



Rainbow Connection



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Details on Available Board Positions

- Hal & Carol Goodwin, Community Lay Directors

The Board of Directors for WNY Walk to Emmaus will soon be considering replacements for those completing their terms at the end of 2008. A brief description of those positions, and the names of those who currently hold them, is written below. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions on the Board, please contact the person or persons who currently hold that position. Nominations will be made by the members of the Board of Directors at its July meeting

The following positions attend monthly Board meetings and are full voting members of the Board:

Clergy/Book Table (Pastor Nilla Owen): Clergy members of the Board assist the Community Spiritual Director. The clergy position currently held by Pastor Nilla Owen is also responsible for the book table on Emmaus weekends.

Agape (Jesse & Cheryl Babcock): Agape chairpersons coordinate the Agape for Emmaus weekends and Agape letters that are sent to other Emmaus Communities for their weekends. They are also responsible for the prayer vigils and for napkins and place-mats for Emmaus weekends.

Evangelism (Paul & Mary Lou Stark/Pat Corsette): The Evangelism chairs coordinate the outreach/information activities of Walk to Emmaus. They visit churches, groups, or individuals to explain the purpose and mission of Walk to Emmaus and to

give a general overview of the Walk weekend. They may also visit host churches in advance of or during a weekend to briefly explain the weekend, answer questions, and offer thanks on behalf of the Board.

Facilities (Bill & Sue Barber): Facilities chairpersons on the Board are responsible for securing facilities and setting dates for Walks, including the final Teamings and the Reunion. They also meet, in advance, with the weekend Lay Directors and at the final Teamings, if necessary, for a walk-through of the facility to explain available rooms and suggested use.

Registration (Bill & Pam Wallum): The Registration chairs on the Board are responsible for receiving and reviewing Walk applications. They also send out acceptance letters, keep track of deposits and payments for the Walks, make name buttons, set registration deadlines, and check in Pilgrims at sendoff for each Walk.

In addition to their regular duties and responsibilities, members of the Board of Directors should lead by example by being active in their local Gathering and attending Emmaus Community events, like candlelight and/or closing and Walk Reunions. Above all else, Board members should take seriously their commitment to servant leadership. Terms on the Board of Directors are three years, and may be filled by individuals or couples, with each posi-

Great Turnout For Reunion; Picnic Set Aug. 2

- Keith Grinnell, Fourth Day

We had an excellent turnout for the Walk #35 Reunion in Olean. About 120 Community members came for a part or all of the day. The Reunion talks were all great. We all had a good time of fellowship and no one went away physically or spiritually hungry.

If you haven't been to a Reunion recently, get your calendar out and reserve Nov. 15 at First UMC in Springville.

Much closer in time is the Summer Picnic. This year, it is being hosted by the Medina/Millville Gathering on Aug. 2 at the Orleans County Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. until approximately 3 p.m.

Watch the *Rainbow Connection* for further details.



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Stay Connected to Let Spirit of Christ Flow

- Pastor Greg Van Dussen, Community Spiritual Directors

Jesus' image of the vine and the branches (John 15:1-8) and Paul's image of the body of Christ (for example, in Romans 12:4-5) highlight the importance of our connections with other Christians in Christ. Some Christian churches even call themselves "connections."

The Emmaus Community, as part of Christ's body, is also connected.

It's easy to recognize how much we rely on our connection to Jesus: "Apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5, NIV) But sometimes we can forget how much we

need each other. Paul says "each member belongs to all the others," (Romans 12:5, NIV) but we too often try the impossible by living our faith in isolation.

Emmaus offers us practical ways to stay connected, to keep your discipleship fresh and growing, and to share his agape love. Gatherings, our summer picnic, taking part in Candlelight, Closing and Prayer Vigils, and serving on Team or on the Board – all renew our connections with the Lord and with each other. They also strengthen our leadership in the churches we're part of.

Isolation weakens our walk. Christian life – our 4th Day – was never meant to be lived alone. So I'd like to renew the invitation to our entire Community – not as a duty, but as a gift, a spiritual resource – to connect as often as possible, so that the life-giving Spirit of Christ can flow into his branches, the members of his body.

Board Positions...

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tion having a single vote. Perhaps God is calling you to serve Him and others by serving on the WNY Emmaus Board of Directors. Prayerfully consider how you will answer the call.

The Board of Directors will also be nominating persons to serve as Community Lay Directors/Board Chairs. Our three-year term finishes at the end of 2008.

