



Thought for the Month

“He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.”

-Augustine



Welcome Visitors...The *Road*UMC is the place to be!

The mission of The Road UMC is to become a community of believers committed to helping all people to personally know Jesus Christ by delivering a biblically based teaching and preaching of the gospel to those saved and seeking Christ and thereby developing disciples, families and communities through the power of the Holy Spirit. If you are new to our community and looking for a church home or desire to explore your spirituality, please consider us.

At The ROAD, we are engaged in the L4 experience:

Loving God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and loving neighbor as thyself.

Living a life that is Christ-centered and biblically oriented.

Learning to be a disciple of Jesus Christ as we live counter to the culture following wholeheartedly after God in a broken world.

Leading others to experience God; being light in darkness and salt in a decaying environment.

If you would like to enter into fellowship with *The ROAD UMC*...

- Come during the Invitation to Discipleship
- See our pastor or a member after church
- Call the church office and schedule an appointment to speak with the pastor
- Email us at stmarysrd@theroadumc.org
- See one of our ushers after the worship service

This is the working church!
The lazy church is down the street!



James R. King, Jr., Resident Bishop Rev. Dr. Buddy Cooper, D.S.
Cynthia Williams, Lay Leader Willie Belfield, Associate Lay Leader

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**ST. MARY'S ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

“A Christ-centered church,
where we are,
loving, living, learning and leading in the kingdom of God”

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Sunday, December 6, 2015 / 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. L.K. Pendleton, Pastor



“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

1 Peter 2:9

- December 2015 -						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Trustees on Call for December West Dryden (706) 888-0381 James Jones (706) 332-9698		1 Christmas Choir Rehearsals @ 6:00 p.m.	2 Noon Day Bible Study @ 12:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsals @ 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m.	3 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	4	5 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m. Open Door Golden Agers Luncheon @ 11:00 a.m.-3:00
6 Health screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m.	7 Trustees Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Worship Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.	8 Outreach Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsals @ 6:00 p.m.	9 Noon Day Bible Study @ 12:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsals @ 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m.	10 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsals @ 6:00 p.m.	11 Food Box Deadline	12 UMM Mtg. @ 8:30 a.m.
13 Christmas Cantata @ 6:00 p.m. Ushers Meeting after worship service	14 Married Couples @ 6:20 p.m.	15	16 Activities Same as December 2 nd (No Christmas Rehearsals)	17 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Food Box Pick Up	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Celebration @ 11:00-2:00
20 Health screenings Children's Christmas Program @ 8:30 a.m.	21	22	23 Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m.	24 Admin Office Closed for Christmas Observance	25 Admin Office Closed for Christmas Observance	26
27	28	29	30	31 Admin Office Closed for New Years Observance		

NOTE: The Church office will be closed Friday, January 1, 2016 for New Year's Day Observance.

Expense Summary January through November 2015		MORTGAGE PLEDGES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11300 - Trustees 42.73% 1200 - Salaries & related expenses 39.15 1130 - Apportionments 5.60 1500 - Administrative 2.37 2000 - REACH_501c3 1.99 3300 - Nurture 1.79 6560 - Payroll Expenses 1.36 3500 - Witness 1.06 8300 - Travel & meetings expenses 0.67 8600 - Business expenses 0.65 Other 2.65 Total \$563,278.59 	Amount	
		5 Year Goal	\$1,000,000.00
		1 Year Goal	\$200,000.00
		Pledged	\$483,570.00
		Contributed	\$83,161.50
		Total Pymts.	\$52,000.00

2nd Sunday of Advent
Liturgist

Color: Purple or Blue
Willie Belfield

THE GATHERING
(Time of Prayer and Meditation)

Lighting of the Candles
*Song of Praise
*The Call to Worship

Acolytes

Choir/Congregation

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"
People: Make God's paths straight.
Leader: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.
People: The crooked will be made straight.
Leader: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.
People: All will see the salvation of God.
Leader: See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.
People: The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!

Morning Prayer
Blessed is the Lord, and blessed are God's people to whom God sends a savior, the messiah, who is Christ the Lord. Blessed is our God, and blessed are God's gifts, that grace us with forgiveness and every good gift. Lord, you have come to dwell within us. Build your temple within our hearts. Amen.

