

Highlands Emmaus Community News

June, 2010 – Walk Edition

HIGHLANDS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

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

Board Members:

2010

Crystal Davidson
Bob Luke
Duncan McGregor
Gordon Munsey
Margaret Swiney

2011

Donna Camper
Bill Everett
Amber Fiedler
Rick Guthrie
Karen Starnes

2012

Kim Clabo
Dorothy Powers
David Scyphers
Terry Stinson
David Woods

Work Area Chairpersons:

Agape Gifts – Connie O'Dell
Agape Letters – Crystal Davidson
Background '2010 – Susan Link & Vince Calvert
Communications – Susan Link & Susan Dietz
Communion Elements – Bill & Patty Ogle
Facilities – TBA
Fourth Day Meeting – Kendrea Todt
Fourth Day Speakers – Lynn Mason
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.

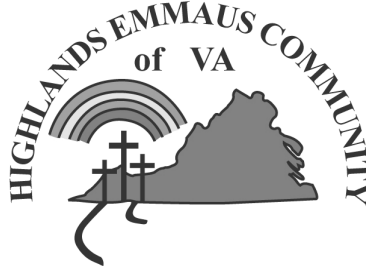
2010 Walk Dates:

Men's Walk 2009: July 8-11

Women's Walk 2009: July 15-18

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Men's Walk #38 July 8–11



Women's Walk #39 July 15–18

Gatherings:

JUNE GATHERING
June 19th, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.
at Elizabeth Chapel UMC
1041 Elizabeth Chapel Road
Bluff City, TN

Terry and Samantha Stinson will be the 4th Day speakers at this Gathering. They will be speaking about how God has moved them into missions. Don't miss it!

Reminder: *This is the only Gathering of the year when we'd prefer not to have guests, as July Walk business will be discussed.*

Fourth Days / Gathering:
State Street UMC – Bristol, VA
July 20th, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

<http://www.state-street.org/location.html>

This is a Community Gathering, but it is especially for members who would like to find a reunion group to join. Sponsors need to bring their pilgrims from the July Walk, and everyone needs to bring a finger food to share. It is also a time for all members to fill out a form to work on future Walks and indicate how they would like to serve.

From Our Lay Director

I want to make you aware of several changes happening in Highlands Emmaus Community.

First, this July's adult walks will be held at a church for the first time. Pleasant View United Methodist Church in Abingdon has agreed to host the upcoming walks. I thank the Pastor and lay leadership of Pleasant View for their continued support of Highlands Emmaus Community.

Second, per our letter of agreement with Emmaus International offices, we will be requiring all those in leadership roles in our community to have a background check performed. We are not looking for minor mistakes from the past that may be on someone's record. The questions that will be asked are 1) Have you ever been convicted of a crime involving violence or a crime involving any sexual abuse of another person? And 2) Have you ever been convicted of child abuse or had a founded complaint of child abuse (sexual, physical or emotional)? That is the extent of information that the background checks are being used to gather. The results will be known by only 3 people: the Community Spiritual Director, the Chrysalis Spiritual Director, and the Community Lay Leader. Background checks will be required for: all board members, walk team members, child care providers, work area chairpersons, and those in leadership. The first background checks will be paid by the community.

The last area of change is the amount of help needed by the background teams this year. We will need the support of the entire Highlands Community to pull off the walks this summer. Our Background Chairperson for the men's walk is Vince Calvert, and for the women's walk it is Susan Link. Please be proactive and reach out to Vince and Susan with your support and volunteer to help out. Don't wait for them to ask.

I believe these changes will make our community stronger, enable us better to serve the needs of our home churches, and help make this summers adult walks, "The Best Walks Ever." – Peace & Joy, Steve Wagner

Men's 2010 Team

Lay Director – Bill O'Dell

Asst. Lay Directors – Buck Buchanan, Rick Guthrie, Terry Stinson, Tony Todt, David Woods

Spiritual Directors – Ralph Kidd (Head Spiritual Director), Joe-d Dowlingsoka, Mike Jackson, Jim Oxendine, Danny Thompson

Prayer Room – Ken Fabbri, Gordon Munsey

Table Leaders – John Brooks, Paul Davidson, Robert Gilmer, Al Mullins, Mike Rowell

Asst. Table Leaders – Don Crabtree, Mark Fleming, Travis Sauls, Chris Viars, Jerry Watkins

