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Western New York Walk to Emmaus #33

Hamburg UMC,
Hamburg, NY

◆ Men's - March 15-18

Application Deadline:
February 17

◆ Women's - April 19-22

Application Deadline:
March 17

◆ Reunion - May 12

For registration forms and more information, please contact Bill and Pam Wallum at 585-493-2751 or erie@frontiernet.net.

Seek His Will, Ask His People and Sponsor!

Gathering News

Enchanted Mountain Gathering will now meet on the 4th Monday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 633 Linwood Ave., Olean, in the hospitality lounge.

For more information, contact Jan Mortimer at 716-373-2237 or mortimer@localnet.com.

Making the "New Year" New

- Greg Van Dussen, Community Spiritual Director

What's new about 2007? Is there anything that will make it different from last year? Have you already forgotten your New Year's resolutions?

Did you make any?

Actually, I'm thankful for any opportunity to make a new beginning. Milestones are great times to remember who we are, what really matters, and Who matters most of all! Emmaus is built on God's grace, and grace means that nothing that needs changing has to stay the same. Grace is God's power to change us, renew us, and through us change our world. His grace is new every morning and He is always looking for ways to give us a fresh start.

To give up on grace is to limit ourselves and our future to what we can be and do without God. There is truth to Ecclesiastes' pessimistic observation:

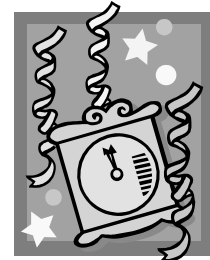
"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 1:9, NIV)

But it's a partial truth. It's what life is like apart from God's renewing grace.

WNY Walk to Emmaus went through some discouraging moments in 2006 - especially the cancellation of our Fall Walks. But that disappointment doesn't have to be the pattern for a new year. God's

grace is available to make the difference we need. So I'd like to begin this year (I'm writing on January 2) with a word of encouragement and hope for all of us, along with a prayer I hope all of us will share:

- for all the people God is calling to make a Walk
- for all who are considering serving as Sponsors



- for our Community Lay Directors, Hal and Carol Goodwin
- for everyone on the Emmaus Board
- for Lorrie Gammack and John Trowbridge and every Team member for the Spring Walks
- for all who are discouraged about last year's cancellation
- for all of our Gatherings
- for Walks all around the world

May God pour out His renewing Spirit on all of us as we live this year as a year of grace!

Agape Corner

Hello to all! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season. It is now time to turn our attention to the upcoming spring walks that will be held at Hamburg UMC.

The Men's prayer vigil is now online and can be accessed by logging onto www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org and click on Prayer Vigil or you can go to www.3dayol.org/Vigil and scroll down to the listing for Western New York Men's Walk # 33. If you signed up for the fall walk your name is still in the slot you chose. If you are unsure of the time you can follow the directions above or call us.

So with that in mind, have you started your agape yet? If make agape for the walks please remember these very important reminders: you will need to get them to me on Thursday evening at send-off and there should be 60 pieces. No other gifts will be given to the pilgrims during the walks. If you want to give someone a gift please wait until the walk is over and you are on your way home.

Bring pilgrims' cards or letters to pilgrims no later than candlelight on Saturday night. The envelopes should contain the following information: The upper right hand corner should have the relationship, i.e., spouse, son, daughter, mother, father, sister, brother. The sponsor should have no more than 12 letters and they must be bundled with a rubber band. If you are doing cards for team, put

- Cheryl and Jesse Babcock, Agape

team in the upper right hand corner and talk agape should say chapel. Pilgrims will only get 12 cards on Sunday, so please keep that in mind.

Agape can be delivered to the Hamburg UMC on Thursday at send-off or at candlelight on Saturday night. If you have any questions you can contact us at babcock@lakeplains.net or call us at 585-589-7413 and we will answer any of your questions.

Finally, we are looking for anyone with a high quality digital camera with a wide angle lens who would either loan it for the photo session on Friday or be able to take the photo. We are also looking for someone with the ability to download and print the photos on site. This would save photographer costs.

Remember these are truly God's Walks and he knows what it best and right for each and everyone of us, as we are Children of God. Blessings!

No Experience Necessary!

- Bob & Christa Fathergill, Kitchen

Greetings to all the chefs-, servers- and dishwashers-in-waiting out there in Western New York! Don't look now but spring is approaching, and with it the Spring Walks.

We will be filling shifts on the schedule for both walks beginning now, and ask that if you have a particular interest in joining us for either walk, please feel free to give us a call or send an email stating as much. **No experience necessary!** All you really need is a desire to work and fellowship in God's name in the service of the pilgrims he's chosen to be on the Walks. Well ... you'll need transportation too.

Christa and I look forward to seeing any and all who would like to join us, for a couple of hours or a couple of weekends, or anything in between. Please mark the dates on your calendars, and consider volunteering in the kitchen. De Colores!

WNY Walk to Emmaus Board

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'We Want to See Jesus'

- Hal & Carol Goodwin, Community Lay Directors

The lyrics to one of our favorite songs include, "Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you." And another favorite song includes these lines, "Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus." Ultimately, isn't that what all Christians long for? We want to see Jesus, and because we believe that he is the one and only Son of God, that he lived and died, and was raised from the dead by God, and that he will come again to call his own to be with him in the company of Heaven, raised like him to eternal life, we sometimes cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

Not only do we want to see Jesus, we want those whom we love and care about to see Jesus too. We are like those Disciples on the mountain with Jesus when he was transfigured right before their eyes. We want a glimpse of the Holy, an ever so brief peek at what Heaven may be like. We want to see Jesus, in all of his glory, and we want to reach out and touch him and spend time with him, and we want to tell him we love him.

