



# Rainbow Connection



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Row 1: Renee Engels, Cheryl Keesler, Kari Allen, Darrell Rublee, Susan Scharf, Sara Merle, Donna Koch, Christa Fathergill. Row 2: Bonnie Hall, Waverley Harvey, Sue McFreely, Phyllis Marvin, Anne Swartout, Tammy Dioniseio, Cheryl Reed. Row 3: Shirley Shea, Ginny Hint, Jodie Martin, Anita French, Marilyn Anderson, Marie Thompson, Yvonne Brady, Mary Kay Williams. Row 4: Alice Alsworth, Paula Phinney, Cathy (Catjo) Johnson, Anita Cooledge, Peggy Feary-Pray, Meghan Garland, Kristen Hess, Rachel Bernacki, Kathie Woika. Row 5: David McKinney, Nancy Carroll, Barbara Smith, Kate Moody, Anita Domes, Cindy Beth Klopfer-McCune, Darlene Devine, Kristin Bentson, Mike Breunig. Absent: Zena Goodenbery.

**Walk #47 Reunion Saturday November 22 beginning at 9AM @ Christ UMC in Olean**  
**Directions to Christ UMC in page 8** **Babysitting Provided**

**2014 Community Christmas Party** (Hosted by Second Sunday at Six Gathering)  
**Saturday December 13 @ Middleport UMC from 1-4PM**

Please bring your name tag and cross and a dish to share and come and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. And don't forget our grand "Tradition!", of the Gatherings presenting some sort of "entertainment" at the party. Please get your skits and other offerings together and let Mike Q. know so that he can start putting the program together. Mike's contact information: (716) 549-4209 or DaQuiz57@aol.com. Directions to Middleport UMC on pg 8.

**Deadline for January Rainbow Connection December 15**



## Women's Walk #47 Lay Director's Report

I have a large calendar on the wall in my kitchen. It's where I mark down the things I need to remember- appointments, meetings, birthdays. Some of the events are easily forgotten when the date is passed; I don't remember the day I got my oil changed in my car last Spring.

But there is an event noted on my calendar that's been there since March- a significant event, a life-changing event, an event that I will never forget. It's the WNY Women's Walk to Emmaus that was held November 6 -9, 2014. And I know that the 42 laity and clergy who went on Walk 47 will also never forget those 72 hours. Yes, we will probably forget the month, day and year, but we will never forget what we experienced together. Our lives were changed as we become fully aware of God's amazing grace and unconditional love. We spent time in prayer, worship and personal meditation, and listened to 15 wonderful talks. We sang, laughed and cried as we experienced the joy of Christian fellowship. But most of all—we felt the presence of God in all that we did and it is to our Lord that we give all the praise and glory.

Thank you to everyone in the Emmaus Community for your prayers and support. Please join with me and the Team in praying for the 16 newest Emmaus Community members as they grow spiritually in their Fourth Day journey. DeColores, Susan Scharf

## News from the International Advisory Committee

This year's Walk to Emmaus International Advisory Committee was attended by representatives from Ghana, Puerto Rico, England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Bahamas, Hong Kong, Ireland, Singapore and the United States. It was a blessing to be a witness to the positive impact Emmaus has around the world.

Emmaus is spreading into different areas of the world. In Europe Poland and Bulgaria are starting up. Even with a war in their country the Ukraine held two walks this year. The countries of Uganda, Kenya and the Congo are asking for Emmaus to come. Emmaus is growing in Asia. There have been people from China who have gone on walks in Hong Kong. Korea's community started five years ago and they are on walk #104. They hold a walk every month! South America countries of Bolivia, Chile, Peru and Belize are sending people on walks to begin new communities in their countries.

The Emmaus leaders in Nashville are aware that there are some struggles going on in our communities. Walks are being canceled not just in our area but throughout the world. It was emphasized to us that having a walk isn't the end we are aiming for, but developing people who will live a full and productive Fourth Day. So we need to ask ourselves are we a walk driven community or a fourth day driven community? They have done research and have discovered that 79% of the members in our communities are 50 years or older. They are looking into ways to reach the 20 to 40 age group. A program that is geared towards the 18 to 35 age bracket is being developed this year with roll out 2016. The Face to Face program is being formed in 50 communities in the U.S. This is a program for those who a 72 hour weekend is too much for them physically. We have begun the ground work to begin a Face to Face encounter in 2015 here in western New York. If anyone is interested in helping to start up this ministry please contact us.

