



Rainbow Connection



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Chrysalis Continues its 'Rebirth' from Cocoon Stage

- Kathy Weil, Chrysalis Community Lay Director

Hello friends and supporters of WNY Chrysalis! For any of you who have been wondering, things are beginning to happen in the cocoon of Chrysalis. Wait, "What is Chrysalis?" some of you may ask. Simply put, Chrysalis is the youth version of the Walk to Emmaus. It is targeted to Christian students in grades 10-12, and just like an Emmaus event, it is held for three days, includes a series of 15 talks, is presented by a team of lay and clergy people, and is supported by the local Emmaus and Chrysalis Community.

Differences, besides the "clientele:" some of the talks are different (focusing on the needs of the participants), the mixture of the presenting team must include youth, and some of the weekend events are just for Chrysalis. But the reason is the same – to bring the candidates, called Butterflies, to a closer, personal relationship with Christ.

here in WNY, and several of us are working to change that. Under the guidance of the Upper Room, the national office for Emmaus and Chrysalis, and the Board of Directors here, we are under way. We have formed a Steering Committee of interested community members, including three former Butterflies. As directed, we have nominated several people to "take charge:" Kathy Weil as Community Lay Director, Carol Sierk as Community Spiritual Director, Kathie and Jack Woika as Agape Chairs, Cheryl Babcock, Secretary/Treasurer, Jim and Lora Keiper and Jeff and Char Smith as Emmaus Board Reps. Several other committed members have agreed to form the rest of our committee.

The next step is to find interested youth who will not only attend a Flight weekend in another district, but will commit to help us get started here and be on team for our first set of

Currently we do not have an active Chrysalis unit operating

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You're Invited to the Summer

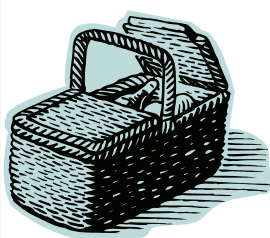


When: Saturday, Aug. 2 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Orleans County Fairgrounds at the Pavilion
Route 31 between Medina and Albion

Why: To celebrate and fellowship with your fellow Emmaus Community

What to Bring: **1** - Yourself, your family, anyone interested; **2** - A dish to pass (Hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls and condiments will be provided). **3** - Table service for your family. **4** - Beverages for your family (coffee and ice tea will be provided). **5** - Frisbees, footballs, baseballs and gloves and any fun toys you have. **6** - Lawn chairs (if you prefer to sit in a comfy chair instead of a picnic table. **7** - A guitar or other musical instrument if you



like to play.

Directions: *From the West* - Follow Route 31 east through Medina. Continue on Route 31 for 4-5 miles. The fairgrounds are on the right. *From the East* - Follow Route 31 west through Albion. Continue five to six miles. The fairgrounds are on the left. *From Batavia Thruway Exit 48* - Follow Route 98 north to Albion. Follow directions from the east above. *From Pembroke Thruway Exit 48A* - Follow Route 77 north until Route 63. Follow Route 63 north to Medina. Follow directions from the west above. NOTE: Don't get on Route 31A by mistake.

Questions? Call Char or Jeff Smith at 585-798-3831 at home, or 585-590-0046, cell phone.

WNY Walk to Emmaus #36

***** REGISTRATION DEADLINES *****

Men's Walk - SEPT. 19
Women's Walk - OCT. 17

First UMC - Springville
 474 East Main St., Springville, NY 14141

Men's Walk: October 9-12
Women's Walk: Nov. 6-9

Reunion: Nov. 15

Take this time now to prayerfully consider being a sponsor. Who is God calling you to bring the Walk to Emmaus to, along with the opportunity for an even closer relationship with Christ? As a sponsor, you will be a blessing and you will be blessed!

Chrysalis ...

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Flights. We need you to become active sponsors. If you would like one of our committee members to come to your church to talk about Chrysalis, please contact me (see below).

We have looked to other communities for Flights this summer or fall, and not too far away, that we could also attend. Until just recently, we had thought we could go to a location in downstate New York, but we have been told that their Flights have been postponed, which is a great disappointment, but all happens in God's time and is of no surprise to Him.

