



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

November 2015

*Women's Walk #49 has been cancelled.
The Walk #49 Reunion has also been cancelled*

Please pray for:

- The Men's & Women's teams that God brought together in preparation for Walk #49.
 - The pilgrims that God has called to experience His love through a weekend event, in His time
 - The Board members & community members that said yes to helping behind the scenes
 - Sponsors of future pilgrims, may those relationships continue to be nurtured, that hearts will be opened
- May God be glorified in all things, even, perhaps particularly in the midst of our frustrations and sadness



*Community Christmas Party 2015
Hosted by Alexander Gathering at Alexander UMC
Saturday December 5, 2015
1-4 PM*



Directions & details will be posted on line & in December's Rainbow Connection

From the Community Lay Directors: "To everything there is a season." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

It has been a difficult time canceling both walks. Maybe this is a time for all of us to sit back and think what the walk meant to each one of us. First pray and then pray again that the spring walks will be a success and ask God to lead you to that person that you should sponsor.

Being a sponsor is work, but it is also very rewarding and if you are in doubt how to sponsor there are sponsor mentors available. You can ask your gathering leader who can help you to sponsor. It is never too early to start sponsoring. Maybe now is the time before people get involved with the holidays. The final dates for the spring walks is not yet available but will be made available very soon.

The board is still trying to find people that would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors. If you are interested please call one of the people on the Board of Directors and they will tell you what is required to fulfill the job.

Please be in prayer for the next Spiritual Director. The voting ballot is in this issue of the Rainbow Connection. Please take a moment to vote. You may mail your ballot, call Lynn and I, or email your choice to lsblake49@yahoo.com.

God Bless all of you for your support of the WNY Emmaus Community.

De Colores
In Christ,
Lynn and Pat Blakeman

Deadline for December Rainbow Connection November 15

Spiritual Director Nominee—"Bios" in alphabetical order

Please submit your ballot for Community Spiritual Director after prayerful consideration

Pastor Nilla Owen - Rev. Manilla Owen

I am a 1992 graduate of Perkins School of Theology (SMU) in Dallas, Texas. While in seminary I served congregations in the Oklahoma Conference as a student pastor and my internship year as a hospital chaplain in Oklahoma City. After graduation I was a full time pastor in the Kansas Area for 11 years before coming to New York, where I've served for the past 12 years. I was ordained as an Elder in 1995.

I went on my Walk in 1993 through the Sonflower Emmaus Community in Topeka, Kansas. While serving churches in the Kansas Area I served on teams in both the Sonflower Emmaus Community and the Bread of Life Community. I was active in the community that meet monthly in the Salina, Kansas area. Since moving to New York I've been active in our community serving twice on the Board of Directors, first as Assistant Spiritual Director in charge of the book table and then as the Community Spiritual Director



Greg Van Dussen

Greg made Western NY Men's Walk #18 at Grace UMC in Rochester, and has been actively involved in Emmaus ever since. He has served as Spiritual Director or Assistant SD on several walks, and served once as Assistant Musician. Greg is part of the Alexander Gathering, is a previous Community SD, and enjoys attending Community events. He is working with others to encourage the growth of our Gathering in Toronto. He rejoices that God is using Emmaus to renew people's lives and to renew the Church. Greg retired in 2011 after 39 years of pastoral ministry in western New York, including six years as Batavia District Superintendent. He currently serves as Adjunct Professor of History, Ministry, and Spirituality at Northeastern Seminary (at Roberts Wesleyan College). Greg and his wife Jackie live in Batavia. They attend Indian Falls UMC and St. Mary's RC Church, Batavia.

Vonnie Vredenburg

I attended the Piedmont Women's Walk to Emmaus, number 44, table of Sarah, in High Point, NC in 2004. I was very involved in the Piedmont Walk To Emmaus Community until I retired as an Elder in the Western North Carolina Conference and moved to Springville, NY. I currently serve as the Part-time Pastoral Assistant at First United Methodist Church in Springville. Since moving to Springville, I have been actively involved in our Western New York Walk To Emmaus Community. I participate in the Springville Gathering. I have served as a clergy team member on Men's Walk number 46 and Women's Walk number 48. For the past year I have been serving as a clergy member on our Community's Board Of Directors. My specific responsibility is the Book Table for each Walk and Reunion. Since July 1st, I have been serving as the Interim Spiritual Director.

