



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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

Three-Day Weekend

Sendoff: Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 pm

Candlight: Saturday, April 1st at 8:00 pm

Closing: Sunday, April 2nd at 4:00 pm

Reunion: April 22nd - 9:30 am to 3:30 pm



Men's Walk #32

Row 1 (L to R): Mike Burley, Jim Birch, Carol Sierk, Mike Trenchard, Christa Fathergill, Bob Fathergill, Tony Chevez, Nilla Owen, Troy Sellers, Randy Kent. Row 2: David Young, Jesse Babcock, Dean Goodison, Bob Comstock, Joe Polvino, Ken Motsenbocker, Jack Woika, John Trowbridge, Ray Hoberg, Doug Manzer, Gene Snyder. Row 3: Bill Wallum, George McKinney, Bill Barber, Mark Curtis, John Becker, Brian Keesler, Joe Greene, Bill Perkins, Lynn Blakeman, Ron Malone, George Slocum, Jim DeRooy, Rick Koch. Row 4: Harry Lockwood, Derek Cheek, Frank White, Mike Mortimer, Erich Jones, Ed Earnhart, Jim Keiper.

Pilgrims - Women's Walk # 32

Team - Women's Walk # 32

<u>Name</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Talk</u>
Ruth Canham	Millville UMC	Spiritual Dir.	Emily Frank	#7-Means of Grace
Barb Conklin	First Presbyterian, Lyons	Clergy	Gregory VanDussen	#12-Sanctifying Grace
Greta Crowell	Fairport UMC	Clergy	Brian Scharf	#2-Prevenient Grace
Marj Earnhart	Hilton UMC	Clergy	Kathleen Danley	#9-Obstacles to Grace
Connie Finney	Belfast UMC	Clergy	Nancy Bassett	#4-Justifying Grace
Linda Fredenburg	Millville UMC	Lay Dir.	Pat Morse	#14-Perseverance
Amy Goodison	Baker Memorial UMC, East Aurora	ALD Chapel	Pat Blakeman	#5-Life in Piety
Kim Hass	Franklinville Presbyterian	ALD Agape	Vickie Jones	#15-Fourth Day
Darci Hoberg	UMC of Belmont	ALD Bell	Nancy Vrendenburg	#1-Priorities
Judy Hutson	Clarence UMC	Table Leader	Brenda Deever	# 3-Priest. of All Believ.
Michele Malone	Emmanuel UMC, Lockport	Table Leader	Sharon Breton	#10-Discipleship
Erma McCann	Durand UCC, Rochester	Table Leader	Pat Corsette	#13-Body of Christ
Phyllis McKinney	Emmanuel UMC, Lockport	Table Leader	Karen Sellers	#6-Grow thru Study
Connie Motsenbocker	Penfield UMC	Table Leader	Alethia Keiper	#8-Christian Action
Bridget O'Brien	Fairport UMC	Table Leader	Sharon Zacher	#11-Changing Our World
Nanette Polvino	UMC of West Webster	A. Table Lead.	Carol Ensell	
Darcie Schwarz	Calvary Chapel, Spencerport	A. Table Lead.	Britta McCarthy	
Vivian Slocum	Orchard Park UMC	A. Table Lead.	Guin Smith	
Karla Smith	Alexander UMC	A. Table Lead.	Diane Taylor	
Sharon Snyder	Immanuel Lutheran, Olean	A. Table Lead.	Gail Walker	
Peg Wantuck	Elma UMC	A. Table Lead.	Sarah Denny	
Jessica White	Trinity UMC, Attica	Musician	Jean Heiss	
Dawn Zimmer	Grace UMC, Rochester	Musician	Kristin Jones	
		Logistics	Christine Collins	
		Logistics	Kellie Beechler	
		Board Rep.	Kathie Woika	

Directions to Grace United Methodist Church

From the South: Take 390 North to exit 22, Lexington Ave. (two exits north of the 390/490 intersection). Turn right (east) onto Lexington Ave. ** Drive east on Lexington until it dead ends into Lake Ave. (approximately 3.5 miles). Turn left (north) onto Lake Ave. The next intersection and stoplight is Driving Park. Turn left. The church is just ahead on the left. The parking lot is behind the church.

