



# SonShine Emmaus



January 2009

## Lay Director's Message

Dear Sonshine Community,

Let me just say how much I have been inspired by so many of you this year. Your willingness to come out on a snowy January night and worship was the perfect start to my year as Lay Director. Through the year, so many of you have answered the call to serve and in doing so you have made Sonshine stronger and better. On behalf of your board, thank you for your service and your support.

Looking ahead to January, I hope to see you at the Gathering on Saturday, the 17th for a time to celebrate the New Year and also to vote on new board members. One of our reunion groups is planning the special evening so please mark your calendars and plan on attending. We will announce our upcoming Walk Lay Directors that evening also. Speaking of walks, have you talked to someone about sponsoring them? I encourage you to get those applications in as soon as possible. The dates for the 2009 walks are April 2-5 and October 22-25. Walks are vital to the good health of a Community so please talk to someone today about walking in 2009.

By the way, if you are a board member who is rolling off the board, please bring your Board member binder to the board meeting prior to the January Gathering and thank you for your service to our community this year.

I am excited to see what God will do amongst us in the New Year. God bless each and every one of you.

De Colores,  
Henry W. Van Gils

## C E L E B R A T I O N

Be sure to join us for our annual Community Celebration on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a pot luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Gathering at 6:30 p.m.

During the Gathering, there will be a time for sharing of special memories from your walk or a walk you have teamed on. So, come prepared to share with the group. There will also be a special communion service.

So mark your calendars and come on out to celebrate SonShine Emmaus. Please tell other members that we may not have seen in a while and encourage them to join us. Don't forget to wear your best Emmaus outfits!

## SonShine Emmaus T-Shirts

Have you purchased your SonShine Emmaus t-shirt yet? If not, call Tommy Davis at 781-0614 or e-mail him at [davis\\_tb@yahoo.com](mailto:davis_tb@yahoo.com) to order yours today. This is an excellent way to show your community spirit and support our community through this fundraiser. They are on \$10 each and come in white or grey with the SonShine Emmaus logo printed on them.

## From the Newsletter Editor – Page Allen

I have agreed to take over the assignment of Newsletter Editor beginning with this edition. Please forward any information for the newsletter to me via e-mail ([pallen@pageallenlaw.com](mailto:pallen@pageallenlaw.com)), or fax (794-6132) or phone (794-6161-O or 598-5971-H).

As stated in prior newsletters, the Board has voted not to renew our bulk mailing permit, so we are trying to minimize the number of newsletters we mail. If you are currently receiving a paper newsletter and are willing to receive an e-mail newsletter, please contact me with your e-mail address. If you are receiving a newsletter via the mail and would like to be removed from our list, please notify me.

Thank you!

## CALENDAR

January 17-	5:30 Pot Luck
	6:30 Community Celebration
	Gathering
April 2-5	Spring Walk
October 22-25	Fall Walk

2009 Calendar to be announced after new Board meets

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

### Board Elections

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Melinda Davis (Chair), Russell Williams, Henry & Tammy Van Gils, and Melody Latham, have made the following recommendations for the Class of 2011. Due to the new bylaws, the Board number has been reduced to 15, so each new class now contains 5 members.

#### Class of 2011

Chris Whitesel (SD)  
Susan Hammson (Music)  
Jenny Piper  
Michaux Bullock  
Polly Rowan

#### Class of 2010

Bruce Lake (SD)  
Betty Jo Sims (Music)  
Chuck Martin  
Morgan Harrell  
Joan Naumann  
Tom Verbeke

#### Class of 2009

Bobby Gibson (SD)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Music)  
Jeff Marsh  
Peggy Harrell  
Sharon Perkins  
Paul Ogburn

The Community will be asked to vote on these nominations at the January 17<sup>th</sup> Gathering. Please plan to attend.

### COMMUNITY & WALK POSITIONS

The following are the positions which the Community fills. If you have an interest in serving in any of these positions or helping with any of these tasks, please contact Tom Verbeke at (804-272-4718) or [taverbeke@verizon.net](mailto:taverbeke@verizon.net) or Henry Van Gils at (804-798-6015) or [RememberCalvary@comcast.net](mailto:RememberCalvary@comcast.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**  
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