Unison

Response
Lighting of the Advent Candle

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

Congregation
The Wise Family

The Ministry of Music
The Message

Unity Choir
Pastor K

Invitation to Discipleship
Holy Communion

UMH #15

The Presentation of Tithes, Commitments & Offerings
Parish Notices/Welcome & Recognition of Visitors
Benediction

Yvonne Hart

LISTENING TO THE SERMON

Listen to the message from God's Word and use this sheet to write down your personal notes. Reflect over them during the week and let God's truths take root in your heart and produce fruit in your life.

Blank lines for writing notes.

"Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only." James 1:22



Advent

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians. [Liturgical-from liturgy means the forms and functions of public worship.] During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of forgiveness, salvation, and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

A Message from the Finance Ministry

Dear Congregation: We would like to thank you for reinforcing your commitment to our church through your tithing, sacrificial offering and pledges. Two months ago, we made an appeal to you and asked you to give in addition to your regular support, to help bring financial resolution to our conference apportionment of \$46,870.00. To date, we have paid \$32,467.00. There remains a balance of \$14,403.00. We are confident that with your continued assistance we will resolve this assessment by the end of December. We encourage you to continue worshiping God through faithfully giving your:

- Tithes and Offering
- Support the mortgage pledge
- Paying \$225.00 assessment towards the apportionment.

We are grateful for all that you do!
Your Finance Ministry

The Faith of Finance

Three theological principles that direct our path around finance.
ONE: WE ARE FIRST AND FOREMOST
A TITHING COMMUNITY. Deuteronomy 14:22-23, NRSV
TWO: WE WORSHIP A LIVING LORD WHO DEFINES
VALUE AND ETHICS, NOT MONEY. 1 Timothy 6:6-10, NRSV
THREE: WE DO NOT OPERATE LIKE A BUSINESS,
BUT AS THE COUNTER-CULTURAL
COMMUNITY OF CHRIST. Mark 4:18-20, NRSV

Selfie Sunday

Selfie Sunday is next Sunday!!
We invite you to bring your cell phone or other electronic device to worship service next week and take a selfie to post on social media.
#TheRoadUMC #SelfieSunday



News in the Pews

Note: When you enter the sanctuary for worship, please be mindful that worshippers use this time to pray. Therefore, we ask that you limit your talking during this time.

Church Directory Pictures will be taken TODAY immediately following worship service. The ministry pictures will be taken in the fellowship hall and the individual pictures will be taken in the rear hallway Sunday school classroom #17.

60 Acts of Kindness: As part of your Acts of Kindness, consider giving an hour a month to our Food Pantry. We need you! Please contact Janice Ramsey at (706) 326-2269 or Sheila Woodbury at (706) 536-8508 today!

Christmas Decorations Needed: The church is in need of Christmas decorations. See Lavinia Perser or Georgina Asante for details.

Our Annual Poinsettia Drive is in progress! Purchase a Poinsettia in Honor/Memory of your loved one(s). Poinsettias are \$10.00 each and will beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Contact Doris Upshaw, Rose McRae or an Altar Guild Member.

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Contact your Sunday School Teacher, or stop by the Sunday School Office for speeches and readings. Contact Rose McRae for further information. We will have rehearsal on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., followed by our "Happy Birthday Jesus" Christmas Luncheon Celebration!

Ushers Meeting: If you are desirous of being/or are already an usher, there will be an informal ushers team meeting, December 13, 2015, immediately following worship service. Contact Donald Stinson at (706) 683-0370 or Andrea Taiste at (706) 562-0040 for more information.

Please remember to silence cell phones and personal communication devices during our morning worship. Thank you!

Facebook link: Find us on: facebook. Like us on Facebook at The Road UMC! Visit our Website @ www.theroadumc.org

Lectionary Readings, Week of December 6, 2015
Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

prayer requests

Prayer Warrior On-Call for the Month of December
Patricia Willis (706) 573-6113
Prayer Concerns

Joyce Copeland	4111 Montclair Drive, Columbus, GA (07)	(706) 326-9371
Mary Russell	1207 Rowell Street, Columbus, GA (07)	(706) 687-0986
Jerry Thomas	29 Holt Court, Dothan, AL 36301	(334) 405-0200
Emily Walker	6830 River Road, Rm #216, Columbus, GA (04)	(706) 569-0760

Christ in our Homes, Christ in our Church,
Christ in our Community, Christ in Us!
Call the church office to notify the staff of any known Prayer Request or, you may enter your Prayer Request on our website, www.theroadumc.org.