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Walk #37 - Spring 2009

Men's Walk - March 19-22

Women's Walk - April 16-19

Reunion - May 2

**Batavia First United Methodist Church
8221 Lewiston Road, Batavia, NY 14020**

It's time to announce the schedule for the WNY Walk to Emmaus Spring Walks #37 for Men and Women. The Men's Walk will be held March 19-22, 2009, and the Women's Walk will be April 16-19, 2009.

Deadline for Men's Walk is Feb. 20 and for Woman's Walk is March 20, both days at noon.

As new Registrars, we would appreciate any and all prayers for a smooth transition, for the edification of the Pilgrims, and for the success of the ministerial and lay teams for these walks.



- Joe & Nancy Thoman

Final Thoughts and Thanks

- Hal & Carol Goodwin, Outgoing Community Lay Directors

Greetings Friends:

We would like to share just a few final thoughts and words of thanks with all of you. It doesn't seem possible that three years have passed since we wrote our first article as Community Lay Directors and Board Chairs for WNY Walk to Emmaus. We have been blessed beyond words to serve with dedicated and hard working Board Members. And, we have been blessed by the many prayers and acts of Agape from others in the Community who have supported,

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Thank you, Farewell, Welcome

- Stephen & Pat Morse, Incoming Community Lay Directors

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a great sense of responsibility, commitment and humble appreciation that we thank you for your confidence in naming us your Community Lay Directors of the Board of Directors of WNY Walk to Emmaus. With God's guidance and by His grace we pledge to you to uphold and promote God's guiding principles for the Walk to Emmaus, as set forth in the model by those faithful servants of God who wrote it. On behalf of the Emmaus community, we thank you, Hal and Carol, for your countless hours of prayer, for your tireless commitment to serve our community, and for your leadership in guiding the board through decisions for our community, at times through troubled waters. May you now enjoy a well deserved rest. God bless you always.

We wish God speed and our thanks to these Board coordinators whose terms have expired: Cheryl and Jesse Babcock - Agape, Pastor Nilla Owen - Clergy, Pat Corsette - Evangelism, Bill and Sue Barber - Facilities, and Bill and Pam Wallum - Registration.

We welcome and ask God's blessing upon these new Board coordinators: Pastor Brian Scharf - Clergy, Paul and Joanne Brown - Evangelism, Bill and Alex Gage - Facilities, Joe and Nancy Thoman - Registration, and Jack and Kathie Woika - Agape.

We look forward to serving with, and expecting to be kept on our toes by, these veteran board members - Pastor Greg Van Dussen - Community Spiritual Director, Keith Grinnell - Fourth Day, Bob and Teasha Fisher - Library, Rose Caldwell - Newsletter, David and Janice McKinney - Supplies, Paul and Sue Gagne - Community, Norb Fuest -

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Team Selection, Pastor Wilson Jones - Clergy, Jim and Lora Keiper - Kitchen, David Rood - Music, Jessica White - Secretary, and Jeff and Charlene Smith – Treasurer.

We do not plan to “fill anyone’s shoes,” as the shoes of our predecessors are much too large. We do not plan to “take over the reins,” as those clearly belong in the hands of our Lord. We do plan to visit all of the gatherings within the first six months or less, and invite you all to come and share with us your hopes and dreams for WNY Walk to Emmaus. You will receive a separate mailing about when we will visit you.

As we ponder the word, “community,” within it we see the word, “unity.” Indeed, there must be

unity to have community. The phrase, “unity in Christ Jesus,” will be the watchword for our term of service. May the members of our community strive to edify one another in the body of Christ through

our prayers and our participation, and may the growth of our WNY Walk to Emmaus community know no bounds. To God be the glory, both now and forevermore. De Colores!

Agape Corner

- Jesse & Cheryl Babcock



Time flies when you are having fun and that is so true as our three-year term on the Emmaus board as Agape chairs came to an end Dec 31. We have met many people with whom we have developed a close friendship as we have traveled across this great area we call the Western New York Emmaus Community.

We want to thank each and every one of you who helped in so many ways, decorating placemats and nap-

kins, writing letters, making all that great agape that was given to the pilgrims and even giving some emotional support when needed. You all are a blessing to us and made being the Agape chairs so much fun.

We would like to introduce the new Agape chairs: Jack and Kathy Woika who take over Jan. 1. Jack and Kathy are part of the Alexander Gathering and have a lot of exciting ideas for agape. Their contact info is at left.

Western New York Walk to Emmaus Board

Term	Position	Name	Phone	E-mail
2011	Lay Dir./Bd. Chair	Stephen & Pat Morse	(585) 798-1605	pamorse1@rochester.rr.com
2009	Spiritual Director	Greg Van Dussen	(716) 592-7615	pastorgreg@s1umc.org
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	psgagne@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
2011	Agape	Jack & Kathy Woika	(585) 343-3813	jwoika1@rochester.rr.com
2011	Clergy	Brian Scharf	(716) 592-9811	bkscharf@bluefrog.com
2011	Evangelism	Paul & Joanne Brown	(716) 825-6622	ofcbrown@verizon.net
2011	Facilities	Bill & Alex Gage	(716) 532-3969	billnalex@yahoo.com
2011	Registration	Joe & Nancy Thoman	(716) 386-5177	jthoman127@aol.com

Start thinking about who you will sponsor and what agape you will make for the Spring Walks in Batavia, they're right around the corner.

Jack and Kathy, we wish you three years of fun, new friendships and an abundance of God's Agape love.

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 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

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encouraged and sustained us. We could not have “persevered” were it not for all of you.

We are confident that we leave the Board in good hands. And, we are also confident that we leave a Board that will continue to lead by the will of God, always striving to do what is best for the entire WNY Walk to Emmaus Community and that will bring glory to God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

From our very first Board Meeting as Chairs we began each meeting reciting a covenant. In it, we all promised to pray and listen for God’s guidance. We also promised to lead by example, and to try to discern what is best for the Community as a whole, not what might be best for us or for some small group in the Community. And, we

Board, whether they reflect our view or not. We thank God for those who “Walked the Walk” with us.

When we took office, we admitted that we were not perfect and that if anyone was looking to us for perfection they would certainly be disappointed. We did however promise to give our best and to always seek to honor God and Jesus Christ. To those we have disappointed, we can only say, “We are truly sorry and we ask your forgiveness.” To those who have continued to support and encourage us, perhaps in spite of their disappointment, we say, “Thank you, God bless you, and to God be all the glory!”

Finally, we leave you with these words from Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, “Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32) May God richly

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forgiving one another, as God in Christ has
forgiven you.”*

- Ephesians 4:32

promised to respect and care for each other on the Board, to listen with open, non-judgmental minds, to discuss, debate, and even disagree openly. Finally, we promised to support the final decisions of the

bless you and may you truly be a blessing. Pray for Pat & Stephen Morse and for your Board of Directors. Thank you for the privilege of serving the WNY Emmaus Community. DeColores!

WNY Walk to Emmaus e-Prayer Chain

Join to pray for others and/or request prayer through jxmoody@gmail.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 January 20

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