



Messenger

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Coming Events

July 13 Board Meeting
Windsor UMC
Columbia, SC

July 24 Gathering
Leesville UMC, Leesville
St. Johns UMC co-hosts
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

August 10 Board Meeting
Windsor UMC
Columbia, SC

August 28 Gathering
Beulah UMC, Gilbert
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

September 14 Board Meeting
Windsor UMC
Columbia

September 25 Gathering
Lexington UMC, Lexington
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

October 12 Board Meeting
Windsor UMC, Columbia

From Your Chairman

We have just completed another set of Walks and despite being small in numbers they were again a success. As you have heard me say many times before, when you sit there at Closing Sunday night and listen to the testimonies of the pilgrims, you know regardless of the numbers it was worth it.

It is a tribute to our Community that we were even able to put on the Walks while battling competition from Memorial Day weekend and then May 28th thru 31st with many high school graduations taking place.

Thank you again Community. You will notice below we are very blessed to have eleven members of our Midlands Community that have agreed to run for the Board of Directors to replace the six members that are coming off the Board.

It is very important that each of you vote by the ballot in the newsletter or online at our website. By voting you are showing your support for these members who have agreed to make a commitment to Emmaus of the Midlands. Remember to vote for six names.

Thanks to Boyce Brooks, Greg Prewitt, Voigt Kempson, Ron Mankin and Sue Thomas for their service. You will notice Sue and Ron are eligible to run again for a three year term because last year they were elected for one year.

Now it is time to say goodbye and turn the reins over to a new Chairman who will be voted in at the next Board Meeting in July. Thanks for all your support over the last three years.

Thank you and God bless,

[Leonard May](#)

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The following are short bio's of community members seeking board elections.



Hi, I'm Sue Thomas- the old one in the middle. I have served on the Midlands Emmaus Board for the past year as your Agape person. Thank you all so much for the time and effort you spend to shower the Pilgrims with Agape Love. My selection to the Board was to fill an unexpired term, so I would ask that you support me with your vote again so that I may continue to serve here in the Midlands Emmaus.

My Emmaus walk was in Tidewater Emmaus, Virginia in 1997, walk TW-37, and I served in the Tidewater Emmaus Community in Virginia for 16 years before moving to South Carolina, including 7 years on their Emmaus Board. I held many team positions there, including Weekend Lay Director and Community Lay Director (your Board Chair position). I became what we called a 'teaming junkie' as I sought to share the Christ-love I saw through Emmaus with as many people as possible. My Emmaus weekend was a life changing event for me and I feel it is so critical to pass that love on to others. My goal is to bless as many others with the Christ-love of my Emmaus awakening as I can.

My name is Dorothy Longshore. I live in Prosperity and I am actively involved in my home church, Macedonia Lutheran. I went on Emmaus of the Midlands Walk # 33 and sat at the table of Mary. I am first and foremost a child of God. I have been the wife of Pat Longshore for 35 years. We have 3 children, 3 in-laws, and 2 precious grandbabies. I am a retired preschool director/teacher of a small church preschool. My passion is God's Word and His people. I have served in the conference room 5 times, and in the kitchen numerous times. If elected to the board, I will do my best, with God's help, to serve the Emmaus Community.

My name is Therry May. I have lived in Prosperity, SC for 18 years and worship at Wightman United Methodist Church in Prosperity. I attended the Walk to Emmaus #24 in March 2004, and sat at the Table of Hannah. Over the last eleven years I have worked in the conference room, with snack agape, and in the kitchen. I had the privilege and honor to serve as Lay Director on the Women's Walk #42. Leonard and I have been married for 41 years. We have 3 children and six grandchildren ranging in age from 23 to 2 1/2 months old. The Walk to Emmaus and the Emmaus Community are very dear to my heart and if elected to the Board I will pray for guidance and discernment in all that we discuss and decisions to be made.

My name is Bobby Sandifer I have been associated with Emmaus of the Midlands for fifteen years. Former Lay Director and board member for four years. I feel there is so much more we can do and I thank you for your vote.

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My name is Bobby Bowers and I am a candidate for the Emmaus Board. I am vitality interested in serving the needs of our community in any way that I can help. I went on Emmaus of the Midlands Men's Walk # 31 and have never missed serving on a Walk weekend since then. My wife Cherie and I have attended most of the gathering since our Walk. I have been on the Emmaus Board in the past and it was my pleasure to serve as treasurer of our community. I have had the honor of serving many times since my Walk in the conference room on several teams as a table leader, silent partner, and an ALD. When I am not serving on a team I work in the kitchen. I am also very active in my church Lexington United Methodist church with the men's group and I teach Sunday school. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Emmaus board and to continue to serve the Lord through active participation in our Emmaus community

Mary Frances Thompson
Greenwood First Baptist Church
Central Carolina Women's Walk #31
Table of Mary

I grew up in West Columbia, SC. I earned a BA from Winthrop College, majoring in math, and minoring in chemistry and computer science. I taught math and physics at Andrew Jackson High School in Kershaw, SC for four years before attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div./ RE with Languages). After seminary, I served as Director of Christian Education at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Columbia, SC, and then as Minister to Children and Youth at Springdale Baptist Church in West Columbia. During my last year at Springdale Baptist, I was also director of the kindergarten and five year old teacher. I served as Minister of Education at Sunset Boulevard Baptist Church as well. I next taught four year old kindergarten at First Baptist Church, West Columbia and served as their interim Minister of Education. I was ordained by the church in June 1995. I taught as an adjunct professor for Limestone College at their Columbia campus. I have ten units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) - one from Baptist Medical Center and nine from the Academy of Pastoral Care of the SC Department of Mental Health. I served eight years as chaplain for the young women at the Greenwood Center of DJJ, was a school based counselor for the Department of Mental Health at Clinton High School, and worked in community outreach for Community Initiatives (a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program). I currently serve as the Ministry Assistant for Greenwood First Baptist Church, where I teach second and third grade Sunday School, third through fifth grade missions, am active in the Women's Ministry, and have served on several committees. I am active in the Epiphany Ministry and serve on that board. I am also on the board of Greater Greenwood United Ministry and serve on the Greenwood Council of Church Women. I have been part of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community since it began in the fall of 1992.

