

Emmaus of the Midlands Messenger

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Seed Agape

Our seed Agape has produced awesome results.

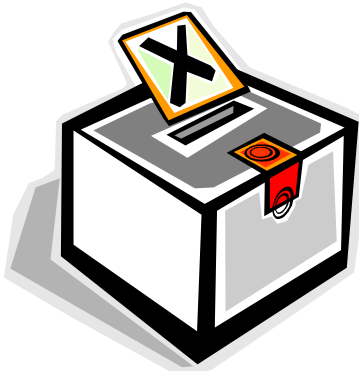


Our community has been faithful. The next project will be to make new songbooks. We will be compiling our favorite songs along with the communion liturgy. The seed agape will be used to fund the

printing and binding expenses for this project.

Election Time

Enclosed in this newsletter is a ballot for the Emmaus of the Midlands, Board of Directors. Each year our EOM Community Board undergoes renewal through the election of new members. One-third of our board (5 members) is replaced in our elections. You can vote in one of two ways. You can mail in your ballot or bring it to the April gathering. This election enables us to keep a high



level of consistency while bringing in fresh new faces with new ideas and energy to the board. Please plan to attend the April Gathering at Lewis Chapel UMC and vote for those willing to serve. **DUE to an unforeseeable delay**

in mailing the newsletter, Please Mail Ballots by 5/18/10 Mail Completed Ballots to:

Emmaus of the Midlands Vote
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About the Name "Walk to Emmaus"

The Walk to Emmaus® gets its name from the story in Luke 24:13-35, which provides the central image for the three-day experience and follow-up. Luke tells the story of that first Easter afternoon when the risen Christ appeared to the two disciples who were walking together along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Like Christians and churches who are blinded by preoccupation with their own immediate difficulties, these two disciples' sadness and hopelessness seemed to prevent them from seeing God's redemptive purpose in things that had happened.

And yet, the risen Christ "came near and went with them," opening the disciples' eyes to his presence and lighting the fire of God's love in their hearts. As they walked to Emmaus, Jesus explained to them the meaning of all the scriptures concerning himself. When they arrived in Emmaus, Jesus "took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them," and their eyes were opened. They recognized him as Jesus, the risen Lord, and they remembered how their hearts had burned within them as they talked with him on the road. Within the hour, the two disciples left Emmaus and returned immediately to their friends in Jerusalem. As they told stories about their encounters with the risen Lord, Jesus visited them again with a fresh awareness of his living presence.

However, the story of Jesus' resurrection does not conclude with the disciples' personal spiritual experiences. Jesus ascended to the Father, and the disciples became the body of the risen Christ through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. The disciples were sent forth by the Spirit to bear witness to the good news of God in Jesus Christ. They learned to walk in the spirit of Jesus, to proclaim the gospel to a disbelieving world, and to persevere in grace through spiritual companionship with one another.

The Walk to Emmaus offers today's disciples a parallel opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and to form friendships that foster faith and support spiritual maturity. While Emmaus provides a pathway to the mountaintop of God's love, it also supports pilgrims' return to the world in the power of the Spirit to share the love they have received with a hurtful and hurting world.

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Terri Goodman

My original walk was Emmaus of the Midlands #16 where I sat at the table of Mary. I attend Bethel United Methodist Church in Jackson, South Carolina. I am a member of the choir, administrative council and I am the financial secretary for the church. I taught the kindergarten Sunday school class for twenty years, directed the children's choir, served on the board of trustees, and have participated in two Disciple study courses, as well as many Bible studies. I have served on a music team, served as a table leader, and worked in the kitchen. I have also participated in many send offs, closings, gatherings, prayer vigils, and have sponsored pilgrims. I am a recent graduate of Western Governors University with a Bachelors degree in elementary education. I would like to serve on the board because I feel can make a valuable contribution.

