



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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WNY Walk to Emmaus #33!

Hamburg UMC, Hamburg, NY

Men: March 15-18, 2007

Application Deadline: February 17th

Women: April 19 - 22, 2007

Application Deadline: March 17th

Reunion: May 12, 2007

For registration forms and further information, please contact
Bill and Pam Wallum: 585.493.2751 or erie@frontiernet.net

Greetings and wishes for a Happy New Year!!!

The Emmaus Christmas Party on December 2 at Alexander UMC was a wonderful time. We had opportunities to greet many Emmaus friends we had not seen in some time. We also had visitors from Oakville, Ontario Canada. Gourville & Elze Bezuidenhout, who made their Pilgrim Walks in South Africa, joined us for part of the day. Gourville and Elze are anxious to reconnect with Walk to Emmaus, and have hearts set on establishing an Emmaus Community in Ontario. They were, and are, an inspiration to us. We look forward to helping them as best we can. They have also expressed an interest in serving on the Support Staff for the Spring Walks in Hamburg. Keep them in your prayers that God will use them and our WNY Community, to grow an Emmaus Community in Ontario.

As 2006 ends, we ask that all of us in the WNY Emmaus-Chrysalis Community rededicate ourselves to serving our Lord Jesus Christ. What better Birthday Gift to our Savior than to give ourselves to Him and for Him. After all, that is precisely what Jesus did for us! In Matthew 28:18-20, the Great Commission, Jesus tells His disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." This is our mission, the mission of every Christian, to spread the "Good News" concerning Jesus Christ. Simply stated, our mission is "Christ to the world, the world to Christ."

It is our prayer and the prayer of the entire Board of Directors, that we will put the difficulties of the past year behind us and commit ourselves to joyful service in 2007. We are praying that every member of the WNY Emmaus-Chrysalis Community ask each day, "What can I do that Christ will be better known in my family, my workplace, my local church, and my world?" And, of course, we pray that everyone will look for ways they can better serve their local church and WNY Walk to Emmaus-Chrysalis. If we all do that, 2007 will be a year of planting, watering, and harvesting bountiful fruit for the Kingdom of God! May it be so for all of you and may it be so for us. To God be the glory!

Happy New Year,
Hal & Carol Goodwin

Registrars...

In this busy time of year, it's difficult to think ahead into the New Year. We ask you to keep in mind that the Spring Walks are just around the corner. The application deadline for the Men's Walk is February 17. Please get your application in as soon as you can. There are so many people active in the organization of a walk that the sooner we get your application, the sooner everyone involved can get into action for you. Please try to make sure that all questions are answered and that your application is reviewed by one of the Mentor's.

We appreciate the cooperation given by everyone during the fall registration. There were very few problems. Please don't let the new application worry you. We'll work with you in every way possible to make the process smooth. Please remember the Men's deadline is February 17 and the Women's deadline is March 17. Let's work together to fill the Walks! If you have any questions, please call us at 585-493-2751 or by email at erie@frontiernet.net. Our address is: PO Box 182, Silver Springs, NY 14550. Let us hear from you! Also, if anyone needs a new nametag, we can supply those upon request. We pray that you have a very peaceful New Year.

In Christ's Name,
Pam and Bill Wallum

List of Sponsorship Mentors by Gathering

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

4th Day Coordinators...

Looking back over the past 5 years we realize that there have been many challenges and changes within the Western New York Walk to Emmaus Community. Sometimes they were faced head-on. There were others we struggled with and sought out the Lord for help. We are currently facing some challenges, but as sure as we are that spring will bring new life to God's earth, we have faith that He will see the Western New York Community through the most difficult of situations. Much like my own life experiences, I have found that hardships serve to strengthen our faith in the end.

Pat and I have had the privilege to serve as your 4th Day Coordinators on the Board of Directors for the past 5 years. We really do look at it as a privilege. We have worked under 3 different Community Lay Directors who have all been dedicated to strengthening our local churches through the Emmaus movement. Each of them called on the Holy Spirit to work through us. We are grateful to the Community as a whole and to all Board Members who have assisted us in our work. One of the joys we experienced as 4th Day Coordinators is in the excitement and the spirit of the Western New York Gatherings. We thank you for hosting parties and picnics, for helping with Walks, Teamings and Reunions; and for supporting 4th Day events in general. Help from Community Gatherings blessed our term on the Board. Whenever and wherever a need was presented, someone from the community or one of the Gatherings was always there to assist.

