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For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
Romans 1:17

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WALK #506 IS OCT. 20-23

This Women's Walk will be led by the Holy Spirit and Rhonda DeHaven. Kelly Clem will be the Spiritual Director. The team will be fielded from the Gadsden/Marshall/ Cherokee-DeKalb Cluster Grouping. At this time, there are **25** ladies assigned to #506, and there are still none from the Shoals area. This Walk is basically full, and no applications will be accepted after October 19 in any case.



ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Each year in December, those who have passed in the year are memorialized. This is the plan for this December. There is a list below. If you are aware of others, please let Joe Peeden or Lynda Bottcher know so the list can be updated. If you are new to the Cluster, during the December meeting, each name from the list is called and a candle is lighted. If family or friends wish to say a word, they are given the microphone to do so. The list as known at this time is below.

- Ruby Baltimore - #389
- Mark Black - #469
- Christine Box - #143
- Dennis Burfield - #280
- Glenda Cain - #39
- Cecil Hudson - #321
- Joan Jones - #249
- George Lair - #188
- Frankie Patterson - #299

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2022

6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FUMC
IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN TUSCUMBIA

BRING:
COVERED DISH

- Worship Guide
- Name Badge
- GOOD JOKES**
- Joyful Noise Voice
- An Emmaus Friend
- AND YOU!!!**

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

#507 TO BE NOV. 10-13

Walk #507 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Bruce Parris from the Huntsville Cluster. Mac Buttram will serve as the Spiritual Director. There are currently 22 men assigned to this Walk and **ONE** of them is from the Shoals!

#507

Greg Crenshaw - Florence

SPONSORS

Greg Mike Creecy
Mitch Dobbins

The current maximum for a Walk is 28 Pilgrims, so if you have one in mind for this date, the application would have to be turned in by October 31. Angel is still adding to this one. You have time, but it's close!!!



WALK #508, FIRST OF 2023

The first Walk of the new year is being led by the Holy Spirit and Suzanne Frazier on Feb. 2-5. The Spiritual Director is Terri Milstead. The Cluster Grouping for this Walk is Birmingham East, Birmingham South and South Shelby. As we go to press, there are already **27** ladies on the list to attend #508. And we have **TWO** of them!!!

#508

Britney Underwood - Florence
Lauren White - Tuscumbia

SPONSORS

Britney Will & April Vaden
Lauren Hal & Lori Mills

As noted above, this Walk is in February of 2023. And while there are 27 Pilgrims already assigned to this Walk, we have over three months before it occurs. These numbers can change a lot during this time, so if you have someone you would like to sponsor on this one, get in touch with Angel Rait, who is the Community Coordinator, to check the status before you submit your application. Her contact information is at the bottom of the back page of this newsletter. If you have questions, be sure to pick up or ask for a list of Sponsorship Mentors at the Cluster meeting on Tuesday night.



ANNUAL FALL CAMPAIGN

Camp Sumatanga's annual fundraising campaign, called Creating Camp Connections, will begin Nov. 1 and complete on Nov. 29. If you are contacted by a Camp Champion, please consider an end of the year gift. To see the results of last year's, go to this website:

<https://campaignsumatanga.swell.gives/>

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Does your group use the Group Reunion cards – or the item sometimes referred to in the past as the service sheet? This has the order of the reunion on it and begins with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. There is a review of each one's prayer, study and action. Then each is to share their closest to Christ moment during the previous week. There is then the Call to Discipleship followed by a discussion of being or not being a disciple and plans to grow in this area. Prayers follow this. Does your group follow this pattern?



SPONSORSHIP 101

The Alabama Community has Standing Rules that may not always get distributed to all members. So sometimes it's good to share them. Rule #20 states: '*A Conference Room member shall not sponsor a pilgrim, nor have a family member who is a pilgrim on that Walk. Other team members are strongly discouraged from sponsoring a pilgrim on a Walk that he or she is working.*' Let's unpack this rule to see all that it says. First, Conference Room team members are working closely with the Pilgrims, and it may be difficult to give them their space. Others may sponsor a Pilgrim you know well, but it

helps everyone for you not to be that involved. How can you see to the family left at home if you are at Camp? Of course you could have a spouse who is not working see to it, but that is missing the point. The rule also says that as a Conference Room team member, you may not have a family member who is a Pilgrim on the same Walk, regardless of who sponsors them. The issue here is to give the Pilgrims the privacy and space to have Christ re-presented to them without the sense that someone who is close to them is measuring their reaction. It's a gift of agape.

MEETING LOCATIONS NOTE

The Cluster Board is working to make meeting locations more like they were before the pandemic. It is usual for folks to attend nearer home, so having a location in Florence again would naturally help our members in Lauderdale County. This is a process at this time and not a set schedule. But updates can be found here and on the website. As noted in the box below, the November 15th meeting **IS** set to be at North Wood UMC. Stay tuned!!!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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2022

MEETING SCHEDULE

October – Tuscumbia FUMC
November – North Wood UMC
December - Tuscumbia FUMC