



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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Happy New Year !!

Our wishes for a happy, safe and blessed New Year go out to all our Emmaus Friends from your 4th Day Coordinators.

The Reunion for Walk # 31 and the annual Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 3rd 2005 at Christ United Methodist Church in Olean. As advertised, this year's festivities were a little different than we are accustomed to, but the feedback we have received so far has been all positive. There were an estimated (read "un-official") count of about 85 people present. This was amazing for many reasons – number one, because of threatening weather and the distance most of you had to drive. Of course, we didn't have a Men's Walk this fall, so that threatened to keep numbers low but even through all this we still had a decent turn out.

The Christmas party consisted of a turkey dinner complete with dressing and all the trimmings you could think of. Several people deserve a big thank you for making this event possible. From those that helped plan and serve to those who made special foods and those who provided essential parts of the meal, everything came out just right! So many things just fell into place - this was a genuine blessing from God in so many ways. It was truly a wonderful time with all our Emmaus family gathered together. We in the Southern Tier love to have you come down our way. Thank you all for coming to Olean!

The December Board of Directors meeting concluded the year by passing two important items. A new set of By-laws was approved and we voted and passed a recommendation made by the Sponsorship Team to implement a Sponsorship Mentoring Program. The recommendation is copied here for all to read:

(Passed): The Western New York Walk to Emmaus Community adopts a program wherein there be established a cadre of experienced sponsors who have demonstrated successful techniques to act as mentors for first time sponsors. These mentors would also be available to assist those in the Community who may need assistance or whom the Board of Directors so recommends. Secondly: that the Western New York Community hereby establishes a goal that each Gathering would have 1 or 2 persons (or couples) that act as Sponsorship Mentors. Sponsorship Mentors must be trained and be fully familiar with the duties and responsibilities of Sponsorship within the International Walk to Emmaus Community. Duties of the Sponsorship Mentor include (but are not limited to) training, coaching and encouraging Sponsorship within their Gathering or region. The Western New York 4th Day Coordinators are responsible to the Board of Directors for oversight of this program and as such are the central contact point for Sponsorship Mentors.

This program will further enhance sponsorship and strengthen the Walk to Emmaus in our Western New York Community. In the near future, we will seek out former sponsors to act as mentors for each Gathering. Please pray for discernment as we form our list of prospects. If we approach you, please seriously and prayerfully consider volunteering your time to help others sponsor new people into our community. The job isn't that difficult. We would ask only you to attend one training session and then hold your own sponsorship seminars about twice every year in your Gathering area with the materials that will be provided. Other than this, you would be expected to coach your sponsors through the experience and be a base of support for any questions they might have.

May God's many blessings be with you in the New Year!
Lynn and Pat Blakeman

WNY Walk to Emmaus # 32
 Grace UMC, 121 Driving Park Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613
 (585) 254-7098

Men's Weekend: March 2 - 5
 Women's Weekend: March 30 - April 2
 Reunion: April 22

Men's Team Dates

January 13, 14 - Trinity UMC, Attica
 February 10, 11 - Grace UMC, Rochester

Women's Team Dates

January 14 - St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Medina
 February 10 - 11, Oakfield UMC, Oakfield
 March 10 - 11, Grace UMC, Rochester

LORD, BLESS US TO BE A BLESSING

Please contact Pat Morse at 585-798-1605
 or pamorse1@rochester.rr.com for more
 information.

Men's Team - Walk # 32

Spiritual Dir.	Carol Sierk	#7- Means of Grace
Clergy	Troy Sellers	#9-Obstacles to Grace
Clergy	Nilla Owen	#12-Sanctifying Grace
Clergy	TBD	
Clergy	Rick Koch	#2-Prevenient Grace
Lay Dir.	Randy Kent	#14-Perseverance
ALD Chapel	Lynn Blakeman	#5-Life in Piety
ALD Agape	Mark Curtis	#15-Fourth Day
ALD Bell	Erich Jones	#1-Priorities
Table Leader	John Trowbridge	#6-Grow thru Study
Table Leader	Bill Barber	# 8-Christian Action
Table Leader	Joe Greene	# 3-Priest. of All Believers
Table Leader	Jack Woika	#10-Discipleship
Table Leader	Jesse Babcock	#11-Changing our World
Table Leader	John Becker	# 13-Body of Christ
A. Table Lead.	Doug Manzer	
A. Table Lead.	Bill Wallum	
A. Table Lead.	Mike Burley	
A. Table Lead.	Tony Chevez	
A. Table Lead.	Jim Birch	
A. Table Lead.	Brian Keesler	
Musician	Mike Mortimer	
Musician	Chris Klimecko	
Logistics	Jim Keiper	
Logistics	Harry Lockwood	
Board Rep.	Jim DeRooy	

