

**Our Community Lay Director, Charles “Pinky” Pendleton** is married to Pam. They have a blended family of seven children, 21 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. He received the nickname “Pinky” from an 8<sup>th</sup> grade coach and it has stuck ever since. Pinky is retired but works part time at Walter-Smith Funeral Home and has helped coach track and football at Urbana High. He is a Wilmington College graduate, lettered in football, track, and basketball in high school and college, and served in the Marines for two years. Pinky coached sports and taught school for seven years before moving to Urbana to become a State Farm Insurance agent. He served many years on the Urbana School Board and the Urbana Planning Commission. In 1989, Pinky experienced two life-changing events, the Clyde Dupin Evangelism Crusade and his walk to Emmaus. Pinky and Pam are members of New Moorefield UMC, where he serves as a Lay Speaker. He is active with Kairos and has a passion for men’s ministries and evangelism. Pinky and Pam have one dog, two house cats, and several outside cats (want a kitten?). He loves ice cream – his favorite flavor is butter pecan or any other flavor someone else is buying.



† **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR** †

**COUNT!** When you serve on a Kairos team and hear, “COUNT!” ... you stop -- sit down, until all the inmates are counted. When everyone is accounted for, activities may continue.

**COUNT!** On Emmaus weekends we make sure all are in the conference room before we continue.

**COUNT TIME!** Every ten years we have a census to count everyone in the country.

Look at your Emmaus cross and remember what it says, “Christ is counting on you.” And if we may add, your Emmaus community is counting on you, too. We are counting on you for prayer, for logistics help on weekends, for help in setting up and cleaning up on weekends and Gatherings. We are counting on you for new Pilgrim applications so we may continue the good work that has meant so much to so many of us.

**COUNT TIME!** We would like to see you at Gatherings – we like to count a full-house. We love YOU and YOU count to us. Please join us when you can.

**COUNT TIME** was very high at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our “Springfield Area Walk to Emmaus.” The committee that put the evening together did a tremendous job. We cannot say “thank you” enough to the dedicated few that brought Emmaus to Springfield. And I pray, High Street UMC recognizes the mission they are involved in by housing Emmaus for 20 years – thank you High Street members.

REMEMBER, CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU to keep His ministry going. Emmaus is a tool to “go and do” and to also encourage others to “go and do.” As we come together in ministering for Christ, we must keep in mind that we can accomplish more for Him as a Team than we can individually. So, think – COUNT! Christ is counting on You and so is your Emmaus community.

In Christ’s love, *Pinky Pendleton*