We were presented with five different questions/concerns from communities around the world. Each of the table groups discussed the assigned concern/question and then each table group presented their response. Three of the concerns received a unanimous response from the IAC. We had two Chrysalis concerns that The Upper Room will investigate & report on in the future.

It is always an encouragement to join together with fellow Christian Brothers and Sisters. We may speak different languages or speak with accents, but Christ is Savior to us all and His work is what we are all about. We were asked to bring some water from home which we poured into a communal bowl to symbolize that we are one body. During our communion service in the Upper room we dipped our finger into the water and made the sign of the cross on our foreheads.

Thank you again for your support and your prayers as we went on this trip to Nashville.

DeColores,  
Lora and Jim

## AGAPE

Walk #47 is now in the history book, it is now time to start preparations for Walk #48. The Men's team is basically complete the Women's is just starting calls are being make. We need to pray for the teams as they prepare for the new Pilgrims. Who will you be sponsoring to go on this set of walks. Start working on agape for the walk. For those who supply agape for the walk please identify what individual or gathering supplies it. This will make it easier to return extras. Again, pray for the teams as they prepare to lead their pilgrims on their three day journey. Pray without ceasing!



72 Hour Prayer Vigil - The prayer vigil is not on line yet.

This is our third year as Agape Chairs so we must step down. We are still seeking an individual or individuals to serve as Agape Chairs. If you are interested in being Agape as Agape Chairs please contact us. Or if you have any questions please feel free to contact us also.

If you are willing to take on the task of Agape Chair/s Nancy and I will be willing to show you the ropes on this set of walks and work with you on the first set of walks in 2015.

[RNPRESTON@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:RNPRESTON@HOTMAIL.COM) OR 716-942-6651

De Colores Rich and Nancy Preston, Agape Chairs

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### Announcing WNY Walk to Emmaus #48

Men's Walk is **March 5-8** at Clarence United Methodist Church

Lay Director: Mike Burley Spiritual Director: Pastor Karen Grinnell

Women's Walk is **April 16-19** at Clarence United Methodist Church

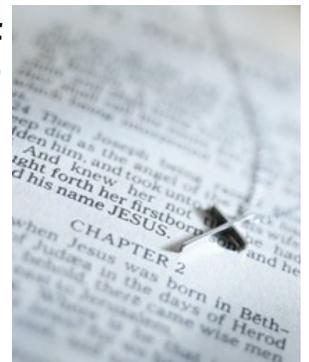
Lay Director: Donna Koch Spiritual Director: Pastor Renee Engels

Reunion **April 25**

### From God's Word

**[10] "And the angel said to them, " Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12] And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." [13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, [14] "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"**

Luke 2: 10-14 ESV



## From the Registrars

**“All good things must come to an end.” And so it is in December as we come to the end of our tenure as Registrars for the Western New York Walk to Emmaus. It has been our privilege to serve the Emmaus Community in this capacity and to work with truly good people on the Board of Directors. We thank everyone for the opportunity to serve in this way.**

**We are leaving this position in very good hands. Thank you to Dick and Roberta Baker for willingly saying “Yes” when called. Dick and Roberta will no doubt work for the Community with the hearts of servants. You can reach them in the following ways:**

**Dick and Roberta Baker  
3277 Route 275  
Friendship NY 14739  
Phone: 585-973-7584  
E-mail: Rmb2235@eznet.net**

**Please note: Registration forms with Dick and Roberta’s contact is on the Emmaus/Chrysalis website. Old registration forms will have our information on them, so please get new ones or change the information on ones you might have in your files. Thank you.**

**Our one last wish: It has been our goal to inform the Emmaus Community of the importance of getting registrations to the Registrars filled out completely, legibly and by the deadline. We’ve listed many of the reasons why this is so important. Our wish is that you will do your best to get those registration forms in on time, thus making the process easier for everyone working for the success of each new Walk.**

**Thank you again for the opportunity to serve and may God bless the Western New York Walk to Emmaus Community and each new Walk in the future.**

**De Colores!**

*Will and Carolyn Rickman*

**THINKING AHEAD TO  
WESTERN NEWYORK  
WALK TO EMMAUS # 48**

**MEN'S WALK: MARCH 5 – 8  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 12**

**WOMEN'S WALK: APRIL 16 – 19  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 19**

**WALK # 48 REUNION: APRIL 25**

## NEWS FROM FACILITIES

We would like to thank Christ United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their beautiful facility for our Fall Women's Walk. Everyone was so friendly, accommodating and understanding. Also, we want to thank Bill and Geniece Perkins for coordinating the Out of Conference Room team, removing and replacing all the furniture and helping the Logs keep the church spotless. Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks also to all the members of the community who helped in restoring the rooms to their original condition Sunday and moved all the bedding, etc., so that we were able to vacate the Fellowship Hall wing earlier than required by our contract with Christ UMC.

