



SonShine Emmaus



September 2009

Lay Director's Message

My Brother's and Sisters in the SonShine Community,

It seems like just a very short time ago that we were welcoming the pilgrims of SonShine 46 into the community. Now, here we are seven weeks from SonShine 47. Even though it may seem a ways off, there is much work to be done. This walk, like all the walks before it, needs to be in constant prayer.

We are still in need of team members. If you feel God is leading you to team please call either Suzanne Bullock at 559-2318, or Chip Beekman at 794-1971. We can still accept Pilgrim applications, but we need them quickly. And finally Connie still needs people to step forward to help behind the scenes. We all know that God will provide, but we must pray for His help in this walk.

This has been a tough time for many people, but we must continue to do God's work. It is in times like these that we must intensify our efforts rather than scale them back. The summer months are over, and I invite all the community to make a greater effort to attend the gatherings as we do the planning for the walk in September, to take an active part in the walk in October and to help the new Pilgrims celebrate at the Gathering and DDU in November.

My prayer has always been for an active and vibrant community that continues to grow. This is not possible without your participation. God and the community need your support and commitment in this very important time. Let us make sure that the Pilgrims of SonShine 47 receive all of the same energy and commitment that have been given to the previous walks.

Your Brother in Christ,

Tom Verbeke

tverbeke@verizon.net or 804-272-4618

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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De Colores Store is Coming to You

Bliss Scott is bringing the De Colores Store to the September 19th Gathering. Come shop for items for the fall walk. She will open the store at 4:30 pm prior to the Gathering. So come early!



CALLING ALL BACKGROUND WORKERS

If you are willing to help in the background during the upcoming Walk, please let me know which of the areas you would like to help with. You can email me at cpbeekman@comcast.net or call me at 794-1971. I will send you that area's schedule and job duties for your review.

Thank you for volunteering!

Connie Beekman

2009 Calendar

Sept 19	4:00 - Board Meeting 6:30 - Gathering & Snack (A-L)
Oct. 22-25	Women's Walk (at the Abbey)
Oct. 22	6:00 - Send Off
Oct 24	7:00 - Gathering/Candlelight (at the Abbey)
Oct. 25	3:30 - Closing
Nov 14	4:00 - Board Meeting (Tentative)
Nov 21	4:00 - DDU, Walk Critiques 5:30 - Dinner 6:30 - Gathering/Celebration (Planned by??? - Please Volunteer!)
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

Pilgrim Applications Needed

**It's not too early to get applications
in for the next Walks**

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.

De Colores Store

The De Colores Store is open at its new location at 1011 Mt. Hermon Road, Midlothian VA 23112. We do have a retail store, but it is located in a residential neighborhood. So, we recommend that you call 794-7575 before you visit to make sure we are open.

We are looking forward to continuing to serve our community!

Blessings,
Bliss Scott

HELP NEEDED!

**If your group is willing to plan the
Celebration scheduled for the November
21st Gathering, please contact Tom
Verbeke at 804-272-4618 or
tveberke@verizon.net.**

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