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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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In front, holding the banner: Lora Keiper, Jim Keiper;
Row 1 (L-R): Bonnie Hall, Edna Martinez Washington, Kathy Wessel-Neamon, Jackie Van Dussen, Mary Rublee, Renée Engels, Carol Sierk, Karla Smith; **Row 2:** Mo Poteat, Sally Shearing, Sandy Kramer, Carol Eaton, Sue Doherty, Carol Goodwin, Tracey Benjamin, Lynne Wheeler, Jo Vineyard, Christa Fathergill, Sue Clarcq, Mary Trowbridge;
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Men's Walk #37: A Faith Journey to Remember

Men's Walk #37 was held at the First United Methodist Church in Batavia on March 19-22. It was a time for pilgrims to reflect on their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We laughed and we cried; we sang and we ate (boy, did we!); we talked and we listened. We were blessed with so much Agape that it seemed that there couldn't be any more. I think it was then we started to understand that the love displayed by people we didn't know from all over the world, all comes from our Lord and Savior. For some this was an eye opener. For others it was much more. It was a once in a lifetime experience for us all.

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Men's Walk #37: A Faith Journey to Remember ...

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We were bathed in prayer from the first team meeting to the last "embrazzo." We were blessed to have great support from the Emmaus Community. The behind the scenes work and agape was much appreciated. Those who came to Candlelight were treated to a beautiful experience. The luminaries outside the church were appreciated as were all the candles and placemat greetings found on our tables.

The Team experienced the disappointment of a cancelled Walk #36 and the joy of a total of 20 pilgrims for Walk 37! They demonstrated an exercise in Perseverance. We grew

closer together than I would have thought possible. I thank my brothers (and sisters) for answering His call to serve the pilgrims and our WNY Community.

Above all, thanks be to God for

empowering us to serve His people. Our prayer is that we will continue to be open to His will and for further service in His name. To God be the Glory!

- Lynn Blakeman, Lay Director

Reunion Recap and Picnic Announced

- Keith Grinnell, Fourth Day Chair

Walk #37 in Batavia is officially behind us now that the Reunion has taken place. We had an excellent turnout for the Reunion with more than 100 people in attendance. Many thanks to the speakers for their talks, and to the many people who helped to set up, clean up or in any number of ways helped to make things run so smoothly.

At Reunion, we started to update the directory information. With many people using only cell phones, we are having difficulty contacting some

members. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or e-mail addresses, please let us know. Use a link on our Web site, wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org, to help you give us this new information.

The Summer Picnic will be hosted by the Springville Gathering at Sprague Brook Park, Shelter 5, on Route 240, in Glenwood Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park is across from the Kissing Bridge Ski Area. Meat and beverage will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass large enough to serve about 12 people.

Napoli Gathering

The Napoli Gathering will be held in South Dayton on May 18 at 7 p.m. and *not* in Napoli on May 25.

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Walk Updates

**- Stephen & Pat Morse
Community Lay Directors**

The Lord has certainly given the WNY Emmaus Community much reason to celebrate. During the Women's and Men's Walks #37, Christ was very present at send-off, candlelight, closing, and, according to the testimonies at closing, all throughout the weekend. You all responded by coming out in support and fellowship of our new community men and women.

The warm hospitality of Pastor Sherri Schaus and her congregation made Batavia First UMC a most welcoming facility. To our Men's and Women's Teams whom Christ prepared so diligently, faithfully and prayerfully to provide an authentic Emmaus weekend for the Pilgrims, we lift you up with thanksgiving. And for community participation in the weekend, whether by sponsoring, working in the kitchen, on the out-of-conference room team, donating snacks/agape, in prayer, attending weekend events, or in whatever way you chose to participate, a thank you is never enough. Remember, we have unity in Christ Jesus, and for that we celebrate!

Now it is already on to Fall Walks #38. Let us pray that God's handprint is as evident in the planning of these walks as in past walks. Soon, the Team Selection Committee will meet with the Lay and Spiritual Directors and prayerfully submit names for possible team members. We ask the community for your prayers for the Team Selection process that God will direct the work of the committee in the selection of team members. Pray also for those who will be sponsoring and the Pilgrims who will be attending the Walks. De Colores!



Butterflies of WNY

Our recent butterflies are, from left, Kara Grace Pitcher, Claire Ticco, Geoff Symonds and Kendra Turner. Missing are Bethany Vaccaro, Alyssa Barney and Kaitlyn Shoff.

Chrysalis Corner

- Kathy Weil, Chairperson



Things are looking up for Chrysalis in WNY! As you may know, we have had seven youth attend Flights in neighboring Chrysalis communities in the past few months. Those who could, attended the Women's Emmaus Candlelight service on April 18. What a joy to see them there, to watch as they had some time to get to know each other, and for us to get to know them! We are greatly encouraged by their willingness to participate in our cause, and by their enthusiasm! We cannot thank them enough for this (what seems

to us) monumental step in the right direction!

The Butterflies were invited to the Emmaus Reunion May 2. We need them, as well as all Emmaus members, to support the renewal of Chrysalis here in our wonderful community in WNY!

Plans for a Hoot (Chrysalis gathering) are in the works, and will hopefully take place this summer. Fly with Christ!

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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

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Next Newsletter Deadline is May 20

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