Karen Hartman

I went on EOM Walk #7 with Mary Furse where I sat at the table of Hannah. I attend Salem UMC in Elgin (which is part of a 3 point charge in Kershaw County). I have chaired Missions at Salem, conducted Women at the pulpit Sundays and other events over the years. I have served on 2 Salkehatchie weeks, one being a site leader. I have served on 3 Emmaus weekends teams besides numerous times in the kitchen. I have served on 2 board appointments with Epiphany and have been in every position on Epiphany Weekends. I am a proud mother of two grown children Robert and Lisa. Our son Robert has attended the Walk to Emmaus and our daughter Lisa attended Chrysalis and served on the first Chrysalis Flight. Both are married. Our son also has a one year old daughter which we absolutely adore. I served with Bernie Gathers on the last boys Epiphany Weekend and he said to me "Karen, you truly have a servant heart." I don't say this bragging but I strive to serve where God places me. If He places me on this board I will truly serve with a servant heart.

Delores Fish

I attended Emmaus of the Midlands Walk #30 and sat at the table of Martha. I attend St. Johns UMC in Aiken, SC, where I have been involved in many Bible studies. I have served as a silent partner and worked in the kitchen. I have attended many send offs, closings, candlelight ceremonies, gatherings and prayer vigils. I am a retired Army nurse, currently working in a military hospital. I feel that I would be able to make a valuable contribution to the board because of my good organizational skills and leadership training.

Charles "Mike" Burton

I went through the Central Carolina Emmaus Walk #3 and sat at the table of Matthew. I'm retired from the SC Dept of Corrections and was actively involved with Kairos prison ministries for many years. I've been married to Sandy Burton for 36 years and we attend Beulah United Methodist Church in Gilbert, South Carolina which is active in the Midlands Emmaus Community. Sandy and I have two sons, Robert and David Burton.

Bobby Bowers

I reside in Lexington, South Carolina and attend Lexington United Methodist Church. I went on the Emmaus of the Midlands Walk #31 and sat at the table of John. I teach the Fellowship (seniors) Sunday school class and am chairman of the Stewardship committee at my church. I also serve on the Finance committee and the Church Council. I am a member of the Band of Brothers that serves the men of the church and attend the Wednesday morning prayer breakfast each week. I am a certified lay speaker in the Methodist church. Since my Walk, I have served each Walk weekend either in the kitchen or on the team.

Voight Kempson

I am a member of Wightman UMC in Prosperity, SC. I attended EOM Walk #31 and sat at the table of Paul. I was born in Batesburg, SC and am married to the former Ceile Wilkerson of Johnston, SC. I have 2 sons (Cullen & Kerrin) and 3 grandchildren (Ashley, Kelsey, & Tyler). I lived in New York & New Jersey for ~40 years – working in the theatre on Broadway and around the world. I owned and ran/taught a dance school in New York for 30+ years. I retired and moved to Lake Murray in 2005.

Bobby Sandifer

I attend Lewis Chapel United Methodist Church in Sumter South Carolina. I went on EOM Walk #15 and sat at the table of John. Not long before I went on my first walk I asked the Lord, "How can I help show your love and be a part of your ministry to others?" – and the Lord sent me to Emmaus. After ten years, I am still active in the Emmaus community. About a month ago I said, "Lord, I would like to be a board member somewhere". You know just driving along and thinking to yourself, and just the other day the Lord sent a board member from the Emmaus community and asked me if I would consider entering my name to possibly become a board member for the Emmaus community. It is a privilege and an honor to be part of Gods amazing plan.

