



Rainbow Connection



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WNY Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk # 30 Clarence United Methodist Church



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Walks #31 to be Held in Olean, NY

*Men's Walk October 13th-16th 2005 Women's Walk November 17th-20th 2005
Deadline for Men - Sept. 20th 2005 Deadline for Women - October 20th 2005*

These Walks will be at Christ United Methodist Church in Olean, the hub of Western New York. This facility is all on the ground floor so there are no steps to climb inside or entering the building. There are no showers, but there is air conditioning, if needed. We would appreciate and encourage anyone sponsoring pilgrims to send us forms as soon as possible so we can direct all needed info. to the proper areas in due time. Also, double check forms to see everything is filled out and legible. We are serving out our final year as registrars of this wonderful community and put this out to those that might be interested in serving the board in the capacity of Registrars. If this is something that you feel led to, please give us a call and we'll be glad to answer any questions you may have. May God Bless,
The Walkers
716-373-5310 or irv7@localnet.com

Kitchen Korner

Boy, what a korny name for an article!!

Christa and I would like to throw out one more set of thank you's to everyone who helped, offered to help or showed support in any form during Walk #30. What an experience for us to be part of such a strong witness of Christians working in a common cause! The Walk to Emmaus is powerful in so many obvious ways, but there's power behind-the-scenes as well. Christ has a way of making the necessary talents and resources available. Jesus meshes many different parts together to get jobs done, sort of a loaves-and-fishes thing with people. We feel blessed to behold these things. And the facility! Clarence UMC has some kitchen!

In the months to come, we ask the community to consider the Emmaus' current need for two 100-cup coffee makers (not necessarily new, but workable and maybe currently gathering dust somewhere), as well as new decorations for Saturday night's dinner. Some of our brightly colored rainbow tablecloths are no longer so brightly colored. Other decorations are also beginning to lose their shine. So, if you see any bright ideas in supply magazines or garage sales, please keep future Walks in mind. Please mention these needs within your gatherings and community.

We pray for a blessed and renewing spring for all our brothers and sisters!

De Colores!
Bob and Christa Fathergill
Kitchen Coordinators

Fairport Gathering Change

This month's gathering will be held on the third Sunday of the month (May 15th) since May 8th is Mothers Day

Your 4th Day Connection

The Reunion for Walk #30 is now past and what a great Reunion it was! We don't have an official count, but we believe there were about 130 people in attendance. If you missed this one, you also missed the 1st presentation of the new WNY Sponsorship Seminar!

We need to communicate one important correction to the information provided at the Seminar. The Board of Directors recently voted to increase the Registration fee for Pilgrims to \$75 and Team to \$70.

The information given at the Reunion indicated the old fees. It will be updated before the next Sponsorship Seminar.

The Fairport Gathering is hosting this year's picnic at Mendon Ponds Park. Mark your calendars now for July 30th. Watch for further details!

DeColores!
Lynn & Pat Blakeman

From The Lay Director - Walk # 30

It is hard to believe that Women's Walk # 30 is over already. And what a Walk it was! God was evident in every aspect of the week-end.

The pilgrims, alias new members of the Emmaus Community, are a faith-filled, fun-loving bunch of women and a fantastic example

of Christianity in action. The Team was terrific as well, blending together in Christian fellowship right from the start. There was a great turnout at the Reunion on April 16th too, in spite of the beautiful weather that might have tempted folks to stay away. Thank

you, everyone, for all your prayers and support. We serve an awesome God ... and how fortunate we are to have that opportunity!

Love, Chris Collins

Board Positions Opening in 2006

The Walk to Emmaus is a Lay movement that requires the involvement

of the Emmaus community in leadership positions for it to be effective. There are amazing gifts and talents in our community and one way we can share these is through serving on the Board of Emmaus.

Several Board positions will change in January 2006. New positions need to be filled in September so that the new people will have an opportunity to "train" during the fall I walks.

