



Rainbow Connection



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Come one... Come all... to the Christmas Party to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior



Don't forget the party at Hamburg UMC, 116 Union St., Hamburg, December 10, 12:00 N to 4:00 PM. Come be part of our celebrity line up of guests.

There will be great food ('cause everyone is bringing a treat) and GREAT entertainment ('cause every gathering is bringing an example of their talent). You certainly won't want to miss the Hamburg Not-Yet-Ready-for-Public-Display Players.

Directions:

From **north and east:** Thruway to Exit 57, Rt. 75 South 2.6 mi. to Union St. Left on Union Church on right about 0.2 mi.

From **south:** Rt. 62 to Rt. 75 in Hamburg. Left at light onto Rt. 75, Union St. is right at next light -or-

Rt. 216 to Hamburg, exit onto Rt. 391 north. About 3 miles to traffic circle. Right off of circle onto Buffalo St. (Rt. 62 north) then left at first light onto Union St. Church on left about 0.2 mi.

From **west:** If you are coming from the west, you are probably close enough to know the way. If not, give me a call at 716-864-4177.

*****ATTENTION GATHERING LEADERS*****

It would be a great help if you let us know a title and approximate length of your production. We need to get the info to the networks, newspapers, and printers;-) Reach us at the above number.

Sue and Marty Doherty
Fourth Day

Community Lay Directors Report

DeColores!

May God bless you richly this Thanksgiving and as we strive to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ! We hope and pray that you continue to know and experience the grace of God and find new ways to spread that grace and love among His people.

At October's Board meeting, Secretary Lynne Wheeler expressed her desire, after much prayer and consideration, to step down from her position. The Board and Community is grateful for Lynne's work with the Board and for her year of dedicated service.

In an effort to be able to bring the new Secretary in at the same time as the other incoming Board members in January, the Board that evening nominated three individuals to fill the remaining two years of the position.

Editor's note: Please remember to thank Gary & Rose Caldwell for their service to God and the WNY Emmaus/Chrysalis Community as Community Lay Directors.

CHRYSALIS FLIGHT PRAYER LINKS

Girls Flight Prayer Vigil link: <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=6162&commid=1065>

Boys Flight Prayer Vigil link: <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=6163&commid=1065>

We need agape! Please continue making items and give them to any Chrysalis Steering Committee member.

One individual, Kathy Wessel Neamon, accepted the nomination and at the November meeting the Board elected Kathy to complete the term.

Please pray for all of the incoming Board members as next month they will be commissioned in a special service preceding our December 18 Board meeting, as is tradition. Take a moment at the upcoming Christmas Party on Dec. 10 to thank outgoing Board members Paul and Joanne Brown, Gary and Sue Clarcq, Pastor Brian Scharf, Lynne Wheeler, and Jack and Kathie Woika

Happy Thanksgiving and we will see you in Hamburg at the party!

Glory be to God, Gary & Rose



Happy Thanksgiving

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. No, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. “

I Chronicles 29:11-13

KJV

Kitchen Korner by Bill Perkins

Hi everyone from our kitchen in Little Valley, we really missed seeing all of you this fall. But the good news is spring is right around the bend and we look forward to walk # 42 along with the opportunity of seeing all our friends & also spoiling our teams & the pilgrims. We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving & pray that your families will be blessed. Wait.....Geniece just told me that we will be able to see you all at the Emmaus Christmas party at the Hamburg UMC December 10th & she will be bringing some of her delicious desserts like chocolate covered cheese cake & some other surprises. We'll see you all there.



Editor's Note: Anyone that responds to God's leading to send a monetary gift in order to offset newsletter costs please make checks payable to WNY Walk to Emmaus. On behalf of the Board, I would like to express sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness and generosity of those who have sent monetary gifts throughout the year. DeColores, Barbara Swanson

Please remember to notify me of an address, phone number or email address change.

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	Music*	Jon Trowbridge	(585) 377-9330	jtmtst@frontiernet.net

* indicates change since last month

High-flying New for Chrysalis!

We in Chrysalis haven't given up nor given in; "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid...for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you." Deut. 31:6

We have new Flight dates for youth ages 15-18 for Winter Flights for 2012! On January 14-16 Girls Flight #14 will take off under the leadership of Becky Fox as Lay Director, and Pastor Laura Calos as Spiritual Director. Our location for this event will be the Batavia 1st UMC, on Lewiston Rd, Batavia, NY. Our Boys Flight will be held at the same location, under the care of Norb Feust as Lay Director and Pastor Carol Sierk as Spiritual Director. Almost all Team members from both Teams (earlier organized for the Summer Flights we had to cancel) are staying on, a great testimony to their commitment to this awesome calling from the LORD!

