



# Messenger

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## Coming Events

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

October 5  
Training for Kitchen Help  
October 5 @ 2 pm  
Nazarene Camp—Batesburg

October 13 Board Meeting  
Windsor UMC @ 7

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

November No Gathering

November 14-15  
SE Emmaus Leadership Confer-  
ence—Mauldin UMC  
Greenville, SC

December 6 Gathering  
Trinity UMC  
Blythewood, SC  
Meal @ 6, Worship @ 7

## From Your Chairman

At last Monday night's Board Meeting we had to make the decision as to whether to go forward with the fall walks or call them off. As chairman or any other board member, the last thing we ever want to do is cancel a walk. The Women's Walk was not in question any longer as we had 15 confirmed pilgrims and 7 more promises for a total of 22. However, with the men we were looking at only 7 confirmed and 4 promises for a total of eleven. However the Board decided to step out on faith and agree to go forward with the Men's Walk also.

I am happy to report that God has already answered our prayers and several more men's applications have been reported as well as more for the women.

When I look back on Monday night I feel guilty for doubting that we would even not make it. You see, we just had to acknowledge that God was in control and turn everything over to him.

Our prayers have been answered as God has led you as community members to step out, witness to those He has placed on your heart, to invite them to participate in this 3 day walk with God and then follow-up by sponsoring them when they say yes.

Please continue to be in prayer for all the pilgrims and team members as we move forward to the Walks. Also remember to sign up for the prayer vigils.

In case you have not heard, Rev. Dennis Johnson, the former Camp Nazarene Director passed away unexpectedly Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Dennis was very helpful and supportive when Camp Agape closed and our Midlands community had to go looking for a new facility to hold our Walks. I will always remember Dennis sitting in the back of the auditorium on Sunday nights at closings and he would be just as moved and touched by the pilgrim's testimonies as the rest of us. Please join me in praying for his wife, Bonnie, and the rest of his family.

God Bless,

[Leonard May](#)

## Important Dates to Remember

**September 26—Gathering—Lexington UMC**

**October 5—Training for Kitchen Help**

**More info on following pages.**

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## Meet Your Board Member

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 Emmaus of the Midlands Walk #7  
 Table of John

Northeast United Methodist Church Columbia, SC

I grew up in Lake City, SC and except for a couple of periods of 3 years in Charlotte and two years in Cincinnati, OH, Columbia has been my home. I have a wife, Gail (Walk #7) a daughter, Janie (walk #39) and a son-in-law, Travis Goldie (walk # 39) . I spent much of my adult church time at NEUMC ( lucky to be one of the founding members) where I served on just about every committee (except pastor/parish...since Gail was a long time staff member as church musician). I spent the vast majority of my professional life working in the sales area for companies that sell software and services to the Insurance industry. This is my second term on the Board (the terms are separated by 10+ years). I was blessed to serve as Lay Director on Walk #43. Being a part of the Emmaus Community has been and remains one of the true highlights of my life because of the ability to serve our Lord and to spend time with his children.

De Colores

[SE Emmaus Leadership Conference at Mauldin UMC in Greenville, SC November 14th for clergy and November 15th for lay members. Registration can be done at scemmauschrysalis.com. There is a \\$10 registration fee per person. This conference is open to anyone in the communities.](http://scemmauschrysalis.com)

Carolyn,

Believe it or not, I can remember sitting at the Table of Hannah on EOM Women's Walk #17 thinking...*I want to be at that back table.....* Little did I know, right? OK, to be honest, on my pilgrim walk I probably didn't pay that much attention to the back table..... but, once I started serving on teams (music, table leader, silent partner/assistant table leader) I knew that I had a goal: Lay Director.... the Big LD!!!! God has an incredible sense of humor. I served two walks as ALD and had a blast! Kept hoping to get *that ALD* phone call again. Then, I'm sitting in my office doing very important work (I'm sure) and I receive THE call.... Leonard May asks me to consider Lay Director In Training.... Well, I guess all of that is history now. I am so humbled by God's confidence in me. I remind Him everyday that I'm imperfect so I really need His help.... He keeps saying that I'm perfect in His eyes but that, yes, I need His help. God has provided such a wonderful community of believers - I am so very humbled by your support. I know that the EOM Women's Walk #44 is not *my* walk - I am very aware that God has called me to be His hands and His feet. You complete the body. Thank you for reaching out to pilgrims, thank you for your prayers. I pray that you trust the EOM Women's Walk #44 team to be YOUR hands and feet for the precious pilgrims that God will put in our way..... Peace. Kellye

