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Time to Pray, Prepare, Sponsor

- Bill & Pam Wallum, Registrars

As we write this today, the weather forecast doesn't sound too good. Zero degrees and lots of snow on the way ... what to do? A *perfect* time to be praying for direction as to who God is asking you to invite to WNY Walk to Emmaus #35. Or, if you already have someone in mind, this would be a good time to call and arrange a time to meet with them ... or if you have already done these things and have an application in your hands, NOW is the time to prepare it for mailing.



Once you've accomplished all this, go and sit by the fire (or go outside and move the snow around) and thank God for all the blessings we have all received from Him and the Emmaus community. Thank Him for putting you in the path of someone to share that with.

Please be aware that the **Application Deadline for BOTH Men's and Women's Walks is March 7**. March 6 will be here before you know it; you can't wait until then to start. We appreciate everyone's cooperation so much.

Just a reminder to Sponsors, please check over your applications for area codes with phone numbers, ZIP Codes, and especially to ensure that everything is legible. One last check before you seal the envelope can make everything much easier for all the people who will be needing the information (Registrars, Lay Director, Emmaus Secretary).

May God bless our Community as we all prepare for the Pilgrims He will be sending to Walk #35.

Fall Walk Dates Announced

The Fall 2008 Western New York Walks to Emmaus will be held at First United Methodist Church in Springville as follows: Men's Walk - Oct. 9-12, Women's Walk - Nov. 6-9 and Reunion - Nov. 15.

Western New York Walk to Emmaus #35

Christ United Methodist Church - Olean

633 Linwood Ave.
Olean, NY 14760

**Men's Walk
March 27-30**

**Women's Walk
April 10-13**

**Reunion - Christ UMC
May 3**

***APPLICATION DEADLINE*
Men's & Women's Walks
March 7**

*Applications received after this date will be processed for the next walk.

**Sponsor's Kit available at:
www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org**

**For registration information, please contact
Bill and Pam Wallum
PO Box 182
Silver Springs NY 14550
(585) 493-2751
erie@frontiernet.net**

Christ is Counting on You!

I am once again filling in on the board for Paul and Mary Lou Stark, as they serve our Lord in the mission field during the winter months.

Please let me know where and when I can present the Walk to Emmaus weekend to your church, Bible study group, men's or women's groups, etc. I will travel anywhere I'm invited, so please don't hesitate to call. The deadline for both the men's and women's walks is fast approaching (March 7). We **all** need to do our part to see that the Walks are full. Remember, Christ is counting on you – let's not let him down!

De Colores!

- Pat Corsette, *Evangelism*

WNY Walk to Emmaus #35 Men's Team - Spring

Position	Name	Talk
Spiritual Director	Kim Smith	#7 Means of Grace
Asst. Spiritual Director	Jake Denny	#4 Justifying Grace
	Nilla Owen	#9 Obstacles to Grace
	Dorothea Schweitzer	#2 Prevenient Grace
	Ray Noell	#12 Sanctifying Grace
Board Rep	Gary Caldwell	
Lay Director	Norb Fuest	#14 Perseverance
Agape	Randy Walker	#15 Fourth Day
Chapel	Hal Goodwin	#10 Discipleship
Bell Ringer	Bill Barber	#1 Priorities
Table Leaders	Mike Burley	#8 Christian Action
	Gary Clarcq	#5 Life in Piety
	Bill Garrett	#13 Body of Christ
	Dick Pinneo	#11 Changing Our World
	Will Rickman	#6 Growth Through Study
	Jeff Smith	#3 Priesthood of All Believers
Asst. Table Leaders	Bob Fisher	Rich Preston
	Todd Jones	Rick Park
	Al Kidd	Jerry Trass
Logistics	Harry Lockwood	Jack Woika
Musicians	Dave Rood	Bob Fathergill

