



Rainbow Connection



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United in Christ for Service

- Hal & Carol Goodwin, Community Lay Directors

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.



Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!"

- Philippians 2:1-8

Easter is early this year, and the Spring Walks to Emmaus follow close behind. There are many things that may prevent us from experiencing the fullness of the joy of Easter, if we let them. There are many "Obstacles to

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Directions to Christ UMC - Olean

From Rochester: Interstate 390S to Dansville, then Route 36S to Hornell, then Route 86W to Olean. Take Exit 26 (Route 16) and go right. Follow directions below.

From Batavia: Route 33W to Corfu, then Route 77S to 98S to Arcade, then Route 39 to Yorkshire, follow Route 16S to Olean. Follow directions below.

From Buffalo: Route 400S, then follow directions below.

Last step coming from all points: At first light, turn left onto Front Street. At first light, turn left onto Main Street. At Oviatt Street, turn left and follow into church parking lot. The church phone number is (716) 372-3495.

**Western New York
Walk to Emmaus #35**
Christ United Methodist Church
633 Linwood Ave., Olean, NY 14760

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

**Sendoff - Thursday, 7 p.m.
Candlelight - Saturday, 8 p.m.
Closing - Sunday, 4 p.m.**

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

**Reunion at 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 or eric@frontiernet.net



Musician's Workshop Planned for April 12

The Saturday of the Women's Walk, April 12, we are planning a musician's workshop in Olean. I do not have all the details yet; however, it will be held on that date and finish before the women's dinner on Saturday evening.

If you would like to attend, the best way to reach me is to email me at dgrood62@yahoo.com or call me at 716-941-5703.

- David Rood, *Music Chair*



WNY Walk to Emmaus #35 Men's Team

Position	Name	Talk
Spiritual Director	Kim Smith	#7 Means of Grace
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Jake Denny	#4 Justifying Grace
	Jo Vineyard	#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) 591-3121	jimlorakeiper@aol.com
2010	Music	David Rood	(716) 941-5703	dgrood62@yahoo.com
2010	Secretary	Jessica White	(585) 591-1858	jdgirl25@yahoo.com
2010	Treasurer	Jeff & Charlene Smith	(585) 798-3831	jsmith24@rochester.rr.com

Women's Team - Walk to Emmaus #35

Position	Name	Talk
Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Directors	Ron Isaman	#7 Means of Grace
	Carol Sierk	#2 Prevenient Grace
	Sara Merle	#9 Obstacles to Grace
	Lee Carlson	#4 Justifying Grace
	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
Asst. Table Leader	Kathy Wessel	#5 Life in Piety
	Cheryl Babcock	#13 Body of Christ
	Christa Fathergill	#3 Priesthood of All Believers
	Debbie DeRooy	#8 Christian Action
	Jackie Van Dussen	#11 Changing Our World
	Karla Smith	Laurie Manzer
Logistics	Lauretta Peters	Evelyn Seeger
	Genice Perkins	Phyllis McKinney
	Nancy Van Vredenburg	
Musicians	Pam Mellon	
	Marlene Worthington	
	Becky Fox	

Remember to Pray for the Men's and Women's Teams

Third Teaming Date is March 14-15 - Christ UMC, Olean

Gatherings Cancel Meetings to Support Walks

The Medina-Millville Gathering will not meet in March, as the Walk coincides with their meeting date. Please support all the community activities of the Men's Walk.

- Jeff and Charlene Smith

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Niagara Gathering will not meet in April. It is the same night as women's candlelight. Gathering members are encouraged to attend

the community events of the weekend.

- Janice and Dave McKinney

Newsletter Deadline Earlier

The copy deadline for the March issue of the *Rainbow Connection* will be **March 10** so that the pilgrims' names for the Men's Walk can be published before the Weekend. Thank you!

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

United in Christ...

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Grace.” But Paul reminds us that since we are “united with Christ,” we should exhibit the same character that Jesus exhibited.

Paul even listed some of those characteristics for us: love, fellowship, tenderness, compassion, like-mindedness, one in spirit and purpose, selflessness, and humility. And he wrapped it all up neatly by reminding us that our attitudes should be like that of Christ, “taking the very nature of a servant. And becoming obedient [to death—even death on a cross]! Being a Christian then requires a change in both attitude and action.

It is not always easy being part of a group, perhaps it is never easy. And the larger the group, the more difficult it may be. The same is true for all of us in the Emmaus Community. We come from a wide range of Christian denominations and faith journeys, but we have a common bond. We are united in Christ!

As Easter and the Spring Walks approach, let us all recommit ourselves to serving our Lord Jesus Christ, the local church, and Western New York Walk to Emmaus. And let us all set aside our differences, even our differ-

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ences of opinion, and do whatever we can, everything we can, to make the Spring Walks a success and a blessing to the Pilgrims. Let us follow Christ's example and Paul's exhortation and let us strive to be “one in spirit and purpose.” “And they'll know we are Christians by our Love!”