To be on the Board a person must be nominated by someone in the Emmaus/Chrysalis community. You can nominate yourself. Each position can be filled singularly or as a couple. Meetings are held the third Friday of every month at Trinity UMC in Attica, NY at 7:00 p.m. Each of these positions is held for three years.

Agape - takes care of filling the bags and envelopes on the weekends. They coordinate long distance agape with other Emmaus/Chrysalis communities and the completion of the 72-hour prayer vigil. They also set up agape parties and distribute packets of placemats and napkins for decorating.

Facilities - is responsible for locating and reserving facilities for the walks and flights, last teaming, and reunion. They choose the facility a year in advance and coordinate the set up and clean up of the weekends.

Registration - makes sure all registrations are accurate and that sponsors have done their job correctly. They send letters of acceptance to both pilgrims and sponsors. They collect the registration money and keep the community advised of procedures and deadlines through the Rainbow Connection. They are present at Sponsors' Hour and supply nametag buttons.

Evangelism - provide information to Western New York churches about the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. They are available to come to local churches to spread the news and educate people.

Clergy - The Clergy person who holds this position manages and orders books for sale on the book table and also helps maintain the spiritual priority and purpose of the weekends. If you feel God nudging you to serve, please contact us or any other current Board member. Complete job descriptions are available from our Librarians, Kathy and Jack Woika, or us. Speaking with current people who hold the position would be very helpful. Christ is counting on YOU! "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" 1 Peter 4:10

Decolores,
Gary and Sue Clarcq

Weekend Fees Increase

The International Walk to Emmaus in Nashville has recently informed all Communities that fees must be increased in order to cover increasing costs. Because of that, at the February 2005 WNY Emmaus Board of Directors meeting, an increase in team fees to \$70.00 and Pilgrim fees to \$75.00 was approved. This is effective beginning with the Fall 2005 Walks in Western New York.

Gary and Sue Clarcq,
Community Lay Directors

Walk 31#

Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors

At the Women's Closing for Walk #30 we announced with great joy the Lay Directors for Walk #31 to be held in Olean at Christ United Methodist Church. The Lay Director for the Men's Walk (October 13 thru 16) is **Randy Kent**. The Lay Director for the Women's Walk (November 17-20) is **Shirley London**. The Reunion will be Dec. 3. The Spiritual Directors for Walk #31 are **Carol Sierk** for the Men's Walk and **Ron Sellers** for the Women's Walk. Our prayers go with these Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors as they prayerfully put together the teams for Walk #31.

Gary and Sue Clarcq,
Community Lay Directors

Happy Mother's Day

All Community Members

At the end of December, 2005 our term as Board Chairpersons (Community Lay Directors) ends. This may seem like a long time away, but it isn't. The Board Chair(s) is nominated and elected by the membership of the Western New York Community. It is time to consider our replacements. The Board Chair oversees all activities and Board positions and must be held by someone with a thorough understanding and heart for the Walk to Emmaus experience. A commitment to the Walk to Emmaus Model and the Covenant with Upperroom Emmaus is essential. Please read and consider the article "Leadership Selection" as you prayerfully prepare to select new leadership.

In His Love,
Gary and Sue Clarcq

Contact the Board Chairs

Questions, concerns and comments are always welcome:
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Leadership Selection

The selection of new leaders for a community is of utmost importance. New leaders not only perpetuate the ministry, they also establish perspectives which take it into the future. When the Christian community found it necessary to replace Judas (Acts 1:1-26), they established this criteria for candidacy: "One of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us" (v. 21-22). From this requirement we can see a number of essential qualities in the search for new leadership.

Duration. Leaders need to be drawn from those who have been part of things for a long period of time. Duration provides perspective, an ability to see "the big picture" and lead in relation to it. Leaders must be those who know the path, who are walking on the path, and can guide others on the path. Leaders are responsible for holding the vision, guarding against its erosion, and guiding the community in its evolution.