Emmaus of the Midlands

Board of Directors

2010 Ballot

Candidate	Church	City	Voter #1	Voter #2	Voter #3	Voter #4	Voter #5
Bobby Bowers	Lexington UMC	Lexington					
Charles "Mike" Burton	Beulah UMC	Gilbert					
Delores Fish	St. John's UMC	Aiken					
Terri Goodman	Bethel UMC	Jackson					
Karen Hartman	Salem UMC	Elgin					
Voight Kempson	Wightman UMC	Prosperity					
Tim Lentz	Trenholm Road UMC	Columbia					
Jeff McClendon	Dalzell UMC	Dalzell					
Bill Rose	Rehoboth	Columbia					
Bobby Sandifer	Lewis Chapel UMC	Sumter					

PLEASE NOTE – *Each voter using this ballot should vote for five (5) candidates*

Listed above are the names of the individuals who have been placed on the ballot by the nominating committee which is made up of the five board members who are rotating off this year. This nominating committee is in keeping with the Emmaus of the Midlands by-laws, as well as the guidelines established by our charter through the Upper Room. These people have been prayerfully considered for service and leadership to the Emmaus of the Midlands community. Each member of the household who has attended an Emmaus Walk, Chrysalis Flight or their equivalent is eligible to vote for five (5) people who are listed on the above ballot. Remember this is not meant to be a popularity contest. Please prayerfully consider each vote you cast, and vote only for those individuals who you feel the Lord is leading you to vote for. The five people with the highest number of votes become members of the Emmaus of the Midlands Board of Directors.

This Ballot **MUST** be received by May18, 2010 in the mail

March Bible Readings

1 Num. 28-29; Mark 8
2 Num. 30-31; Mark 9
3 Num. 32-33; Mark 10
4 Num. 34-36; Mark 11
5 Deut. 1-2; Mark 12
6 Deut. 3-4; Ps. 36; Mark 13
7 Deut. 5-6; Ps. 43; Mark 14
8 Deut. 7-9; Mark 15
9 Deut. 10-12; Mark 16
10 Deut. 13-15; Gal. 1
11 Deut. 16-18; Ps. 38; Gal. 2
12 Deut. 19-21; Gal. 3
13 Deut. 22-24; Gal. 4
14 Deut. 25-27; Gal. 5
15 Deut. 28-29; Gal. 6
16 Deut. 30-31; Ps. 40; 1 Cor. 1
17 Deut. 32-34; 1 Cor. 2
18 Josh. 1-2; Ps. 37; 1 Cor. 3
19 Josh. 3-6; 1 Cor. 4
20 Josh. 7-8; Ps. 69; 1 Cor. 5
21 Josh. 9-11; 1 Cor. 6
22 Josh. 12-14; 1 Cor. 7
23 Josh. 15-17; 1 Cor. 8
24 Josh. 18-20; 1 Cor. 9
25 Josh. 21-22; Ps. 47; 1 Cor. 10
26 Josh. 23-24; Ps. 44; 1 Cor. 11
27 Judg. 1-3; 1 Cor. 12
28 Judg. 4-5; Ps. 39, 41; 1 Cor. 13
29 Judg. 6-7; Ps. 52; 1 Cor. 14
30 Judg. 8; Ps. 42; 1 Cor. 15
31 Judg. 9-10; Ps. 49; 1 Cor. 16

