



GOLDEN ISLES WALK TO EMMAUS

March 2018 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Community Lay Director:

As we welcome the month of March, several things come to mind. Spring, budding flowers and plants, increased outside activities, gardening and yard work to mention a few. Even in South Georgia, and particularly this year, we bid a fond farewell to winter. I believe that we collectively look forward to the season. Spring always brings to mind a scripture, 2 Corinthians 5:17; "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" We continue to observe the season of Lent as we move toward Spring and Easter.

Another exciting part of this month will be the Spring Walks for our Community. The men's Walk is scheduled for March 8-11, and the women's walk will be held on March 15-18. This will be a celebration with great excitement, enthusiasm, and energy. Please plan to join in with your prayers and support.

There are many ways to support the Walks. We will have setup at the Lion's Camp on Saturday March 3, beginning at 9am. The Community's presence is greatly needed at send off, candlelight and closing. Please plan to support these events.

Prayer is vital prior to, during, and after the Walks. Communities around the world will be in prayer for the Walks, and so should we. You can sign up for the Prayer Vigil online, or contact Craig Miller.

Another means of support would be to provide table or pillow Agape. This means so much to the Pilgrims. If you know a Pilgrim, please write a letter to them. Thank you all for your support and prayers.

The Board is in the process of setting dates for Fall Walks. Give some thought to those who might be sponsored for these upcoming Walks. We need to keep the blessings flowing.

The Pio Party will be held on April 6 at Brunswick First UMC. Plan to be there and welcome our new members.

De Colores!
Phil Scott

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Upcoming Events

Community Gatherings

March-- No Gathering Due to the Walks

March 3-- Lion's Camp Set up 9 a.m.-Noon

- **March 8-11-- Men's Walk # 33**

Lay Director: Bill Hohenstein

- **March 15-18-- Women's Walk # 34**

Lay Director: Pam Herndon

** **Send-off** is 7 pm from Lions Camp; Pilgrims begin arriving at 6 pm

** **Candlelight** is 8 pm at Lions Camp for the Blind, Waycross. Please don't be late!

** **Closing** on Sunday at 3:30 pm (Pilgrims arrive at 4:00 pm)

April 6 at 7:00 -- Pio Party at Brunswick First UMC

May-- This month the Gathering will serve as our Community Picnic Celebration. We will get details to you soon about the place and time.

If you would like to offer your church to host a Gathering in the future, or would be interested in sharing a Fourth Day testimony, please contact David DuBois at david.dubois@westrock.com for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

PRAYER VIGIL INFORMATION

Blessings All,

With the upcoming walks beginning in less than two short weeks, we still have many opportunities to sign-up for the Prayer Vigil.

Please click on the **RED** button below to log onto the GIWE website and choose an hour to pray for the pilgrims of Men's Walk #33 and Women's Walk #34.

There are still openings available to fit into anyone's schedule.

Remember, prayer DOES work, and God DOES answer them.

Christ in us,

Craig Miller
GIWE #12
Prayer Vigil Board Representative

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRAYER VIGIL](#)

WHAT DO I PRAY FOR DURING THE PRAYER VIGIL?

Have you ever wondered how to fill an entire hour with prayer during the Prayer Vigil?

It's an issue I struggle with each walk, so I did a little research and found suggestions from some other Emmaus Communities they provide their members.

Each button below will take you to the other Emmaus communities and their ideas.

--Lori Durham
Communications Board Representative

[Dayspring Walk to Emmaus](#)

[Florida Crown Emmaus](#)

[Nebraska Walk to Emmaus](#)

[Southwest Virginia Walk to Emmaus](#)

Volunteers are Still Needed

We have reached out to many of you to serve on the Kitchen Team for the upcoming walks, but we still have some openings.

If you would like to serve on the Kitchen Team, please contact me.

I also would like to introduce another opportunity to you.

Could you be on standby or commit to come and serve for a day? You wouldn't stay at the camp, but just serve for the day.

If you can help for a day, you will not be asked to pay the willing servant fee.

If you have never served on a walk, you have missed an amazing opportunity to experience the excitement and joy you felt when you went on your walk.

Not only will it bless you, but you will be making this wonderful, life changing experience possible for someone else.

Please pray, and as the Lord guides, contact me by text or call (912) 282-3817 .

