

Emmaus of the Midlands Messenger

June 2008

It's Official – It's now Rev Dr Sheila Elliott



A well-known member of the Emmaus of the Midlands community recently marked a significant event in her spiritual journey. The Rev. Dr. Sheila Elliott graduated Mother's Day, May 12, 2008 at 10 am from Emory University with a certificate in Faith and Health. She received the Community Service Award and is listed Who's who among American Universities. Sheila's commissioning was Monday, June 2, 2008. She is the now the Associate Pastor at Francis Burns UMC on Farrow Road.

We know her from her service on a number of walks and as the Lay Director for Women's Walk #31. One of Sheila's favorite songs is Walks in the Light of God – a description that fits her very well. The EOM community celebrates with you Sheila and

we look forward to your continued service in your new capacity. We also have high expectations of many new pilgrims from Francis Burns UMC!

Meet the New Members of the EOM Board of Directors

Dennis Fish – (*St. John's UMC in Aiken, SC, EOM Walk #15, Table of Luke*). I have a BA in Chemistry from Asbury College and a PhD in Analytical Chemistry from Wayne State University in Detroit. I am originally from Ohio (the proud son of a former UM minister). I am currently an Advisory Scientist at the Savannah River National Laboratory in Aiken, SC where I have worked in Research and Development for the past 26 years. I have a wife, Kathy, and 2 kids: Chad (a Mechanical Engineer in Hattiesburg, MS) and Kellie (in Psychology graduate school at Spalding University in Louisville, KY). Most recently, I have had the privilege to have my dad, sister and a nephew move to the Aiken area over the last 1 1/2 years.

Kathie Brooks – (*Mt. Horeb UMC in Lexington, EOM Walk 5, Table of Mary*). My husband, Boyce, and I are both retired and live on Lake Murray. We have nine children and 15 grandchildren. I enjoy reading, playing in the dirt and traveling, although have not been able to get much traveling in yet. We are looking forward to going to Greece in November.

Doug Meade – (*Windsor UMC in Northeast Columbia, EOM Walk #26, Table of Paul*) My wife, Betsy, and I are parents of four children: Stuart (17), Michael (13), Mary Beth (11), and Bradley (7). Betsy and I enjoy traveling, but most of our recent travels have been to and from our children's' activities, including Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, baseball, dance, and orchestra. My preferred mode of exercise is bicycling - the longer and hillier the better, but in recent years I have diversified into adventure racing -- again, the longer the better. Recently, I have started to do some scuba diving. I grew up in Ohio, and moved to SC in 1991 to join the faculty in Mathematics at USC. I am a new member of the EOM Board of Directors, and my Board responsibility is Treasurer. I have been told this means I am responsible for anything that involves money, including obtaining all conference room supplies and running the Community Store, including the book table in the agape room.

We will present the remaining new members in the next newsletter.

Daily Bible Readings for July

This schedule of daily bible readings will take you through the entire bible in the course of a year. The January through June schedules are in the January, February, March, April, and May newsletters. However, remember that you may start at any time.

- 1 Is. 1-3; Tit. 3
- 2 Is. 4-5; Ps. 115-116; Jude
- 3 Is. 6-7; 2 Chr. 26-27; Philem.
- 4 2 Ki. 15-16; Hos. 1; Heb. 1
- 5 Hos. 2-5; Heb. 2
- 6 Hos. 6-9; Heb.3
- 7 Hos. 10-12; Ps. 73; Heb. 4
- 8 Hos. 13-14; Ps. 100, 102; Heb. 5
- 9 Mic. 1-4; Heb. 6
- 10 Mic. 5-7; Heb. 7
- 11 Is. 8-10; Heb. 8
- 12 Is. 11-14; Heb. 9
- 13 Is. 15-18; Heb. 10
- 14 Is. 19-21; Heb. 11
- 15 Is. 22-24; Heb. 12
- 16 Is. 25-28; Heb. 13
- 17 Is. 29-31; Jas. 1
- 18 Is. 32-35; Jas. 2
- 19 2 Ki. 17; 2 Chr. 28; Ps. 46; Jas. 3
- 20 2 Chr. 29-31; Jas. 4
- 21 2 Ki. 18-19; 2 Chr. 32; Jas. 5
- 22 Is. 36-37; Ps. 76; 1 Pet. 1
- 23 2 Ki. 20; Is. 38, 39; Ps. 75; 1 Pet. 2
- 24 Is. 40-42; 1 Pet. 3
- 25 Is 43-45 1 Pet. 4
- 26 Is 46-49; 1 Pet. 5
- 27 Is. 50-52; Ps. 92; 2 Pet. 1
- 28 Is 53-56; 2 Pet. 2
- 29 Is 57-59; Ps. 103; 2 Pet. 3
- 30 Is. 60-62; Jn. 1
- 31 Is. 63-64; Ps107; Jn.2