From the East: Take 490 West and then 390 North. Follow directions "From the South" .

From the North: Take 390 South to exit 22, Lexington Ave. Turn left (east) onto Lexington Ave. Follow directions from **.

From the West: Take the NY State Thruway to exit 46 / Henrietta (also 390 North and South). Follow directions "From the South."

Randy Kent, Men's Walk # 32 Lay Director

It's hard to believe that the Men's Walk to Emmaus #32 has already come and gone. The preparation for this Emmaus weekend started almost a year ago for most of our team and was definitely worth the wait. Throughout our preparations, we had some big obstacles to overcome but nothing was going to stop our Lord and Savior from allowing this Men's Walk to happen. The Lord sure showed up in a big way and blessed each one of us.

It was awesome to watch the weekend unfold as the Lord used the different talks and events to renew our minds as well as our hearts. We were able to leave our world behind for a few days and reflect on God's love and his purpose for our lives. We laughed together and sang together. Some of us shed a few tears together as we laid our burdens at the foot of the Cross. I know that through this experience, we have all been challenged to go out into our world and make a difference for Christ. I thank GOD for all that He has done for our team as well as the pilgrims attending. Also, for everyone that supported us behind the scenes. You know who you are. These Emmaus weekends couldn't happen without the love and support that so many of our Emmaus brothers and sisters offer each time.

Randy

Community Spiritual Director

Christian life is powered by God's grace. *Every* Walk teaches grace, lives grace, and depends on grace. Grace is at work whenever we sponsor someone. Grace overcomes anxiety and propels people to give awesome Talks! Grace transforms pilgrims' lives - all of our lives. Grace motivates people to serve on team. Grace is the source of "wisdom, power, and love" (Rich Mullins, "Awesome God") for everything we do in our Emmaus Community.

We have serious concerns in our Community about numbers of pilgrims. The cancellation of last fall's Men's Walk hit us all pretty hard. We sometimes wonder where the sponsors are in a Community this size. Attendance at Gatherings is not always what we'd like it to be. Too many former pilgrims have drifted away from active participation in 4th Day activities.

All of this can be discouraging, but it also prompts ideas for change. Our ideas flow from a love for Emmaus and an honest desire to improve things. Not all of them work. But the best ideas in the world will fall flat if we seek *them* before we seek *God*.

The first place we should turn - always! - is to the Source of our life, the reason we exist, the power behind Emmaus - our gracious God himself. Our greatest need - always! - is for more grace - *more of the life giving, transforming power of the Spirit to lift us up and show us the way*. Prayer - serious, searching, openhearted, persevering prayer opens us to the resources we need. I'd like to add my voice to that our Board Chairs, and call everyone in the Community to pray for the Walk to Emmaus in Western New York, *every day*.

Where and when should we pray? In Gatherings, at Teamings, in small groupings, at Reunions, and in our own personal times of prayer. We need sustained, earnest, joyful prayer that God will lead the way, show us the way, and empower us to walk in his way. God has not abandoned us, or lost interest in Emmaus! I believe God continues to count on us to be his instruments in this awesome blessing.

What or who should we pray for? Please consider praying for: each other, sponsors and potential sponsors, pilgrims and team from the most recent Walk(s) (individually or as a group), pilgrims and team from your own Walk, those God is calling to be pilgrims and team members on the next Walk(s), Board Members, Kitchen staff and others who help outside the Conference Room, the people in your Gathering, Community members who no longer participate, those who may be going through struggles or illness, and your own openness to God's grace and leading. If this list is too long to be realistic, choose one or more to focus on for a day or week at a time, then move on through the list.