Music – Bill Huber (Leader) Charles Burns, Reford Eller

Board Representatives – Rick Guthrie, Terry Stinson, David Woods

Women's 2010 Team

Lay Director – Kim Farris-Luke

Asst. Lay Directors – Mary Burns, Connie O'Dell, Diane Hawkins, Johnna Hernandez, Jane Roe

Spiritual Directors – Darrell Harmon (Head Spiritual Director), Barbara Farmer, Brent Fiedler, Lloyd Jones, John Roe

Prayer Room – Susan Fiedler, Linda Silvey

Table Leaders – Lisa Brooks, Cathy Cumbow, Cindy Guthrie, Brenda Somers, Laura Pepper-Weiler

Asst. Table Leaders – Sarah Gunn, Lynn Mason, Kathy Patrick, Jill Wishart, Denise Woods,

Music – Terri Brewer (Music Team Leader), Lisa Buchanan, Samantha Stinson

Board Representative – Donna Camper

Pilgrim Names & Schedule Changes

Pilgrim lists will be mailed out on postcards a week before each Walk. Deadlines for Pilgrim applications will be one week before Send-Off for each Walk. Also, any last minute schedule changes will be on these cards, so watch for them!

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Community Walk Reminders

- ❖ Everyone in the community is welcomed to come and serve in the background during meals, **Candlelight, Send-Off, and Closing**, and to come and pray in the Prayer Room anytime during the weekends!
- ❖ Don't forget to sign up for the **72-hour Prayer Vigil!**
- ❖ Please Note! No children or non-Emmaus guests are to be brought to any function during the Walks.
- ❖ Always bring foods for **Afterglow** and the Agape Food Table on disposable trays or cartons.
- ❖ When helping set-up **Afterglow**, leave before the pilgrims and team arrive.
- ❖ Emmaus crosses are not worn during the weekend until the **Closing** ceremony. They may be worn at other times during our 4th Days, however.
- ❖ You may give your Pilgrim a gift after the Walk, but gifts shouldn't be put in letter packets. Please think "letters, notes, or cards" only for your Pilgrim.
- ❖ No pictures should be taken during the Walks.
- ❖ Team and Pilgrims only will be allowed in the Conference Room during **talks**. No person is to enter the Conference Room after the door is closed for a talk, including team members.
- ❖ Agape Gifts need to be brought to Crystal Davidson prior to **Send-Off** so that they can be sorted and labeled. These gifts should be given anonymously. You may use the name of a Reunion Group or a church name if you wish. Using individuals' names is discouraged because, as servants, we do not want to draw attention to ourselves.

Service Opportunities Available

Highlands Emmaus Community is looking for a Community Music Director. We are also still looking for a Newsletter Coordinator. If you feel like God is calling you to fill either of these roles, please contact Steve Wagner.

NO JULY BOARD MEETING

Men's Walk Schedule: July 8 – 11, 2010

*Please arrive in the dining room 30 minutes early for meals
and in the prayer room 20 minutes early for talks.*

THURSDAY, JULY 8

6:30 p.m. – Welcome and meal
7:30 p.m. – Send-Off
8:00 p.m. – Sponsor's Hour

FRIDAY, JULY 9

Meal Times

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast
12:30 p.m. – Lunch
5:30 p.m. – Dinner

Talk Times

9:15 a.m. – **PRIORITY** – Buck Buchanan
11:15 a.m. – **PREVENIENT GRACE** – Jim Oxendine
1:40 p.m. – **PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS** – Al Mullins
3:00 p.m. – **JUSTIFYING GRACE** – Mike Jackson
6:30 p.m. – **LIFE OF PIETY** – Tony Todt

SATURDAY, JULY 10

Meal/Event Times

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast
6:30 p.m. – Dinner
7:15 p.m. – Entertainment
8:15 p.m. – Community Communion
9:15 p.m. – Candlelight

Talk Times

8:50 a.m. – **GROWTH THROUGH STUDY** – David Woods
10:00 a.m. – **MEANS OF GRACE** – Ralph Kidd
3:00 p.m. – **CHRISTIAN ACTION** – Terry Stinson
4:30 p.m. – **OBSTACLES TO GRACE** – Joe-d Dowlingsoka
5:40 p.m. – **DISCIPLESHIP** – Chris Viars