As announced at closing, we have a signed contract whereby the Clarence United Methodist Church has agreed to host our Spring 2015 Walks. It is a great facility.

Our three-year term as Facilities Coordinators is over. We have enjoyed working with everyone and thank you all for your assistance over the past 11 walks. We are pleased to announce that Jim and Donna Coleman will be taking over our position. They will need someone willing to coordinate the Out of Conference Room Team in Clarence, preparing the rooms for the walk after taking pictures to insure returning the rooms to their original condition on Sunday. If you would like more information about this job, Anita Domes developed a packet detailing all the what, where, when and how that we can e-mail to you. If a gathering could do this it would be great because you need lots of help. The Out of Conference Room Team only commits to one set of walks; there is no long-term commitment. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this job, and if you feel God's calling you to step up, you can contact us at [rslocum678@aol.com](mailto:rslocum678@aol.com).

DeColores,  
Bob & Trudie Slocum  
Facilities Coordinators

**CHRYSALIS Board of Directors**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
2016	Lay Director	Cherie Trabert	(585) 261- 7118	cheriet@rochester.rr.com
2014	Agape	Suzanne Perry	(585) 880-6322	wnyagape@gmail.com
2014	Spiritual Director	Dave Wickins	(716) 499-8829	revwick@gmail.com
2013	Clergy	Sue Russell	(585) 591-0148	asjrussell@hughes.net
2015	Community	Bob & Deanna Laurie	(716) 667-7151	<b>lauriedbb@verizon.net</b>
2015	Evangelism	Laurie Manzer	(585) 742-3637	lmanzer@rochester.rr.com
	Asst Evangelism	Sonia/Karen Ingle	(585) 621-1766*	kareningle8488@yahoo.com
2016	Library	Joe & Lindsey Peters	(716) 984-3495	josephmpeters@yahoo.com
2015	Newsletter	Barbara Swanson	(585) 261-7407	bms4him@rochester.rr.com
2014	Supplies	Marty Goodenbery	(585) 659-4073	mzgoodenbery@yahoo.com
2015	Registration	Erich/Vickie Jones	(585) 964-8104	EVJones4u@yahoo.com
2014	Kitchen	Zina Goodenbery	(585) 659-4073	mzgoodenbery@yahoo.com
2013	Next Steps	Jen Henton	(716) 904-1023	jenniferhenton@gmail.com
2014	Treasurer	Chris Collins	(585) 749-3727	cecollins68@gmail.com*
2015	Team Selection	Alethia Keiper	(585) 591-0502	akeiper@rochester.rr.com
2014	Secretary	Jessica White	(716) 536-1820	jdgirl25@yahoo.com
2013	Facilities	Cathy Garrett	(585) 787-0434	cgarrett@frontiernet.net
2015	Music	John Trowbridge	(585) 347-4834	jtmtst@rochester.rr.com
2014	Emmaus LD	Jim & Lora Keiper	(585) 591-3121	wnyemmaus@wildblue.net
2015	Clergy	Mary Rublee	(585) 721-7236	rev.maryrublee@gmail.com
2016	Clergy	Ron Isaman	(716) 372-4159	rvi2010@live.com*

Gathering Schedules, Times, Locations, & Leader Contact Information

**Alexander:** Alexander UMC -

3rd Saturday of month  
7 p.m. - Meeting  
(Child care as needed)  
Frank White  
(585) 734-5933  
uncleferter@msn.com

**Buffalo:** New Hope UMC

2846 Seneca St., West Seneca -  
3rd Saturday of the month  
9:30 a.m.- Meeting  
Pat Corsette 716-826-6840  
prcorsette@verizon.net

**Enchanted Mountain (Olean):**

Christ UMC lounge  
1st Wednesday of the month  
7-8:30 p.m. - Meeting Mike or Jan  
Mortimer \*\*\* 716-373-2237  
mortimer50@verizon.net

**Hamburg/Buffalo Southtowns:**

Hamburg UMC 116 Union St., Parlor -  
3rd Tuesday of the month  
7 p.m. - Meeting  
Jerry & Caroline Schneggenburger  
716-646-1522  
eyemann@roadrunner.com

**Honeoye Falls:**

Honeoye Falls UMC 31 East St  
Honeoye Falls NY 14472  
2nd Sunday of the month  
6:30 PM  
Darrell Rublee  
585-721-7237  
[drublee@rochester.rr.com](mailto:drublee@rochester.rr.com)

