



SonShine Emmaus



June 2009

Lay Director's Message

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord has truly blessed this community this year. We have seen the efforts of constant prayer, and listening to His will for the community. There is a new excitement to keep going in this direction.

And speaking of prayers answered, for those of you that did not know, our community Spiritual Director Bruce Lake had Triple Bypass surgery on June 2, and came through the surgery very well. Let us continue to pray for a full recovery.

After the spring walk it seemed like a long time until the deadlines for fall applications and the actual fall walks. But the time draws near for us to get the pilgrim applications in. August 1 is the deadline for Men's applications, and August 15 is the deadline for Women's applications. We are looking at needing a minimum of 7 Men's apps and 3 Women's apps to make the walks go. Also, please notify Chip Beekman, Maryclay Smith or myself if you are interested in teaming on either of the walks. Though we aren't using the teaming apps, the team selection committee would be given a starting point to select the teams. Also, don't forget that working behind the scenes is a wonderful and fun way to serve the community and the walks. Connie Beekman is your contact if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

I still have not had any group step forward to plan the July celebration. If no one is interested, this will have to revert to a regular gathering with a potluck dinner.

I'm looking forward to a large gathering on June 20th. Come and join the excitement, and get your spiritual batteries recharged.

Your Brother in Christ,

Tom Verbeke

tverbeke@verizon.net or 804-272-4618

BACKGROUND WORKERS NEEDED

If you are willing to help in the background during the upcoming Walks, please choose which of the following areas appeals most to you and email me at cpbeekman@comcast.net or call me at 288-1418. I will send you that area's schedule and job duties for your review.

Here are the broad categories of background duties:

Agape
Worship (Chapels)
Snacks
Speakers Prayer Chapel
Candlelight
Walk Set Up
Walk Clean Up

Thank you for volunteering!

Connie Beekman

Pilgrim Applications Needed

Men's Walk - Oct. 8-11
Application Deadline – August 1

Women's Walk – Oct. 22-25
Application Deadline – August 15

Applications may be downloaded at
www.emmaussonshine.org

Fourth Day Speakers

If you feel God has put a message on your heart to share, or you know someone who has a special message for our Community, please contact Patty Sepety at 804-932-3014.

2009 Calendar

June 20	5:00 - Board Meeting 6:30 - Gathering & Snack (A-L)
July 18	5:30 - Dinner 6:30 - Gathering/Celebration (Planned by ??? – Please Volunteer!)
Aug 15	5:30 - Board Meeting 6:30 - Gathering & Snack (M-Z)
Sept 19	4:00 - Board Meeting 6:30 - Gathering & Snack (A-L)
Oct. 8-11	Men's Walk (at Westview on the James)
Oct 22-25	Women's Walk (at the Abbey)
Oct. 24	7:00 - Gathering/Candlelight (at the Abbey)
Nov 14	4:00 - Board Meeting (Tentative)
Nov 21	4:00 - DDU, Walk Critiques 5:30 - Dinner 6:30 - Gathering/Celebration (Planned by Atlee Community Church)
Dec	No December Gathering

If your last name begins with the letters indicated beside a specific gathering, please bring a snack for everyone to share. Thank you!

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

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).

Thank you!

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HELP NEEDED!

If your group is willing to plan the Celebration scheduled for the July 18th Gathering, please contact Tom Verbeke at 804-272-4618 or tveberke@verizon.net.



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