SUNDAY, JULY 11

Meal/Event Times

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast
12:00 p.m. – Lunch
4:25 p.m. – Community gathers at Chapel for Closing
4:45 p.m. – Pilgrims and team arrive for Closing

Talk Times

9:00 a.m. – **CHANGING OUR WORLD** – Rick Guthrie
10:00 a.m. – **SANCTIFYING GRACE** – Danny Thompson
11:00 a.m. – **BODY OF CHRIST** – Paul Davidson
1:30 p.m. – **PERSEVERANCE** – Bill O'Dell
2:30 p.m. – **FOURTH DAYS** – Mike Rowell

Women's Walk Schedule: July 15 – 18, 2010

*Please arrive in the dining room 30 minutes early for meals
and in the prayer room 20 minutes early for talks.*

THURSDAY, JULY 15

6:30 p.m. – Welcome and meal
7:30 p.m. – Send-Off
8:00 p.m. – Sponsor's Hour

FRIDAY, JULY 16

Meal Times

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast
12:30 p.m. – Lunch
5:30 p.m. – Dinner

Talk Times

9:15 a.m. – **PRIORITY** – Mary Burns
11:15 a.m. – **PREVENIENT GRACE** – Lloyd Jones
1:40 p.m. – **PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS** – Laura
Pepper-Weiler
3:00 p.m. – **JUSTIFYING GRACE** – John Roe
6:30 p.m. – **LIFE OF PIETY** – Cindy Guthrie

SATURDAY, JULY 17

Meal/Event Times

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast
6:30 p.m. – Dinner
7:15 p.m. – Entertainment
8:15 p.m. – Community Communion
9:30 p.m. – Candlelight

Talk Times

8:50 a.m. – **GROWTH THROUGH STUDY** – Lisa Brooks
10:00 a.m. – **MEANS OF GRACE** – Darrell Harmon /
Barbara Farmer
3:00 p.m. – **CHRISTIAN ACTION** – Kathy Cumbow
4:30 p.m. – **OBSTACLES TO GRACE** – Brent Fiedler
5:40 p.m. – **DISCIPLESHIP** – Diane Hawkins

SUNDAY, JULY 18

Meal/Event Times

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast
12:00 p.m. – Lunch
4:30 p.m. – Community gathers at Chapel for Closing
4:50 p.m. – Pilgrims and team arrive for Closing

Talk Times

9:00 a.m. – **CHANGING OUR WORLD** – Brenda Somers
10:00 a.m. – **SANCTIFYING GRACE** – Barbara Farmer
11:00 a.m. – **BODY OF CHRIST** – Lynn Mason
1:30 p.m. – **PERSEVERANCE** – Kim Farris-Luke
2:30 p.m. – **FOURTH DAYS** – Connie O'Dell

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

Pilgrims & Volunteers Needed for Both Walks!

We need Pilgrims! Pilgrim and sponsor fees have been dramatically reduced this year due to the change in location for the Walks. Both combined are only \$100.00 this year, so please consider sponsoring someone. If God leads you to a candidate who would benefit from this wonderful experience, now is the time! Applications are available online and will also be available at the Gathering. The deadline for applications is one week prior to each walk, so get your applications in now!

If you would like to make a general donation to the Highlands Emmaus Community Scholarship Fund, please send it to Dale Dietz, 1353 King College Road, Bristol, TN 37620-2618. Any amount is always welcomed and helpful!

The 72-Hour Prayer Vigil is online, so sign up today! We need ***your prayers*** for the pilgrims and for the teams and for all those who will make these weekends the greatest walks ever!

Current Pilgrim Count (6/10/09):

Men – 2 & Women – 11

We will need the whole Highlands Emmaus Community to help make this year's Walks the BEST WALKS EVER! So plan to be at Pleasant View UMC, and if Background Coordinators Vince Calvert or Susan Link contact you for a specific volunteer opportunity, please say yes.

*July 8 - 11 Men's Walk
Bill O'Dell - Walk Director
Vince Calvert - Background Team Leader*

*July 15 - 18 Women's Walk
Kim Farris Luke - Walk Director
Susan Link - Background Team Leader*

Vince Calvert: Home 628-3342 Cell 608-6718
Susan Link: Home 628-6301 Cell 608-2695