
2004	Treasurer	Pat & Steve Morse	(585) 798-1605
2004	Newsletter	Jim Moody	(585) 765-9644

Gathering Schedule

Fairport Gathering:

Hosanna Junction UMC - Sunday of the month
357 Fairport Road (Rt. 31F)
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 (call ahead for child care)
Debra Wolfe - Child Care Contact 585-458-3166
Chris Collins 585-227-1519

"Niagara" Area:

Lockport Emmanuel UMC - 2nd Saturday of month
6:00 P.M. - Meeting
Dave & Janice McKinney 716-434-5471

Alexander:

Alexander UMC - 3rd Saturday of the 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
9:30 A.M. coffee - Meeting: 10:00 A.M.
Please call ahead for child care
Ruth Zimmerman 537-9524

Enchanted Mountain (Olean):

Christ UMC - 3rd Wednesday of month
7:00 P.M. - Meeting
Jan Mortimer 716-373-2237 <mortimer@localnet.com>

Ionia:

Ionia UMC Last Saturday of the month
7:00 P.M. - Meeting
John and Ann Becker 585-924-0568



Buffalo Area:

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

Hamburg/Buffalo Southtowns:

Hamburg UMC - Methodist Meeting House
3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M.
Gary Caldwell 716-649-3889

Medina/Millville:

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

Napoli:

Napoli UMC
4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.
Rick Peters - 938-6800

Newsletter Deadline December 20, 2004

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