

EMMAUS OF THE MIDLANDS MESSENGER

May 2013

This month's newsletter includes bio's for candidates for EOM Board of Directors for 2013. The new class of five candidates will serve on the board as the Class of 2016. The Class of 2013 that will be leaving the board are Bobby Bowers, Delores Fish, Jeff McClendon and Bill Rose. Bobby Sandifer is a member of the Class of 2013, but has volunteered to serve one more year to fill a spot on the board that was vacated in March. This decision was voted on and approved by the board at the May board meeting. Bobby has been answering God's call to bring the message of Emmaus of the Midlands to churches within our community that do not already have an Emmaus presence within their membership. We appreciate Bobby's hard work during his time on the board and his continued willingness to serve.

The board would also like to welcome Bernetta Cooper from Francis Burns UMC. Bernetta was a candidate in last year's election and was asked by the board to fill a second spot that was vacated in March. She will serve as a member of the Class of 2014. We look forward to any new ideas and fresh insight that Bernetta will bring to the board.

THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MAY GATHERING AT DALZELL UMC ON MAY 24. THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE GATHERING AND WANT TO CAST A VOTE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE BALLOT IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND SEND IT IN WITH SOMEONE THAT IS ATTENDING THE GATHERING.

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CANDIDATES FOR 2013 ELECTION

Charles Adams

Sid Hawkins

Voight Kempson

Susan Matthews

Billy McCoy

Janice Tokar

Charles Adams I attend St. John's UMC in Batesburg. I went on EOM Walk 30 and sat at the Table of Paul. I am retired from the US Air Force. My wife Mary and I have one daughter, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Some of my responsibilities at St John's are/have been Lay Leader, Lay Representative to the SC Annual Conference, Greenwood District Council on Connectional Ministries, UMM President, Church Council, PPRC, Finance Committee, Lay Leadership Committee, Sunday School Teacher, Small Group Facilitator, Extending-the-Table Communion Partner and working with Gideons International. I have served EOM as a Table Leader, Silent Partner and Assistant Lay Director.

Sid Hawkins I attend Red Bank UMC in Lexington. I was on EOM Walk 35 and sat the GREAT Table of MARK. I have been on the trustee board for five years and served as chairman for 3 years, on the finance board and church council. I am a member of our Men's Club. I was the chairman of the Road Task Force for three years. We worked with DOT and Lexington County on the closure of a section of Old Barnwell Road and the transfer of this land to the church. I was selected as Engineer to redesign our parking lot. I retired from the Air Force and Air National Guard with 37 years and 6 months of service in Nov. 2000. I was Transportation Superintendent. I have been married to my best friend Gay for 48, yes 48, years! Gay and I have worked in the kitchen since Walk 35. I was Table Leader on Walk 41 at the GREAT table of John. We have one daughter, Suzette Guest and a wonderful son-in-law, Allen.

Voight Kempson My name is Voigt Kempson and I am a candidate to serve on the board of Emmaus of the Midlands. I am a member of Wightman United Methodist Church in Prosperity. I attended Emmaus of the Midlands Men's Walk 31 and I worshipped, learned and became closer to my Lord and Savior at the table of Paul. My wife, Ceile, son Kevin and I live on Lake Murray in Prosperity. We have another son, Cullen, who lives in New Jersey with his wife and their three children. Ceile and I teach a 4th/5th grade Sunday School class at Wightman and we serve on a Pastor's Worship Advisory committee. In addition we are often involved with worship activities of a theatrical nature, this due to our background. For 40 years, prior to our retirement in 2005, we lived in New Jersey where we owned and ran a dance school, in addition to being a Broadway performer, and eventually a director/choreographer in NYC, around the country and around the world. I am originally from Batesburg and Ceile is from Johnston so retirement found us returning to our roots. I would be most thrilled to receive your vote and to serve on the Board if you should so decide. Thank you and De Colores!

