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And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28

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INFORMATION TABLE

Cathy Everett

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2021 ALABAMA WALKS

#494 Aug 12-15 Women

#495 Aug 26-29 Men

#496 Sep 9-12 Women

#497 Oct 14-17 Men

2022 ALABAMA WALKS

#498 Feb 10-13 Women

#499 Mar 3-6 Women

WALKS TO RESUME

In their meeting on May 1, the Alabama Emmaus Board of Directors made the decision to resume Walks with #494 the second week of August. In order to do this, there were some stipulations. For the four Walks scheduled in 2021, all Pilgrims to be invited will be asked if fully vaccinated or with plans to be by the date of the Walk. If medically unable to be fully vaccinated, these applicants will be scheduled in 2022. All Team Members for the four Walks scheduled in 2021 will be asked to be fully vaccinated or have plans to be by the date of the Walk. Those who are medically unable to be vaccinated but willing to accept the risk, may serve. As noted in the April issue of the Apostle, the Camp is allowing Emmaus to use all of Hutto as usual. At this time, a maximum of 21 Pilgrims will be assigned to a Walk. This will allow for current 3' social distancing. The Board will have a meeting via Zoom on June 10 to re-evaluate these decisions. All guidelines are being revised to reflect these changes.

MENU!

Last month a number of you asked to know what meal was being planned for the prepared meal boxes. So, the menu for the May meeting is listed here. As the newsletter goes to press, the menu in the works is:



NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

Tuesday
MAY 18, 2021

6:00 p.m.

In person at
TUSCUMBIA FUMC

In Beautiful Downtown Tusculmbia

Also available online at
6:30 p.m.

Go to Shoals Emmaus Cluster
website to connect!

BRING:

Worship Guide

Name Badge

GOOD JOKES

Joyful Noise Voice

An Emmaus Friend

-AND YOU!!!



NINTH ANNUAL BUD BOTTCHER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT POSTPONED

In a decision made last week, the tournament has been postponed from June 5th to a date in the fall. The Cluster Board will consider a specific date at its June meeting and will publish details here and on the Cluster website. This added time of preparation will allow all of us the opportunity to be a part of the event in some way. With the extra time, be thinking about such things as sponsoring a hole in honor of Walk #496, led by the Holy Spirit and Rosemary Lewey, or your Pilgrim, or a Pilgrim you sponsored some time ago. The possibilities are endless! Stay tuned!

CAMP WORKDAY

Cluster Leader Clay Hammond is communicating with Camp Executive Director Tony Jones to set a date for Shoals Cluster members to help with the work being done to prepare Camp to re-open. He has asked Tony for a date what will work with the Camp calendar and for a list of the jobs that most need to be done. Clay hopes to be able to share this information at the meeting May 18 so each one can check their calendar and determine if their skill set fits the jobs list. A group of workers from the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion County Cluster Grouping, as well as some from Cullman/Blount County worked on May 8. The work still left to do will be based on what they were able to accomplish. As noted in earlier issues, the Camp is likely to assign Hutto to the Emmaus Community for reclaiming. The Agape Room and the Banner Room are part of that building, but are for Emmaus use only. A group from the Board has already begun the work in these rooms but there is still much more to do. Due to a leak while the building was closed, many items will have to be replaced. So if you are not able to go to Camp when the date is set, or if the jobs to be done are out of your skill set, think about making a donation toward replacing some of the supplies usually need for a Walk. Or, consider making a new banner since several of them had to be discarded due to the leak. There are so many ways to help!

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RG CORNER

Reunion Groups are many things to many people – as different as those who are in them - yet the same in that they all `bind us together` in the love we found on our Walk. We see Jesus in the ones who gather with us as we each share our `close moment` with Christ in the past week. The prayers we offer for each other are not only powerful for blessing but draw our relationships even closer. This is how the journey into our Fourth Days is made and maintained. What a wonderful way to keep alive our `time with Him`!



CALLING POST

To hear the current message for the Shoals Cluster on our computerized phone service, dial **1-800-925-7443** and enter the **ID# - 1999 568 996**

SPONSORSHIP 101

As explained in the article on the front page, any Pilgrim scheduled for any of the four 2021 Walks will need to have been fully vaccinated by the date of their Walk. You will be contacted by Angel Rait, the Community Coordinator, who will explain this and ask you to learn this from your Pilgrim. If your Pilgrim is not medically able to take the vaccination, he or she will be rescheduled for a 2022 Walk. It will be helpful if you let your Pilgrim know that every effort is being made to

make the weekend safe and to meet all government and CDC guidelines. All the Team will be required to be fully vaccinated as well. For these Walks there will be a maximum of 21 Pilgrims assigned in order to meet the current 3' distancing guidelines. Be sure to check here and our website, as well as the Community website, for updates as conditions are apt to change between now and the Walk dates.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Community Treasurer Jim Sims – (205) 531-4965
Camp Sumatanga – (256) 538-9860 (Prompt #5)

STREAMING

Just to make sure you know - our Cluster meetings are all now being held at Tuscumbia FUMC and are being streamed using the church's equipment. If you are unable to be there in person, the service will be streamed online at **6:30** p.m. Instructions are on the website. Go there and scroll down to the meeting information. Click on this icon

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

and join in. You'll have the lyrics to the songs there on the screen. If you have your own elements, take communion with us. If you want to register your attendance, click on the icon like this and sign in!

ATTENDANCE FORM

It's that easy! See you there!



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MEETING SCHEDULE

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