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THE SHOALS CLUSTER NEWSLETTER

Volume 25, Number 7 JULY 2023 *Love each other with brotherly affection and take delight in honoring each other.* Romans 12:10 TLB

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- 2023 ALABAMA WALKS**
- #513 Aug 10-13 Men
- #514 Sep 14-17 Women
- #515 Sep 28-Oct 1 Women
- #516 Oct. 19-22 Men
- #517 Nov. 9-12 Women
- 2024 ALABAMA WALKS**
- #518 Feb 1-4 Women
- #519 Mar 7-10 Men
- #520 Mar 14-17 Women
- #521 Apr 18-21 Women
- #522 May 2-5 Men

#513 SET FOR AUG. 10-13
Walk #513 is a Men's Walk, led by the Holy Spirit and Ryan Rickert. The Spiritual Director for this Walk will be Preston Headrick and the team will come from the Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Grouping. There are still **27** men who are assigned to this Walk, so it's full, and we have **TWO** of them!!!

#513
Adam Berryhill – Rogersville
Will Datuin – Rogersville

SPONSORS
Adam Tony Datuin
Donna Kelly
Will Tony Datuin
Donna Kelly

It's good to have some Pilgrims from Rogersville this time, and we will all be looking forward to welcoming them home to the Shoals Cluster! Be sure to get your letters written!



#514 WILL BE SEP. 14-17
This Women's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Lisa Smith from the Gadsden/Marshall Cluster Grouping. The Spiritual Director for this Walk will be Terry Bentley. There are now **28** ladies assigned to this Walk - and we still have **ONE** of them!!!

#514
Heather Collum - Tuscumbia

SPONSORS
Heather Beth Wilcoxson

With 28 ladies assigned, this Walk is now considered full. But you might still be able to get a Pilgrim on #515.

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
JULY 18, 2023
6:00 p.m.

NORTH WOOD UMC
1129 WILLS AVE. – FLORENCE, AL

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

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

#515 IS SEP. 28 – OCT. 1
Walk #515 is also a Women's Walk and it going to be led by the Holy Spirit and Sherry Johnson. The Spiritual Director for the Walk will be Sherrill Clontz. assigned to this Walk. The team for this Walk will come from Huntsville. There now are **24** ladies assigned to this Walk. Of those, it might be that one of them will be a part of our Cluster.

#515
Brenda Burns – Killen

SPONSORS
Brenda Karen Burns
(who is from Harvest) and
Patricia Farr
(who is from Russellville)

Hopefully, these sponsors who are from other Clusters will bring Brenda to our October meeting. If they do, let's be watching for them and gladly welcome them all!



NEW
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR
On July 11 it was announced that Lane Berry will take over the Community Coordinator position from Angel Rait in January of 2024. Lane is a current AEC Board Member from Hokes Bluff. He was the 2002 Community Lay Director and served another term on the AEC Board 2015-2016. He has also served as Chairperson of the Camp Sumatanga Board of Trustees.



2023 ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT

The Annual Training Event is the weekend of Aug. 11-12. If you did not see the application form in the April issue of *The Grapevine*, you can now find it in the June issue, as well as on the Community website at alaemmaus.org. It's also on the Shoals Cluster website, at shoalscluster.com. The evening of the 11th there is the annual memorial service for all members who have gone to be with the Lord from May 2022 – May 2023. This is at 7:00 p.m. and is held in the meeting room on the second floor of the Camp's McKinney-Atkins office building. The Training Event classes will be offered the next day, Aug. 12. If you have never attended, these are overviews of each area a team works during a Walk. There are three sessions, and you may choose any three of the classes you wish to attend. In that case, submitting your form now gives you a better chance of getting in the classes you choose. If you want to stay Friday night, it is important to get your form in by the deadline of Aug. 5.

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RG CORNER

As you know, the Order of the Reunion is designed to enable members toward Christian Action. Something that some groups have done over the years is have each member bring \$1 every week – or as often as the group meets. They have a ‘treasurer’ who sets up an account and collects this money. There are often Ways these funds can meet needs at church, in the community, or among the group and/or their friends. It’s a neat way to minister if your group would like to try it!



SPONSORSHIP 101

We all know an important part of being a sponsor is helping your Pilgrims find a Reunion Group. So first of all, will you consider asking them to join yours? Of course if yours is gender specific, that might not be a fit. But if that’s not an issue, is there room in your group? If not, what’s the next step? This is all pertinent if your Pilgrim is local. If not, this raises other issues. What do you do if your Pilgrim lives out of town, or even out of state? These are things to consider and to plan for before you ever even start the sponsorship process. When your Pilgrims are local, if

your group isn’t open or it’s all women and your Pilgrim is a guy, of course you have the list the Cluster maintains. If a Pilgrim lives within the AEC, you can find all the Cluster Leaders on the AEC website. And if you have one from outside the area, online searches could possibly give you a contact. But sometimes this is very difficult. And because it is, it will require more shepherding from you to guide the Pilgrim through making contact with a Community nearby. And it may be that your Pilgrim will have to start a group on their own.

IS THIS YOUR BASKET?

This cloth basket monogrammed with a ‘B’ was left at Tuscumbia First Methodist during the Team Meetings for #512.



If it’s yours, or you know whose it is, please see Lynda Bottcher. At the moment, it’s in the Family Life Center kitchen pantry. Cluster this month is at North Wood, but it can be retrieved most days through the week at Tuscumbia. It’s a very nice basket and others who have the same initial might also enjoy it!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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2023

MEETING SCHEDULE

Jul - North Wood U M C
Aug - Tuscumbia First Methodist
Sep - North Wood U M C
Oct - Tuscumbia First Methodist
Nov - North Wood U M C
Dec - Tuscumbia First Methodist