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## September Gathering Lexington UMC

309 E. Main St  
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A nursery will be provided for ages 5 and under. It would be helpful if you contact Lynn Silvey in advance so they can make plans at the following numbers:

Email: [misilvey@windstream.net](mailto:misilvey@windstream.net) Home: 803-359-3790 Other: 803-609-2750

**Directions:** From I-20, take US-1 Exit. Go North on US-1 toward Lexington. US-1 will become East Main St just below the church. The church will be on the left. From I-26, take either the US-378 or US-1 exit and travel to Lexington. US-378 will merge with Hwy 6/North Lake Dr. Take Hwy 6 to Main St and turnleft. The church will be on the left. If you take the US-1 exit, follow the same directions.

**‘AGAPE! AGAPE! AGAPE! YOU KNOW WE LOVE AGAPE!’** You know that refrain brings smiles to your face as you think about sharing GOD’s love in the form of Agape on the weekend. Now is the time to put your hearts & hands & minds to work to make our Pilgrims faces beam on the upcoming walks. Also, as you think of sponsoring Pilgrims, remember how important those ‘Special Letters’ are. As a sponsor, please try to have 10-12 letters for each of your Pilgrims. Special family letters, friends, church staff, everyone who would want to share in the love for the Pilgrim. Please make certain they have the Pilgrim’s first and last name on the envelope. If it says ‘Mommy’ or ‘Daddy’, please help us by adding the Pilgrim’s full name. It is helpful too, if you would put the very special top letters in a bunch with a ribbon or a rubber band, to make sorting easier.

As a new board member to the Agape responsibility, I would appreciate it if you would e-mail me with the type of special agape your group makes so I have a better idea of what is being done. If you won’t be at send off, please let me know so that I can make certain to get your agape from you. Thanks so very much, DeColores, Sue Thomas, [tote2thomas@gmail.com](mailto:tote2thomas@gmail.com), 757 816-4479.

### **ATTENTION EVERYONE:**

We have been informed that the new kitchen at the campground will definitely be up and running for the upcoming walks!!! In fact we will be the first outside group to utilize the kitchen. This means some major changes to the way we have run things. First and the most importantly we now have to follow Servsafe regulations. The kitchen now has the rating of a restaurant. Second, due to this and the new equipment in the kitchen, the camp managers are requiring us to be trained. We have been able to schedule training with the camp managers on **Oct 5 at 2:00pm** this set of walks. The training is free and anyone that wants to help in the kitchen with food prep is welcome to attend the training. If you are unable to attend this training, we will not be able to use your help with food prep. **Please** don’t think we don’t want your help. **We do!!** There are many other ways we can use you especially in serving and dining room prep. We have made arrangements to be able to do this training ourselves in the future. So **please, please, please** come out for the training **and** to help us on the weekend. We will have plenty to do for everyone.

DeColores Delores Fish, Kitchen Coordinator

P.S. The kitchen has its own bathrooms now!!!!

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**We want to hear from you!**

As you recall, at the end of your walk, you answered two questions (after the really hard questions of name, where you are from, what church you attend and the walk you attended).

1. What have these three days meant to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?

Sharing God's blessings is one of the calls we have as Christians. We need to share God's goodness in order to encourage, bless and lift each other up. The Emmaus Community is all about serving God in order to help others experience God's love. We would love to hear how you have changed, been blessed, were able to share God's love since your Walk. In other words, tell us about your 4<sup>th</sup> days. Help encourage your community and in doing so, you will likely be following the promises you made at the end of your weekend.

If you would like to share your story, write it (less than 500 words), send it to [lucieinsc@bellsouth.net](mailto:lucieinsc@bellsouth.net). Make sure you have added your name, church, where you live and walk number. We will publish as space allows. We are a community of believers from all over South Carolina and the world. Use this community to grow so you can learn to sow his love to our unchurched neighbors. See you at the Gatherings.