

The Messenger



A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

February Gathering
February 28, 2025, 7 pm
Edgefield Methodist
Church

Team Training Walks 56
February 22, 2025
Brookland UMC
9 am – 2 pm

Board Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025
Brookland UMC 7 pm

EOM Men's Walk #56
March 13-16, 2025
Camp Agape

EOM Women's Walk #56
March 20-23, 2025
Camp Agape

**New Membership
Celebration**
Saturday, March 29,
11am

MIKE'S MOMENT



Hello! I am Rev. Mike Evans from Edgefield. I attended Emmaus of the Foothills Walk 47 and sat at the Table of John. I am the new Community Spiritual Director.

I have been serving as the Pastor of Edgefield Methodist Church since 2020. I have been married to my wife Heather for 31 years. Our wonderful daughter Ashley recently graduated from Anderson University and is currently employed at SRS. In my free time I enjoy being in the quietness of nature and reflecting on all God has provided for me.

I think of February as the month of love. As 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."



I pray this will be a year of growth in our community. I look forward to getting to know everyone.

De Colores, Pastor Mike

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The goal of the Leadership Training for 2025 is to help establish a shared Community Vision as presented in the Emmaus guidelines, and to develop the Spiritual Understanding that forms the Foundation of Emmaus. There will be a different training on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Brookland UMC from 10am-12:30pm. No training in March due to the Walks. All are invited!

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CAROLYN'S CORNER

Sponsors Needed - Pilgrims Needed - Servants Needed!!

Please pray for sponsors, pilgrims, team members and servant leaders to answer God's call to help make Disciples on our next Walk to Emmaus. It is a wonderful blessing to be able to work in the conference room, serve in the kitchen, set up the camp, clean the toilets, make agape, write letters, attend special services, and pray! Please volunteer!!

Do you remember when you were first invited to attend a three-day retreat called the Walk to Emmaus? Were you hesitant? Had you ever heard of this “walk?” How far would you have to walk each day? Where and how would you sleep? How many people would be there? Did you really need this? Or, maybe, you were like me. I knew something was missing in my life, but I didn't know what. I talked to my pastor and he said, “Carolyn, you have spent most of your life taking care of other people. You are burned out. Maybe it's time for you to do something for yourself. Let me tell you about the Walk to Emmaus.” He did and I was excited!! I had no hesitancy, I had no qualms. I had no questions. I was ready to go—RIGHT THEN! And it was an experience that changed my life forever!!

The Board of Directors of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community had to postpone the walks from last October due to Hurricane Helene coming through. Unfortunately, some of the pilgrims who had signed up to attend are not able to do so now. We have pilgrims for the Walks (even some coming from the Lowcountry Emmaus) and the Walks will be held, but there is still time for sponsors to step up. Please pray for God to lay someone on your heart who needs this three-day walk with Jesus. Tell them about your experience, answer all their questions, help them fill out their application. Support them with your prayers and presence during the weekend, and then help them find a Reunion Group/ Accountability Group/ Fourth Day Group (they are all the same thing) after the walk. Your pilgrim will be blessed beyond measure—and so will you! God bless you all as we work together to help make disciples and enable them to see with new eyes the unconditional love of our Lord.

De Colores, Carolyn McLean

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBER



My name is Linda Kiraly, I live in Lexington and worship at the Living Word Fellowship of SC. I went on Emmaus of the Midlands Walk #54, and I sat at the Table of Mary. I am a wife (Adam Kiraly), a mom of 2 daughters, a grandma of 5 grandsons, and a doggie mama of 2 Boston terriers. I was not raised in a Christian household, but was fortunate to find the Lord when I was 16 by visiting a friend's church. I am a therapist and feel blessed to be able to offer healing to those who suffer. I thought I knew a thing or two about the love of the Lord, but learned a lot about His love for me at my Emmaus weekend. My Fourth Day has been a continued transformation from glory to glory, both in me and seeing it in those of you in Emmaus. I have a passion for the sacredness of maturing in Christ, both in myself and others. I was blessed to become a Board member in November, working within our community on Gatherings and Reunion Groups. Please reach out, I would love to talk to you about how your Fourth Day is going.

EMMAUS OF THE MIDLANDS WALKS #56

Please pray for our Team Members!