Western New York Walk to Emmaus Board

Term	Position	Name	Phone	E-mail
2008	Lay Director	Hal & Carol Goodwin	(585) 798-4593	carolhal@lakeplains.net
2009	Spiritual Director	Greg Van Dussen	(716) 592-7615	pastorgreg@s1umc.org
2008	Agape	Cheryl & Jesse Babcock	(585) 589-7413	cbabcock002@rochester.rr.com
2008	Clergy	Nilla Owen	(585) 584-3329	tworevs@frontiernet.net
2008	Evangelism	*Pat Corsette	(716) 826-6840	*Contact during winter months
2008	Facilities	Bill & Sue Barber	(716) 689-2093	barberb@nationwide.com
2008	Registration	Bill & Pam Wallum	(585) 493-2751	erie@frontiernet.net
2009	4th Day	Keith Grinnell	(585) 750-3519	kksbg@localnet.com
2009	Library	Bob & Teasha Fisher	(716) 592-2362	kyclark@localnet.com
2009	Newsletter	Rose Caldwell	(716) 649-3889	rgscaldwell@msn.com
2009	Supplies	Dave & Janice McKinney	(716) 434-5471	dmckinney4@roadrunner.com
2009	Community	Paul & Sue Gagne	(716) 648-3460	paulsuegagne@verizon.net
2009	Team Selection	Norb Fuest	(585) 591-1198	nfuest@rochester.rr.com
2010	Clergy	Wilson Jones	(585) 226-2125	wilsonjones65@gmail.com
2010	Kitchen	Jim & Lora Keiper	(585) 387-0928	jimlorakeiper@aol.com
2010	Music	David Rood	(716) 941-5703	dgr00d62@yahoo.com
2010	Secretary	Jessica White	(585) 591-1858	jdgirl25@yahoo.com
2010	Treasurer	Jeff & Char Smith	(585) 798-3831	jsmith24@rochester.rr.com

Remaining Men's and Women's Teaming Dates

Men's

Feb. 15-16 - Alexander UMC
 March 14-15 - Olean UMC

Women's

Feb. 8-9 - Trinity UMC in Attica
 March 14-15 - Olean UMC

Women's Team - Walk to Emmaus #35

Position	Name	Talk
Spiritual Director Clergy	Pastor Ron Isaman	#7 Means of Grace
	Pastor Carol Sierk	#2 Prevenient Grace
	Pastor Sara Merle	#9 Obstacles to Grace
	Pastor Lee Carlson	#4 Justifying Grace
	Pastor Brian Scharf	#12 Sanctifying Grace
Board Rep Lay Director Agape Chapel Bell Ringer	Pat Morse	
	Karen Westerman	#14 Perseverance
	Sue Clarcq	#10 Discipleship
	Alethia Keiper	#6 Growth Through Study
Table Leader	Ruth Lang	#1 Priorities
	Shirley London	#15 Fourth Day
	Kathy Wessel	#5 Life in Piety
	Cheryl Babcock	#13 Body of Christ
	Christa Fathergill	#3 Priesthood of All Believers
	Debbie DeRooy	#8 Christian Action
Asst. Table Leader	Jackie Van Dussen	#11 Changing Our World
	Karla Smith	Laurie Manzer
	Lauretta Peters	Evelyn Seeger
	Genice Perkins	Phyllis McKinney
Logistics	Nancy Vredenburg	
	Pam Mellon	
Musicians	Marlene Worthington	
	Becky Fox	

Sponsorship Mentors

These Sponsorship Mentors will help with your sponsorship questions, and review and sign your pilgrim applications before submitting them to Registrars Bill and Pam Wallum. To contact them, please call your Gathering leader (as listed on page 6). Thank you.

Fairport

John & Mary Trowbridge
 Gary & Sue Clarcq

Alexander

Jim & Lora Keiper
 Rev. Greg & Jackie Van Dussen

Millville/Medina

Hal & Carol Goodwin
 Pat and Steve Morse

West Bank

Chris Collins, Sparky Hess
 Don Crawford, Carolyn Rickman

Ionia

John & Ann Becker

Enchanted Mountain

Mike & Jan Mortimer
 Lynn & Pat Blakeman

Springville

Rev. Greg & Jackie Van Dussen
 Bud & Nancy Van Vredenburg

Niagara Area

Bill & Sue Barber
 Keith & Karen Grinnell

West Seneca/Buffalo

Pat Corsette; Bob & Deanna Laurie

Hamburg/Buffalo Southtowns

Gary & Rose Caldwell
 Paul & Sue Gagne

Napoli

Bryant & Cheryl Keesler
 Bill & Alex Gage

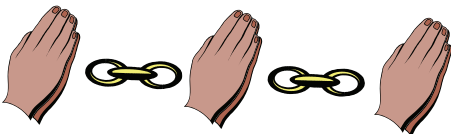
Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - Colossians 3:14-17 (NRSV)