One way we can spend time with Jesus, up on the mountain, is by participating in a Walk to Emmaus. And one way we can share that mountain top experience is by sponsoring others on a Walk. Once you have been on a Walk, *you can* sponsor friends and family members, who are members of a local Christian church. By sponsoring others, you also participate in that mountain top experience again.

The time is now to get your pilgrims registered for the Spring Walks. Don't let the sponsorship guidelines be an "Obstacle to Grace." Rather, use the sponsorship mentors to assist you and guide you through the process. Call or talk in person with a sponsor mentor, get a registration form, talk to your prospective pilgrim, and share with them the gift of Walk to Emmaus. Who knows, they may rush back to tell you, and others, that they encountered "Jesus, with skin on," on the Emmaus Road. It's happened before, you know, and wouldn't you be blessed to be a part of it with and for someone else?! **Christ is counting on you!**



Sponsorship Mentors

By Gathering

Fairport - John & Mary Trowbridge; Gary & Sue Clarcq

Alexander - Jim & Lora Kieper; Rev. Greg & Jackie Van Dussen

Millville/Medina - Hal & Carol Goodwin; Pat and Steve Morse

West Bank - Chris Collins, Sparky Hess; Don Crawford, Carolyn Rickman

Ionias - John & Ann Becker

Enchanted Mountain - Mike & Jan Mortimer; Lynn & Pat Blake-man

North Mountain View - Rev. Greg & Jackie Van Dussen; Bud & Nancy Van Vredenburg

Niagara Area - Bill & Sue Barber; Keith Grinnell

West Seneca/Buffalo - Pat Corsette; Bob & Deanna Laurie

Hamburg /Southtowns - Gary & Rose Caldwell; Paul & Sue Gagne

Napoli - Bryant & Cheryl Keesler; Bill & Alex Gage

- Bill & Pam Wallum, Registration

might miss a message from someone who has not emailed us previously. (Ah, modern technology).

Please send your Pilgrim applications to us at: PO Box 182, Silver Springs NY 14550

If you need to speak to us, you can reach us at 585-493-2751 or by e-mail at erie@frontiernet.net.

Let's all work together to make the Spring Walks the best yet.

God never lets us down ... let's not let Him down.

Sponsorship Preparation Tips

With the holidays behind us now, (and we hope you were all blessed with the Peace and Joy of the season) it's time to think about the Spring Walks.

The deadline for applications for the Men's Walk is February 17, just about 3 weeks from now.

When filling out your applications and sponsor sheets, we ask that you double check to make sure all questions are answered and legible. Please be sure to include zip codes and the correct

area code with phone numbers. Since the phone company split up 716, we have a hard time knowing (or guessing) the correct area code for certain areas. We appreciate your efforts!

If anyone is in need of a new button (name tag), please let us know ahead of time and we can bring these to the Walk weekend with us.

If you contact us via e-mail (we check it everyday) please note something about Emmaus in the subject line. With all the new Spam filters and Spam senders, we sometimes worry that we

Gathering Schedule

Fairport: (New Church Name!)

East Rochester UMC - 2nd Sunday of the month
357 Fairport Road (Rt. 31F)
6 p.m. - Meeting (Child care upon request)
Bob & Christa Fathergill 585-387-0928

West Bank: Greece UMC - 2nd Saturday of the month

8:30 a.m. - Continental breakfast
9 a.m. - Meeting (Call ahead for child care)
Sonya Ingle - Child care contact 585-621-1766
Will & Carolyn Rickman 585-392-9784

Niagara: Lockport - Emmanuel UMC

2nd Saturday of the month
6 p.m. - Meeting
Dave & Janice McKinney 716-434-5471

Alexander: Alexander UMC - 3rd Saturday of month

7 p.m. - Meeting (Child care as needed)
Kathy Wessel & Bob Neamon 585-547-9721

Springville: Springville UMC - 3rd Saturday of month

9:30 a.m. - Meeting (Call ahead for child care)
Brian & Susan Scharf 716-592-9811

Enchanted Mountain (Olean): Christ UMC

4th Monday of the month
7-8:30 p.m. - Meeting
Jan Mortimer 716-373-2237 mortimer@localnet.com

Ionia: Ionia UMC - Last Saturday of the month

7 p.m. - Meeting
Lee & Ruth Packer 585-367-3827

Buffalo: (New Church Name!) New Hope UMC

2846 Seneca St., West Seneca - 3rd Saturday of the month
9:30 a.m. - Meeting
Pat Corsette 716-826-6840

Hamburg/Buffalo Southtowns: Hamburg UMC,

116 Union St., Parlor - 3rd Tuesday of the month
7 p.m. - Meeting
Gary & Rose Caldwell 716-649-3889

Medina/Millville: Millville UMC - Last Friday of the month

7 p.m. - Meeting
Jeff & Char Smith 585-798-3831

Napoli: Napoli UMC - 4th Wednesday of the month

6:30 p.m. - Meeting
Rick Peters 716-938-6800

February Newsletter Deadline: Feb. 20, 2007

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