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MEN'S WALK # 31 CANCELLED DUE TO LOW NUMBERS

It is with great sadness we write this article. In the Nashville Model, which we follow in our Western NY Community, it states that in order to have a Walk you must have 20 pilgrims. About one year ago, the WNY Board of Directors discussed this topic at length and then voted to establish 12 pilgrims as the minimum number to hold a Walk. The Men's Walk # 31 deadline for registration was Sept 23. We waited till Sept. 26 before deciding to cancel the Men's Walk. The board was asked to pray about this situation. They voted and it was decided that with only 9 pilgrims registered, we would adhere to the number of twelve. All 9 men will be rescheduled to attend the Spring, 2006 Walk.

In a unanimous vote, the Board has decided to hold Women's Walk #31 on Nov. 17-21 at the Christ UMC in Olean. There are still openings for women to be sponsored. If you are interested in sponsoring someone, please call Randy or Laura Walker at 716-373-5310 or write them at 147 North 9th Street, Olean, NY 14760. Sponsorship forms are available on the website www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org. The deadline for sponsorship is Oct. 28. Please prayerfully consider this gift to another.

Wouldn't it be great if every time a storm came up in our lives, our Lord would just say "Peace, be still" to calm everything down? He doesn't always choose to solve our problems that way. Many times, He calls us (like Peter) to walk on the water, in the midst of the waves, on faith only. And it is our choice to trust ... or live controlled by fear of drowning. We must always keep our eyes focused on His power, or we'll see waves and go under. We know that God is good all the time and he will guide us through these times.

We ask that you continue to pray for the Women's Team, for those pilgrims coming to Walk #31 and for those who haven't been sponsored yet. We ask for your understanding and prayers as we make these difficult decisions.

Gary and Sue Clarq
Chairpersons, Board of Directors

WNY Women's Walk to Emmaus # 31 Christ UMC, Olean

Dates: November 17 - 20, 2005

Sponsorship Deadline: October 28, 2005

Reunion: December 3, 2005

Women's Walk #31

November 17th-20th 2005

Sponsorship Deadline - October 28th 2005

The facility in Olean is all on the ground floor. 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 assure that everything is filled out and legible. Please contact us with questions.

Randy and Laura Walker
716-373-5310 or irv7@localnet.com

Team Changes

Please note the following changes:

Women - Clergy
Jeff Nowak

Blessings on Jeff for his willingness to serve our Lord!

Women's Walk # 31 Team Dates

October 7, 8 - Alexander UMC
October 28, 29 - Christ UMC, Olean

Reunion - December 3
Christ UMC, Olean

Women's Team - Walk # 31

Spiritual Director	Ron Sellers
Clergy	Kim Sellers
Clergy	Jo Vinyard
Clergy	Shirley Davidson
Clergy	Jeff Nowak
Lay Director	Shirley London
ALD – Chapel	Carol Goodwin
ALD – Agape	Sue Clarcq
ALD – Bell Ringer	June Adams
Table Leader	Sue Doherty
Table Leader	Jan Fuller
Table Leader	Cheryl Babcock
Table Leader	Ann DeRooy
Table Leader	Kathy Wessel
Table Leader	Vicki Perry
A. Table Leader	Janice McKinney
A. Table Leader	Beth Priset
A. Table Leader	Char Smith
A. Table Leader	Bev Rosbrook
A. Table Leader	Donna Klembczyk
A. Table Leader	Toby Dole
Musician	
Musician	Mary Beth Trenchard
Logistics	Cheryl Isaman
Logistics	Pam Mellon
Board Rep.	Karen Westerman

Directions to Christ United Methodist Church

From Rochester: Interstate 390S to Dansville, then Route 36S to Hornell, then Route 86W 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, then 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 Street. At first light, turn left onto Main Street. At Oviatt Street, turn left and follow into church parking lot. The church phone # is 716.372.3495

GUITARS OR INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS?

Several years ago, I purchased a new guitar. I was purposeful in my selection of a fine instrument that would service my needs for very long time. As a musician, I used this guitar everyday and enjoyed greatly the experience.

But one day I noticed that the finish on this instrument was separating from the body. With much concern I returned the guitar to its place of purchase knowing well that it was warranted for life. The instrument was packaged up and returned to its maker for repair. To make very long story short, I received a call from the craftsman that made this guitar informing me that the instrument could not be repaired. That, in fact, the “lifting” of the finish was but a sign of a much deeper flaw that rendered the instrument imperfect.

The truth of the matter was that over the years I owned the guitar it was developing this problem. However, it happened so subtly as to be indiscernible to me. But in the hands of its maker, the flaw was blatantly undeniable. What had been created to be perfect had become imperfect.

As I thought about this situation, I became all too aware that this was not unlike each of us. Our Maker created perfect man, but through our own efforts, we render ourselves imperfect. Often times our flaws develop so gradually that we fail to recognize them in ourselves. But in the hands of our Creator, they are fully exposed.

So, as with my Guitar, we return to our maker. Just as that skilled craftsman recognized that the instrument was beyond repair, our Craftsman recognizes that there is no repairing to us. Rather, He “recreates” us. We become “instruments of righteousness” (Romans 6:13) through the death of our old self and rebirth anew.

Now, from time to time, I take my guitar to the craftsman to be checked. To find little problems that could become much worse without much notice. So too, as new creations, we need to turn to our maker regularly for our “tune up”. And as with my instrument, there is no charge for this work. When I paid for the guitar, it was guaranteed for life. So too for us, the price has already been paid, once and for all time.