Pray for an awesomely renewed flow of grace that will power us into the future God wants for us!
Greg VanDussen

Women's Walk # 32 Reminder

When arriving at Grace UMC during the weekend of the Walks and Reunion, please look for the Emmaus Community signs and use only those doors. If we all follow this request, we will prevent community from accessing areas off limits. Try to remember to not wear your cross on Saturday evening. At that point in the weekend, pilgrims are not aware of this Agape. These instructions will lead to a more enjoyable experience for the new Pilgrims. We hope to see you at candlelight and closing.

Allen and Alethia Keiper, Community Coordinators

Prayer is our connecting rod to God. Do you remember how you felt when you saw the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil with all those names on it? The prayer vigil for the Women's Walk #32 is online now.

It can be reached 2 ways;

- 1) www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org click on Prayer Vigil, or
- 2) www.3dayol.org/Vigil Scroll down until you see Western New York, click and follow the directions.

In His Name,
Cheryl and Jesse Babcock
585-589-7413 (evening)

Community Lay Directors

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” *Hebrews 10: 24-25*

At the Closing for Men’s Walk #32, I had the privilege to welcome the Pilgrims as the newest members of our Community. I shared with the Pilgrims that I was supposed to encourage and inspire them for their Fourth Day. In fact, I told them that their answers to those two questions, “What has this weekend meant to me, and what am I going to do about it?” encouraged and inspired all of us who were there at Closing. After sharing the Scripture from Hebrews 10, I asked them to look again at their new Emmaus Cross. The back of each Cross has the words, “Christ is counting on you.” I told the Pilgrims that not only is Christ counting on them; we are all counting on them too. We are counting on them to be active in their local church and to be Christ’s ambassadors wherever they are called to serve. We are also counting on them to become active in the WNY Emmaus Community. In fact, I told them that we needed them.

My friends, your Community needs you too! We need your prayers. Your Board of Directors is counting on you to “Pray continually,” that we will have wisdom to govern and lead according to God’s Will. Your Community needs your support and encouragement for all of the many things that go into putting on Walks: in the kitchen, on the support staff, for the 72 hour Prayer Vigil, making Agape, at Candle Light, Closing, Reunion. Your Community needs you to be seriously praying about sponsoring Pilgrims for upcoming Walks. It’s not too soon to be thinking about possibly serving on the Board if asked. There is a Gathering not far from where you live. I am certain they would be overjoyed to see you. If you haven’t been in a while, or have never been, make the effort to attend. You will be glad you did, and we will be glad you did!

Finally, a huge “Thank You” to all who have helped make WNY Walk to Emmaus the success it is. With your dedicated service in the past, the present, and hopefully in the future, combined with the recent new members to the Community, WNY Walk to Emmaus will continue to grow and continue to strengthen church leaders and Disciples of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

DeColores, Hal & Carol Goodwin

The Beauty of Prayer

Think back to you Walk. Do you remember your amazement when you saw that Prayer Vigil poster? I remember scanning that poster in awe. It was like all the agape we kept receiving and I just kept thinking, Wow, all these people that don’t know me really love me! God really loves me! On closer look, there were people from our area that I knew and I thought that was pretty cool. But what surprised me was the people from out of state who were praying – for me – for the other pilgrims. It was one of the many really special moments that touched my heart and can so easily be recalled.

Now imagine looking at that poster and seeing most of it blank. It certainly wouldn’t have the same impact and it might actually make you feel bad. That isn’t what the Walk is about. Or worse yet, they wouldn’t even show that poster at all! It was quiet at work one day, so I decided to read the Rainbow Connection and checked out the prayer vigil for the upcoming Walk. Out of curiosity I clicked on the “Prayer Vigil Communities List” to see what that was about. Wow! There certainly are a lot of Walks going on around the country and a bunch of them around the world. Since I work a crazy schedule I decided that I would look for walks that were going on while I was working weekend nights during the walks to see if they needed prayer warriors. I found several Walks that fit. Clicking on the first one, which happened to be taking place the following weekend, I was shocked and saddened because there were only 3 time slots filled in. I signed up immediately and continued my search, finding several over the next month. To my dismay, most of them had way too many empty slots.