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My name is Millie Hopkins. I am a member of Mill Creek United Methodist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. I went on the Walk To Emmaus, Women's Walk #14b and sat at the table of Martha. Although my original walk was almost 15 years ago, the impact it had on my life is still evident today. I became very involved in the Emmaus Community by working in the background, serving on conference room teams and serving on the Board of Directors. I was selected to be Lay Director and was privileged to serve God and the community on Walk #30. Since then I returned to work full time in the office of a small Christian school in Columbia where I serve God and minister to students and staff. I have two children who graduated from college and are now living in St. Louis and New York City. I feel that this community has touched so many lives and I believe a strong Board of Directors is necessary to carry out this ministry as directed by The Upper Room. I have experience in most aspects of the conference room and activities going on behind the scenes and I would love the opportunity to actively serve in this community again.

Ron F. Mankin, Luggage Coordinator
Emmaus of the Midlands Walk #41
Table of Luke

Worship at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, Lexington, SC

It has been my honor to have just finished a one-year term as Luggage Coordinator on the Board of Directors of the Midlands Walk to Emmaus. With a team of great Emmaus Brothers, we did not lose one piece of luggage. In fact, we actually picked up some at the end of the Pilgrim's Walks. It has also been my privilege to serve on the Midlands Emmaus Team as a Table Leader during Walk #43 and as the Board Representative during Walk #45. My goal is to continue to be blessed by serving as a servant of our Lord Jesus and the Midlands Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors.

I'm Ginny Braddock I went on EOM walk #37 and sat at the table of Miriam. I am a member of First Christian Church(Disciples of Christ) of Columbia where I currently serve as chair of the deacons and an alternate Sunday School teacher and on the Worship ministry team. I am divorced with a married daughter and wonderful son-in-law. I am active in an the let Go and Let God Emmaus Reunion Group and BSF Women's Bible Study. I have been blessed by being in the Emmaus community and would love to serve in any capacity to which the Lords calls me.

My name is Duane Sirhal. My wife Sandy and I live in Northeast Columbia and worship at Northeast United Methodist Church. We have been blessed with two adult children and three grandchildren that keep us busy and active. I was on Emmaus of the Midlands Men's Walk number 8 and I sat at the Table of Luke .We have been active in Emmaus, both here in the Midlands and also in three Colorado Emmaus Communities, over the past 20 years. I have been blessed to serve in the Conference Room several times, I have helped in the old kitchen and have been trained on the new kitchen procedures, and I am also active in the Monthly Gatherings, the Prayer Vigils, and the making of Agape for the Walks. Emmaus has enhanced my Walk with the Lord and I enjoy having the opportunity to serve the Community in any and all ways.
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BALLOT

Candidate	Church	City	Voter #1	Voter #2	Voter #3	Voter #4	Voter #5
Sue Thomas	Mt Horeb UMC	Lexington					
Dorothy Longshore	Macedonia Lutheran	Prosperity					
Therry May	Wightman UMC	Prosperity					
Bobby Sandifer	Lewis Chapel UMC	Sumter					
Bobby Bowers	Lexington UMC	Lexington					
Mary Frances Thompson	Greenwood First Baptist	Greenwood					
Ginny Braddock	First Christian	Columbia					
Millie Hopkins	Mill Creel UMC	Columbia					
Duane Sirhal	Northeast UMC	Columbia					
Ron Mankin	Saxe Gotha Presbyterian	Lexington					

Please note - Each voter using this ballot should vote for six (6) 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 six 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 six (6) people listed on the ballot. Remember, this is not meant to be a popularity contest; please prayerfully consider each vote you cast, and vote only for those individuals for whom you feel the Lord is leading you to vote. The six people with the highest number of votes become members of the Emmaus of the Midlands Board of Directors.

There will be a place provided on our web site for those that wish to vote electronically.

Paper ballots need to be postmarked by June 30 and mailed to:

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Pillar of the Community
Teacher and Friend

Franklin "Frank" Robinson, 67, a founding member of the Emmaus of the Midlands passed into the Kingdom of Heaven on May 25, 2015, after a short battle with cancer. Frank was eager to serve the Emmaus Community as the foundation for the succeeding Walks were being established. His service as the Kitchen Coordinator on Walk# 1 through Walk#13 set the standards of quality which have guided Emmaus kitchen leaders to this day. Not being content to serve in one area of expertise, he also served as an Assistant Table Leader and an Assistant Lay Director in both Chrysalis and Men's Walks.

He was also a professor at South Carolina State University for 30 years, an author of two physics textbooks that went worldwide, and a valued member of the faculty. He won a NASA NOVA award for developing lectures on space science and a laboratory book for the study of the sun. He is survived by his spouse, Kathy, his son, Paul (Lisa), granddaughters, Kinsey and Heather, mother, Gloria Robinson, brother, Michael (Deb) Robinson of Atlanta, and sister, Suzanne (Greg) Archer-Brooks. He was preceded in death by his father, R.F. "Frank" Robinson. A celebration of his life was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at Windsor UMC, Columbia, SC. –