--Susan Hohenstein
Kitchen Board Representative

REMINDER!

We still need Table and Pillow Agape as well as Oven Agape and Letters for the Pilgrims.

Thank you!

Angela Dunn
Agape Board Representative

Messages from the Lay Directors

Hello Emmaus Family,

Can you believe the walk weekends will begin in almost a week?

The excitement has started to build, and I'm ready to begin the journey with the pilgrims of Walk #34.

Your prayers and support have built a firm foundation that will bring the love of God to each pilgrim in a special way. My heart is full of love and gratefulness toward each one of you.

Without you, the journey would not be the same .

I also thank God for the work He is already doing and the work He will continue to do on GIWTE #34.

Remember that Send-off, Candlelight, and Closing need your support as well.

See you there!

DeColores!

Pam Herndon
Lay Director, Women's Walk #34

Dear Emmaus Community,

I would like to thank you for your support and prayers for the upcoming Men's Walk #33.

We've had very successful team meetings, and I feel that we have bonded as a team. Our team is a team that has been created by the leading of the Holy Spirit. The team members and I are ready and anxious to see what the Lord has in store for this time. There are 20 pilgrims that will be attending the walk whose lives will never be the same.

Prayer is the very foundation of the success of these walks. If you haven't signed up on the prayer vigil, please take time to do that now. The prayers of our community as well as communities around the world are strongly felt during the entire weekend.

Please remember Send-Off, Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 PM. Candlelight will be Saturday, March 10th at 8:00 PM and Closing is Sunday, March 11th at 3:30 PM. You can drop off letters for the pilgrims at Send-Off and Candlelight. Your attendance at these special times are a great encouragement to the pilgrims! Also remember that we need Table Agape as well as Oven Agape.

Luke 24:30–32

*Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him, and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, “**Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?**”*

I humbly thank you for your support.

DeColores!

Bill Hohenstein
Lay Director, Men's Walk #33

Reflections from the Heart

The Lion of Judah and the Lamb of God

Trisa Chancey
GIWTE #2
Table of Mary

It has been said that March can “come in like a lion and go out like a lamb.” I find it interesting that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is called both the Lion of Judah and the Lamb of God.

As we consider the Lion of Judah, what comes to mind? For me, a lion is fierce. Fiercely protective of its family and its territory. And I think Jesus protects us fiercely. Satan travels “like a lion, to see whom he can devour.” Satan may be like a lion, but he is not THE lion. Lions battle for territory. Jesus, as the Lion of Judah, claims us as His own. Satan tries to draw us away from the pride, knowing that we are very weak and vulnerable when we are on our own. Jesus calls us back to Himself, to the strength of the pride, but it is our choice whose voice we'll listen to. It is in our weakness that Jesus' strength is most evident. Jesus WANTS to help us. He wants to hold us in His arms and comfort us and see us through our storms.

I have a hard time thinking of Jesus as a lamb. Lambs are, I have heard, rather dumb and smelly creatures. They desperately need a shepherd to keep them from danger. But the Bible says that Jesus is the Lamb of God, so He must be.

In Old Testament times, a perfect lamb was slaughtered as a sacrifice. This sacrifice was to atone for sins committed. When Jesus surrendered His life on the cross, He paid the price for our sins. He IS the perfect Lamb, without blemish, with no sin to atone for. Easter falls on April 1 this year. My brother-in-law David, who is a pastor, pointed out that Jesus dying on the cross was the perfect April Fool's joke. Satan rejoiced to see

Jesus on that cross. He was excited to watch Jesus die, knowing that with Jesus out of the way he would be free to destroy humankind with their own selfishness.

But Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ arose. As a result, we no longer need fear death. Billy Graham said it best: *“Someday, you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don’t you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God.”*

Throughout the month of March, consider how you can represent Jesus as both the Lion of Judah and as the Lamb of God. Fiercely protect the vulnerable. Gently speak words of truth to the hurting. And remind yourself and those around you that Jesus loves us and holds us in His very capable arms.

Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

GIE Board Meeting March 24, 9 AM Brunswick FUMC,
The Open Door Classroom.

Emmaus community members are always welcome at Golden Isles Emmaus Board Meetings, which are normally held the third Saturday of each month at the Miller Building behind Brunswick First United Methodist Church.