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As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. — Luke 24:15-16 NIV

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
6:00 P.M.
NORTH WOOD UMC
1129 WILLS AVENUE
FLORENCE, ALABAMA

BRING:
COVERED DISH
Worship Guide
Name Badge
GOOD JOKES
Joyful Noise Voice
An Emmaus Friend
-AND YOU!!!
(NURSERY PROVIDED)

Memorial Service to be Held During December's Meeting

As usual, our Cluster memorial service will be held during the December meeting. This year, that will be December 17th. Following is a list we have so far of those who will be remembered. If you know of others who should be included, please let Cluster Leader Stephanie Hipps know.

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| SANDRA CONWAY - #184 | JANICE SANDLIN - #128 |
| BRENDA ELMORE - #300 | MARY TRIMM - #308 |
| LAURA HARDEMAN #102 | JIM WILLIAMS - #472 |
| JUDY JENKINS - #320 | KIM WILLIAMS - #318 |
| JANICE RHODES - #56 | |



those who have gone on to be with the Lord.

At this service, these names will be called and a candle lighted. As this is done, there will be the opportunity for friends and loved ones to come and share thoughts and memories of

2025 Board to be Elected at December Meeting

The 2025 Shoals Emmaus Cluster Board election of officers will take place during the December Cluster meeting, Tuesday the 17th. Lay Director, Stephanie Hipps, is finalizing the 2025 slate of officers and will appear in the December Apostle prior to December's meeting.

Upcoming Walks

WALK #528 TO BE FEBRUARY 22-25—The first Walk of 2025 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Kay Parker-Phillips. The Spiritual Director is to be Dudley Brock, and the team is from the Cullman/Blount Cluster Grouping. As of this issue in November, there are 5 Pilgrims assigned to this Walk. So far there are no Pilgrims from the Shoals assigned to #528.



ter, but if he were from the Tuscaloosa Cluster, the order would have been switched. Just so you know. There are currently 6 pilgrims assigned to #529, none from the Shoals.

#530 SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 20-23—Walk #530 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Jacque Clay. Sherry Reynolds will serve as the Spiritual Director and the team will be from the Gadsden/Marshall Cluster Grouping. As we go to press, no Pilgrims are assigned yet to #530. This is a great opportunity for your Pilgrim to get on board – and you have plenty of time to make all the preparations.

MARCH 6-9 IS THE DATE FOR #529—This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Todd Gibson from the West Alabama/Tuscaloosa Cluster Grouping. Lynn Gibson will be the Spiritual Director. By the way, when these Cluster Groupings are listed with the Lay Director's name, the first Cluster listed will be the Lay Director's home Cluster. Todd is from the West Alabama Cluster,

2025 ALABAMA WALKS

- #528 February 20-23 Women
- #529 March 6-9 Men
- #530 March 20-23 Women
- #531 April 24-27 Women
- #532 May 15-18 Men
- #533 August 7-10 Women
- #534 September 11-14 Women
- #535 September 25-28 Women
- #536 October 16-19 Men
- #537 November 6-9 Women

2024 CLUSTER BOARD

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SECRETARY

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Anita Whitaker

ASST TREASURER

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Chad Kennington

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Brenda Quesenberry

ASST AGAPE

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SPONSORSHIP

Pete Peeden

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Celia Rudolph

ASST CLEOPAS CONNECTION

Mike Creecy

Patsy Killen

72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Mitch Dobbins

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2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

Nov—North Wood UMC

Dec—Tuscumbia First Methodist

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan—North Wood UMC

Feb—Tuscumbia First Methodist

Mar—North Wood UMC

Apr—Tuscumbia First Methodist

The Apostle

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Walk #527 A Huge Success!!

Led by the Holy Spirit, Walk #527 was one of the best yet!!! The Lord provided 32 Pilgrims - the most in some years - and they all attended. No one felt they needed to go home. By Friday morning, the Pilgrims had gelled and were already 'high fiving' as they came to breakfast! There were some great voices among them and the singing was angelic! Even though there was rain Saturday afternoon into the evening, Candlelight was like many of us remember it years ago – before COVID – with about 200 in attendance. The team was large - over 100 - and this was a blessing to Camp Sumatanga. At Cluster next week we may have as many as six new Pilgrims, so this will be a time you'll want to be there! Make sure to show up!!!

Board Bits

In its November meeting, the Alabama Emmaus Community Board of Directors voted to take the first steps toward digitizing the Pilgrim application process. In the next month or so, the application will be revised and there will be a QR code included. The board is choosing Venmo as the peer-to-peer payment app of choice. There will also be the option to use credit and debit cards. Kathy Mitchell, Community Treasurer described these as 'baby steps' toward a total upgrade of the system, which will take some time. It will be important for all of us to check The Grapevine each time an issue is published in order to monitor this progress. This of course will be important information to know as a sponsor!!!

Reunion Groups

First Band of Brothers
Hearts Desire
Prayer Breakfast
Thursday's Lunch Bunch

First Light
His Girls Friday
Sons of the Light
Women of the World

Girls Rejoicing in the Spirit
Old Friends, New Friends
The Son Risers

For day/time and place click [Reunion Groups \(shoalscluster.com\)](http://www.shoalscluster.com)

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