



# Messenger

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## Coming Events

May 23 Gathering  
Trinity UMC  
West Columbia, SC  
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

June 9 Board Meeting  
Windsor UMC @ 7

June 27 Gathering  
Bethel UMC  
Jackson, SC  
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

July 14 Board Meeting  
Windsor UMC @ 7

July 25 Gathering  
Lewis Chapel UMC  
Sumter, SC  
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

August 11 Board Meeting  
Windsor UMC @ 7

August 29 Gathering  
Macedonia Lutheran Church  
Prosperity, SC  
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

September 8 Board Meeting  
Windsor UMC @ 7

September 26 Gathering  
Lexington UMC  
Lexington, SC  
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

October 13 Board Meeting  
Windsor UMC @ 7

October 16-19 Men's Walk  
October 23-26 Women's Walk

## From Your Chairman

Well, it is that time of year again for our Emmaus of the Midlands Community Board elections. Thanks to all of those who have come forward and made a commitment to serve if elected.

You will find the names and a short bio on each listed within this Newsletter along with a ballot you can print off and mail in if you will not be able to attend the Gathering next Friday night, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Trinity UMC in West Columbia.

This year we have an unusual situation for elections in that we have seven positions to fill instead of the normal five. After considerable discussion at the Board meeting Monday night it was decided that in order to avoid having 7 openings again in 2017 that we would have everyone vote for only 5 candidates and thus the top 5 vote getters would receive 3 year terms and the next 2 will have 1 year terms.

However, those receiving 1 year terms would be eligible to turnaround the next year and run for a 3 year term.

Thanks again to those who have served during this past year and are now exiting the Board. They are Al Carter, Bernetta Cooper, Tom Furse, Terri Goodman, Karen Hartman, Bobby Sandifer and Janice Tokar.

Please take time to vote and support your Emmaus Community. Remember the sole purpose of the Board of Directors is to put on Walks.

Hope to see you at the Gathering Friday night .

God Bless, Leonard May

**May Gathering  
Trinity UMC  
1201 Mohawk Dr  
West Columbia, SC 29169**

### Directions From I 26/I 20:

**Take I-26 E toward Airport—Take Exit 110 for US-378 E toward Columbia—Turn left onto Sunset Blvd—Turn left onto Central Dr—Continue onto Gunter Circle—Destination on right**

### From Sumter:

**Follow US76 W to Gervais St—Turn left onto Gervais St for 2.5 mi.-Slight right onto Sunset Blvd—Turn right onto Central Dr—Continue onto Gunter Cir—Destination on right**

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This month's election will take place at the May Gathering at Trinity UMC in West Columbia on May 23. You will receive an email with the newsletter and instructions to be able to cast a vote online at the community website. If you are unable to attend the Gathering and want to cast a vote, please fill out the ballot online, complete a copy of this ballot and send with someone attending the gathering or mail in this newsletter to the post office box on the newsletter. It needs to be post marked by May 23.

## CANDIDATES FOR 2014 ELECTION

Gary Hartman	Carolyn McLean	Thad Hinnant	Sue Thomas	Lucie Bingham
	Delores Fish	Ron Mankin	Nichole Rivers	

Greetings! My name is Gary Hartman. I am a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Blythewood. I attended the Emmaus of the Midland's Men's Walk #7, and sat at the table of Matthew. I am married to Karen Hartman, my wife of 37 years. We have two grown children (both of whom have been on either a Walk or Chrysalis Flight), and two grand-children. I am a retired Army musician with 20 years of active service; I play trumpet, keyboards, and sing. My vocational experience at Columbia International University includes sound support and operation of Audio-Visual equipment.

During my 18 years of service with EOM, I have served on several teams with Music, Snack Agape, Kitchen, and Silent Partner. I also served on the first Chrysalis Flight, as well as a few Epiphany and Kairos weekends. One of the biggest joys as a Sponsor is to see how God inspires a pilgrim on their journey, then help them sponsor others to attend a walk.

It will be an honor and a privilege to serve on the Emmaus Board of Directors to witness how God will continue to bless this community, and the outpouring of love and spiritual gifts from our members to the local churches they attend.

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My name is Carolyn McLean, and I live in West Columbia. I attend First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Columbia and went on Foothills Emmaus Walk #3. I sat at the Table of Mary.

I have been an active member of First Christian Church for 35 years, and have worked as church secretary there for 33 years. I am married, the mother of five sons, with four granddaughters and one grandson. I went on my walk in September of 1991 and since then have been involved in Emmaus in many different capacities. In Emmaus of the Midlands I have served in the background by working in the kitchen, praying, making table and snack agape, and writing countless letters. I have been table leader, silent partner, ALD, lay director, and served on many music teams. Previously I have served on the Emmaus board for two terms and am currently serving in the capacity of Registrar, filling in temporarily after the death of Tom Furse. God has blessed me beyond measure by allowing me to serve Him in so many ways. I love this community and will continue to support it in any way that God chooses.

