

ST. MARY'S ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“A Christ-Centered community where we are
Loving, Living, Learning and Leading in the Kingdom of God”
OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE | September 8, 2019 | 10:00 A.M.

The Gathering (Please take this moment to silence your mobile devices.)

Liturgist, Cynthia Williams

Gathering Music		Praise Band
Lighting of Candles		Acolytes
*Song of Praise	“Welcome Holy Spirit”	Choir/Congregation
Call To Worship		

Leader: I've raised my children.
People: So, you can now raise yours!
 Leader: Don't consider me an instant babysitter.
People: I'm busy today with an appointment at the spa!
 Leader: Do not assume that we parents owe you anything other than our love and respect.
People: You are not automatically entitled to anything other than that.
 Leader: Don't call me asking for an advance from my retirement salary.
People: Call me once the bills are all paid.
 Leader: I can't pick up the children today, I have a date.
People: You can contact, Uber or Lyft to get them.
 Leader: I'm thrilled to have the children over for dinner and conversation.
People: But, tell them they can't take out the phone and start texting their friends in the middle of the conversation.
 Leader: God's word declares; "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice; and now I am sure lives in you."
All: We thank God for grandparents who "grandly" love, nurture, and lead.

Worship through Dance		
Welcome Friends in Fellowship/Community Concerns		Susan Cooper
Altar Call		Ann Justice
Choral Response	“Yes God Is Real”	Choir/Congregation
Introduction of Speaker		Vickie Swanson
Worship Through Music		Choir
The Message		Mrs. Vanessa G. Biggers
Invitation to Discipleship		
Worship Through Giving (A Time of Return)		Congregation
Special Presentations		Janie Robinson
*Benediction		

*Those that are able please stand
Join us for a reception after the service today.



Our Messenger Mrs. Vanessa Gosha Biggers

Mrs. Vanessa Goshay Biggers is a lifetime resident of Columbus, Georgia where she graduated from George Washington Carver High School and later attended Columbus College where she graduated with honors. She set her goal to become an educator in the Muscogee County School District and give back to those who made it possible for her to be the person she is today. She furthered her education at Troy State University earning a master's degree in Educational Leadership and a Specialist Degree in Leadership and Supervision.

Mrs. Biggers is a devout Christian and has been a member of Pinehurst Baptist Church since 1983. She sings in the choir and teaches senior high school girls in Sunday school of which she has done for over 30 years. She also serves on the Educational Leadership Team at Pinehurst.

Presently, Mrs. Biggers is retired from the Muscogee County School District after 30 years of service. Her community involvement includes the Literacy Alliance of Greater Columbus, Tree of Life Healthcare Clinic and the George Washington Carver Alumni Association, Inc. She is a proud member of the Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Mrs. Biggers is happily married to Carmel Biggers, Sr. for 46 years. They have 2 adult sons and 5 grandchildren. Her life scripture is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

News in the Pews!

The Rock Ministry will resume their meeting on Monday, September 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

The Worship Team will meet on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m.

All men 40 and above, insured or uninsured, need to know their PSA numbers. Screening is available at John B. Amos Cancer Center on Saturday, September 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this free screening.

Free Sickle Cell Testing at the Annual Walk-A-Thon for Sickle Cell Awareness on September 28th at Fourth Street Baptist Church. Registration at 8:00 a.m. and a fee is required ages 6 and up. To register by phone call 706-505-2923 for this worthy cause.

Calling All High School Students. Please see Paula Ekins or Felicia Lisbon in the choir room after the worship service. We have a special treat for you.

Leadership Surveys are available today! Please take a few minutes to consider where you can serve our church in 2020. Complete it before you leave church today and give to an usher.

Givelify is an easy and efficient way to give in your absence. If you do not have Givelify, please download today. You may see Brothers Willie Wells, Enoch Asante-Bediako or Tangie Carter if you have problems with the download.

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.

Prayer

Father, in the name of Jesus, I make a fresh commitment to You to live in peace and harmony, not only with the other brothers and sisters of the Body of Christ, but also with my friends, associates, neighbors and family. I let go of all bitterness, resentment, envying, strife, and unkindness in any form. I give no place to the devil in Jesus' name. Now Father, I ask Your forgiveness. By faith, I receive it, having assurance that I am cleansed from all unrighteousness through Jesus Christ. I ask You to forgive and release all who have wronged and hurt me. I also ask that you forgive me because I have wronged and mistreated others. Have mercy on us all Lord. From this moment on, I purpose to walk in love, to seek peace, to live in agreement, and to conduct myself toward others in a manner that is pleasing to You. I know that I have right standing with You and Your ears are attentive to my prayers. In Jesus' name.



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