



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."



Welcome Visitors...The RoadUMC 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

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where we are,
Loving, Living, Learning and Leading in the kingdom of God"

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Sunday, January 17, 2016 / 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. L.K. Pendleton, Pastor

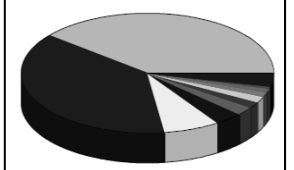


"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:9

Calendar grid for January 2016 with daily activities and church events.

Expense Summary table with categories like Trustees, Salaries, and Pledges.



*Our Time of Worship*

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
Liturgist

Color: Green  
Willie Belfield

“Human Relations Day”

THE GATHERING  
(Time of Prayer and Meditation)

Lighting of the Candles

Acolytes

Song of Praise

“Let It Rise”

Choir/Congregation

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord calls us, Church, Hear the cry of the oppressed!

People: How long, O Lord, will your servants be caught sleeping in the comforts of the status quo.

Leader: Awake, Body of Christ, Arise with Justice and Mercy!

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: O, Christian, do not be afraid, Speak Justice and Show Mercy!

People: Open our mute lips that we might advocate for the voiceless.  
Wash our bloodstained hands that we might aid the hurting.

Leader: The Lord calls us, Church; hear the cry of the oppressed!

People: Speak Lord for your servants are listening!

Hymn of Praise “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” Congregation  
“Glory, Glory Hallelujah”

Morning Prayer Ora Lee Simmons

Response “Order My Steps” Congregation

The Ministry of Music The Unity Choir  
The Message Pastor K

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

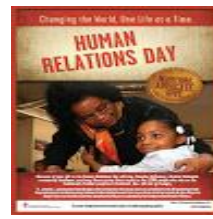
Benediction

*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



Human Relations Day

Human Relations Day is a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to strengthen United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

A Message from the Finance Ministry

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.  
- Psalms 126:3

Happy New Year St. Mary’s Road Family! It is our prayer that you had a joyous holiday season and that you are enjoying prosperity in this New Year.

Thank you for your trust, obedience and most importantly, your faith in the past year. With each and every need and request, you have responded faithfully and for your faithfulness, we thank you! As we continue with our varying ministries, your continued faith and support is dutifully needed. We ask that throughout 2016, you continue with your commitment of tithing and additional giving in support of our mortgage and apportionment campaigns.

Because of our faith, we are on track to fully payoff our mortgage balance within five years! For that, we thank you! May God continue to richly bless St. Mary’s Road and each of you!

The 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 2016  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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 on Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10.00 which will cover lunch. Please contact Phyllis Jones or Mary Hosley to sign up.

News in the Pews

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

**Leadership Retreat Registration:** Registration for our Leadership Retreat is underway. Please complete the registration form included in today’s bulletin and place in the offering container along with your \$10.00 donation in an envelope. Remember to place your name on the envelope or you may give to either Phyllis Jones or Mary Hosley. If you have not registered for the Leadership Retreat, registration on Saturday is from 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

**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!

**Sunday, January 24, 2016 is Ecumenical Sunday** in the United Methodist Church. We celebrate interfaith partnerships that links Christians and strengthens Christian unity through prayer and outreach ministries. Celebrating with us will be La Cosecha De St. Luke (The Harvest of St. Luke), Dr. Ivelisse Quinones, Pastor.

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

**Installation of Leaders** will be observed, Sunday, January 24, 2016 during our morning worship. All leaders please protect this date as we look to recognize our leaders on this Sunday.

**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 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet. The deadline is February 1, 2016. The deadline to pay for your Anniversary Church Directory is January 31, 2016.

**Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., The Finance Ministry** will facilitate a training session. If you have been elected to serve on the team; presently serve as a counter, or would like to serve as a counter, please plan to attend this training session.

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

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Table with 2 columns: Lectionary Readings, Week of January 17, 2016. Includes Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11.



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

- Brenda Holmes 6363 Flat Rock Road, Apt. #3, Columbus, GA (07) (404) 844-1824
  - Mollie Snell St. Francis Hospital, Rm #34, Columbus, GA (706) 575-7163
  - 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.