Through Emmaus my walk with God has been deepened and enriched, and I have been continually challenged each day to grow in Christ and follow the leading of Holy Spirit in my life.



Directions for ballot submission on page 5; Deadline for submission November 12

WNY Emmaus – Evangelism

Participating in a Walk To Emmaus is special for all of us and yet, the experience for each of us was unique. Each of us are in a unique spiritual place with a unique relationship with God on our own specific path toward enlightenment.

Despite the infinite number of possibilities for each Walk, we share some common experiences; the initial uncertainty of the first evening, the magic of Candle Light and the unbridled enthusiasm of the Closing Service.

Many of us leave this Closing Service with the desire to share with others – we want others to feel the love and enthusiasm of God in their lives.

However, finding a way to communicate this with others and invite them to participate in the Emmaus Community can be challenging. So, please let us help!

Our role on the Board is to work with you to help communicate the love, excitement and enrichment opportunities available when participating in a Walk.

So, please contact us, we are available to talk with individuals, small groups or your entire congregation.

DeColores and please remember I Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” Larry Lehning & Tammy Dionisio

De Colores! And greetings to the Emmaus Community. As you have probably heard by now, we sadly were forced to cancel both Fall Walks. And no Walks means no reunion. Prayerfully, we will go forward, and with God’s guidance, hopefully discern how we move forward into the future.

I am also hoping that everyone enjoyed our beautiful summer, and now as days grow shorter, and the nights get cooler, thoughts turn to our next Community event. Christmas Party! I was hoping to have the event finalized, but as of deadline day, I am still not at the point of announcing. Stay tuned to this spot for future info. See you there!

One final bit of business. At this writing, I have been unable to find anyone who would be interested in taking over Fourth Day duties. I would be happy to work with anyone for the Spring Walks and to help with learning the other duties. I have greatly enjoyed my time on the Board, and am sure you would enjoy this opportunity to serve also. If anyone is interested, please contact me on my cell: 716 866-1086, at home 716 942-3251, or by Email,

DaQuiz57@aol.com.

Mike Quesenberry

Fourth Day Chair



Full Emmaus Board of Director Contact list will return next month.

CHRYSALIS Board of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone	E-mail
2016	Lay Director	Cherie Trabert	(585) 261- 7118	cheriet@rochester.rr.com
2017	Agape	Lisa Wickins	(716) 542-9567	lwickins@juno.com
		Cheryl Isaman	716) 372-4159	crvisaman@yahoo.com
2017	Spiritual Director	Dave Wickins	(716) 499-8829	revwick@gmail.com
2015	Community	Bob & Deanna Laurie	(716) 667-7151	lauriedbb@verizon.net
2015	Evangelism	Karen Ingle	(585) 621-1766	KarenLIngle8488@yahoo.com
2016	Library	Joe & Lindsey Peters	(716) 984-3495	josephmpeters@yahoo.com
2015	Newsletter	Barbara Swanson	(585) 261-7407	bms4him@rochester.rr.com
2017	Supplies	Dan & Tracey Benjamin	(585) 593-8189	dbenjamin003@stny.rr.com
2015	Registration	Erich/Vickie Jones	(585) 750-6421	evjones4u@yahoo.com
2017	Kitchen	Cheryl & Jim Brown	(716) 807-5051	jbrown_14105@yahoo.com
2016	Next Steps	Jen Henton	(716) 904-1023	jenniferhenton@gmail.com
		Tadd Grimes	(716) 378-0985	grimesfe@gmail.com
2017	Treasurer	Steve & Pat Morse	(585) 798-1605	patmorsel@rochester.rr.com
2015	Team Selection	TBD		
2017	Secretary	Natalie Dietrich	(585) 236-5453	nataliec2@yahoo.com
2016	Facilities	Cathy Garrett	(585) 787-0434	cgarrett@frontiernet.net
2015	Music	John Trowbridge	(585) 347-4834	jtmstt@rochester.rr.com
2017	Emmaus LD	Lynn Blakeman	(585) 307-9433	lsblake49@yahoo.com
		Pat Blakeman	(585) 397-9738	t_lady48@yahoo.com
2015	Clergy	Mary Rublee	(585) 721-7236	rev.maryrublee@gmail.com
2016	Clergy	Ron Isaman	(716) 372-4159	rvi2010@live.com
2015	Youth Rep	Josh Wickins	(716) 450-1192	joshwickinspk@juno.com