Depth. Length of association also means that new leaders will have been part of the community long enough to know it realistically. Starry-eyed leadership will only lead to disappointment. Leaders must be those who have seen the community at its best, and at its worst, and who know that God is present both in the good times and in the bad.

Devotion. Leaders must be those whose commitment is unquestioned. Many other things will be questioned in the course of ones leadership; that's the nature of community life. There will be disagreements and difficulties. One thing must be certain: the new leader is one whose devotion to the mission and ministry is unquestioned. He or she must be one the community trusts.

Decisiveness. Here is a message for the community itself. The early Christians put forth two names, Justas and Matthias. Each was deemed worthy to be the next apostle, and doubtless each had his group of supporters. But when the election was held, and Matthias was chosen, the whole community gave him their support. There was no grumbling among those who lost. Instead, the whole group supported Matthias and moved forward. This is a mark of maturity in any community: the ability to get behind new leaders even if your favorite was not chosen.

Emmaus/Chrysalis Prayer Chain

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 Ann Becker at <Emmaus @frontiernet.net>. Phoned in requests should be made to Ann at 585-924-0568.

Team Selection Process...

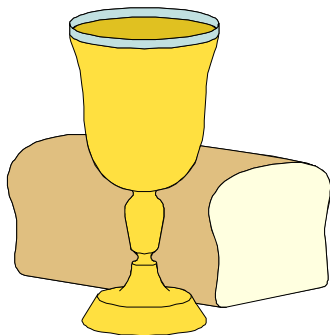
The Team Selection Committee met with the Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors for Walk #31 on the afternoon of Reunion for Walk #30. We'd like to share a few words about the process of Team Selection. Prior to the meeting, the Lay Directors are given instructions on how the team is to be selected. At the same time, the entire committee is instructed to make lists of eligible community members to be considered for each of the positions on the team; clergy, experienced (have been on 3 or more teams), mid experienced (have been on 1-3 teams), musicians, and new team members (never been on a team). Then, at the Team Selection meeting, the committee, the Lay Directors, and Spiritual Directors work together to complete the Lay Director's Team Selection Worksheet. Three persons are considered for each of the available positions on each of the teams. When the worksheets are complete, the Lay Directors begin the joyful task of calling persons to be on the team. Throughout the process of team selection, everyone involved "prays without ceasing" for God's wisdom, guidance, and will to be done. We ask that the entire Emmaus Community join us in praying for God's teams for Walk #31. If anyone has questions concerning the team selection process, please, call anyone on the Team Selection Committee.

To God be the glory!
Hal and Carol Goodwin
Team Selection Coordinators

Pass The Mustard?

The annual WNY Walk to Emmaus picnic will be held on July 30th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at Mendon Ponds Park. We're starting to become reacquainted in Western New York with the Lord's blessing of warm weather, so this picnic doesn't seem far away. Put it on your calendars to bring the kids and their friends, the Frisbees, the volleyballs and the rollerblades. I wonder if anyone will have any interest in a bike ride? Well, maybe that all sounds pretty ambitious for four hours but we like to aim high in God's kingdom!

We'll be sharing more specific information about this event in the weeks to come, but if you have any questions or ideas, feel free to contact anyone in the Fairport area Emmaus community, but most directly Bob Fathergill at cfatherg@rochester.rr.com.



From the Secretary

Please contact me with changes in your name, address, phone number, and email so that we can keep the Emmaus directory up-to-date, and you will continue to receive the Newsletter. Thank you!

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2007	Treasurer	Bill & JoAnn Arnett	(585) 798-1224
2007	Newsletter	Jim Moody	(585) 637-7947

Gathering Schedule

Fairport Gathering:

Hosanna Junction UMC - 2nd 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

*Change this Month
Meets 3rd Sunday*

“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)
Kathy Wessel & Bob Neamon 585-547-9221.

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 May 20, 2005

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