



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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Praise for Smooth Process

- Bill & Pam Wallum, Registrars

Praise be to God! All registrations have been received for Walks #35. We would like to thank the Sponsors for their prayers and cooperation during the Registration period. We had no problems and everyone did all that needed to be done. We really "thank you" for watching the "little things" like ... zip codes, area codes, Pastors' names and addresses ... just assuring that everything was correct and legible before they were mailed to us.

Also, a big "thank you" to the Sponsor Mentors. In a few cases, you were able to correct some of those "little things" that are so easily passed by all of us at times. Now, the Pilgrims are ready, the Sponsors are ready, and God is ready. We pray that each of the Pilgrims and Team members will be touched by God in a very special way. We look forward to seeing everyone in Olean in the next few weeks! God Bless all of you.



Musicians Workshop Planned for April 12

- Dave Rood, Music Chair

Calling all Musicians driven to lead and glorify God in song and praise.

The musicians workshop is designed to train us for being on team and leading worship consistently among our many gatherings.

We will be practicing songs and sharing thoughts and ideas to make us a tighter group.

It will be held at KONXION (connection) YOUTH CENTER, 1801 West State St., corner of S. 17 and West State St., Olean on Saturday, April 12 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Please try to attend. For questions, contact me at dgrood62@yahoo.com or 716-941-5703. God Bless you all.

Western New York Walk to Emmaus #35

Christ United Methodist Church

633 Linwood Ave., Olean, NY 14760

Men's Walk

March 27-30

and

Women's Walk

April 10-13

Sendoff - Thursday, 7 p.m.

Candlelight - Saturday, 8 p.m.

Closing - Sunday, 4 p.m.

Reunion at Christ UMC

May 3 - 9:30 a.m.

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.

WNY Walk to Emmaus #35 Men's Team

Pilgrims

Position	Name	Talk	
Spiritual Director	Kim Smith	#7 Means of Grace	Dick Baker Allentown UMC
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Jake Denny	#4 Justifying Grace	Jim Brown Middleport UMC
	Jo Vineyard	#9 Obstacles to Grace	
	Dorothea Schweitzer	#2 Prevenient Grace	Douglas Childress Belmont UMC
	Ray Noell	#12 Sanctifying Grace	
Board Rep	Gary Caldwell		
Lay Director	Norb Fuest	#14 Perseverance	Duane Domes First UMC: Springville
Agape	Randy Walker	#15 Fourth Day	
Chapel	Hal Goodwin	#10 Discipleship	
Bell Ringer	Bill Barber	#1 Priorities	Jim Fisher Christ UMC - Olean
Table Leaders	Mike Burley	#8 Christian Action	
	Gary Clarcq	#5 Life in Piety	Mike Haight South Byron UMC
	Bill Garrett	#13 Body of Christ	
	Dick Pinneo	#11 Changing Our World	
	Will Rickman	#6 Growth Through Study	Jim Noreck Medina UMC
	Jeff Smith	#3 Priesthood of All Believers	
Asst. Table Leaders	Bob Fisher	Rich Preston	
	Todd Jones	Rick Park	Bill Lomas New Hope UMC - West Seneca
	Al Kidd	Jerry Trass	
Logistics	Harry Lockwood	Jack Woika	Randy Peters Little Valley UMC
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

