



Rainbow Connection



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Men's Walk #33 Cancelled Due to Too Few Registrations

It is with much sadness that we write to inform the WNY Emmaus Community that Men's Walk #33 has been cancelled due to too few registrations. According to the standard set by the Board of Directors, nearly two years ago, there must be at least 12 Pilgrims registered by the deadline in order to hold a Walk. The deadline for registrations for the Fall Walk was September 15. We waited until September 18, and had only 9 Pilgrims registered. Therefore, according to the guidelines previously established, and after prayer and discussion, the Board voted to cancel Men's Walk #33. All 9 men will be placed on the list to attend the Spring 2007 Walk.

Deadline for registrations for Women's Walk #33 is October 13, and there must be 12 Pilgrims registered by that date in order to proceed with that Walk. Please, continue to pray for the Team for the Women's Walk, for the Pilgrims already registered, and for those yet to be registered. Pray and consider whom God is calling you to sponsor for Women's Walk #33.

These are difficult times, for WNY Walk to Emmaus and for the Christian church. One thing is certain however, God is for us and is calling us to be His ambassadors to the world we live in. We need only surrender ourselves to His will and report for service. We ask your prayers, your compassion, and your grace for the Board and your WNY Emmaus Community as we make difficult decisions. Remember, "Christ is counting on you." To God be the glory!

Blessings,
Hal & Carol Goodwin
Community Lay Directors

***Deadline for Registration for Women's Walk #33
is October 13, 2006***

Directions to Springville United Methodist Church

From Jamestown: Route 86 East to Route 219. Take Route 219 to Route 39 East in Springville. Follow Route 39 through the village. The church is on the left on the far east side of town.

From Buffalo and Rochester: NYS Thruway to Route 219 South. Route 219 to Route 39 East. Follow route 39 East through the village. The church is on the left on the far East side of town.

From Olean and East: Route 17 To Route 16 North. Take Route 16 To Route 39 West To Springville. The church is on the right as you enter town.

**Walk 33 to be held in
Springville, NY
November 2 - 6, 2006**

Women's Team - Walk # 33

Spiritual Director	Beth Kotteman
Clergy	Sandy Stoica
Clergy	Sue Russell
Clergy	Jake Denny
Clergy	TBA
Lay Director	Lorrie Gammack
ALD - Chapel	Jean Grinnell
ALD - Agape	Cindy Curtis
ALD - Bell Ringer	Kathy Wessel
Table Leader	Jessica Franks
Table Leader	Becky Fox
Table Leader	Mary Kay Birch
Table Leader	Joan Hardy
Table Leader	Paulette Albone
Table Leader	Laurie Curtis
Asst. Table Leader	Kristian Merle
Asst. Table Leader	Nancy Grieson
Asst. Table Leader	Martha Button
Asst. Table Leader	Cheryl Keesler
Asst. Table Leader	Sue Gagne
Asst. Table Leader	Lisa Waterhouse
Musician	Marlene Worthington
Asst. Musician	Marily Fuest
Logistics	Jackie Van Dussen
Logistics	Sharon Goodenow
Board Representative	Alethia Keiper

From the Registrars

We hope you are all back to normal after a beautiful summer. God certainly blessed us with beautiful weather. Please remember we are the ones to contact if you are in need of a new nametag (but-ton).

As we mentioned last month, we have updated the Registration application. The only changes that have been made are on the **Sponsors** side of the application. Please note that the new application forms are now online.

The address is www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org. If anyone needs some of the new forms please contact us at 585-493-2751 if you do not have internet service available to you. We will be glad to mail some out to you immediately. You may also request one from us at erie@frontiernet.net The best place to get your copy is the Emmaus website, you can download either a PDF file or a Word doc. File from there.

The cutoff date for applications for the Women's Walk is 10-13, which is only a few weeks away. If you feel God is leading you to sponsor a Pilgrim for this Walk, please answer his call.