Women's Team - Walk # 32

Spiritual Dir.	Emily Frank	
Clergy	Gregory VanDussen	
Clergy	Brian Scharf	
Clergy	TBD	
Clergy	TBD	
Lay Dir.	Pat Morse	#14-Perseverance
ALD Chapel	Pat Blakeman	#5-Life in Piety
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A. Table Lead.	Carol Ensell	
A. Table Lead.	Brita McCarthy	
A. Table Lead.	Guin Smith	
A. Table Lead.	Diane Taylor	
A. Table Lead.	Gail Walker	
A. Table Lead.	Sarah Denny	
Musician	Jean Heiss	
Musician	Kristen Jones	
Logistics	Christine Collins	
Logistics	Kellie Beechler	
Board Rep.	Kathy Woika	

A Note of Thanks from Shirley London, Women's Walk # 31 Lay Director

What a wonderful journey our Lord leads us on. I am truly blessed and grateful that He allowed me to serve as the Lay Director for Women's Walk #31. It certainly is an experience that I will never forget. Our team dinner on Thursday night left us a little apprehensive when we discovered that three of our pilgrims had withdrawn at the last minute. The team rallied quickly, table assignments were changed, and we went forth into the weekend knowing that God was in control. This was His plan for us. We were blessed to carry out His will.

When I think back about the weekend, I am blessed by this wonderful team that God chose to serve. They were truly God's servants, and they lifted and supported each other as well as our nine precious pilgrims. I am also awestruck by the music. There were times when we were joined hand to hand in a circle, that I simply needed to stop singing, close my eyes, and just travel on an uplifting surge of joy. We could really sing! God must have smiled when He heard us.

The pilgrims were a joy to watch as they traveled along this 72-hour journey. We could see them grow in their understanding of just how much God truly loves them, and how people they didn't even know prayed and worked behind the scenes. Their testimonies at closing certainly indicated that they heard Jesus talking to them during the weekend. God was in control this weekend, and we are grateful that through Him, this weekend was possible.

In Christ's Love, Shirley

Greetings from the Incoming WNY Community Lay Directors

Grace and Peace to all in the WNY Emmaus Community. We want to thank you for your support and encouragement in choosing us to serve you and our Lord Jesus Christ as Community Lay Directors for the next three years. We consider it a privilege and an honor. With your unceasing prayers and the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will do our best to be faithful to the Emmaus Model. It is our desire to keep the WNY Community strong. We feel blessed to serve, along with the rest of the board members as your representatives. Walk to Emmaus has had an enormous impact on our lives. It is our hope and prayer that it will have as great an impact on you and on the churches you are part of. There are many challenges ahead. With your continued prayers, support, encouragement, and participation our community will be healthy and strong and continue to grow and strengthen church leaders. "With God, all things are possible!"

We want to thank Gary and Sue Clarcq for their dedicated service as Community Lay Directors. Gary and Sue took their responsibilities very seriously. As a result of their leadership, we are a stronger community. We ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers. We trust that God will continue to use them and that they will continue to be active in our community.

Again, thank you all. To God be the glory!
Hal and Carol Goodwin

Best of Luck
Carol and Hal !!

A Secret Admirer

ATTENTION - WALK # 32 SPONSORS !!

Walk # 32 is soon upon us!. The cost of the Walk for each pilgrim is \$75.00, which covers obligations to the Emmaus Board in Nashville. The deposit remains at \$20.00.

The deadline for men applicants is February 17th. Please let the Wallum's know by email, phone or application before this date, as they 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.

The application deadline for women is March 17th.

If you have any questions about sponsoring or registrations for the Walk, please call Bill and Pam Wallum at 585.493.2751 or email them at erie@frontiernet.net.

Agape Corner

First of all, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The New Year will be upon us soon. The Agape position will be transitioned by the time you receive this newsletter. The past three years serving on the board have been very rewarding and at the same time, has been an enormous learning time in our lives. Our hearts have been inspired and touched by many of you. Though there were rough roads along the way, we hope we have been an inspiration. We have felt very blessed and look forward to our participation in Emmaus. There have been many changes along the way for the best of our Western New York Emmaus Community. Change is often difficult, but getting things back to the model, the model that God has set before us, is a very important part of this community.

