



SonShine Emmaus



February 2009

Lay Director's Message

My Brothers and Sisters in the SonShine Community,

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as your Community Lay Director for the coming year. We have come through a year of rebirth as a community under Henry's guidance. I thank him for his time and dedication to the community. I thank the board class of 2008 for their service to the community, and welcome the board class of 2011 to help continue our growth.

What a joy to see 75 people at the January gathering. This was the result of the new excitement within the community and the hard work of Lakeside UMC's D O G (Disciples of God) reunion group. I thank them for their effort in getting 2009 off to a great start.

The key to our growth is in sponsoring Pilgrims. Think back to your walk, and what it meant to you. Is this something you covet, and keep to yourself, or do you share this experience with someone else? Remember the closing for walks 44 & 45? Did you see how much sharing that experience together meant to those five couples that walked together? Sponsoring couples help to grow the community. Let us all continue to pray for the SonShine Community, and especially pray about sponsoring a Pilgrim or Pilgrims for the upcoming walks, and then do something about it. God has truly blessed our community this past year --- He has strengthened and rejuvenated us and we need to be strengthened in our commitment to keep it going--- and growing.

For the February gathering, let each of us reach out and bring someone we haven't seen in a while to the gathering. If each of the 75 people just brought one person back we will have 150 people at the February gathering.

I am excited about the upcoming year and how we can grow together.

DeColores,
Tom Verbeke

From the Newsletter Editor

Please forward any information for the newsletter to me via e-mail (pallen@pageallenlaw.com), or fax (794-6132) or phone (794-6161-O or 598-5971-H).

Also, don't forget to notify me if your e-mail or street address changes!

Thank you!
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COMMUNITY & WALK POSITIONS

The following are the positions which the Community fills. If you have an interest in helping with any of these tasks, please contact Tom Verbeke at (804-272-4718) or taverbeke@verizon.net.

Community Positions

Childcare
Community Website
Fourth Day Speakers
Gathering Support
Historian
Music Director
Newsletter
Nominating Chair
Outside Community Agape
Registrar
Reunion Groups

Walk-Related Positions

DDU Chair
Fourth Day Packets
General Agape
Placemats
Prayer Wheel
Team Selection
Walk Background
Coordinator
Walk Supplies

If you can't team, this is a great way to be involved with the walks and our community

SonShine Emmaus Community Profit & Loss - Jan. thru Dec. 2008

Ordinary Income/Expense Income

Offering	
Restricted - Walk Expenses	2,550.00
Unrestricted	1,751.02
Total Offering	4,301.02
Reimbursed Expenses	20.00
SonShine Merchandise	70.00
Walk Fees	
Pilgrim Fees	3,315.00
Team Fees	5,918.00
Total Walk Fees	9,233.00

Total Income 13,624.02

Expense

Gathering Expense	80.96
Office Supplies	402.45
Postage and Delivery	433.27
Walk Expenses	
International Pilgrim Fees	400.00
Walk Expenses - Abbey	10,652.42
Total Walk Expenses	11,052.42

Total Expense 11,969.10

Net Ordinary Income 1,654.92

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Board Elections

The following is a list of the newly-elected Board Members. Due to the new bylaws, the Board number has been reduced to 15, so each new class now contains 5 members.

Class of 2009

Bobby Gibson (SD)
Bill Sisson (Music)
Jeff Marsh
Peggy Harrell
Paul Ogburn
Sharon Perkins

Class of 2010

Bruce Lake (SD)

(Music)
Chuck Martin
Morgan Harrell
Joan Naumann
Tom Verbeke

Class of 2011

Chris Weitzel (SD)
Susan Hammond (Music)
Jenny Piper
Michaux Bullock
Polly Rowan

2009 Calendar

Feb. 21	6:30 Gathering
March 21	6:30 Gathering
April 4	TBD - Spring Walk (at the Abbey)
May 16	6:30 Gathering
June 20	6:30 Gathering
July 18	6:30 Gathering
Aug 15	6:30 Gathering
Sept 19	6:30 Gathering
Oct 24	TBD - Fall Walk (at the Abbey)
Nov 21	6:30 Gathering
Dec. 19	6:30 Gathering (Tentative)

Pot Luck Dinners will be announced as soon as determined.

**All meetings and Gatherings are held at:
Mechanicsville United Methodist Church
7356 Atlee Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111**

**Team and Pilgrim Applications are available at our website:
www.emmaussonshine.org**

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