



Rainbow Connection



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As we begin a new year in service to God, our local churches, our Emmaus/Chrysalis brothers and sisters and to our neighbors let us take time to remember and reflect on points from our walk...

(Excerpts from the Worship Booklet for Pilgrims)

The call to Christian study is a call to be a lifelong learner. Growth in grace is a lifelong process, and study is an essential aspect of the Christian journey toward maturity. Our joy and faithfulness as a disciple depend on study.

The most important sources of guidance are Christ's example and the Holy Spirit's leading. Jesus promised that those who ask will receive, those who seek will find, and to those who knock, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7; Luke 11:10)

We cannot experience the fullness God intends for us without a small group of spiritual friends who are also intentional in their discipleship. The Bible clearly states that we cannot make it alone. We need the support, nurture, correction, and guidance of other Christians.

The Bible clearly teaches that the role and responsibility of the more mature (parents and grandparents) is to help the less mature (children and grandchildren) come to love God with all their heart and with all their soul and with all their might. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Jesus commanded us to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion regularly in remembrance of him (Luke 22:14-20) and he set the powerful example of service to one another as he washed the feet of the disciples (John 13:1-20). Worship as the body of Christ—regularly. Prayer as the body of Christ—fervently. Service in the body of Christ—faithfully.

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been give to me. God therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:18-20)

In the book of James we are promised divine wisdom if we "ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly" (James 1:5). May you see God's wisdom in all your prayer, study and action.

Remember: Christ is counting on you!

"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.

For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."

1 Corinthian 3:9 ESV

Spring Walks 2016 will be held at Springville First United Methodist Church.

The Men's Walk will be March 10th - 13th.

Registrations are to be in to the Registrar no later than February 9th.

The Women's Walk will be April 21st - 24th.

Registrations are to be in to the Registrar no later than March 24th.

Reunion will be Saturday, April 30th.



Deadline for February Rainbow Connection January 15

Greetings from the WNY Emmaus Lay Directors

We understand that the Christmas Party in Attica was a great success. Thanks to the Alexander Gathering and to Mike Quesenberry for putting it together.

It looks like a white Christmas is not in the forecast for Western New York. We know that eventually it will turn colder and the white stuff will soon appear. Similarly we look forward to the new year with anticipation of Spring Walks, other gatherings and the start of new things happening throughout the Emmaus movement world wide.

As we look forward to the coming of our Lord and Savior this year we pray for all of you. We thank you for your support and wish for you a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

Decolores, Lynn & Pat Blakeman

Greetings Emmaus Family,

This was my last year on the International Advisory Committee for Walk to Emmaus. It has been a great three years of learning about what/how Emmaus in our doing in our country and around the world. Emmaus is a vibrant and much needed ministry in this world that seems to be getting darker each passing day. The following is my report for this year's meetings (click on the link below). I look forward to sharing personally at gatherings in the near future.

DeColores,
Lora Keiper



[International News](#)
(this 3 page report is also posted on the
Community's website)

De Colores! And a very Merry Christmas to all the Emmaus community. As our thoughts focus on the rapidly approaching holidays, let me take a few moments to reflect on my time as Fourth day Chair. Saturday the sixth marked the occasion of our annual Christmas party, and was well attended by 50+ of my closest friends. There was plenty of food fun and fellowship, and the entertainment was second to none. What a great opportunity to gather together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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days

Somewhat sadly, it also marked my last official event as Fourth Day Chair. These past three years have flown by quickly, and have offered many opportunities to see old friends and to make new ones. I cherish all the memories I have from this time. Also, sadly, as of this writing, I have been unable to find anyone to take over the Fourth day position. I have frequently been in prayer about it, and am confident that God has placed it in someone's heart to take over this important assignment. I will not be able to continue serving, but will be very glad to help you get your feet wet at the Spring Walk. If you feel any calling for this, please contact me at (716) 942-3251. Again, I want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year!

Mike Quesenberry
Fourth Day Chair

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West Bank:	Will & Carolyn Rickman – (585) 392-9784
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That there are still open board positions. Is God calling you into service within the Emmaus/Chrysalis community?

Contact Cherie Trabert for Chrysalis and/or Lynn/Pat Blakeman for ways to give involved... maybe to support board members as they serve.

The Passion Walk to Emmaus written by Larry Hint on his first 4th Day after Walk #40

This has been the most heart warming experience that I have ever had in my life. The walk to Emmaus has melted my heart and showed me love to no end. The love feeling that I get here is indescribable. It makes shivers go up my body and tears come to my eyes and raises my heart beat. All the instructors showed me so much love and helped us in any way they possibly could. They were wonderful. The feeling that I get afterwards is indescribable. It strengthened my feelings towards my friends, my church family and God. It was amazing as it feels as though a weight has been lifted off my shoulders and I have a whole new outlook on life.

A show doesn't go on without the sponsors. I want to thank all the sponsors, and instructors involved in this spectacular event. Thank you God for the feeling I have gotten from this experience.

CHRYSLIS Board of Directors

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2016	Lay Director	Cherie Trabert	(585) 261-7118	cheriet@rochester.rr.com
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2016	Clergy	Ron Isaman	(716) 372-4159	rvi2010@live.com
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2018	Library			
2018	Newsletter			
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2017	Team Selection	Norb Fuest	(585) 591-1198	nfuest@rochester.rr.com
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From the Registrars.....Dick and Roberta Baker

REGISTRATIONS for **MEN'S WALK #50** will be **DUE** on **FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

Registration forms are available from:

Gathering Chairpersons

Rainbow Connection Editor – Barb Swanson

The Registrars..... That's us!!

Now is the time to get the forms for your pilgrim and start the process.....so when Feb. 9th comes around, you'll be celebrating and basking in the love of Jesus!!! And we'll be celebrating with you!!!!!!

LOOKING WAY AHEAD.....Registration Due Date for the Women's Walk is March 24th.

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

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 Meeting
Darrell Rublee
585-721-7237

drublee@rochester.rr.com

Kendall: Kendall UMC,

1808 Kendall Road -
2nd Friday of the month;
6:30 p.m. - Meeting
Bob & Trudy Slocum 585-659-8445
rslocum678@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: Napoli UMC - (Moved back)

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

Springville: Springville UMC

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

West Bank: Greece UMC -

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

Chrysalis Board Meeting

Batavia 1st UMC 7:00PM
First Tuesday of the Month
Tuesday January 5, 2016

Emmaus Board Meeting

at Trinity UMC 7:00 PM
Third Friday of the month
Friday January 21, 2016

Sad news from Steve & Pat Morse: The Second Sunday at Six Emmaus/Chrysalis Gathering will no longer be meeting as a Gathering.

All are welcome...

Open to all community members— YES you are welcome & encouraged to attend

Please prayerfully consider how you will serve God through service to those on the Spring Walks!!



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Men's Team is getting ready!!

1st Teaming 1/9/16 Indian Falls UMC
2nd Teaming 2/5 -2/6 at Alexander UMC
3rd Teaming 2/26 - 2/27 at the Springville UMC
Walk itself 3/10 - 3/13 at the Springville UMC
Reunion 4/30 at the Springville UMC

Please submit changes in contact
information to Kathie Woika at
jwoika1@rochester.rr.com

Women's Team is getting ready!!

1st Teaming 2/6/16 at the Orchard
Park UMC
2nd Teaming 3/4-3/5 at the Indian
Falls UMC
3rd Teaming 4/15-4/16 at the
Springville UMC
Walk itself 4/21-4/24 at
Springville UMC

Deadline for February Rainbow Connection January 15

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