The Agape position on the Board of Directors is a very rewarding position. To see God's love flow in from all areas of the world through long distant letters, prayers and support is quite rewarding. In turn, sending our community letters out has been very uplifting. The prayer vigil is such a blessing because it serves as an online vigil. Many people from all over the world participate. How loved and blessed we feel through the prayers of others. If you ever feel moved to pray for another community, walk or flight, go online at <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil>, look through the Walks listed and click on a prayer slot.

Agape; what would we do without it? It is such a blessing to see the variety of gifts made for each walk and flight. The best part is that it is from love. God's love has inspired all to share in the many ways. HIS love cannot be measured because it surrounds us all. We want to thank all who have encouraged us when there may have been difficult situations, as well as your encouragement and prayers throughout each weekend. Without the support and participation of the community, our efforts would not be possible.

We all are Jesus' hands and feet. We must have the willingness to participate in any way we can. Thank you for the blessings, love and prayers. We have been blessed and rewarded through this position.

"And the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love. Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony." 1 Colossians 3:14

In God's Grace, Love and Blessings,

DeColores,
Vicki & Dean Perry

From the Registrars

We are very happy to welcome the new Registrars for the WNY Walk to Emmaus, Bill and Pam Wallum. We know that they are very capable. Our community will enjoy working with them over these next three years. They are wonderful and willing servants of Emmaus. They are truly servants of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Their phone # 585-493-2751. Email is erie@frontiernet.net

We thank everyone we had contact with over the past three years. It truly was a blessing to serve such a caring community. In addition, here are some parting thoughts to aid the Wallums' do their job more efficiently for the community. The most important item for registrations is that all information is filled out properly, thus assuring all necessary information can be sent to the proper people in a timely manner. It is extremely important that diet, health, medicinal, sleeping and other needs be noted. This allows for the team to attend to a pilgrim in a relaxed atmosphere during the Walk. The website has application forms, with the updated cost of \$75 per pilgrim listed. If you cannot access the site and need an application, please call Bill and Pam.

It is very important that deadlines are adhered to. In doing so, everyone's job is much more efficient. It is the goal of the Registrars to make every pilgrim feel welcome and assured that their needs are taken care of before the Walk. That is why it's vital to have all the needed information beforehand.

If you have questions, feel free to contact the Wallums, either by phone or email. Once again, we thank everyone who made our time a true blessing.

Randy and Laura Walker

Community By-Laws Revised

After one year of work, the revised By-laws of WNY Emmaus are complete and approved by the Board of Directors of WNY Emmaus. The By-laws can be viewed on our website at www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org or by contacting the Secretary of the Board, Judy Hunley.

Special thanks to: Gary Clarcq, Pastor Jo Vineyard, Pat Morse, Pat Blakeman and Pastor Carol Sierk for their efforts.

GATHERING NEWS!

The New Year has come - all Gatherings
return to their normal schedule

What a great way to re-connect !

Try visiting one you've never attended !

Contact the Board Chairs

Questions, concerns and comments are always welcome:

Hal & Carol Goodwin
310 Park Avenue
Medina, NY 14103
(585) 798-4593
email: carolhal@lakeplains.net

THANK YOU !!

This year, six members of your Emmaus Board of Directors completed their three year term on the Board. Each one provided dedicated and loyal servanthood to you and to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We offer our heartfelt thanks for a job "well done thou good and faithful servant". Thank you!!

Pastor Nilla Owen - staying on the Board
Laura and Randy Walker
Renee and Randy Kent
Vickie Perry
Pat Corsette
Gary and Sue Clarcq

Online Subscriptions

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.

Thank you!

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 can also 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. Phone requests should be called to Ann at 585-924-0568.

Emmaus Board of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone
2008	Chair	Hal & Carol Goodwin	(585) 798-4593
2007	Sprt. Dir.	Ron Isaman	(716) 373-3616
2008	Agape	Cheryl and Jesse Babcock	(585) 589-7413
2008	Facilities	Bill Barber	(716) 689-2093
2008	Clergy	Nilla Owen	(585) 584-3329
2008	Registration	Bill & Pam Wallum	(585) 493-2751
2008	Evangelism	Paul & Mary Lou Stark	(585) 229-2366
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
2006	Team Select	Norb Fuest	(585) 591-1198
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
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 January 20, 2006

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