Praise God for our Emmaus Community and all the blessings he bestows on us all.

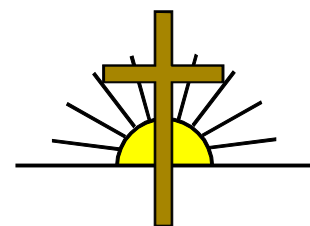
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Pam and Bill Wallum

Registrars 585-493-2751

erie@frontiernet.net

**Christ is
counting on
you!**



Why Sponsor?

Did you know there are bad (or at least inadequate) reasons for sponsoring someone for a Walk? First of all, what are some good reasons?

1 - Agape love. When God inspires love in your heart for some of his children, and when that love produces a heartfelt desire to share the gift of Emmaus. Agape is essential, but there's more.

2 - Discernment that someone is called and gifted to be a leader in the Christian community. Emmaus exists to develop Christian leaders. A Walk by itself will not turn someone into such a leader, but will strengthen and deepen that person's leadership in the Church. There's also a good chance that a leader who's been through Emmaus will be active in their 4th Day and excited about sponsoring someone else. Yet even this is not enough.

3 - Discernment of God's timing. Sometimes in our enthusiasm to share the Emmaus experience, we invite before we pray and reflect. Even if this person or couple is perfect for Emmaus, the timing has to be right. Sometimes we have to be patient enough to wait for another Walk, when obstacles have been resolved and the Walk will have the full impact God intends.

4 - Discerning the right match between sponsor and pilgrim. Sponsorship is very personal. Each of us needs to ask, "Am I (or are we) the right one(s) to sponsor this person or couple?" Is God asking me/us to invite this person or couple on a Walk?

5 - Am I (are we) committed to fully support my/our pilgrim before, during, and after the Walk? Will I be there for Send Off, Candlelight, Closing, and Reunion? Do I have time and energy to gather agape letters? Will I invite and take my pilgrim to Gathering?

Bad reasons are reasons that lack one or more of these elements. Sponsorship should flow from Christian love, not just a sense of duty. Sponsorship shouldn't be random or thoughtless, but based on God's leading and timing in the heart of sponsor and potential pilgrim alike. Is this person already a leader in the Church, and will Emmaus resource that leadership? Is this person likely to have an active 4th Day? Am I enthusiastically committed to be there for my pilgrim, right on into that 4th Day?

Acting on God's wisdom and love, our Community will have the motivation and resources we need to fill each Walk and grow Christian leaders for his Church.

Pastor Greg Van Dussen, Community Spiritual Director

Newsletter Notes

The current version of the newsletter is available online at www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org by the last day of every month. Prior editions can be accessed on the website, as well. If you would like to begin retrieving the newsletter electronically and stop your hardcopy receipt, please let me know.

Blessings,
Jim Moody, Editor
585-735-5231 or jxmoody@gmail.com

Newsletter "Donations"

Due to rising costs in many areas and recent Walks baving fewer Pilgrims, WNY Walk to Emmaus finds itself in a "budget crunch." We are currently spending more money than is taken in. It costs over \$300 to mail the "Rainbow Connection" each month. Therefore, we are appealing to the entire community: If you are able and willing, we ask that you consider making a donation to help with the printing and mailing of the Newsletter. The Treasurers, Bill & Joann Arnett, P.O. Box 744, Medina, NY 14103 gratefully receive donations of any amounts.

Please send donations, made out to "WNY Walk to Emmaus". Note on the memo line that it is for the "Rainbow Connection." Thank you in advance for your generous support, and may God bless you always and in all ways!



Contact the Board Chairs

Questions, concerns and comments are always welcome:
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WNY EmmausBoard of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone
2008	Chair	Hal & Carol Goodwin	(585) 798-4593
2007	Sprt. Dir.	Greg VanDussen	(716) 652-3791
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2006	Newsletter	Jim. Moody	(585) 735-5231

Is Christ Counting on You?