Help Wanted

- Hal & Carol Goodwin, Community Lay Directors

Like any successful organization, WNY Walk to Emmaus depends on many people working together, both visible and not so visible. We are blessed with a hard working and dedicated Board of Directors, and also with many Community Members who work behind the scenes.

One of those persons is our Prayer Chain Manager. This is not an "official" position, but certainly one that requires a desire and a heart for service to others. Our current Prayer Chain Manager, Ann Becker, has been in that position for about six years, and would very much like to take a well deserved break. If you would be interested in knowing more about that position, please contact us and we will pass your contact information on to Ann. If you are currently on the Prayer Chain, you may wish to contact Ann directly.



Several months ago, there was a short article in the newsletter about our WNY Emmaus web site. The web site was set up and has always been managed by Jeff Mellon. Jeff would also like to take a break. If you are interested and would like to know more about the web site, you may contact Jeff directly. There is a link to Jeff on the home page of the WNY Emmaus web site. The web site address is www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org.

As they say on the national news broadcasts, "In other news," time is

rapidly **march**ing on, and it is not too early to be seriously considering whom to sponsor for the Spring Walks. The deadline for registrations for **both** the Men's and the Women's Walks is March 7. Please, don't delay. Let's fill both of these Walks. It's a win, win, win, win proposition: the church wins, Walk to Emmaus wins, the pilgrims win, and the Kingdom of God wins. And yes, you will be blessed beyond measure by sharing and being part of the experience.



Finally, a reminder that the WNY Emmaus Board of Directors meets the third Friday of each month at Trinity UMC, in Attica, at 7 p.m. Board Meetings are open to the Community, but non-board members may be asked to excuse themselves at certain times, such as during nominations and elections. Questions about Board policy and Community involvement should be directed to the person or persons in the Board position that directly relates to such questions. Contact information for each of the Board Members is included in each newsletter.

Most importantly, we all desire your prayers for wisdom as we work together to lead and strengthen WNY Walk to Emmaus.

Blessings & Peace.



Fairport Gathering Changes Day, Time

The Fairport Gathering is once again changing its monthly meeting date and time. As of February 2008, the very next gathering, we will meet on the **second Sunday** of the month at **5 p.m.** Please note that in 2007 we had been meeting on the **second Saturday** at **6 p.m.** Please note also that the next meeting, February 10 at 5 p.m., will be an Agape party, aimed at preparing agape for the upcoming Walks #35.

The change to Saturday in 2007 was basically a test to see if attendance would improve in numbers and variety of people attending, but that test has not yielded very strong results. So we have decided to go back to Sunday but with the earlier start time of 5 p.m. We ask that all those reading this who are in their 4th Day, please include a prayer or two for discernment regarding attending an Emmaus Gathering.

Gatherings offer a place for singing, for expression of praise and concern, for fellowship with the Lord Jesus among brothers and sisters in a setting separate from your local church and congregation, for brainstorming, conversation, laughter, snacks, personal sharing and potentially, Holy Communion. As Christians, we are blessed anytime two or more of us gather in Jesus' name; we believe the blessings increase accordingly with increased attendance. If you haven't attended lately, we've missed you. So please pray for guidance; if moved, please come to the next gathering near you. Bring your pilgrims or, better yet, bring your sponsor. Bring a friend.