So, where do we go from here? First, we ask you to pray for the success of this endeavor. Second, please pray (and look) for candidates who would go on a Flight. Third, pray for weekends to become available for us to send our kids to! There is a Girls Flight in Hiram, Ohio on Labor Day Weekend

which we plan to take part in.

To find out more or if you would like to attend one of our meetings, please contact me, Kathy Weil, at 585-547-9508 or 716-510-9508, or at kdw1973@juno.com.

Our next meeting is Monday, Aug. 11 at Trinity UMC in Attica at 7 p.m. We will keep you posted through the *Rainbow Connection*.

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	
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	
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

Board of Directors' Tidbits

- Hal and Carol Goodwin, Community Lay Directors

On behalf of the WNY Emmaus Board of Directors and the entire Community, we would like to thank Paul and Mary Lou Stark for their service as Evangelism Chairs. At the June meeting of the Board, we accepted, with regret, the Starks' resignation from the Board, effective June 1. Pat Corsette, who has filled in for the Starks each winter while they were away, has agreed to stay on and fill out the remainder of their term which ends Dec. 31.

Don't forget the WNY Emmaus Community picnic. It is being hosted by the Medina/Millville Gathering on Saturday, Aug. 2 at the Orleans County Fairgrounds. Look for more details and directions elsewhere in the Rainbow Connection.

Summer has begun and many may be going on vacation or just relaxing a bit at home. What a great time to be praying and thinking about whom to sponsor for the Fall Walks #36 in Springville. It is not too early to be contacting prospective Pilgrims, and perhaps even getting those registration forms in the mail. Dates and deadlines are on Page 2.

At the June Meeting of the Board of Directors, the Steering Committee for Chrysalis in Western New York was officially presented and approved.

According to the guidelines set forth by the Upper Room, the Board also approved the following positions on the Chrysalis Steering Committee: Chairperson/Community Lay Director for Chrysalis - Kathy Weil; Community Spiritual Director for Chrysalis - Pastor Carol Sierk; Agape Chairpersons for Chrysalis - Jack and Kathie Woika. More information on Chrysalis is on Pages 1 and 2. Please keep these servants and leaders in your prayers and pray about how you can serve and assist.

Finally, and as always, we ask your prayers for the entire WNY Emmaus-Chrysalis Community and for the Board of Directors. These are challenging and exciting times as we all prepare for the Fall Walks and as the Board nominates and votes on upcoming vacancies.

May God guide, strengthen and protect us all in the work He has called us to. Together may we all declare, as Joshua did, "...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24: 15b) Thank you all for your support and encouragement. We are praying for you. To God be all the glory!

Gathering News

The Napoli Gathering will not meet in July and the West Bank Gathering will not meet in August.



WNY Walk to Emmaus #36 Men's Team

Position	Name
Spiritual Director	Nilla Owen
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Rick Koch Troy Sellers Derek Cheek Linda Haight
Board Rep	TBA
Lay Director	Lynn Blakeman
ALD - Agape	Keith Grinnell
ALD - Chapel	Dean Perry
ALD - Bell Ringer	Mike Mortimer
Table Leaders	Allen Keiper George Vineyard Paul Gagne Bob Neamon Bill Wallum Bob Comstock
Asst. Table Leaders	Bill Gage Eric Parr Tom Gell Jerry Vitthuhn Dean Magnuson Rob Jackson
Logistics	John Trowbridge Bill Perkins
Musician	Bill Lang
Asst. Musician	Paul Brown

Walk #36 Teamings

Men's Teamings

Aug. 9 Christ UMC, Olean
 Sept. 5-6 Alexander UMC
 Sept. 26-27 First UMC, Springville

Women's Teamings

Aug. 23 New Hope UMC, West Seneca
 Sept. 26-27 Alexander UMC
 Oct. 24-25 First UMC, Springville

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

Jerry Thomas 585-703-8246

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

NO JULY MEETING
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AUGUST
MEETING**

Next Newsletter Deadline is July 20

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