



Thought for the Month

“It is not by the obvious works of evil that Satan perverts the church but by quiet displacement and unnoticed substitution.”

January 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Trustees On Call for January 2016 Robert Montgomery (706) 315-6551 Ray Lakes (706) 687-9067					1 New Year's Day Admin Office Closed	2 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m.
3 Health screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m.	4 Worship Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.	5 Men's Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	6 Bible Study @ 12:00 p.m. Children/ Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m. Unity Choir @ 7:00 p.m.	7 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	8	9 UMM Mtg. @ 8:30 a.m.
10	11 Trustees Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Married Couples @ 6:20 p.m.	12 Outreach Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	13 Bible Study @ 12:00 p.m. Children/ Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out @ 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m. Unity Choir @ 7:00 p.m.	14 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	15 Newsletter Deadline Food Box Deadline	16 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m. City-Wide MLK Jr. Event
17 Health screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m. Human Relations Day	18 MLK Jr. Observance ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED	19 M.I.T. Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	20 Activities Same As January 6 th	21 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	22	23 Church Leadership Retreat in the Fellowship Hall @ 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
24 Ecumenical Sunday	25 Council Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.	26 Pro-Active Care Team Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	27 Activities Same As January 13 th	28 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. UMW Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Food Box Pick Up	29	30
31 5 th Sunday Assembly and Breakfast Directory Deadline						



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

The SMRUMC Staff

Shea Ellis, Receptionist
Jacqueline McCall, Administrative Assistant
Jacquelyn Ekins, Director of Music
Debra Alexander, Youth Musician

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F/B: The ROAD UMC

Pastor's Information

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Sunday, January 3, 2016 / 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. L.K. Pendleton, Pastor

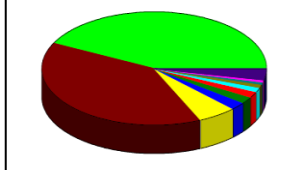


“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

1 Peter 2:9

Expense Summary	Amount	Percentage
1300 - Trustees	42,739	42.73%
1200 - Salaries & related expenses	39,151	39.15%
1130 - Apportionments	5,600	5.60%
1500 - Administrative	2,377	2.37%
2000 - REACH_501e3	1,999	1.99%
3300 - Nurture	1,779	1.77%
6500 - Payroll Expenses	1,366	1.36%
3500 - Witness	1,066	1.06%
8300 - Travel & meetings expenses	0,677	0.67%
8600 - Business expenses	0,655	0.65%
Other	2,655	2.65%
Total	\$563,278.59	

Pledges:	Amount:
5 Year Goal	\$1,000,000.00
1 Year Goal	\$200,000.00
Pledged:	\$483,570.00
Contributed:	\$83,161.58
Total Pymts:	\$52,000.00



Our Time of Worship

Epiphany Sunday
Liturgist
Color: White or Gold
William Quick

THE GATHERING
(Time of Prayer and Meditation)

Lighting of the Candles
Song of Praise
*Affirmation of Faith
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
The Apostles Creed
Acolytes
Choir/Congregation
UMH #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Morning Prayer
Response
Hymn of Praise
The Ministry of Music
The Message
Holy Communion
The Presentation of Tithes, Commitments & Offerings
Parish Notices/Welcome & Recognition of Visitors
Benediction
Eddie McAdams
Congregation
UMH #369
The Unity Choir
Pastor K
UMH #15
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

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. Three 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. With your commitment, we have paid \$42,467.00. We have a remaining balance of \$4,403.00 that we must pay this week in order to get credit for full payment in 2015. In 2016 let us be committed to giving of our:

- Tithes and Offering
- Support the mortgage pledge
- Paying towards the apportionment each quarter

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



CHURCH RETREAT

Saturday, January 23 2015

If you are serving our church in a leadership position, on a ministry/administrative team or a member of our church, you are strongly encouraged to attend the leadership retreat in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 23, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 which will cover lunch. Please contact Phyllis Jones to sign up.



News in the Pews

Note: Worshippers use the time before morning service to pray. Therefore, limit your talking during this time.

Happy New Year!

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

Men's Bible Study: A bible study for men will begin Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Join with brothers who desire to live a Christian lifestyle and advance in the knowledge of God's word. Men please plan to attend.

Church Security Presentation: The Trustees have secured Marshall Greg Countryman to teach our congregation on how we can improve church security to our church leadership team and others who wish to attend this presentation. Please protect Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Financial Statements: 4th quarter financial statements for 2015 will be given out on Sunday, January 24, 2016 in the Narthex.

Ads and Patrons Deadline for Church Anniversary is fast approaching! Please remember to ask your friends and family for an ad or patron to include in our 60th Anniversary booklet. The deadline is February 1, 2016. The deadline to pay for your Anniversary Church Directory is January 31, 2016.

Remember to silence cell phones and technology devices during our morning worship. Thank you!

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Lectionary Readings, Week of January 3, 2016
Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

prayer requests

Prayer Warrior On-Call for the Month of January
Sheila Woodbury (706) 536-8508

Prayer Concerns

Raymond Phillips	3703 Regal Drive, Columbus, GA (06)	(706) 569-0688
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.