Bill Lang
Emmaus Music Board Representative

The Big Picture

Have you ever noticed how fast life goes by? I am reminded of Psalm 39. The Psalmist speaks of the fleeting nature of life. It also reminds me of a book I read in college entitled “*The Tyranny of the Urgent*”. So many demands come upon us in life that we can get caught up in the myriad of small yet important things and miss the BIG PICTURE.

The sharing of our faith in a way that assists Jesus in transforming someone’s life is at the heart of the Walk to Emmaus movement. This happens in moments of time when someone encourages, inspires or disciples us in the faith. We at that moment become a part of the big picture. God is channeling his grace through our lives to bring reconciliation and transformation.

My prayer is that we all can be open enough to the Holy Spirit so that in all the fleeting moments Jesus can touch another life.
Ron Isaman
Community Spiritual Director

Dear Emmaus Community,

I dearly remember (in someone’s talk) something about seeing a rainbow created by the combination of one’s tears and God’s light. Thank you for allowing His light to shine through you. Your compassionate response to our tragedy has helped us begin the healing process.

Our eyes have been opened to see the innate goodness in people. You surely are created in God’s image and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

May God bless you for blessing us,

Jerry and Cindy Morrison

Kitchen Korner ...

Women's Walk number 31 is will soon be upon us and I can hear the pots and pans banging up against each other. Shortly, we'll be wrapping up preparations and hitting high gear on the road to Olean, but hopefully not alone! We're really looking forward to another weekend, not only serving in God's kitchen but fellowshipping along the way with all of you who agree to help. Several slots remain open, so if you are in the Olean area and can spare a few hours, or if you plan to travel to take part in any of the weekend activities, please consider taking a turn helping prepare with meal preparation or clean up afterwards.

Please drop us a line ahead of time to let us know you'll be there, so we can plan our food inventory accordingly. This may be volunteer work, but at least we can feed you! And remember to include the lay directors, spiritual directors, and their teams (and pilgrims) in your prayers. God bless you all! DeColores!

Bob & Christa Fathergill
(585) 387-0928
cfatherg@rochester.rr.com

Agape Reminders ...

In just a few weeks, we will gear up for Women's Walk # 31. Have you begun to prepare your Agape? Do you need ideas? If so, consider items at Wal Mart, craft stores and Christian book stores. Or, let the Lord work through you to get your creative juices flowing. Perhaps your Gathering could have an Agape party!

The online prayer vigil is available. Please consider filling a time slot to pray for both the pilgrims and team. Prayer is a wonderful way to show God's love! You may also sign up online to support other communities world-wide. It is truly special to show others that God's love surrounds them from all corners of the world.

Let's make Women's Walk # 31 as special as previous Walks. Remember, God made each of us unique. God enables us to use our talents. Our task is to put them to good use as we serve. God's blessings, one and all!

Love in Christ,
Vicki Perry - Agape Coordinator

Congratulations to Amy Loyd, who married Jerry Trass on August 20. We pray that God will bless you with many happy years together.

Grace & peace from Team Selection ...

The process of selecting prospective team members for Walk # 32 will take place at the Reunion of Walk # 31. Those who are asked to serve on team should participate in all Teamings, the Walk and the Reunion. Those asked to serve who are unable to fully participate in the team experience should prayerfully consider waiting until a time when they are able. Remember there are many ways to serve the team and pilgrims other than being on team.

DeColores!

Hal & Carol Goodwin

Our deepest sympathy to Jim and Mary Kay Birch in the loss of Jim's sister and to Lynn and Pat Blakeman in the loss of Pat's brother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

GATHERING NEWS!

2005 Alexander Gathering Dates:
October 8
November 12
December 17

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Please call Bob Neamon or Kathy Wessel at 585.547.9221 with child care needs in advance. Thank you!

Contact the Board Chairs

Questions, concerns and comments are always welcome:

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

WALK # 31 SPONSORS

Women's Walk # 31 is November 17 - 20, 2005 in Olean. The deadline for women applicants is October 28th. Please let us know by email, phone or application before this date, as we hold to a strong policy that no applications will be accepted after this date. This assures, in part, that all responsibilities are completed in time for the weekend.

We enjoy serving you! If you have any questions about sponsoring or registrations, please call 716.373.5310 or email us at irv7@localnet.com. We look forward to seeing everyone. Should you desire hotel information, we are pleased to offer suggestions. Call or write, as needed.

In Christ,
Laura and Randy Walker

Online Subscriptions

Any Community members who have internet capability can receive the Rainbow Connection every month through the WNY Emmaus website. www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org Send your email address to our Seceretary, Judy Hunley at <jhunley@rochester.rr.com>. She will then forward your request to Clara Wilder, our electronic edition publisher. You will be notified when the latest edition is posted. Jim Moody (editor) - 585-765-9644 or jxmoody@yahoo.com

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 desire 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.

Emmaus Board of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone
2005	Chair	Gary & Sue Clarcq	(585) 323-1910
2007	Sprt. Dir.	Ron Isaman	(716) 373-3616
2005	Agape	Vicki Perry	(585) 593-4262
2005	Facilities	Randy and Renee Kent	(716) 763-2255
2005	Clergy	Nilla Owen	(585) 584-3329
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
2007	Team Select	Hal & Carol Goodwin	(585) 798-4593
2007	Music	Bill Lang	(585) 591-0477
2007	Kitchen	Bob & Christa Fathergill	(585) 387-0928
2007	Secretary	Judy Hunley	(585) 377-0894
2007	Treasurer	Bill & JoAnn Arnett	(585) 798-1224
2007	Newsletter	Jim Moody	(585) 765-9644

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

“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 - **See 2005 schedule inside**
7:00 P.M.- Meeting (child care as needed)
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
Lee and Ruth Packer 585-367-3827

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 6:30 P.M.
Rick Peters - 938-6800

Newsletter Deadline October 20, 2005

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