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Grace and Peace

- Greg Van Dussen, Community Spiritual Director

That's how Paul and his co-workers often greeted Christians they wrote to. It was more than a formality. They were both wishing *and sending* God's powerful grace and nurturing peace to people they – and God – deeply cared about. Those blessings that begin their letters should be cherished, not taken for granted. God sends his grace and peace to us, too!

Last week the first four verses of II Thessalonians really broke through to me. Christians in Thessalonika were dealing with "persecutions and trials." In these unpromising circumstances, their faith in God and love for each other were "growing more and more!"

We might expect that persecution and suffering would weaken their faith and undermine their fellowship, but it didn't happen that way. So Paul and his co-workers were thankful for their "flourishing faith and increasing love," (*Ben Witherington, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*) even to the point where "among God's churches we *boast* about your perseverance and faith."

The Thessalonians' strength under fire came from the outpouring of God's "grace and peace." Part of that came in the form of people in other places caring about them, praying for them, encouraging them and giving thanks for them.

These verses, and many like them in Paul's other Letters, reveal the strong connections among Christians and churches in that day – connections fostered and coordinated by the Apostles. Christians don't do well cut off from God and from each other. We grow when other Christians act as conduits for God's grace and peace; when others weep and rejoice with us (Romans 12:15); when somebody out there is thankful for us and even boasts about our faith!



This is true for all Christians, including all of us in Emmaus. May each of us, in all our Emmaus connections, be open conduits of God's grace and peace to each other, in good times and bad. As we encourage and give thanks for each other, may we find ourselves "growing more and more."

(Quotes from II Thessalonians are from the New International Version.)

WNY Women's Walk to Emmaus #36

**** REGISTRATION DEADLINE ****

OCTOBER 17

Women's Walk: Nov. 6-9

First UMC - Springville

474 East Main St., Springville, NY 14141

Men's Walk Postponed to Spring 2009 - Please See Below

Reunion: Nov. 15

Disappointing News to Share

- Hal & Carol Goodwin, Community Lay Directors

On behalf of the Board of Directors for WNY Walk to Emmaus, we regret to announce that Men's Walk #36, scheduled for Oct. 9-12, has been postponed, due to a lack of a sufficient number of Pilgrims. We are all obviously disappointed, but we are not discouraged. Certainly, many factors contributed to this decision, and it was not taken lightly. The Men's Walk will be rescheduled for spring 2009.

Women's Walk #36 is still scheduled for November 6-9, if there are sufficient Pilgrims registered by the deadline, Oct. 17. If you have already registered a Pilgrim for the Women's Walk, please, encourage them to attend the Walk, even though the Men's Walk has been rescheduled for the spring. If you have been waiting, for whatever reason, now is the time to register women for the fall Walk. We must have at least 12 women registered, by the Oct. 17 deadline, in order to proceed with the Walk. We can do it, if you will do it! To God be the glory!

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." - James 1:2-4

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Chrysalis Committee Reaches Out to Community

- Kathy Weil, Chrysalis Committee Lay Director kdw1973@juno.com

Our WNY Chrysalis Steering Committee continues to meet and plan for our revitalization efforts.

We bring to you continued appeals of sponsorship of youth in our community. Do you have a child, grandchild, church or youth group member, neighbor, or school friend who would be that special person to send on a Flight? Could you not only sponsor them, but also contribute financially to enable them to go? What a great Christmas gift!

Welcome, Butterfly!

During Labor Day Weekend, **Kaitlyn Shoff**, who attends Hamburg United Methodist Church, became a Butterfly! She attended Northeast Ohio Chrysalis Flight #33 at Camp Asbury in Hiram, Ohio. Kathy Weil and Karen Jackson accompanied her.

Please take a serious look around when you are with the youth. Is there someone who stands out as a future leader, but needs the extra boost in knowing Christ in a more personal way? Please pray about that young person, that God would make him or her obvious to you, and that you would have the opportunity to speak to them, and too, that their ears and heart would be open to you!

Once you have made that contact, you will need to offer a weekend to attend. One such weekend is Dec. 4-7 at Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center, in Windsor, NY (in Central New York, as part of the Wyoming Conference Chrysalis). This is a great opportunity, as the Boys' and Girls' Flights will be held concurrently -- two separate Flights going on at the same time. (That makes for a lot less driving!) We are told that they will not "mix," even though they are held

at the same time. The Reunion will bring them all together.

For more information you can contact Kathy Weil at kdw1973@juno.com or go to www.wcchrysalis/admin.com. Look for the listings of Carol Barnes, Chrysalis Registrar or Erica Heier, Community Lay Director, for further help and for registration forms. Our Chrysalis Community Lay Director Kathy Weil is planning to go to observe this Flight and welcomes any to join her!

Other weekends will be in January and February, on Martin Luther King, Jr. and Presidents' weekends, respectively, in Hiram, Ohio. Another set of weekends will take place in Hudson Falls, NY (near Troy) in March.

Our second appeal continues to be our search for information on former Butterflies. If you know of anyone who has gone on a Flight in WNY, or has been a team member,

Western New York Walk to Emmaus Board

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please e-mail or call me at 585-547-9508. Thank you

Words of encouragement from the book of Deuteronomy 16: 15b: "For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete."

We continue to believe the Lord is in our efforts to bring Chrysalis back to the youth of WNY!

Fly with Christ!

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 4). 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

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

Women's Team - WNY Walk to Emmaus #36

Position	Name	Talk
Spiritual Director	Stan Scoville	#7 Means of Grace
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Emily Frank	#12 Sanctifying Grace
	Karen Grinnell	#4 Justifying Grace
	Bob Schooley	#2 Preventive Grace
	Bob Zimmerman	#9 Obstacles to Grace
Board Rep	Jan Mortimer	
Lay Director	Pat Corsette	#14 Perseverance
ALD - Agape	Pat Blakeman	#10 Discipleship
ALD - Chapel	Cheryl Isaman	#5 Life of Piety
ALD - Bell Ringer	Kathie Woika	#1 Priority
Table Leaders	Sue Crawford	#15 Fourth Day
	Chris Collins	#8 Christian Action
	Sharon Zacher	#3 Priesthood of All Believers
	Holly Roush	#6 Grow Through Study
	Lisa Waterhouse	#13 Body of Christ
	Guin Smith	#11 Changing Our World
Asst. Table Leaders	Martha Haggerty	
	Juls Foos	
	Laurel Stephens	
	Nancy Thoman	
	Nancy Preston	
	Cheryl Brown	
Logistics	Rose Caldwell	
	Laura Walker	
Musician	Alex Gage	
Asst. Musician	Kristin Jones	

Women's Walk #36 Third Teaming

Oct. 24-25
First UMC, Springville

E-mail to Get Newsletter Or to Join Prayer Chain

Important Reminders: To join the e-Emmaus Prayer Chain or to submit a prayer request, write to jxmoody@gmail.com. To receive this newsletter by e-mail, write to: cewilder@roadrunner.com. To receive this newsletter by mail, write to Rose Caldwell at the address on page 4 or e-mail to rgscaldwell@msn.com. Thank you!

Kitchen Corner

- Jim & Lora Keiper



As the Fall Women's Walk draws near, the Kitchen is looking for help during Walk #36. We currently have many time spaces available to fill in. You can work for one meal or for several meals. This is a great opportunity to serve the Walk to Emmaus, and a great experience for all. If you would like to work in the kitchen, please let us know at (585) 591-3121, or jimlorakeiper@aol.com.

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

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 Oct. 20

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