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Early Lent this Year

- Pastor Greg Van Dussen, Community Spiritual Director

Lent is really early this year! We were just celebrating Jesus' birth with light-hearted joy, and suddenly we're looking at the cold, somber mood of Ash Wednesday! Ash Wednesday reminds us of all Jesus suffered for our sake, as well as our own need for humility and repentance. Lots of people steer clear of Ash Wednesday for that reason. But our joy as Christians is far from over! Lent can open our hearts to grace and lead us on to a deep and wonderful Easter morning!

Hebrews 12:2 says, "for the joy set before him" Jesus "endured the cross." (NIV) There could be no cheap, easy, pseudo-joy, no ignoring the hard truth about sin and its destructive effects on our world. Sin is serious business. It ruins people's lives. It devastates relationships. It fills the world with violence and greed. Without God's intervention, sin can only end in death. If Jesus had bypassed, instead of confronted that sin, he would have left the world unchanged.

His joy and ours comes on the other side of that confrontation. Jesus faced the hard realities of sin and death for all of us, but when

Fairport Gathering ...

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Also, if you have an idea for improving a gathering, in terms of making it easier for you or someone you know to attend, please share that with your local gathering leader. We

Easter morning arrived, "God gave us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 15:57, NIV) So when we do celebrate the unbounded joy of Easter, it won't be escapism, fantasy, or illusion. We will celebrate because Jesus faced it all head on and won!



Some of you are facing your own hard realities. Isn't it good to know that Jesus never stopped short of the depths we go through in life? He didn't leave us alone in sickness, pain, loss, loneliness, guilt, exhaustion, discouragement, or grief. "Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem," knowing exactly what awaited him there. (Luke 9:51, NIV) But he also knew how great the victory would be.

So, right away, without waiting and without fear, let's welcome Ash Wednesday and look ahead with serious hope to Easter. "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross..." (Hebrews 12:2, NIV) And let us share the grace of Easter with new pilgrims by doing all we can to support the Spring Walks by our prayers, active support, sponsorship and agape.

like to pray over new ideas and, as we've said, we've missed you. May God bless you all. De Colores!

- Bob and Christa Fathergill
Fairport Gathering Leaders

Kitchen Corner



We would like to introduce ourselves, as the kitchen coordinators for WNY Walk to Emmaus. We attended WNY Walk to Emmaus #14 and #13. We attend the Alexander UMC, and live in Attica. We are looking forward to getting to know you better as we work together in the kitchen.

As our term as kitchen coordinators begins, we would like to thank Bob and Christa Fathergill for their hard work and dedication the past three years to your Emmaus kitchen. They have been a blessing to so many with their heart for serving in the kitchen.

Well, before you know it the Spring Walks will be rolling into Olean. At this time we are busily planning meals for the Walk, and starting to fill out the list of needed helpers. If you would like to work in the Kitchen/Dining Room area for either the Men's or Women's Walk, please let us know. The kitchen is a great place to work in, and assist the Emmaus weekend. This is a gift of Agape for the Pilgrims and Team that you can easily give. You don't have to be a great chef to help. There are many jobs to be completed and your help is appreciated.

If you wish to help, please let us know as soon as possible. You may phone us at (585) 591-3121 or e-mail us at jjmlorakeiper@aol.com.

- Jim and Lora Keiper
Kitchen Chairs



Gathering Schedule

Fairport: East Rochester UMC

357 Fairport Road (Rt. 31F)

2nd Sunday of the month

5 p.m. - Meeting (Child care upon request)

Bob & Christa Fathergill 585-387-0928

NOTE NEW INFO!
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 585-547-9221

Springville: Springville UMC - 3rd Saturday of month

9:30 a.m. - Meeting

Brian & Susan Scharf 716-592-9811

Enchanted Mountain (Olean): Christ UMC

3rd Wednesday of the month

7-8:30 p.m. - Meeting

Lynn & Pat Blakeman 716-373-6470 smitann1@verizon.net

NOTE NEW INFO!
Ionia: Ionia UMC - Last Saturday of the month

7 p.m. - Meeting

Lee & Ruth Packer 585-367-3827

Buffalo: 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 Monday of the month

7:30 p.m. - Meeting

Rick Peters 716-938-6800

February Newsletter Deadline: Feb. 20, 2008
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