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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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Communion and the Transfiguration

- Rev. Greg Van Dussen, Community Spiritual Director

I recently came across an amazing early Methodist hymn. It points to Communion as a transfiguring experience. One of the verses uses images from the Transfiguration story in Matthew 17 - "His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light." It applies these images to the experience of Christ and Christian fellowship at the Lord's Table:

"...We rise to worlds of love
In shining robes of white
To praise our God who reigns above
In uncreated light."

In the original Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John stood with Jesus "on the sacred mountain" (II Peter 1:18, NIV) and became bewildered "eyewitnesses of his maj-

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Musicians Workshop Set April 18 in Oakfield

Dave Rood, Music Chair

Heyo! Yes it's time again for another great get together for training and review of the Emmaus music.

If you know a new song and have chords and can play it (bring it). We do need to keep our eyes, ears and minds open for new songs that reach and connect with people, especially younger ones.

Chrysalis is going to roll over and past us if we are not prepared as musicians - we need to be prepared. The music we have is excellent and I love it. However, we are not reaching younger generations. We need to pray on that and that is an issue that I would like to discuss.

Ok so here it is:

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Walk #37 - Spring 2009

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

Men's Walk - March 19-22

Sendoff

Thursday, March 19 - 7 p.m.

Candlelight

Saturday, March 21 - 8 p.m.

Closing

Sunday, March 22 - 4 p.m.

Women's Walk - April 16-19

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 20

Reunion - May 2, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

To submit a registration and/or for registration information, contact: Joe and Nancy Thoman, 4581 Sunset Bay Drive, Bemus Point NY 14712; 716-386-5177 or jthoman127@aol.com

Sponsor's Kit available at:

www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org

Please Note: Applications received after the deadline date will be processed for the next upcoming walk.

DIRECTIONS to Batavia First UMC

From Buffalo: Take I-90 East to Exit 48 Batavia. At exit, go straight across onto Park Road. Approximately 1.4 mile at the Y keep right onto Veterans Memorial Drive. At second light turn right onto Lewiston Road (Rt. 63), church is 1/2 mile on right.

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esty.” (II Peter 1:16, NIV) In that moment they saw him as he really is, the presence of God in their midst (Emmanuel = God with us). They described it as an experience of light. Jesus “face shone like the sun,” (Matthew 17:2, NIV) “and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning,” says Luke, “dazzling white,” says Mark, “whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.” (Luke 9:29; Mark 9:3, NIV) They were stretching the limits of human language to describe “uncreated light.”

In the experience of Holy Communion we are invited to enter the light of Christ, and see ourselves and each other in his light. His transfiguration prefigures our own, as impossible as that may seem.

We sometimes see his light in each

other's faces - “Can you see Jesus my Lord?” - at Communion, while a grace-filled speaker is giving a Talk, while a new Community member is sharing “What this Walk has meant.” In moments like these, we look beyond the superficial appearance of another person, just as the Disciples could see past the superficial appearance of Jesus when he took them “up a high mountain.” (Mark 9:2, NIV)

Musicians Workshop ...

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Who: All musicians and interested people

What: Musician training, discussion and sharing of music

Where: Oakfield UMC, 2 South Main St., Oakfield

Here we also have a vision of what we can become in Christ as his sanctifying grace does its work, for “we shall be like him.” (I John 3:2, NIV) “Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” (Matthew 13:43, NIV)

I’m thankful for the light of Christ, and the many ways we can be his light to each other.

De Colores!

When: Saturday, April 18 from about 2 to 4 p.m.

Why: Because we are called to do this.

Please call or e-mail me (e-mail preferred) at dgroom62@yahoo.com or 716-941-5703 to confirm you will be there and if you will need music.