Now? Sponsorship from the Community of Emmaus and Chrysalis alike! We have 4 Girls registrations in so far, and 9 Boys. Please consider the youth present in your lives, churches, communities, and speak to them of this awesome opportunity to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ! We would love to visit with your Church/youth group to share about the Flights.

To arrange this, just contact our new Evangelism representative, Natalie Dietrich at 585-236-5453 or nataliec2@yahoo.com. She is very excited about going out into the Community for Chrysalis!

The deadlines for registrations are December 16 for the Girls and January 20 for the Boys. You can find registration forms through our WNY Emmaus/Chrysalis Web page, or contact our Registrar, Cherie Trabert. Cherie's phone numbers is 585-261-7118, or email her at cheriet@rochester.rr.com. Either way, she will send you the registrations you need!

Think on the following as you consider sponsoring, and how Emmaus or Chrysalis made a difference in your life, and your 4th day. Share the excitement of a closer relationship with Christ with another, so that they too may walk that walk with Him! "That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height; to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Ephesians. 3:17-19

Fly with Christ!

Kathy Weil ,
Chrysalis Community
Lay Director



Here is an idea...save on postage!

Finish up your agape, your placemats and napkins for either Chrysalis or Emmaus weekends and *bring them with you* to the Christmas party! They will be graciously and gladly received.....

Pick up more to decorate too!

Gathering Schedules, Times, Locations, & Leader Contact Information

Alexander: Alexander UMC -
3rd Saturday of month
7 p.m. - Meeting (Child care as
needed)
Jim & Lora Keiper 585-591-3121
keiper5@wildblue.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
prcorsette@verizon.net

Enchanted Mountain (Olean):
Christ UMC lounge
1st Wednesday of the month
7-8:30 p.m. - Meeting
Lynn Blakeman 716-373-6470
smitann@verizon.net*

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
cfatherg@rochester.rr.com

Hamburg/Buffalo Southtowns:
Hamburg UMC
116 Union St., Parlor - 3rd Tues-
day of the month
7 p.m. - Meeting
Jerry & Caroline Schneggenburger
716-646-1522
eyemann@roadrunner.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: Millville UMC -
Second Friday of the month***
7 p.m. - Meeting
Jesse & Cheryl Babcock
585-589-7413
cbabcock002@rochester.rr.com

Napoli: Napoli UMC - 4th Mon-
day of the month
7 p.m. - Meeting
Rick Peters 716-938-6800

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IN MEETING DATE

Niagara: Lockport - Emmanuel
UMC
2nd Saturday of the month
6 p.m. - Meeting
Dave & Janice McKinney
716-434-5471

Springville: Springville UMC - 3rd
Saturday of month
9:30 a.m. - Meeting
Brian & Susan Scharf 716-592-9811
sdscharf@juno.com

West Bank: Greece UMC - 2nd
Saturday of the month
8:30 a.m. - Continental breakfast
9 a.m. - Meeting (Call ahead for
child care)
Sonia Ingle - Child care contact
585-621-1766

Will & Carolyn Rickman
585-392-9784
wcdric@frontiernet.net

(West Bank will not meet
in **December**—see you all at the
Christmas party instead)

SPRING 2012 Walks (#42)

Will be held at Batavia United Methodist Church

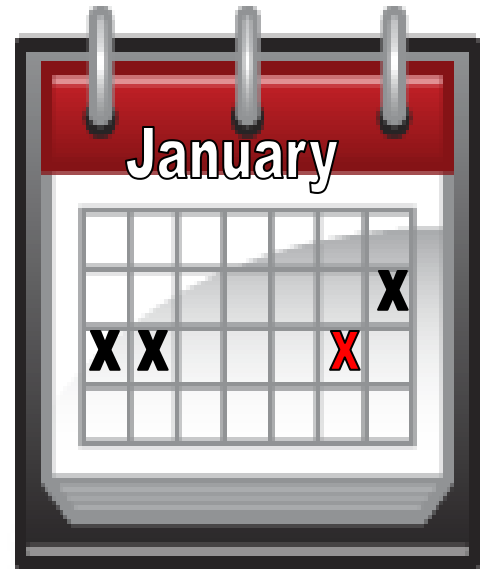
Men's Weekend: Thursday, March 22 - Sunday March, 25, 2012

Women's Weekend: Thursday April 19th - Sunday April 22, 2012.



The calendars are for those of you that think visual....

If the calendars don't help, ignore them and read the articles.