**Kendall:** Kendall UMC,

1808 Kendall Road - 2nd Friday  
of the month; 6:30 p.m. Meeting  
Bill & Geniece Perkins 585-659-8445  
billperkins1951@aol.com

**Medina/Millville:** Medina UMC -

2nd Friday of the month  
7 p.m. - Meeting  
Sandy Andrews & Holly Roush  
(585) 297-4304  
hjroush@localnet.com

**Napoli:** Little Valley UMC -

4th Monday of the month  
7 p.m. - Meeting  
Bill & Geniece Perkins  
716-560-5973  
billperkins1951@yahoo.com

**Second Sunday at Six**

**Emmaus/Chrysalis:**  
Middleport UMC  
5 Park Ave. (rear)  
2nd Sunday of the month; 6PM  
Stephen & Pat Morse  
585-798-1605  
pamorser1@rochester.rr.com

Please note corrections

**Springville:** Springville UMC

3rd Saturday of month  
9:30 a.m. - Meeting  
Anita & Chris Domes  
716-592-7793  
himmiesmom@aol.com

**West Bank:** Greece UMC -

2nd Saturday of the month  
8:30 a.m. - Continental  
9 a.m. - Meeting  
Wendy & Lynn Rickman  
585-392-9784  
wcdric@frontiernet.net



**LOOKING INTO THE NOT SO-DISTANT FUTURE**

Walk #47 Fall 2014

Location: Olean, NY

Reunion 11/22 Beginning at 9AM

**Springville Gathering** will meet on 12/13 instead of 12/20. Please note that the gathering will meet 9AM - 11AM in order to allow time to get to Middleport for the Christmas party.

Direct any questions to Anita Domes at [himmiesmom@aol.com](mailto:himmiesmom@aol.com)

**Kendall Gathering**— see you at Christmas party

**West Bank Gathering**— see you at Christmas party

Will not meet in December

Will not meet in December

Will meet 12/13 9AM-11AM

## Walk #48

Men's: Mike Burley Lay Director

Karen Grinnell Spiritual Director

Women's: Donna Koch Lay Director

Renee Engels Spiritual Director

Please be in prayer as those that God has called to lead Walk #48 begin to seek God's teams.

- Please be in prayer as those God is calling to positions for both the Emmaus and Chrysalis Boards transition into these servant leadership roles.
- Please prayerfully consider how you may help

## Mark your calendars



Chrysalis Flights 2015

@ "Camp Asbury"

Girls - July 10-13

Boys August 7 - 10

Reunion 8/22

Registration deadlines to follow

Prayer Chain Coordinator  
ngrierson@brightonfd.org

Chrysalis Board Meeting  
Batavia 1st UMC 7:00PM

**Monday December 1**

Emmaus Board Meeting  
at Trinity UMC 7:00 PM

**Friday December 19**

**All are welcome**

Open to community members



Chrysalis Clown Ministry Contact John Trowbridge (Nickels) 585-301-1039 or jtmst@rochester,rr.com

Unsure of community events? Follow community events on Twitter!!!

Find us at @wnyemmauschrys Not on Twitter???. Go to twitter.com to create an account & to sign up to follow Community events & updates!!



## WNY Emmaus Board of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone	E-mail
2014	Comm. Lay Dir.	Jim & Lora Keiper	(585) 591-3121	wnyemmaus@wildblue.net
2015	Spiritual Director	Rick Koch	(716) 655-4871	ministerrx@aol.com
2015	4th Day	Mike Quesenberry	(716) 549-4209	DaQuiz57@aol.com
2015	Library	Allen & Alethia Keiper	(585) 591-0502	akeiper@rochester.rr.com
2015	Newsletter	Barbara Swanson	(585) 261-7407	bms4him@rochester.rr.com
2015	Supplies	Jeff & Char Smith	(585) 798-3831	jsmith24@rochester.rr.com
				csmith72@rochester.rr.com
2015	Community	Ron & Alice Alsworth	(585) 593-1205	rgalsworth@aol.com
2016	Clergy	Joan Zimmerman	(716) 675-4908	pastorzimm@aol.com
2016	Kitchen	Darrell Rublee	(585) 721-7237	<a href="mailto:drublee@rochester.rr.com">drublee@rochester.rr.com</a>
2016	Music	Chris Klimecko	(716) 936-2454	ckli42@yahoo.com
2016	Secretary	Kathie Woika	(585) 343-3813	jwoika1@rochester.rr.com
2016	Treasurer	Paul & Mary Kay Williams	(716) 942-3872	pwlms5@gmail.com
				mkay@s1umc.org
2014	Agape	Rich & Nancy Preston	(716) 942-6651	rnpreston@hotmail.com
2014	Clergy	Renee Engels	(716) 683-2014	pastor_renee@yahoo.com
2014	Evangelism	Vern & Judy Heiler	(716) 992-4557	jv.heiler@verizon.net
2014	Facilities	Bob & Trudie Slocum	(585) 659-8445	rslocum678@aol.com
2014	Registration	Will & Carolyn Rickman	(585) 392-9784	wcdric@frontiernet.net
2014	Team Selection	Norb Fuest	(585) 591-1198	nfuest@rochester.rr.com
2016	Chrysalis	Cherie Trabert	(585) 261-7118	cheriet@rochester.rr.com