Western New York Walk to Emmaus Board

Term	Position	Name	Phone	E-mail
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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
2011	Team Selection	Gary Caldwell	(716) 649-3889	rgscaldwell@msn.com

Western New York Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk #37 Pilgrims

Dan Benjamin
Allentown UMC

Bert Dohl
Christ UMC, Olean

David Eaton
North Ridge UMC

Justin Ennis
Millville UMC

John Fox
Batavia First UMC

Marty Goodenberry
Kendall UMC

Dana Hall
Napoli UMC

Bernie Helsdon
Alabama Full Gospel Fellowship

Joseph Hoberg
Belmont UMC

David Magowan
Eagle Harbor UMC, Kent

Patrick McGrath
Millville UMC

Scott Papp
Immanuel Lutheran, Olean

Chris Pahl
Alexander UMC

George Poteat
Middleport UMC

Mike Quesenberry
Eden UMC

Richard Rada
Resurrection Parish, Batavia

Tom Rivenbark
First UMC, Webster

Carlos Rosa
Emmanuel UMC, Rochester

Eric Rose
Springville UMC

Darrell Rublee
Macedon Center

Bob Shearing
North Gainesville UMC

Jose Valentin
Emmanuel UMC, Rochester

Phillip Washington
Lafayette Presbyterian, Buffalo

Bob Wilson
Kendall UMC

WNY Walk to Emmaus #37 Men's Team Spring 2009

Position	Name	Talk
Spiritual Director	Pastor Nilla Owen	#7 Means of Grace
Assistant Spiritual Directors	Pastor Linda Haight	#2 Prevenient Grace
	Pastor Ron Isaman	#9 Obstacles to Grace
	Pastor Greg Van Dussen	#12 Sanctifying Grace
	Pastor Dave Rood	#4 Justifying Grace
Board Rep	Stephen Morse	
Lay Director	Lynn Blakeman	#14 Perseverance
ALD - Bell Ringer	Mike Mortimer	#1 Priority
ALD - Chapel	Dean Perry	#6 Grow through Study
ALD - Agape	Keith Grinnell	#15 Fourth Day
Table Leaders	Allen Keiper	#10 Discipleship
	George Vineyard	#5 Life of Piety
	Paul Gagne	#3 Priesthood of All Believers
	Bob Neamon	#8 Christian Action
	Bob Comstock	#13 Body of Christ
	Jesse Babcock	#11 Changing Our World
Assistant Table Leaders	Joe Thoman	
	Eric Parr	
	Dean Magnuson	
	Rob Jackson	
	Bill Perkins	
	Craig Heinz	
Logistics	John Trowbridge	
	Bob Laurie	
Musician	Ron Curtis	
Asst. Musician	Paul Brown	

*Each of you has
received a gift to use
to serve others.*

- 1 Peter 4:10

Sponsorship Mentors

These Sponsorship Mentors will help with your sponsorship questions, and review and sign your pilgrim applications before submitting them to Registrars Joe and Nancy Thoman. 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

Enchanted Mountain

Mike & Jan Mortimer
Lynn & Pat Blakeman

Springville

Rev. Greg & Jackie Van Dussen
Bud & Nancy Vredenburg

Niagara Area

Bill & Sue Barber
Keith & Rev. 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

WNY Walk #37 Women's Team Spring 2009

Position	Name	Talk
Spiritual Director	Pastor Brian Scharf	#7 Means of Grace
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Pastor Clara Wilder	#2 Prevenient Grace
	Pastor Carol Sierk	#4 Justifying Grace
	Pastor Jo Vineyard	#9 Obstacles to Grace
	Pastor Rick Koch	#12 Sanctifying Grace
Board Rep	Sue Clarcq	
Lay Director	Jackie Van Dussen	#14 Perseverance
Agape	Carol Goodwin	#15 Fourth Day
Chapel	Kathy Wessel-Neamon	#10 Discipleship
Bell Ringer	Char Smith	#1 Priorities
Table Leader	Alethia Keiper	#6 Grow Through Study
	Sue Doherty	#13 Body of Christ
	Janice McKinney	#5 Life in Piety
	Karla Smith	#11 Changing Our World
	Ruth Zimmerman	#3 Priesthood of All Believers
	Christa Fathergill	#8 Christian Action
Asst. Table Leader	Anita Domes	Karen Schooley
	Susie Folts	Brenda Richardson
	Lynne Wheeler	Mary Parr
Logistics	Mary Trowbridge	
	Jessica White	
Musicians	Becky Fox	
	Bonnie Hall	

DIRECTIONS to Batavia First UMC Continued ...

From Rochester: Take I-490 West to I-90 West Exit 48 Batavia. At exit go straight across onto Park Rd. Approx. 1/4 mile at the Y keep right which is Veterans Memorial Drive. At second light turn right onto Lewiston Road, church 1/2 mile on right.