Brock Ruane
Napoli UMC

Bob Slocum
Kendall UMC

Bob Schooley
Friendship UMC

Todd Shoff
Hamburg UMC

Steven Taylor
Little Valley UMC

Rich Wheeler
Kendall UMC

Women's WNY Walk to Emmaus #35 Pilgrims

Annette Andrew
Little Valley UMC

Linda Haight
South Byron UMC

Carol Lenz
Kendall UMC

Roberta Baker
Allentown UMC

Jenn Halsaver
New Hope UMC - West Seneca

Elli Lockwood
Albion First UMC

Edna Brown
South Dayton UMC

Theresa Heinz
Immanuel Lutheran Church - Olean

Mary Ellen McCarthy
Alexander UMC

Anita Domes
First UMC: Springville

Laurie Knapp
Eldred UMC - Eldred, PA

Julie Noreck
Medina UMC

Jean Erskine
South Dayton UMC

Mary Parr
Christ UMC - Olean



Myrtle Perkins
Machias UMC

Brenda Richardson
Oakfield UMC

WNY Walk #35 Women's Team

Position	Name	Talk	
Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Directors	Ron Isaman	#7 Means of Grace	Vivian Riethmiller Machias UMC
	Carol Sierk	#2 Prevenient Grace	Sandy Scheele Harris Hill UMC - Williamsville
	Sara Merle	#9 Obstacles to Grace	
	Lee Carlson	#4 Justifying Grace	Karen Schooley Friendship UMC
Brian Scharf	#12 Sanctifying Grace		
Board Rep Lay Director Agape Chapel Bell Ringer	Pat Morse	#14 Perseverance	Carol Shoff Hamburg UMC
	Karen Westerman	#10 Discipleship	
	Sue Clarcq	#6 Growth Through Study	Bonnie Stannard Eldred UMC - Eldred, PA
	Alethia Keiper	#1 Priorities	
Table Leader	Ruth Lang	#15 Fourth Day	Stacy Taylor Little Valley UMC
	Shirley London	#5 Life in Piety	
	Kathy Wessel	#13 Body of Christ	Lynne Wheeler Kendall UMC
	Cheryl Babcock	#3 Priesthood of All Believers	
	Christa Fathergill	#8 Christian Action	
Debbie DeRooy	#11 Changing Our World	Mary Lou Wilmore New Hope UMC - West Seneca	
Jackie Van Dussen			
Asst. Table Leader	Karla Smith	Laurie Manzer	Becky Worth Christ UMC - Olean
	Lauretta Peters	Evelyn Seeger	
	Genice Perkins	Phyllis McKinney	
Logistics	Nancy Van Vredenburg		
	Pam Mellon		
Musicians	Marlene Worthington		
	Becky Fox		

Team Selection Committee Welcomes Three New Members

- **Norb Fuest, Team Selection Chair**

We are pleased to announce that Lynn and Pat Blakeman and Chris Collins have been chosen to be part of the Team Selection Committee for three year terms. We are also pleased to announce that as Community Spiritual Director Greg Van Dussen will remain on the committee until 2009.

Many thanks for the work of Jim and Lora Keiper and Jim and Ann DeRooy for their prayers and time they spent with the Team Selection process!

An important part of the Team Selection process is to review how active members are on their fourth day. So make sure that you sign the attendance sheets when you go to a gathering or when you go to the annual picnic, or



attend a closing, candlelight or the reunion. The kitchen also keeps a list of those who help in the kitchen and the weekend coordinator keeps track of those who help during a weekend. Also as a reminder to those in charge of the gatherings, please email or send me the attendance lists so I can keep them on file for the Team Selection process.

There are many ways to serve the Emmaus community, so be involved so that you can bless the pilgrims like you were blessed during your walk!

Continue to pray for the men's and women's teams and the pilgrims who will be going on Walk #35! To God be the Glory!



Agape Corner - Cheryl & Jesse Babcock

There are still some spots on the Prayer Vigil for the Men's Walk - remember how you felt when you learned people had been praying for you? To sign up for the prayer vigil, go to wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org and click on prayer vigil.

We will be in Olean on Thursday afternoon, March 27 so if you have agape for the walk please bring it to us then. We will arrive by 3 p.m.

Please also make sure that the upper right hand corner of all letters have an association with the pilgrim on it.

Hope to see you all in Olean.

De Colores!



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

Pilgrims are the Holy Spirit's to Transform; We Pray and Support

- Hal & Carol Goodwin, Community Lay Directors

I heard a TV newscaster comment that we could enjoy an "extra hour of daylight" now that we had set our clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time. Think about that statement.

Changing the time our clocks and watches are set to does not add to the number of hours of

daylight, it only changes our schedules, that we might enjoy the daylight hours more. Only God can change the number of hours of daylight, and He already worked it all out, "In the beginning" when He "created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

The Psalmist declares, in Psalm 102:25-27, "In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain: they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end." We would like to manipulate God's creation for our own good, but God alone knows what is best.



We are excited about the upcoming Spring Walks to Emmaus at Christ UMC in Olean. We pray that the Walk to Emmaus experience will change the pilgrims (and the Team members?) and strengthen them for service. But we also know that it is not the weekend Walk, or the Team, or even the talks and discussions that will actually change anyone. What may change them, and us, is the transformation power of the Holy Spirit. Just as we always tell the pilgrims to not anticipate or judge the individual parts of the Walk to Emmaus, we must not anticipate or judge or try to manipulate what effect the Walk to Emmaus may have on them.

Please, pray for the pilgrims and the Team Members for both the Men's and the Women's Walks. And pray for all those who will be working to support them and move them closer to the realization of God's love. That, above all else, is what we are all called to do. We are called to be the "Body of Christ", and to love one another on behalf of Christ. We hope and pray that we will see many of you throughout the weekends of the walks. Let's all do whatever we can, wherever we can, whenever we can, however we can, and as much as we can to make the Spring Walks a success and a blessing to everyone involved. "And they will know we are Christians by our love."

Gatherings Cancel Meetings in Support of 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

Medina-Millville Gathering Leaders

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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

Niagara Gathering Leaders

Save the Date for Reunion on May 3

All Community members are invited and encouraged to attend the Reunion for Walk #35 at Christ UMC on Nov. 3 at 9:30 a.m. Encourage our newest community members in their Fourth Day Walks! Sponsors, bring your pilgrims.

The Reunion Sponsorship Talk fulfills the Sponsorship Workshop requirement for sponsoring a Pilgrim on a future Walk. Besides, Reunions are a lot of fun – like any other time we gather.

Remember to bring your mug, a (light) lunch, and a snack to share.

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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 APRIL 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

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 MARCH MTG.
Napoli: Napoli UMC - 4th Monday of the month

7:30 p.m. - Meeting

Rick Peters 716-938-6800

NOTE: Next Newsletter Deadline is April 20

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