To God be all the glory!

Kitchen Corner



- Jim & Lora Keiper

The Men's & Women's Spring Walks are quickly approaching. The meals are planned and the volunteer sign up sheet is getting full.

If you would like to work in the kitchen for either the men's or women's walk, please let us know. Both sheets are quickly getting closer to being filled.

You can help for one meal or a couple of meals, the kitchen is very flexible. You may contact us at (585) 591-3121, or e-mail us at jimlorakeiper@aol.com.

We are looking forward to serving with you during the Spring Walks.

De Colores!



Agape Corner

- Cheryl & Jesse Babcock

Prayer is an important part of Walk to Emmaus, and we hope that everyone is praying for both teams and pilgrims. **The Prayer Vigil** is an important part of the Agape that the pilgrims receive during the weekend and it demonstrates how many people have been praying for them, people known and unknown to them. To sign up for the prayer vigil, go to wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org and click on prayer vigil.

Here are a few reminders about agape: the magic number is 60 for each walk and it should be in Olean on Thursday afternoon. Also, only identify if it is from a gathering, otherwise no names on the agape.

Letters should indicate in the upper right hand corner the relationship to the pilgrim, i.e., pastor, wife/husband, sister/brother, son/daughter. They should be bundled to-



gether and put in the Emmaus mailbox that is put out after the pilgrims leave at Sendoff. Pilgrims receive only 12 letters on Sunday so it is very important to follow these directions. Other letters are put in another bag and given to the sponsors. If you have any questions, please call us at (585) 589-7413 or email us at cbabcock002@rochester.rr.com.

De Colores!

Greetings and Thanks from the Former Emmaus Weekend Chefs

- Bob Fathergill

Editor's Note: *This article slipped "between the lines" last month, even though it was submitted by deadline – apologies to the author!*

One night last week, as I was beginning to fall asleep, Christa nudged me and asked for my opinion regarding the menu for this spring's Men's Walk (#35). Seriously, I almost had to remind her that she and I no longer hold the responsibility for putting that menu together! Just in the nick of time she realized herself that the job now belongs to another couple, the very faithful and capable Jim and Lora Keiper. Christa laughed at herself just a little, partially from relief but also (take my word for it) from a touch of sadness. We will miss the work.

Our three years caretaking the kitchen duties for the Western New York Walk to Emmaus have left us feeling blessed in ways that are difficult to describe. I won't bore you with the details; we've heard so many comments from all of you fellow Fourth Day-ers about preparation and hard work and good humor, it is clear that all of you out there seem to somehow know a bit about what the job involves. I'm certain that comes from all the prayer that you invested in us during those three years. It just

goes to show that our efforts should always be lifted up in prayer. Please continue to pray for the kitchen and for all the Board positions as we approach this next round of weekends.

Christa and I certainly didn't do the job alone either. I hesitate to begin naming all the joyful servants who joined us on the job, only for fear that I'll forget someone or that we'll be charged for the extra ink. For me, one of the most joyful parts of working the kitchen came from meeting all of you who helped or offered to help. I believe special blessings come to those who help others, but even more so for helping others in the name of Christ. So whether your specialty was setting tables, designing snack tables, baking, cleaning, shopping, changing light bulbs, counting, lifting, loading, wearing Hefty bags or saying grace, and whether you worked with us just once or many times, God bless you.

Please continue to offer your services to Emmaus, to the new kitchen coordinators, to Jesus and to the new pilgrims, whoever they are.

Christa and I won't be hard to find.

De Colores!

P.S. Many people have asked for the following recipe.



Cream of Wild Rice Soup

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot shredded
- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 8 cups chicken broth
- 3 cups cooked wild rice (Bob says to use 1/2 pound of egg noodles instead!)
- 1 cup cubed cooked chicken breast
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup fat-free evaporated milk
- 1/4 cup minced chives

In a large saucepan, sauté the onion, carrot and celery in butter until tender. Stir in flour until blended. Gradually add broth. Stir in the rice, chicken, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in milk; cook 3-5 minutes longer. Garnish with chives.

Yield: 10 servings
(2-1/2 quarts)



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

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

NO MARCH MTG.
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

NOTE: Next Newsletter Deadline is March 10
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Enchanted Mountain (Olean): Christ UMC

3rd Wednesday of the month

7-8:30 p.m. - Meeting

NOTE NEW INFO!

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

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

NO APRIL MTG.
Napoli: Napoli UMC - 4th Monday of the month

7:30 p.m. - Meeting

Rick Peters 716-938-6800

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