Thanks for Agape Response for Walks

- Jesse & Cheryl Babcock, Agape

Thank you to all the people and Gatherings that made agape for the spring walks. The smiles on their faces when they received the agape just warms your hearts.

leader on the Women's Walk and one of the pilgrims at my table kept saying, "Look at all this love." It made me remember my Walk and all the love that was shown to us.

I had the privilege to be a table

Please keep the Fall Walks in prayer.

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	wwallum@rochester.rr.com
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

Once the Board has nominated persons for Community Lay Directors/Board Chairs, and those persons have accepted the nomination, their biographies will be printed in the newsletter and the entire WNY Emmaus Community will have the opportunity to vote. Watch the newsletter in the next few months for information and voting procedures.

What Is a Sponsorship Mentor Anyway?

- Keith Grinnell, *Fourth Day Chairperson*

A Sponsorship Mentor is the local Gathering's sponsorship resource. Mentors are to coach and offer training at their Gatherings in the "how to's" of Sponsoring. Because a new Emmaus member may want to sponsor a pilgrim right away, before they really know much about how the Walk to Emmaus works, the local Sponsorship Mentor will either act as the new community member's mentor through their first sponsorship experience or ask a "veteran" sponsor to help guide the new sponsor through all the steps of sponsorship. The Mentor does not do the sponsoring for the new member but is a resource and a guide in the process.

The Mentor also signs all applications before submittal. The purpose of the signature is to make sure that all questions are answered on the ap-

plication and no questions are left unfilled. This step helps the Registrars and speeds up the processing of an application. With the Mentors looking over the applications, the number of follow up questions and phone calls about an application that the Registrars have had to make on the last couple of Walks has been greatly reduced.

The Mentor is not a judge of the potential pilgrim. Their purpose is not to say who is "worthy" and who isn't. Mentors are members of the Emmaus Community who have received special training, and are familiar with Emmaus's workings and Weekend dynamics.

I hope this helps to clarify any questions that may be floating around.

WNY Emmaus Prayer Chain Passes Baton

After several years as WNY Walk to Emmaus Prayer Chain coordinator, Ann Becker has asked to be relieved of those duties. We are grateful for Ann's service to WNY Walk to Emmaus and extend our "Thanks" on behalf of the entire WNY Emmaus Community.

We are also pleased to announce that Jim Moody has agreed to take over the prayer chain. **Effective June 1**, prayer requests may be sent to Jim at jxmoody@gmail.com. Jim's phone number is 585 735-5231.

Please note: Those previously on the prayer chain must contact Jim if you wish to continue and anyone who wishes to join the prayer chain should also contact Jim. Prayer requests should be sent to Jim via e-

mail, and he will send them on to those on the prayer chain.

Again, thank you, Ann, for your past service and thank you, Jim, for stepping forward. To God belongs all the glory!
- *Goodwins*

Registration Reminder

Spring is finally here and so much to do in our yards and garden. When you stop to rest, please start thinking about who God wants you to sponsor for the Fall Walks in Springville.

Also, our e-mail address has changed to wwallum@rochester.rr.com. It is changed on the Web site, but please be sure to change the address on any old applications you may have. - *Wallums*

Chrysalis Has Begun

- Pastor Carol Sierk

An organizational meeting for Chrysalis was held May 12. There was a good attendance, and we know of several more who were unable to attend because of conflicts. So, there are enough folks to form a Steering Committee. Yea! Meetings will be open to anyone in the Community who wishes to lend support and help.

We are looking for young people and adults to go to other areas for flights this summer. These youth will be our youth team members here. Anyone between the ages of 15-18 is eligible to attend – or anyone who has completed ninth grade, even though not 15.

There is a girl's flight in Hiram, Ohio over Labor Day. There is the possibility of one girl.

Hudson Falls, NY will be holding a flight, also. Girl's is July 10-13 and boy's is July 24-27. Adults are welcome to observe. Hudson Falls is willing to find accommodations for adult drivers who will not observe.

We really need youth and drivers this summer to make our flights a reality next summer. Names of youth and offers to drive may be made to Sue Russell at asjrussell@flmtgif.org or Carol Sierk at atticatrinityumc@verizon.net.

Next meeting is June 9 at Trinity UMC in Attica at 7 p.m. We will be forming the Steering Committee and suggesting names for adult leadership.

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

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

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is June 20

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