What else could I do, but sign up for a whole bunch? It was really fun too. There I was, with the phone book by my side checking out the map with the time zones in the US and checking out www.greenwichmeantime.com to find out what time it would be here compared to other countries and I signed up for Walks, across the country and around the world; California, Texas, Kansas, New York, Alabama, Kentucky, and Europe! And what struck me as really cool – there are even walks, called “Kairos” inside prisons! Under God’s direction, I am starting a prison ministry at my church and it was really touching to see those and know that God was speaking to me again and showing me another way to help those in prison. That is an awesome feeling! To God be the glory!

I knew that I had to submit an article to the Rainbow Connection to let everyone know of the tremendous need for prayer during the Walks around the world. As this article is being written, there are sign-ups available in Finland, South Africa, Canada, Puerto Rico, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Hungary and many of the States in America. Please check out the website and sign up. It would be a real shame for so many people to miss out on the love of God that is so easy to share.

DeColores!

Nancy Grierson

WNYWWE #27

4th Day

Greetings from your 4th Day Coordinators! I had the privilege of serving on Team for WNY Men's Walk to Emmaus #32 in Rochester. The walk was a success and the presence of the Holy Spirit was surely among us. The Women's Walk is quickly approaching. Pat is serving on Team as well. Prayers are requested for the team and the Pilgrims.

The Reunion for Walk #32 will be held on April 22nd at Grace UMC in Rochester. See directions elsewhere in this edition. We will gather at 9:30 AM for a day of singing, eating and more of the same kind of fellowship you enjoyed on your original Walk! We encourage everyone to attend. Come and greet your old friends and have a great time. This is one of the best ways to encourage the newest Community members. The small token of Agape Love you show by being there and saying "Hello" can mean the difference between an active community member and one who doesn't participate. Thanks to God for answered prayer:

- The annual picnic will be hosted by the Medina-Millville Gathering. Watch this newsletter for further details as they develop.
- Sponsorship mentors have begun to step forward. To date we have 7 of the 11 Gatherings represented.

We are still seeking mentors for the Ionia, Niagara, Napoli and Northern Mountain View Gatherings. If you want further information please call or email us.

Lynn and Pat Blakeman

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REGISTRARS

By the time you are read this, it will be very close to the beginning of the Women's Walk. We were truly blessed during the Men's Walk in so many ways. For Bill, serving on Team for the first time was a real pleasure for him. Helping to serve the and be with the Pilgrims during their Walk is a blessing for all us. It makes our commitment to God and the work we all do to make these Walks happen much more personal and adds a great deal of understanding to what we already possess. For Pam, just being there during the Weekend was a blessing. To watch all of you as you went about your many tasks with love, for the sole purpose of serving Him and those 13 Pilgrims, was an amazing sight. Many people working together, loving each other, our Lord and our Pilgrims clearly is an example of Christ's command to "Love one another." We look forward to meeting more of you at the Women's Walk beginning on March 30.

In Christ's Love, Pam and Bill Wallum

Emmaus Board of Directors

Contact the Board Chairs

Questions, concerns and comments are always welcome:

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GATHERING NEWS

Medina/Millville: Will meet Friday, March
24th instead of March 31st.

Term	Position	Name	Phone
2008	Chair	Hal & Carol Goodwin	(585) 798-4593
2007	Sprt. Dir.	Greg VanDussen	(716) 652-3791
2008	Agape	Cheryl & Jesse Babcock	(585) 589-7413
2008	Facilities	Bill & Sue Barber	(716) 689-2093
2008	Clergy	Nilla Owen	(585) 584-3329
2008	Registration	Bill & Pam Wallum	(585) 493-2751
2008	Evangelism	Paul & MaryLou 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: (SEE DATE CHANGE INSIDE!)

Millville United Methodist Church
Last Friday of the Month - 7:00 P.M.
Jeff and Char Smith 585-798-3831

Napoli:

Napoli UMC
4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 P.M.
Rick Peters - 938-6800

Newsletter Deadline April 20, 2006

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