



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

November, 2005

Women's Walk to Emmaus # 31



Front: Bob and Christa Fathergill Row 1: Geniece Perkins, Lynette Cheek, Kim Crooks, Marie DeYoe, Barbara Woodworth, Martha Button, Barbara Mosher, Judy Hoberg, Debby Swift Row 2: Mary Beth Trenchard, Cheryl Isaman, Pastor Shirley Davidson, Shirley London, Pastor Jo Vineyard, Bev Rosbrook, Sue Doherty, Kathy Wessel-Neamon, Beth Priset, Vicki Perry, Ann DeRooy, Janet Fuller Row 3: Jan Mortimer, Pam Mellon, Char Smith, Cheryl Babcock, Karen Westerman, Pastor Kim Sellers, Donna Klembczyk, Janice McKinney, Carol Goodwin, June Adams, Toby Dole, Sue Clarcq, ROW 4: Pastor Ron Sellers, Pastor Jeff Nowak

Walk # 31 Reunion / Emmaus Christmas Party

Christ UMC, Olean

December 3, 2005

9:00 am - Reunion

12:30 pm - Christmas Party

Merry Christmas !!

“And so they (the visitors) left, and on their way they saw the same star they has seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the Child was.”
Matthew 9-10

It is said that the older you get the faster time goes. Well for me it seems like 2004 was yesterday. Here we are already through Thanksgiving and planning for Christmas already.

The Enchanted Mountain Gathering in Olean is hosting this year's Christmas Party. The event will be a combined Reunion/Christmas Party. This year's event will be a little different from those in the past. The Reunion will be held in the morning and the party begins at about noon or shortly thereafter. If you are coming for the party only, please arrive by 12:20. We will partake of dinner together with the turkey provided. There will also be a "REUNION" cake to celebrate our new pilgrims! All you need to bring are enough of your favorite "trimmings" to share. Remember, the date is December 3rd at the Christ United Methodist Church in Olean. Directions are included below. If your Gathering has a skit, a song or some other form of entertainment to share, please forward a note to Jan Mortimer (mortimer@localnet.com or (716) 373 - 2237.

Looking back on the year it is good to note that the Sponsorship Committee has completed the majority of its work. A big thank you to those who participated and gave their time, talents and efforts. As a result, we now have a complete Sponsorship Seminar presentation. The committee has recommended a mentoring program to help assure our membership provides the kind of sponsorship needed to make our community an effective vehicle for developing church leaders in Western New York. The Board of Directors has approved this plan. We will be approaching some of the more experienced people in the community to act as Sponsorship Mentors in the near future.

As we close out 2005, Pat and I are in our final year on the Board. It has been a fantastically rewarding experience, one that has both challenged and uplifted us spiritually. In an effort to provide a smooth transition for the Board, we are seeking volunteers who might be interested in assisting in 4th Day activities over the next couple of years. In doing so, the turnover to new Coordinators would be "seamless". 4th Day people organize and plan community events, assist with getting the word out and oversee special projects. If you have felt the nudge to get a little more involved with Emmaus in Western New York, please let us know.

Lynn and Pat Blakeman
720 Hoop St.
Olean, NY 14760
(716) 373-6470 (home)
(716) 307-9433 (cell)

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

GATHERING NEWS!

2005 **Alexander Gathering** Date:
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!

West Bank Gathering Cancelled in December
Please attend the Reunion / Christmas Party in Olean!

New Community Lay Directors Announced

We are pleased to announce that the new Community Lay Directors for Western New York Walk to Emmaus are Carol and Hal Goodwin. Their 3-year term begins on January 1, 2006. Our congratulations and thanks to them for their willingness to continue serving the WNY Community. God's blessings to Carol and Hal!

Walk # 32 Lay and Spiritual Directors Announced

We are very pleased to announce that the Lay Director for WNY Womens Walk #32 is Patricia Morse. The Spiritual Director is Pastor Emily Frank. Randy Kent and Pastor Carol Sierk will be the Lay and Spiritual Director's respectively for Men's Walk #32. Congratulations to all four servants of God. Both Walks will be held at Grace United Methodist Church in Rochester. The Men's Walk will be held March 2-5, 2006. The Women's will be March 30 – April 2, 2006. The reunion is scheduled for April 22, 2006.

New Arrival !!

After many years of searching, the Emmaus Community of Western New York is finally the proud owner of a new supplies trailer. It's a fully enclosed Wells Cargo trailer in excellent condition and should serve us well for many years to come. We are currently looking into painting the "Walk to Emmaus" logo on the two sides – a little advertising can never hurt.

Peace, Jim & Donna Coleman

Evangelism - Pat Corsette

It has been a pleasure serving the Emmaus Community for three years as Evangelism Chair on the Board of Directors. It was an honor to represent you as I traveled to churches across WNY to spread the word about Emmaus and offer the 'gift' of an Emmaus walk to all interested persons.

Paul and Marylou Stark will soon assume Evangelism responsibilities. Please let them know when and how they can serve you. They are eager as I am to share the joy!

Decolores! God Bless You!

Pat Corsette

From the Outgoing Community Lay Directors

The WNY Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors is considering revisions to the by-laws of the WNY Community. The by-laws committee has presented the revisions to the Board and they will be voted on at the December 2005 Board of Directors Meeting. Once approved, they will be made available on our website at www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org or upon request from the Board Secretary, Judy Hunley.

The Board discussed at length the subject of Sponsorship. Please refer to the article from the Blakeman's in this issue. The Board will vote on approving those suggestions, also.

The Board has appointed Norb Fuest as Chairman of the Team Selection Committee for 2006. Pending approval of the by-laws, new rules will set forth the method for future selection of the chairperson of the Team Selection Committee.

For the last three years it has been our pleasure to serve the WNY Emmaus Community. We feel very blessed, and this community should also, for the board members who continue to spend so much time and energy to serve you. It has been a joy to work with them. We would like to thank all of you for all of your prayers and support.

God Bless You,
Sue and Gary Clarcq

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: Dec. Mtg. Cancelled

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 7:00 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 December 20, 2005

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