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#498 TO BE FEB. 10-13, 2022
This Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Tami Kelly. The Spiritual Director is now Carol Gullatt, and the team will come from the Cherokee-DeKalb/Gadsden/Marshall County Cluster Grouping. As of this issue, we no longer have a Pilgrim on this Walk. There are 26 ladies assigned and the Walk begins next week. Do keep the Team and Pilgrims in your prayers as they bring the first Walk of 2022 to Camp.



CLUSTER CHALLENGE

There is an update on this! You will hear more about it at this month's meeting. So be there! You will have until the March meeting to contact and invite as many members as you can who have not been attending in the last year. The person who has invited the most will be given a gift card. You do want to be the winner, don't you???



PICNIC PLANS

Would you like to have a picnic again this summer with the other Clusters in our grouping? Stay tuned!!!



GOLF TOURNEY PLANS

At its February meeting, the Cluster Board voted to set the date for the next tournament in the spring of 2023. In order to have plenty of time to prepare, a committee to make the plans will be sought now, and if you would like to take part, you will have the opportunity to sign up at this month's meeting.



NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FUMC

IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN TUSCUMBIA

BRING:

Worship Guide

Name Badge

GOOD JOKES

Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!

BUFFET MEAL SERVED

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

BUFFET MEAL UPDATE!!!

Please note the upcoming change!!! February will be the LAST TIME A BUFFET MEAL WILL BE SERVED. This means that beginning in March we will be going back to our usual **COVERED DISH**. So note the menu on page 2 for this month and help get the word out that March will be back to covered dish.



IT'S BACK!!!

Arriving at Camp after dark now brings a wonderful sight! The Sumatanga Cross is once again lighted!!! When you get to see it again, you'll realize how much you've missed it! Kudos to Tony Jones!!!



ANOTHER AUCTION IN THE WORKS

The Cluster Board is planning another auction similar to the one held in 2020. The date at this time is set for Aug. 23 in the Family Life Center of Tuscumbia First UMC.

#499 IS MARCH 3-6

This Women's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Susan Lewis. Sherrill Clontz will be the Spiritual Director and the team will originate from the Huntsville Cluster. At a month out, there are now **24** ladies assigned and we now have **TWO** of them!!!

#499

**Pat Yarbrough – Killen
Anita Scoggins - Tuscumbia**

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Pat	Tosha Phillips
Anita	Jenilee Ross
	Tosha Phillips

Keep the prayers going up and make all your plans! Be sure to write your letters and whether or not you are able to make it to Candlelight, **BE SURE** to come to the March Cluster Meeting!



#500 WILL BE MAR. 17-20

This Men's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Jack Bailey and the Spiritual Director will be Terri Milstead. The team is from the B'ham East, B'ham South and South Shelby Grouping. At the moment there are **25** men assigned to #500, and we still have the two below listed.

#500

**Rob Gullett – Florence
Billy Hunt – Florence**

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Rob	Gary Jester
Billy	April Vaden

Walk #500 will be bringing with it some special celebrations at Candlelight, so keep that in mind. And be watching for more info in upcoming issues of *The Grapevine*!!! Suffice it to say that you're probably going to want to be there!

2022 ALABAMA WALKS

- #498 Feb 10-13 Women
- #499 Mar 3-6 Women
- #500 Mar 17-20 Men
- #501 Apr 21-24 Women
- #502 May 12-15 Women
- #503 Aug. 11-14 Men
- #504 Sep 8-11 Women
- #505 Sep 22-25 Men**
- #506 Oct. 20-23 Women
- #507 Nov. 10-13 Men
- 2023 ALABAMA WALKS**
- #508 Feb 2-5 Women
- #509 Mar 2-5 Men
- #510 Mar 23-26 Women

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RG CORNER

What's going on in your group these days? Are you meeting on a regular basis? Are you having fun and getting a blessing? It's hoped that you are and that not only are you getting a blessing – you are being a blessing and a light to all around you. Many groups could actually be called prayer groups, and if yours is one of those – good for you! God knows how much all of us need prayer!

On another note, if you aren't sure your group is on the Cluster list, please contact Allison Brooks, the Reunion Group Coordinator and give her your group's information. 256-394-2046

SPONSORSHIP 101

As usual, there are updates to make sure you're aware of as a sponsor. You are to be sure your Pilgrim knows that the group that gathers for a Walk is not any longer asked to be vaccinated. It may be hugely important for your Pilgrim to realize this and know that they will be bunking with other folks, so please be sure this is clear. The Alabama Board has the position now of strongly encouraging masks, but this is not a requirement. Masks are particularly emphasized for Sponsors' Hour and for Candlelight. Another recent change is the increase of

the minimum number of Pilgrims assigned for a Walk to go forward. Last year it was 15, but this was changed to 18 in the Board Meeting in November. The goal is to reach 25. One more important thing for you as a sponsor is quickly replying to communication from Angel Rait. She is the Community Coordinator and handles all Pilgrim assignments. With all the recent changes, it is so important to stay in touch with her so that you take your Pilgrim to the correct Walk!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

The annual Cluster Leadership Training is set for this Saturday, Feb. 12 at Camp Sumatanga from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This training is primarily for Cluster Leaders, but anyone can attend, If you are interested in Cluster and its dynamics, you are encouraged to be there. The training will be in the Conference Room of Building #4 of the Retreat Center.



PARTY TIME!

WHAT: AN AGAPE PARTY

WHEN: Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: TFUMC Fellowship Hall downstairs.

We will be getting ready for the upcoming Walks – and we'll have fun! Bring a snack and be there!

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MEETING SCHEDULE

At this time, all Cluster meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Tuscumbia FUMC.