

Highlands Emmaus Community News

April 2009

HIGHLANDS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Spiritual Director – Mike Somers
Lay Director – Steve Wagner
Secretary – Donna Camper
Treasurer – Dale Dietz

Board Members:

2009

Jeff Grubb
Johnna Hernandez
Linda Huber
Marty Large
Laura Pepper-Weiler

2010

Crystal Davidson
Bob Luke
Duncan McGregor
Gordon Munsey
Margaret Swiney

2011

Donna Camper
Bill Everett
Amber Fiedler
Rick Guthrie
Karen Starnes

Work Area Chairpersons:

Agape Gifts – Connie O'Dell
Agape Letters – Crystal Davidson
Background – TBA
Communications – Susan Link &
Susan Dietz
Communion Elements –
Bill & Patty Ogle
Facilities – TBA
Fourth Day Meeting –
Kendrea Todd
Fourth Day Speakers –
Jo Rita Pickel
Historians – Michelle Bell &
Lori Grubb
Membership Records –
Mary Burns
Music – Dave Tynes
Prayer Vigil – Julia Johnson
Purchasing – Carol Propst
Registrar – Laura Pepper-Weiler

Tax deductible honorariums and
memorials to the general
community budget may be made
at any time.

Board meetings are held on the
first Monday of each month at
Pleasant View UMC, Abingdon,
VA

Gatherings are held the 3rd
Saturday of each month except
July and December or when
announced.

2009 Walk Dates:

Men's Walk 2009: July 9-12

Women's Walk 2009: July 16-19

www.highlandsemmaus.org



April Gathering!

April 18, 2009–6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Chapel, Bristol

Directions to Fellowship Chapel

Take Exit 3 off I-81 and turn right at the first traffic light. Go $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. When you pass a ball field on your left, the back of the church will be on your right. Take the last entrance into a church parking lot (about 1 block from the ball field). That parking lot adjoins the Family Life Center parking lot to the left of the church. See you there!

May Gathering – 5/16
First UMC in Marion, VA

June Gathering – 6/20
*Christ the King Catholic Church in
Abingdon, VA*

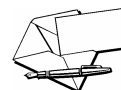
*We hope to tour the Jubilee House
during the June Gathering!*

Next Board Meeting:

May 4th, 2009
Pleasant View UMC @ 7 p.m.

*Everyone is welcomed at Board meetings,
which are held on the first Monday of most
months, unless otherwise noted.*

From Our Community Lay Director



Despite all the bad news we hear about the state of the economy, this is our time in history to make our mark. The history we make today and in the coming months will be talked about by future generations. Likewise, I believe it is an exciting time to be a member of the Body of Christ.

More specifically, it's an exciting time to be a member of Highlands Emmaus Community. Your board of directors is making their own history. They just recently voted to change the venue for the 2010 Walks to **Jubilee House** in Abingdon, Virginia. I am excited about the new location; more news and information will be coming shortly. We first have to prepare for the 2009 Walks.

As get ready for the Walks this summer, the teams are now meeting. Another exciting way to serve on the Walks is to volunteer on the **Background Teams**. The Men's Background Team will be chaired by Bill Ogle and the Women's Background Team will be chaired by Peggy Lootens. They are in the process of putting those teams together, but if you are not on the Conference Room Team and you are not on the Background Team, please know you are still encouraged to come and participate in the Walk weekends. There are plenty of opportunities to serve, and to be the hands and feet of Christ for the pilgrims.

Speaking of pilgrims, now is the time to get your paperwork in if you are planning on sponsoring someone this summer. Rick Guthrie, one of your board members, is starting a new **pilgrim recruitment team**. Rick and his team are targeting about 5 local churches that don't have much Emmaus involvement and showing them with a well laid out presentation for potential pilgrims. (Continued)

Highlands Emmaus Community of Virginia
1353 King College Road
Bristol, TN 37620-2618

(Community Lay Director's Message cont.)

I ask that you support Rick and his team with your prayers and suggestions.

Do you see what I mean? I believe it is a very exciting time to be a member of Highland Emmaus Community; we have the opportunity to make our own history and go where God leads us. **I hope to see you at the April gathering on the 18th at 6:30.** We will gather, eat, worship, sing and fellowship together at Fellowship Chapel in Bristol, Virginia. Remember to invite someone, especially a potential pilgrim.

Peace and Joy...Steve Wagner

July Will Be Here Before We Know It!

Susan Link and Vince Calvert report that the walk teams for 2009 began meeting March 24th. We all need to be in prayer for them and the pilgrims. Who are you planning to sponsor?

Sponsorship is one of the greatest privileges we have. Be in prayer about who God is calling you to send for their mountaintop experience with the Lord. If you have never sponsored a pilgrim, check out the tan Day Four booklet that was in your pilgrim packet. Chapter 8, page 51, is about being a good sponsor. Also, you can get a copy of the sponsor's check sheet with the sponsor and pilgrim applications on the website: www.highlandsemmaus.org. Or come to the gathering, get an application and talk to some of us who have been sponsors about the awesome joy that comes with answering God's call to share the Walk to Emmaus.

Please Pray for These Upcoming Emmaus Walks

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| April
23-26 | (M) Grace Emmaus of Silicon Valley (Walk 13) |
| | (M) Loudoun Valley Emmaus |
| | (M) Noah's of Ark Emmaus |
| | (M) Tidewater Emmaus |
| | (W) Sweetwater Emmaus Community |
| | (W) New Covenant (AL & TN) |
| | (W) Heart of North Carolina |
| | (M) Mountain Top Chrysalis (PA) |
| | (W) Heartland Faithful (NE, IA) |
| | (W) Cape of Good Hope (S. Africa) |
| | (W) Highland Rim Emmaus (S. Central TN) |
| April
30-
May 3 | (W) Grace Emmaus of Silicon Valley (Walk 14) |
| | (W) Loudoun Valley Emmaus |
| | (M) Mid North Coast Emmaus (AUSTRALIA) |
| | (W) Darke County Emmaus |
| | (M) Central Texas Conference Emmaus |
| | (W) Tidewater Emmaus |
| | (W) Eastern Shore of Virginia |
| May
7-10 | (M) Richmond Emmaus |
| | (W) Ceske Emauske Spolecenstvi (Czech Rep) |
| | (M) Western Montana Emmaus (Walk 6) |
| | (W) Disa Emmaus Community (S. Africa) |