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It is time for us to venture to Nashville, Tennessee to attend The Walk to Emmaus International Advisory Committee (IAC) for our third and final year. The IAC gathers Walk to Emmaus People from around the world to come together once a year to discuss what is occurring with the Emmaus movement. The Nashville Emmaus Leadership share what changes or advances that have been made in the past year. We will hear about "Face to Face" (a walk for those older or with physical challenges) and "Come to the Table" (a walk for 20 to 40 year olds).

The International Representatives will give reports on how the Emmaus Communities are doing in the countries they are in charge of. We are looking forward to hearing about the progress in developing new communities in Poland, Africa, Argentina and Peru.

Then we are presented with five to six questions or concerns from Emmaus Communities. In small groups we discuss and give an answer for question we are given. Last year one question we were presented with was how to keep Chrysalis up to date and vibrant to the teens attending. We hope they took our suggestions we gave last year and will have some changes for us to hear.

On Saturday a special offering for "The Gift" will be taken. This fund helps with needs in starting new Walk to Emmaus Communities. Your WNY Board sent a Gift of \$300. We also have other gathering donations that we will be presenting. Thank you for your support in this special ministry.

We look forward to seeing our Emmaus friends from around our country and the world. When we return home we will share with you all what has been happening in the Walk to Emmaus movement.



DeColores,

Jim and Lora Keiper

Unsure of community events?

Follow community events on

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Not on Twitter? Go to twitter.com to create an account & to sign up to follow

Community events & updates!!



Chrysalis Board Meeting

Batavia 1st UMC 7:00PM

First Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday November 3, 2015

Emmaus Board Meeting

at Trinity UMC 7:00 PM

Third Friday of the month

Friday November 19, 2015

For this month, the Emmaus Board of Directors' contact information will be available only on the community website.

All are welcome...

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

As many of you know, I got married in August - PRAISE GOD!!! With that came my new name and email address. To send prayer requests, updates to existing requests or to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact me either by email nweilert@brightonfd.org or by calling or texting my cell phone 585-820-0860 (I cannot receive photos or group messages on that phone as it is an old "dumb" phone).

Any Emmaus member can become a "Link" in our Prayer Chain; all you need is an email address, which will not be shared with anyone as I send the listing by using "blink copy" - the only address you will see is mine. Once you are a Link, you will receive the prayer list whenever there is an update or new prayer added.

Any Emmaus member may request prayer for themselves or someone else. You don't have to be a Link to make the request and the person needing prayer does not have to be an Emmaus member.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

May God bless you all!

DeColores!

Nancy Weilert



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 Doms
716-373-7777
himmesmom@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

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

Spiritual Director Ballot

After prayerful consideration, please submit your ballot for the person to complete Rick Koch's term as Community Spiritual Director.

_____ Pastor Nilla Owens
_____ Pastor Greg Van Dussen
_____ Pastor Vonnie Vredenburg
_____ Write in

Ballots should be sent to us Lynn & Pat Blakeman either by:

US Postal Mail: 720 Hoop Street; Olean, NY 14760

or by email: lsblake49@yahoo.com

All ballots should be in their email inbox or postmarked no later than Monday, November 12nd.

Thank you

Deadline for December Rainbow Connection November 15

**B. Swanson
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Hilton, NY 14468**