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

It is with much sadness that we write to inform the WNY Emmaus Community that Women'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 October 13. There were 10 women registered. 4 of them decided to wait until the Spring since the Men's Walk had already been cancelled. That left us with only 6 women. Thus, the Board was left with the painful decision to cancel the Walk. All 10 women will be registered for the Spring Walk.

These are difficult times for the 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. 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

Contact the Board Chairs

Questions, concerns and comments are always welcome:
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Medina, NY 14103
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The Board of Directors welcomes your "constructive" questions, concerns and comments. You may contact any Board Member (see directory on page 3). The Board will be collecting those comments as we consider the short term and long term future of Walk to Emmaus in Western New York. All input will be seriously considered as we look forward to what God is calling us to. Please keep all of us on the Board in your prayers, and be assured that we are all praying for our Community. To God be the glory!

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A Few Thoughts from Registration

As I turned my computer onto the Home page this morning, I noticed one of the headlines read, "Are the Faithful losing Faith"? Well, the article turned out to be about politics, but certainly the title made me think.

Have we in Emmaus lost our Faith? No, I do not think so. And I do not believe that God thinks so either. I believe everyone did everything possible to make Walk #33 happen. God knows that. Our God does not blame anyone or anything. Neither should we.

So what can we do? We can move on. We cannot change what has already happened. But, we can move on with a renewed sense of the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We can continue to spread His message.

I'm sure most of you are familiar with the "Serenity Prayer". It goes like this: "God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Let's all try to have courage to change things. We need to begin with prayer. Ask God if there is someone he wants you to approach about the Emmaus program. Don't worry, God knows who he wants you to speak to. He will show you who it is.

I often think back to where my own life was 10 years ago and how far I have come from that dark time. My own Walk to Emmaus was one of the biggest things that have happened to me since 1996 that has put me where I am today. It has been such a beautiful gift.

Please begin praying that God will give you wisdom and show you how to pass this wonderful gift on to someone else in the Spring. We cannot lose our Faith. God never loses his Faith in us!

DeColores!
Pam Wallum

October Gathering Tidbits

The Buffalo Area Gathering meets in the same location as always. The church name has changed from the Seneca UMC to the New Hope UMC.

"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." Psalm 25: 4-5 (NIV)

Newsletter "Donations"

Due to rising costs in many areas and recent Walks having 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!

Newsletter Notes

The Newsletter Editor position is still available as of January, 2007. This position requires 5 to 7 hours per month, plus attendance at monthly Board of Director meetings held in Attica. Please seriously consider this opportunity to serve. No previous experience required. All training and on-going support is provided. Contact me with questions or information.

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
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Emmaus Board of Directors

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2008	Chair	Hal & Carol Goodwin	(585) 798-4593
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2007	Treasurer	Bill & JoAnn Arnett	(585) 798-1224
2006	Newsletter	Jim Moody	(585) 735-5231

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:

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: (New Church Name!)

New Hope 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 November 20, 2006

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