Susan Matthews I went on Emmaus of the Midlands Walk 34 and sat at the table of Martha. I have been active in the Emmaus community since my Walk. I attend Gatherings, help the kitchen team buy groceries for the Walks and work in the kitchen on Walk weekends. I am a member of Lexington United Methodist Church where I am very active in Sunday school, volunteer to help the hospitality team, and work with the members of the LUMC Emmaus reunion group on church projects. Having lost my mother, father, and brother, my church and our Emmaus community have become my family. It is my desire to serve the Lord through the church and Emmaus in any opportunities I might have. I feel that serving on the Emmaus board would be one opportunity to serve. DeColores!

Billy McCoy I am an active member at Bethel UMC in Oswego. I attended EOM Walk 37 and sat at the Table of Luke. I retired as a Sales Representative from Bayer CropScience in January 2012. I now have a consulting business. Since retiring, I have been seeking ways other than my local church to serve the Lord. Last year I began working in Emmanuel UMC's soup kitchen every week preparing meals, washing dishes, having devotions, or anything else that needed to be done. This has been very rewarding and something that God just laid in my lap. I didn't go looking for this job, it was looking for me. I am prepared to do what God wants me to do. My Emmaus walk changed my life. It helped me listen for God's call, make my fourth day experience real, and act on what God is telling me. If I can help the community by becoming a member of the board, I am willing. If I am elected, I will give it my all.

Janice Tokar My husband Ron and I were married in 1963 at St. Mary Madelaine Church in Homestead, PA. We have a total of six children, two of whom are now with our Lord God. I am a widow and retired from federal employment, having served in the Fort Jackson Fire Department as a communication specialist / 9-1-1 Dispatcher. We moved around a lot due to numerous military and federal job transfers. Since settling down in the Columbia - Lexington area, our family has increased to fourteen grand children, half of which were "Bonus Gifts" from God and nine great-grand children most of whom were also very special "Bonus Gifts" sent by "Angels" of Christ. I went on EOM Walk #37 and sat at the wonderful table of Mary (applause please)! I attend Bethel UMC (Pelion Charge) in Lexington. I am President of Bethel UMW, a Certified Lay Speaker, Sunday School Teacher for the 3 - 10 year olds, and I head a Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study. I love to serve others, I love to bring smiles to everyone, I am a nurturer at heart, and if you come looking for me - check the KITCHEN first because I love to cook! De Colores!

Candidate	Church	City	Voter #1	Voter #2	Voter #3	Voter #4	Voter #5
Charles Adams	St. John's UMC	Batesburg					
Sid Hawkins	Red Bank UMC	Lexington					
Voight Kempson	Wightman UMC	Prosperity					
Susan Matthews	Lexington UMC	Lexington					
Billy McCoy	Bethel UMC (Oswego)	Sumter					
Janice Tokar	Bethel UMC (Pelion)	Lexington					

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 listed on this 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.

You may fill in this ballot and bring it to the May Gathering at Dalzell UMC or you may fill out a ballot at the Gathering. Place a check mark in one voter column for each of the five candidates that you are voting for. As many as five people that are eligible to vote may vote on the same ballot.

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MAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Emmaus Gathering...May 24

Pot Luck Dinner @ 7 pm

Program @ 8 pm

Dalzell UMC

3330 Black River Rd

Dalzell, SC

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Jun 10

EOM Board Meeting (7 pm, Windsor UMC)

Jun 28

Gathering @ Bethel UMC (Jackson)

Jul 8

EOM Board Meeting (7 pm, Windsor UMC)

Jul 26

Gathering @ Northeast UMC (Columbia)

Aug 12

EOM Board Meeting (7 pm, Windsor UMC)

Aug 23

Gathering @ Lexington UMC (Lexington)

Sep 9

EOM Board Meeting (7 pm, Windsor UMC)

Sep 27

Gathering @ First Christian Church (Columbia)

Oct 17-20

Men's Walk #42

Oct 24-27

Women's Walk #42

FROM AIKEN / LEXINGTON / COLUMBIA

Take I-20 East to Exit 98 (Hwy 521, Camden/Sumter) Go South approximately 15 miles and exit at SC Hwy 441. Turn left at the stop sign, continue straight thru stop light approximately 2 miles and turn right at Black River Rd. Dalzell UMC is at the end of Black River Rd, on the right.