Saturday 12/10 Christmas Party

(See page 1 for details)

Friday 12/16 Registration Deadline for Girls Flight

(See "High-flying news..." page 4)

January 14 - 16 Girls Flight

January 20 Registration Deadline for Boys flight

(See High-flying news... page 4)

WNY Emmaus Board of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone	E-mail
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2012	Supplies	Bob & Sally Shearing	(585) 493-5894	sshearing@cnyti.com
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2013	Kitchen	Bill & Geniece Perkins	(716) 560-5973	billperkins1951@yahoo.com
2013	Music	Dan Benjamin	(585) 593-8189	dbenjamin003@stny.rr.com
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2013	Treasurer	Duane & Anita Domes	(716) 592-7793	himmiesmom@aol.com
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2011	Clergy	Brian Scharf	(716) 592-9811	chirocare85@verizon.net
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2011	Facilities	Gary & Sue Clarcq	(585) 323-1910	suzieandcq@frontier.com
2011	Registration	Will & Carolyn Rickman	(585) 392-9784	wcdric@frontiernet.net
2011	Team Selection	Bob & Christa Fathergill	(585) 387-0928	cfatherg@rochester.rr.com

We'd like you to "meet" new WNY Community Prayer Chain Coordinator



My name is Nancy Grierson. I went on the Western NY Women's Walk to Emmaus #27, sat at Table #1 Abigail and I worship at Greece Assembly of God. Ever since my Walk I have felt a desire to volunteer for the Emmaus community, but have always had a crazy work schedule where the only consistency is inconsistency; no two weeks in a row have the same work days. Therefore it has been impossible to commit to any board position, knowing I would not be able to attend the meetings. Through God's amazing timing I have been able to serve on Team for 3 Walks and was spiritually changed in different ways on each of those.

I have always considered myself to be a "Prayer Warrior" but in the past few years, since the death of my husband and the struggles of being a widow, a single mom of a now 13 year old girl, working full time and keeping up the house, have backslidden. I am not proud of that and have felt guilt gnawing at me. The praying never stopped, no way, because God made Himself so apparent in my life through all that went on, I have NO doubt that He is my God and He is my strength, but the prayers did cut back significantly. Without Him, I would not be here today, of that I am certain. So when I got the email from Jim Goody about his needing to step down as Prayer Coordinator, I got a bit excited, but thought "here is

another position you can't help with because of your schedule". I sought God in prayer about taking on the position when I read that the person filling the position didn't have to be on a set schedule, but could do the job at whatever hour of the day or night they had time. Several question-filled emails were sent to Jim over the next few weeks and much prayer continued. With each answer from Jim, it became clearer that God wanted me to take on this roll, to help Emmaus, to help myself get back to my full "Prayer Warrior" status and most importantly, to help Him. I am honored to be filling this position for as long as God has me here and will do the best I can, knowing this job is an assignment direct from God Himself – what an awesome privilege.

THANK YOU to Jim Moody for his diligence in performing his calling and for his patience in answering all of my questions. You will remain on this prayer list as you work through your medical issues. The Emmaus community loves you and lifts you up to the Almighty Healer.

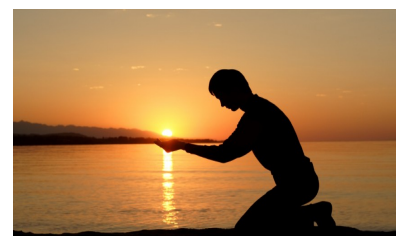
I would also like to thank all the people on the prayer chain who have already sent warm welcomes my way. What a blessing and encouragement you have all been already!

For those who aren't sure what the Email Prayer Chain is, it is just like it sounds. Someone,

anyone, from the Emmaus community that has a prayer need emails the coordinator (me now) at ngrierson@brightonfd.org to request prayer for "X". If you do not have email, you can call my home number (585)225-8509 (leave a message if I do not answer as I sleep at odd times) and make the request verbally as well. The coordinator then sends that message to the currently 67 people on the chain and they start praying. You do not have to be a link in the chain to request prayer and you can ask for prayer for anyone, whether they are in the Emmaus community or not. If you would like to be added as a link to this chain, simply email me your request with your name and email address and I will add you.

We are here, right now, to serve God. I am honored to be serving Him in this capacity and give Him the glory for the strength of this Prayer Chain. I am but one link in a large chain of people that He has put together. He has given us His desire in 1 Thessalonians 5:15b-19 **"but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench of the Spirit."**

DeColores! Nancy Grierson



Deadline for January Rainbow Connection is December 15

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