\* correction since last month

## Directions to Olean Christ United Methodist Church For Walk #47 Reunion

From the East or West—Follow I-86 to Route 16 south exit in Olean. Follow Route 16 south to first stop light and turn left onto Front St..

Follow Front St. to stop light and turn left onto Main St.. Follow Main St. to Oviatt St. and turn left onto Oviatt St.. Follow Oviatt St. into church parking.

From the North---Follow 16 south to Olean. At Front St. turn left and follow directions above to the church.

*Merry CHRISTmas from the Prayer Chain coordinator! I pray that we all shine our light so bright during this season that people ask "what is up with you?" and you can tell them the real reason for Christmas!!*

*I have had some issues with a couple of the prayer chain links either not getting the emails at all or only part of them. I am not computer savvy so I can only guess at why this is happening. I have been able to solve the problem of the one link not getting the emails at all. If you have trouble with receiving the prayer list, please let me know. The list is currently 8 pages long, so please make sure you are getting the full list.*

*Speaking of the list being 8 pages long, I would like to remind those who have added names to the prayer list to please review them on a regular basis and if necessary, send me an update so I can update the entire chain. Personally, I like the updates because I can be very specific in my requests to God. Updates can be to let everyone know things have improved, gotten worse, stayed the same but prayers are still needed, or that the prayers were answered and the name can be taken off of the list.*

*I am considering changing the layout of the prayer list after some input that the long list can be overwhelming at times. My thought is to have 2 columns, the first column will list the name of the person needing prayer and the second will list in a few words the reason for the prayer need. The plan is to start it January 1, 2015 with the body of the email being the short list and then attach the full list in a word document. Please send me feedback, positive and negative. This prayer chain is for all of us and it should be user-friendly for all of us.*

*If you are new to Emmaus or are looking for a great "New Year's Resolution", why not become a link in the Prayer Chain?! All you need to do is send me your email address and I will add you as a link in the chain. Emails are sent out when a request is made to lift someone up in prayer or when an update to a previous request is received. I do not give or sell your email to anyone, nor do I use it for any other purpose except for the Emmaus Prayer Chain. My email address is [ngrierson@brightonfd.org](mailto:ngrierson@brightonfd.org)*

*God bless you all and may the best gift ever given be received with renewed joy and appreciation. Jesus is the reason for the season! Happy Birthday Jesus!!*



## Directions to Middleport UMC, 9 Park Ave, Middleport, NY 14105

### (Site of Community Christmas Party)

From NYS Thruway, Exit 48A, turn right on Rt 77 North for 9 miles, at flashing red light, continue straight through, becomes Rt 63 North, continue 5 miles, turn left on Rt 31, Maple Ridge Rd, go 4.5 miles, turn right on Rt 271, S Main St, Park Ave is first street on right. The church stands at the corner of Park Ave. & S. Vernon St. We will use the rear entrance of the church on S. Vernon St. Curbside parking is allowed on both sides of S. Vernon St. The church has a small parking lot off S. Vernon St. In addition, there is a municipal (free) parking lot on Main St. one block West of S. Vernon St. There is an easement between the municipal parking lot and the church parking lot, and it is a short walk to the back door of the church.

From points West and NW, (Buffalo, and Niagara Falls) Take Rt 31 East to Rt 31, South Main St, or take Rt 104 East to Rt 271 South, Stone Rd., turn right. Stone Rd becomes N Main St, becomes South Main St, turn left on Park ave.

From points East, (Rochester), Go West on Rt 31 through Medina to Rt 271 South Main, or west on 104 to Rt 271 Stone Rd.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Mike at (716) 866-1036!

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**Deadline for January Rainbow Connection is December 15**

**B. Swanson  
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Hilton, NY 14468**