By now, we know that the fall Men's walk has been cancelled. For a long-term Emmaus alumnus (walk #4), I find this a little disheartening. I remember well the excitement of this new adventure for the Western New York Christian community. I recall the fond relationships and fellowship that always surrounded a walk or flight. I remember how the community cared for this fledgling effort to bring people closer to Christ and each other.

But that was many years ago. And right now, I'm trying to discern if God's timing for Emmaus is such that we are in a respite, or if as with a new toy, the shiny appeal has worn off and we have simply tossed it aside. I question whether it is God's perfect will for Emmaus or His tolerance of our neglect that led to this cancellation. The truth is, I simply don't know at the writing of this article. I don't have a real peace about it either way.

What I do know is that as Christians, we are called to make decisions regarding how we will serve Christ. Our participation in Emmaus is one of the options in the "mix". And I'll admit that it is not the only way we can be productive members of the Kingdom. But you do have to agree with me that Emmaus and Chrysalis are sure great ways to "kick start" a lot of tired and disenchanted believers into greater service to Christ!

So I simply ask that you search out what God would have you do with Emmaus. Forget the personalities, the legalism and the time commitment and focus on the Cross. After all, Christ did!

Bill Lang
Board Member



Announcement - Musician's Workshop

There will be an Emmaus Musician's workshop on Saturday October 21st from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Alexander UMC. The church is located at the Corners of Church St. and Route 98 in the Village of Alexander. New musicians are encouraged to attend..

Rainbow Connection Renewal Form

*Please note: If you wish to continue receiving the "Rainbow Connection" delivered to you by 1st Class Mail, you **must** complete this form and mail it back to:*

*Judy Hunley, Secretary
5 Melnotte Lane
Fairport, NY 14450*

*If you would prefer to **not** have the Rainbow Connection mailed to you, please send an email to Jim Moody, Editor at jxmood@gmail.com. The newsletter may be viewed on the web site at www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org.*

Please, continue to mail the Rainbow Connection to me/us.

Names _____

Address _____

List of Sponsorship Mentors

Gathering	Mentors	Gathering	Mentors
Fairport	John and Mary Trowbridge Gary and Sue Clarcq	No. Mountain View	Rev. Greg and Jackie VanDussen Bud and Nancy Vrendenburg
Alexander	Jim and Lora Keiper Rev. Greg and Jackie VanDussen	Niagara Area	Bill and Sue Barber Keith Grinnell
Millville/Medina	Hal and Carol Goodwin Pat and Steve Morse	West Seneca/Buffalo	Pat Corsette Bob and Deanna Laurie
West Bank	Chris Collins, Sparky Hess Don Crawford, Carolyn Rickman	Hamburg/South Towns	Gary and Rose Caldwell Paul and Sue Gagne
Ionia	John and Ann Becker	Napoli	Bryan and Cheryl Kessler Bill and Alex Gage
Enchanted Mountain	Mike and Jan Mortimer Lynn and Pat Blakeman		

The Sponsor mentors listed above have been approved by your Board of Directors to HELP you in the sponsorship process. They are not there to hinder the process. Please sponsor and sponsor wisely!! Cut this section out and save it for future reference.

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Fill out form on the other side of this page
and return to address provided**

Gathering Schedule

Fairport:

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: (New Location!)

Greece 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:

Lockport Emmanuel UMC - 2nd Saturday of month
6:00 P.M. - Meeting
Dave & Janice McKinney 716-434-5471

Alexander:

Alexander UMC - 3rd Saturday of month
7:00 P.M. Meeting (child care as needed)
Kathy Wessel & Bob Neamon 585-547.9221

Springville:

Springville UMC - 3rd Saturday of the month
9:30 A.M. Meeting
Please call ahead for child care
Brian and Susan Scharf 716-592-9811

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:

Seneca UMC, 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 UMC
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 716-938-6800

Newsletter Deadline October 20, 2006

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Fairport, NY 14450