Financial Report: May and Early June 2008:

Beginning Balance:	\$3,349.63.18
Income:	\$600.00
Expenses:	\$2020.21
Ending Balance:	\$2,027.42

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June Prayer Requests

On Monday evening, May 19th, around 8:35 pm, my dad went to be with the Lord. He had been battling major health problems since my mother had passed away back in February. My older sisters and I were at his bedside when he stopped breathing. He had a signed DNR, which we honored. Last Friday, May 23rd, was his funeral, in my home church, Coloma United Methodist, in Coloma, Michigan. Dad was a WWII veteran, so naturally the local American Legion group participated in folding the flag that draped his coffin. And even at an advanced age, they still kept a military bearing and appearance. I held back the tears as I received the triangle-shaped flag that was “on behalf of a grateful nation.” It is very comforting to know that my dad is no longer suffering from all the illnesses that plagued him for so long. And he is, once again, praising the Lord with my mother, his wife. My wife, Karen, and I ask for your prayers. *Gary Hartman*

Linda Clarke's Mother, Polly Hartley was admitted to the University Hospital in Augusta Georgia on Wednesday, May 28th due to high fever from her Cancer, Lymphoma and she is still in the hospital. She has an infection and fever running from 104 to 105 everyday. She also has fluid in both lungs and will have them drained on Monday morning. Please lift Ken, Linda and Polly and all their family up in prayer.

Please pray for Neva Brotherton, Joye Brotherton's mother. She fell and broke her hip.
Thanks – *Wanda Barr*

Please pray for Mary Katharine Constant. She is facing another liver transplant. Her body rejected her own liver many years ago and she has had two transplants. The liver she has now is barely functioning. The doctors have never been able to determine why this has happened, but believe it may have been exposure to something environmental when she was a baby. At any rate, she is facing her third transplant. Please pray for her, her husband, and their two young daughters, as well as the families of all organ donors. Thanks – *Laura Davis and Olive Wilson*

WE MISS YOU!!

By: Tom Furse

Have you been to a Gathering or to any other Emmaus activity lately?

Attendance at the last several Gatherings has been extremely low. We are beginning to wonder why.

Emmaus is a wonderful tool to build Christian leaders but we need to participate to keep that fire burning.

If you have thoughts as to why our attendance is so low or if you have ideas that may make the Gathering more appealing, please let us know.

I know that summer vacations and other activities sometimes conflict with Gatherings.

I know it is easy to just skip a Gathering or two, but now that we are working up to our next set of fall walks, we need your participation.

Please join us at a Gathering soon!

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Upcoming Events

July 25 - Gather TBA

August 15 - 16: EOM Team Training Walk 32

Men's Walk 32 Sep 18-21, 2008

(Candlelight Saturday Sep 20, 8 pm)

Women's Walk 32 Oct 2-5, 2008

(Candlelight Saturday Oct 4, 8 pm)

Next Gathering - June 27, 2008

7:00 pm Meal - 8:00 pm Worship

Suber Marshall Memorial UMC
3900 Live Oak Street - 803/787-2497

Directions from Sumter/Dalzell: Take US 378 to Columbia, Left on Rosewood Extension, Left on South Beltline Blvd., Take 2nd right on Live Oak Street, Church is on the right in the 3rd block.

Directions from Aiken/ Camden/Florence: Take I-20 to Columbia, Take I-77 towards Charleston, right on Shop Road, Right on South Beltline Blvd (1st Traffic light), Left on Live Oak Street, Church is on the right in the 3rd block.