From Olean: Take Rte. 16 North. Turn right on Rt. 39. Turn left on Rte. 98. Follow Rte. 98 to Batavia, then turn left on Rt. 5 (Main St.) West for approximately 2 1/2 miles. At Y, keep right onto (Rte. 63) Lewiston Road and church is 1 1/2 miles on right.

Congratulations to 3 New Chrysalis Butterflies

Bethany Vaccaro, New Hope United Methodist Church, West Seneca; **Alyssa Barney and Claire Ticco**, both of Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, made Northeast Ohio Chrysalis Girls Flight #34 in Hiram, Ohio last month.

Bathe Weekend, Team, Pilgrims in Prayer; Light Pilgrims' Lives with Love

- Stephen & Pat Morse, Community Lay Directors

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Your response in sponsoring your friends and family for Men's Walk #37 has born fruit. We are pleased to announce that 23 men are registered for the Men's Walk, which will take place March 19-22 at First Batavia United Methodist Church in Batavia.

If you are considering sponsoring someone for the Women's Walk, the deadline is March 20, but you may want to send in that reservation soon, as we trust the Walk will fill up quickly. Kathie and Jack Woika, our Agape Coordinators, have requested that you sign up on the Men's Prayer Vigil, if you have not already done so.

Remember to Do this Simple Act of Agape

Remember back to your Walk and how much you were loved. Please do this simple act of Agape and sign-up online for the Prayer Vigil.

The Prayer Vigil for the Men's Walk can be found at: <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=3121&commid=269>.

The Prayer Vigil for the Women's Walk is at: <http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=3192&commid=269>.

- Jack & Kathie Woika
Agape Chairs

Please go to www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org and click on "Prayer Vigil" to sign up. We all know how important it is to bathe this weekend, the Team and the Pilgrims, in prayer. And we are confident that our Emmaus Community of believers will be praying. Richard Foster, in *Celebration of Discipline*, says, "We do not pray for people as 'things,' but as 'persons' whom we love. If we have God-given compassion and concern for others, our faith will grow and strengthen as we pray." We have the gift of prayer, and we receive a gift when we pray. To God be the glory!

Although with only one little candle, God can shed so much light, let's show our Men's Pilgrims how much all of our candles can illuminate their lives with the love of Christ, as you attend the Men's Candlelight on Saturday, March 21 at 8 p.m. Remember to come early and sign the placemats.

Child Care Providers Needed for Walks

Two child care providers (18 years older and up) are needed for the upcoming Men's and Women's Walks #37 in Batavia:

- **March 19 and April 19** for Sunday Closing dates from 3:30-7 p.m. Snacks provided.

- **May 2** for Saturday Reunion from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. Bring bag lunch.

Individuals will be compensated for their time.

Please contact Sue and Paul Gagne at (716) 648-3460 or by e-mailing psgagne@verizon.net if interested in this ministry.

Help Spread Word About Emmaus

- Paul & Joanne Brown
Evangelism Chairs

You as the Emmaus community can help us to "spread the word" about the Emmaus movement. Joanne and I are looking for local church groups to speak to about the Emmaus movement and what it means. We will visit anyone and anywhere in the WNY area to talk about Emmaus.

The help that we need from the community is this – Do you belong to a UMM, UMW or other church organization you feel needs to have some questions answered about Emmaus? Do you have a local Council of Churches that we could speak to? Do you have a small group that you meet with who we could talk to? Would you like us to speak to your whole church during a Sunday morning service?

If so, please speak to whoever is in charge of these groups and let us know. We need you to get the ball rolling, as we cannot come unless we are invited!

Since January, Paul gave a presentation to the West Seneca community of churches meeting and a group of 10 committed Emmaus Community members conducted an "Emmaus Sunday" at Lafayette Presbyterian Church in Buffalo. We gave testimony, sang and answered questions about the Emmaus movement.

We look forward to serving the Lord and Board and with your help. Contact us by e-mail at ofcbrown@verizon.net, or cell phones: 432-2832 or 432-3640.

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

Jesse & Cheryl Babcock 585-589-7413

Napoli: Napoli UMC - 4th Monday of the month

7 p.m. - Meeting

Rick Peters 716-938-6800

Kendall: Kendall UMC, 1808 Kendall Road - 2nd Friday of the month; 7 p.m. - Meeting

Bob & Trudy Slocum 585-659-8445

NEW!

Next Newsletter Deadline is March 20

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