



GOLDEN ISLES  
EMMAUS

June Newsletter Note from Board Chair –

Here we are at mid-year, time seems to be traveling faster than a freight train some days.

Your Board continues to talk, pray and discern what God wants for our community. There have been so many scriptures placed on my mind and heart since our May Board meeting. Here are two:

1. *Jeremiah 29:11*

*For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

2. *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8*

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be*

*silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.*

Our community continues to struggle to find our way since COVID, the average monthly gathering attendance is around 35-40 (this number stays constant wherever the location of the gathering is), we are grateful for these times of fellowship, 4th day speakers, and communion together.

We realize that there are many activities that everyone is juggling in our lives – family, work, recreation, other groups and lastly health issues. To that end our community does not have the support it once did. As has been stated in previous newsletters many of our faithful servants (both clergy and laity) are older now and able to pray for our community just not able to be the hands and feet of Christ on a walk weekend. Some of our faithful servants have passed away or moved away and we cherish all they gave to our community.

The Board of Directors for the Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Community wants to hear from you, and we have planned a town hall meeting for our community on Saturday, July 13th at Brunswick First United Methodist Church (1400 Norwich St.) at 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be a fellowship time so when we gather, we eat, please bring your favorite brunch dish to share. In preparation for the Townhall meeting we ask that you consider a time of praying and fasting for our community. During your prayer time remember the 2 questions at your Walk closing -

1. What did your walk mean to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?

Your attendance at this Townhall meeting is vitally important for you to have the opportunity to share your heart for Emmaus with the Board and community. The Board desires complete transparency as we make decisions for our community - do we continue to move forward or do we disestablish our community. Those are hard words to put on paper to all of you.

After the Townhall meeting and fellowship, the Board will be meeting to hold a vote on the future of our community.

From the Bob Goff Live in Grace Walk in Love devotional for May 25 –  
Sometimes we ask for help and God gives us hope, not because it's different but because it's the same

*Matthew 5:14-16:*

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

No matter the outcome -

*Psalm 118:24*

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

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Anne Wojcik, Board Chair