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My name is Thad Hinnant. I worship at Northeast United Methodist Church in Columbia where my wife Gail and I were blessed to be founding members almost 30 years ago. I went on Emmaus of the Midlands Men's walk #7 and I sat at the table of John (along with my friend Tom Furse). My wife, Gail, who served as a church pianist for 42 years until her retirement following Easter of 2013 attended Emmaus of the Midlands Women's #7. Our daughter, Janie, and my son-in-law, Travis Goldie, both attended walk #38. I have been blessed to serve in the conference room 10 times as table leader, assistant table leader, ALD, lead ALD, LDIT and on walk #43 LD...what a blessing Emmaus has been and continues to be in my life. I served a term on the Board about 10 years ago and if it is the will of the community I would love to serve again. DeColores

Hi! My name is Sue Thomas. I am relatively new to the Midlands Emmaus Community and am seeking to continue the Emmaus ministry with which God has blessed me. I walked Emmaus in the Tidewater Emmaus Community, TW-37, in 1997. In Virginia, I became what is known as a 'teaming junkie' - serving on 8 walks - wanting to give to others the amazing blessing of GOD that Emmaus has been to my life. I was blessed to be the Walk Lay Director on TW-54, and served on the Tidewater Emmaus Board for more than 7 years. My Board service included the roles of Agape chair, Team Selection Chair, and Community Lay Director (Board Chairman). I believe that one of the greatest gifts I can give to someone is to sponsor them for the Emmaus Walk. I feel that it is an awesome way to help folks know Christ, our LORD and Savior, at a much deeper level and to learn to see Christ in others, and come to see Christ as real & alive in their own lives and the lives of others.

Hi, my name is Lucie Bingham and I went on my walk in Chattanooga in 1992. I was on Walk 6 and sat at the table of Martha. I live in Gilbert and attend Pond Branch United Methodist Church. I have been blessed to be a part of two different Emmaus Communities. I have served in several team positions, including Lay Director, and on the Community Board of Directors in the Foothills Emmaus Community. Like many of you, The Walk To Emmaus changed my life. When I stood up at the end of my Walk and answered the questions about what I had gained and what I was going to do about it. I said, "I am not sure what I am going to do, but one thing I am sure of is that God is calling Michael (my husband ) and I to serve Him as a team, and I am willing to go where He wants me." Little did I know that meant God calling Michael to be a preacher. We are a team and work hard to go where God is leading. I would be honored to serve on the Emmaus of the Midlands Board and trust that God will help me be a servant leader.

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My name is Delores Fish. I went on Emmaus of the Midlands Walk #30 and sat at the table of Martha. I worship at St. John's UMC in Aiken, where I am active in our contemporary service and my Sunday School Class. I have two sons, Michael who lives with me in Aiken, and Robert who is currently serving in the Army and is stationed at fort Bragg in NC and I am blessed to have on grandson Jonas. I have previously held a position on the board as kitchen coordinator. I have served on the Emmaus teams as silent partner, table leader, and kitchen crew. I spent 20 years in the military, where I got my LPN license, and retired in 2003. currently I am working at the Eisenhower Medical Center at Fort Gordon, GA I am so blessed to be a member of the Emmaus community and would love to serve on the board so that I might continue serving others for our Lord.

My name is Ron Mankin. I attend Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church in Lexington, S.C. where I sing in the Sanctuary Choir and have been a Deacon and an Ordained Elder. I was fortunate to be a Pilgrim in The Midlands Walk to Emmaus #41 and was proud to sit at the Great Table of Luke. Subsequently, I have helped Al Carter with the luggage detail for Walks #42 and the Women's Walk #43. I was honored to be asked to be the Table Leader of The Men's Walk #43 and sat at the Outstanding Table of Mark. I was privileged to sponsor a pilgrim at the Men's Walk #42 and was elated when my wife Rosanne was a pilgrim on the Women's Walk #42.

I would be proud to do whatever the Lord leads me to do to further the Midlands Walk to Emmaus in the future.

Prayerfully In Christ.

**Nicholle Rivers:** I attend Dalzell United Methodist Church in Dalzell SC. I went on Emmaus of the Midlands Women's Walk #38 and sat at the Table of Rachel. I have been active in the EOM Community since my initial walk. I am a stay at home mom and my husband Tony and I have four children: Kayla (22), Kelsie (13), Kaitlyn (8), and Connor (3). As a member of Dalzell UMC I serve as president of the Women's Club, and serve on one of two Bereavement Teams which are responsible for preparation of meals following funeral services. I am also actively involved with the churches Relay for Life Team and I occasionally teach adult Sunday School classes. I was an Assistant Table Leader on EOM Womens Walk #43 and I have enjoyed assisting with other functions and events such as gatherings, send offs, candlelight services, and closings. It is my desire to serve the Lord in all aspects of my life including any opportunities that I may have in the EOM Community. **De Colores!**

**The next page has a ballot for the election this Friday night. If you are unable to attend please mark the ballot and send it with someone or mail it to the following address:**

**Emmaus of the Midlands  
PO Box 25165  
Columbia, SC 20224-5165**

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Please note—Each voter using this ballot should vote for five (5) candidates.

Listed below 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 on this ballot. The five members with the highest number of votes become members of the Emmaus of the Midlands Board of Directors.

Candidate	Church	City	Voter #1	Voter #2	Voter #3	Voter #4	Voter #5
Gary Hartman	Trinity UMC	Blythewood					
Carolyn McLean	First Christian	Columbia					
Thad Hinnant	Northeast UMC	Columbia					
Sue Thomas	Mt Horeb UMC	Lexington					
Lucie Bingham	Pond Branch UMC	Gilbert					
Delores Fish	St John's UMC	Aiken					
Ron Mankin	Saxe Gotha Presbyterian	Lexington					
Nichole Rivers	Dalzell UMC	Dalzell					

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