Men's Walk – March 13-16, 2025

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| LD | David Trask |
| LDIT | Bill Rose |
| ALD | Chuck Weatherly |
| ALD | Dan Canada |
| ALD | Dan Lackore |
| ALD | Ed Burch |
| SD | Mel Thompson |
| ASD | Kenneth Bundrick |
| ASD | Mary Frances Thompson |
| ASD | Vicki Hydrick |
| ASD | Mike Evans |
| BR | Paul McKeever |
| ATL | Lake Kirven |
| ATL | Michael Robinson |
| ATL | Randy Hydrick |
| ATL | Greg Bowers |
| ATL | Bobby Sandifer |
| ATL | John Corrigan |
| TL | Travis Goldie |
| TL | Terry Peterson |
| TL | Levy Rogers |
| TL | Rick Smith |
| TL | Gary Hooker |
| TL | Bob Brawn |
| MD | Adam Kiraly |
| MT | Brian Austin |
| MT | Dave Cavazos |
| MT | Matt Goudelock |

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| *LD | Lay Director |
| *LDIT | Lay Director In Training |
| *ALD | Assistant Lay Director |
| *SD | Spiritual Director |
| *ASD | Assistant Spiritual Director |
| *BR | Board Representative |
| *ATL | Assistant Table Leader |
| *TL | Table Leader |
| *MD | Music Director |
| *MT | Music Team |

Women's Walk – March 20-23, 2025

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| LD | Melanie Prewitt |
| LDIT | Terry Booth |
| ALD | Kim Corrigan |
| ALD | Delores Fish |
| ALD | Sandy Burton |
| ALD | Christy Bouknight |
| SD | Sheila Elliott Hodge |
| ASD | Kathy Cinnamond |
| ASD | Donna Florio |
| ASD | Mary Frances Thompson |
| ASD | Wayne Smith |
| BR | Nelda Canada |
| ATL | Linda Kiraly |
| ATL | Freda Jones |
| ATL | Gail Hicks |
| ATL | Michele Bowers |
| ATL | Debbie Carter |
| ATL | Tina Lipscomb |
| TL | Judi Rose |
| TL | Donna Dowd |
| TL | Joy Strange |
| TL | Becky Goudelock |
| TL | Janie Goldie |
| TL | Brandi Cade |
| MD | Kellye Rembert |
| MT | Allison Thompson |
| MT | Sheri McClendon |



Please sign-in online at
midlandsemmaus.com for the 72-hour Prayer
Vigil.

FISHING FOR PEOPLE

I've been thinking about fishing lately. My brother Steve was a fisherman. He loved to go and sometimes he would bring his bratty little sister with him. If I let him, he would advise me on what bait to use, where to cast my line, and how to land what I caught. I was not a very good learner, though. I wanted to do it all myself. This usually resulted in asking for his help after I tangled my line, caught a tree, or carried anger and disappointment home instead of fish. I might catch a fish occasionally, but he always had more than me. On one very memorable fishing trip, I cast out my line and a snake went after the bait. I asked for his help then. Actually, I screamed, "Steve" at the top of my lungs. He calmly talked me through the process, coming over to stand next to me to make sure I didn't actually land that snake..... not my idea of a great take home dinner.

Steve has been gone 35 years now, and I still miss him. My desire to do it on my own cost me the wisdom that I could have learned from him when he was here. Steve did give me a love of fishing, however, that I still enjoy. I also finally made enough undesirable mistakes while fishing-and doing other activities-on my own, and began to value instruction from someone who knows more than I do. Don't get me wrong, I can still have my inner brat rise up inside of me at times. But, if Steve were still here, he would probably be both shocked and pleased to learn how often I can now ask for help, and receive it when it comes.

Jesus called some of his disciples, men who made their living fishing, to come and learn from him how to fish for people. They left their old lives and ways of doing things and followed him to learn this new skill. At a time when we in



the Emmaus of the Midlands community are looking for more pilgrims for our upcoming weekend in March, this story comes back to me. I, too, don't want to rely on my own skills but follow my Master and learn much more effective and important skills.

I am also reminded of another story. In John 21, the disciples had spent all night fishing with zero results. Then Jesus told them where to cast their nets. John 21:6 says: "*So they threw it, and were no longer able to haul it in from the large number of the fish*". As you consider sponsoring a pilgrim or other Fourth Day activities, will you please consider asking the ultimate authority on fishing for people where the best fishing spot might be? If we will listen and obey, He will provide us with the best catch ever.



Linda Kiraly, Chair, Gatherings/Reunion Groups

UPCOMING NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION

Beginning this year, we will be holding a New Member Celebration after the Walk. This event will be held Saturday, March 29th, beginning at 11 am for the newest members of our community, as well as their sponsors. They will be joined by the rest of our Emmaus community at 12 noon. A potluck lunch will be served followed by a communion service.

The location is still to be determined and will be announced soon.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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