April Bible Readings

1 Judg. 11-12; Ps. 50; 2 Cor. 1
2 Judg. 13-16; 2 Cor. 2

3 Judg. 17-18; Ps. 89; 2 Cor. 3
4 Judg. 19-21; 2 Cor. 4
5 Ruth 1-2; Ps. 53, 61; 2 Cor. 5
6 Ruth 3-4; Ps. 64-65; 2 Cor. 6
7 1 Sam. 1-2; Ps. 66; 2 Cor. 7
8 1 Sam. 3-5; Ps. 77; 2 Cor. 8
9 1 Sam. 6-7; Ps. 72; 2 Cor. 9
10 1 Sam. 8-10; 2 Cor. 10
10 1 Sam. 8-10; 2 Cor. 10
11 1 Sam. 11-12; 1 Chr. 1; 2 Cor. 11
12 1 Sam. 13; 1 Chr. 2-3; 2 Cor. 12
13 1 Sam. 14; 1 Chr. 4; 2 Cor. 13
14 1 Sam. 15-16; 1 Chr. 5; Mt. 1
15 Sam. 17; Ps. 9; Mt. 2
16 1 Sam. 18; 1 Chr. 6; Ps. 11, Mt. 3
17 1 Sam. 19; 1 Chr. 7; Ps. 59, Mt. 4
18 1 Sam. 20-21; Ps. 34, Mt. 5
19 1 Sam. 22; Ps. 17, 35; Mt. 6
20 1 Sam. 23; Ps. 31, 54; Mt. 7
21 1 Sam. 24; Ps. 57-58; 1 Chr. 8; Mt. 8
22 1 Sam. 25-26; Ps. 63; Mt. 9
23 1 Sam. 27; Ps. 141; 1 Chr. 9; Mt. 10
24 1 Sam. 28-29; Ps. 109; Mt. 11
25 1 Sam. 30-31; 1 Chr. 10; Mt. 12
26 2 Sam. 1; Ps. 140; Mt. 13
27 2 Sam. 2; 1 Chr. 11; Ps. 142; Mt. 14
28 2 Sam. 3; 1 Chr. 12; Mt. 15
29 2 Sam. 4-5; Ps. 139; Mt. 16
30 2 Sam. 6; 1 Chr. 13; Ps. 68; Mt. 17



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Make Time to Pray

Mary Furse

Signups for the 72 Hour Prayer Vigils have started. The Fall Walks will be here soon and we have many blank slots on our rosters. You can still sign up in the following ways:

1. At the April Gathering
2. On line at www.midlandsemmaus.com
3. By emailing flossyd56@sc.rr.com
4. Calling Mary Furse 803-699-6557



We want our pilgrims to see a FULL ROSTER during the Walks. We covet everyone's prayers for the Walks. Please continue to pray at noon for our new pilgrims, sponsors who will be inviting pilgrims to go on Walk 36, the potential pilgrims who are invited, and our board as decisions are made to improve our future Walks. We will once again have our 72 Day Prayer Vigil beginning on July 21 for Walk 36. Our participation and interest in the prayer vigils have been outstanding. Thanks to everyone for making EOM a growing and ever more prayerful

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Upcoming Events

April 23, 2010 Gathering - Lewis Chapel UMC
May 28, 2010 Gathering Red Bank UMC- Red Bank
June 25, 2010 Gathering- First Christian -Columbia
July 23, 2010 Gathering - Platt Springs, UMC-W Columbia
August 27, 2010 Gathering- Trenholm Rd UMC-Cola
September 30-October 3, 2010 Men's Walk 36
Candlelight Saturday Oct 2, 8pm
October 7-October 10, 2010 Women's Walk 36
Candlelight Saturday Oct 9, 8pm
March 10-March 13, 2011 Men's Walk 37
Candlelight Saturday Mar 12, 8 pm
March 17-March 20, 2011 Women's Walk 37
Candlelight Saturday Mar 19, 8 pm)

Next Gathering April 23, 2010
Lewis Chapel UMC
1515 Plowden Mill Road
Sumter, SC 29153

Directions: From Columbia: Take Hwy. 378 to Sumter. Go through the light at the Kangaroo station - 2/10 of a mile take a left onto the By-Pass - Sign says Florence-Conway. Continue 6 miles through end of freeway. 1 mile Past the Flee Market on the left - take a right onto Plowden Mill Road. Lewis Chapel UMC is 1.8 miles on the right.

Alternate Route: Take I-20 towards Florence. Exit 98 to the right (US 521) towards Sumter. Stay on 521 until you approach Sumter. Just as you pass under the US 378 overpass turn left on to US 378. Continue 6 miles through end of freeway. 1 mile Past the Flee Market on the left - take a right onto Plowden Mill Road. Lewis Chapel UMC is 1.8 miles on the right.

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