Keith Grinnell will be assuming duties as 4th Day Coordinator. We encourage you as a Community and as individual Gatherings to give him your full support. I don't think I am speaking out of turn to say that he would love to hear from you. We suggest that you communicate with your Board members. Let them know what is going on in your Gathering. Pat and I believe that communication is key to a successful Emmaus program. We are confident that Keith will work with you to continue to strengthen the Gatherings and build on Christ's Church in the Western New York. Thank you Keith for saying "yes"! Most of all we are thankful to God for Emmaus and for providing the opportunity to serve.

DeColores,

Lynn and Pat Blakeman

Newsletter Editor Change...

I am pleased to announce that Rose Caldwell has agreed to assume the position of Newsletter Editor beginning in January. It has been my pleasure to serve our community for 3 1/2 years. I appreciate the support and encouragement received during that time.

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. From here forward, please contact Rose at rgscaldwell@msn.com to submit articles or if you have questions and comments. Her physical address is P.O. Box 414, Athol Springs, NY 14010. Thanks again.

Blessings in Christ,
Jim Moody

Dear Friends,

It has been my privilege to serve on the Emmaus Board of Directors. My term is completed, but the Rev. Emily Frank; pastor of the Lutheran church in Medina will join the Board. Many of you know her and have served on teams with her. Rev. Emily's spirituality and insights is a great asset to the Board and the Community.

My friendships made through Emmaus are the "forever" kind. I've learned to love so many of you while serving on team or being with you on your Walk. I cherish those times. I also want to assure you that the reinstitution of Chrysalis is on its way. More information will be coming, so look for that in an up-coming Rainbow Connection. Thanks to many who have offered to serve on a Board or on a team.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Carol Sierk

Fairport Area Gathering News...

This note is to alert all within earshot (within e-shot, I guess) that beginning in January, the Fairport Gathering will meet on the second SATURDAY of the month. We have been meeting on Sunday, and most of us thought that it might be time for a change.

So please, if you have ever experienced the letdown of wanting to attend gathering to get back in touch with Emmaus brothers and sisters but couldn't do it because of prior Sunday commitments, now's your chance to get out from under such mundane oppression. Your prayers have been answered!!! Hallelujah!! And what a wonderful little unexpected gift for Christmas, don't you think?

Our meeting time is 6 PM, at the East Rochester UMC (formerly Hosanna Junction) at 357 Fairport Road in balmy East Rochester, NY. Yes, that's right, balmy. Sort of.

God bless you all, and Happy New Year!

Bob and Christa Fathergill

Agape Coordinators...

Happy New Year to everyone in the Western New York Community! May we experience the true meaning of the season and keep that feeling in our hearts all year.

DeColores,
Cheryl and Jesse Babcock

Community Coordinators...

Alethia and I wish to thank the Emmaus community for all their support during our three years on the board. Your desire to help out was really appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at Emmaus events.

We ask that you welcome Paul and Sue Gagne and offer them all the help that you gave us.

De Colores,
Allen and Alethia Keiper

Contact the Board Chairs

Questions, concerns and comments are always welcome:
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Emmaus Board of Directors

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	Pat Corsette	(716) 826-6840
2009	4 th Day	Keith Grinnell	(585) 343-7804
2009	Supplies	Dave & Janice McKinney	(716) 434-5471
2009	Library	Bob & Teasha Fisher	(716) 592-2362
2009	Wknd Coord.	Paul & Sue Gagne	(716) 648-3460
2009	Clergy	Emily Frank	(585) 798-0953
2007	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
2009	Newsletter	Rose Caldwell	(716) 649-3889

Gathering Schedule

Fairport: (New Meeting Day)

East Rochester UMC - 2nd **Saturday** 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)
Sonya Ingle - Child Care Contact 585-621-1766
Will and Carolyn Rickman 585-392-9784

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 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 7:00 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 January 20, 2007

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