

Thought for the Month



“If you treat an individual as he is, he will remain how he is. But if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be.”

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



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 greeters or ministers 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
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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”*

**3993 St. Mary's Road
Columbus, Georgia 31907
Office: (706) 689-8707 Fax: (706) 687-6944
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Sunday, March 15, 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

~ March 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 B/P, Diabetes and Cholesterol screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m.	2 Worship Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	3	4 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.	5 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	6	7 Open Door Classic at Woodruff Park @ 7:00 a.m. Women's Conference at Greater Shady Grove Baptist Church @ 9:00 a.m. Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m.
8 Women's Day Ushers Meeting immediately after worship service	9 Married Couples @ 6:20 p.m.	10 Church Anniversary Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	11 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.	12 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Hospitality Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	13	14 UMM Mtg. @ 8:30 a.m.
15 B/P, Diabetes and Cholesterol screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m.	16 Rock Ministry @ 11:30 a.m. Finance Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 REFER TO 1 st WEDNESDAY	19 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	20 Newsletter Deadline Food Box Deadline	21 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m.
22	23 Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	24 Pro-Active Team Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	25 REFER TO 2 nd WEDNESDAY	26 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. UMW Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Food Box Pick Up	27	28
29 5th Sunday Family and Friends Day	30	31	Trustees on Call for March 2015 William Roland (706) 687-4470 James Tanksley (706) 561-6061			

*****Vital Signs for March 2015*****

A: Attendance	B: Offering	Total Received:
Week 1: 336	\$15,697.08	\$23,345.98
Week 2: 263	\$7,648.90	
Week 3:	\$	Total Needed:
Week 4:	\$	\$50,000.00

Our Time of Worship

4th Sunday in Lent
Liturgist
Color: Purple
Willie Belfield

THE GATHERING
(Time of Prayer and Meditation)

Lighting of the Candles
*Song of Praise
*Call to Worship
Acolytes
"Come Let Us Worship The Lord"
Congregation

Leader: *I have always set the Lord before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

People: **Therefore, my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.**

Leader: *For you will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will you allow your Holy One to see corruption.*

ALL: **You will show me the path of life; in your presence is fullness and joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forever more.**

Praise Medley
"Hallelujah To The King"
"Can't Stop Praising His Name"
Congregation

*Invocation
Choral Response
"I Really Love The Lord"
Roy Sumlin Jr.
Congregation

****Parish Notices/Welcome and Recognition of Visitors**

Worship Through Song
The Unity Choir
The Scripture Lessons

Hebrew Testament
Numbers 21:4-9
Maria Greene

New Testament
John 3:14-21
Eddie McAdams

Altar Prayer
Worship Through Song
The Unity Choir

Sermon
Lavinia Wade

Invitation to Discipleship
Worship Through Giving
Benediction
Congregation
The Unity Choir

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.

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

The Faith of Finance

Three theological principles
that direct our path around finance.

**ONE: WE ARE FIRST AND FOREMOST
A TITHING COMMUNITY.**

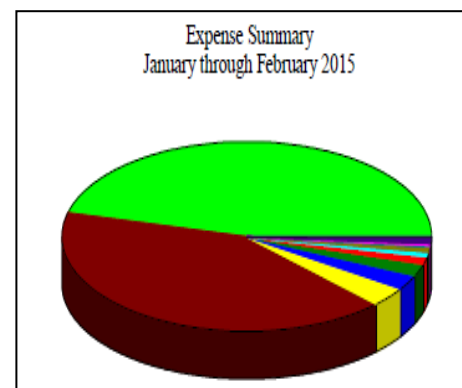
22 Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field. 23 In the presence of the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose as a dwelling for his name, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, your wine, and your oil, as well as the firstlings of your herd and flock, so that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. (Deuteronomy 14:22-23, NRSV)

**TWO: WE WORSHIP A LIVING LORD WHO DEFINES
VALUE AND ETHICS, NOT MONEY.**

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. (1 Timothy 6:6-10, NRSV)

**THREE: WE DO NOT OPERATE LIKE A BUSINESS,
BUT AS THE COUNTER-CULTURAL
COMMUNITY OF CHRIST.**

18 And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, 19 but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. 20 And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold. (Mark 4:18-20, NRSV)



1300 - Trustees	46.01%
1200 - Salaries & related expenses	41.41
1500 - Administrative	3.45
8300 - Travel & meetings expenses	2.61
3300 - Nurture	2.14
6560 - Payroll Expenses	1.34
3500 - Witness	0.92
1900 - Finance Committee	0.82
3400 - Outreach	0.44
8600 - Business expenses	0.40
Other	0.46
Total	\$91,089.49

SMRUMC - MORTGAGE PLEDGE

	Amount
5 Year Goal	\$1,000,000.00
1 Year Goal	\$200,000.00
Pledged	\$381,020.00
Contributed	\$30,498.00

**Need 200 paying units for 5 years
at \$1,000.00 per year.**

Pledging Units YTD: 98

News in the Pews

The Altar Guild Easter Lily Drive is in progress. Buy an Easter Lily in Memory of or in Honor of your loved one(s). Easter Lilies are \$10.00 each and will be used to beautify our sanctuary during the Easter Season. Please see Mrss. Doris Upshaw, Jennie Milliner, or Rose McRae. You may pick up your Easter Lily after the 10:00 a.m. service Easter Sunday. The last day to purchase an Easter Lily will be Sunday, March 29, 2015.

"Do you Remember that Song?" Join the Marriage Ministry for their summer outing on Saturday, August 22, 2015 to see the hit Broadway show, "Motown the Musical" at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta, Georgia. The tickets cost \$67.00 each for group pre-sales BEFORE April 1, 2015. Please see Mr. and Mrs. Oscar and Maria Greene or Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester and Rose McRae.

The Road, South Columbus and M.L. Harris UMC Churches will hold joint worship services during the Lenten Season. The schedule is as follows: Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at M.L. Harris UMC, Good Friday Service, Friday, April 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at The Road UMC.

The Sunday School Easter Program will be held Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Please see your Sunday School Teacher, Mrss. Rose McRae, Ramona Williams or stop by the Sunday School Office for recitations. Rehearsal is Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., followed by our Easter Luncheon Celebration.

The Heart Healthy Walk will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. We invite you to join us at Shirley B. Winston Park to walk, fellowship and raise money for our 59th Church Anniversary.

A Lay Speaker Training Class will be held on April 25, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Douglas First United Methodist Church, 311 North Madison Avenue, Douglas, GA 31533. Those interested in attending should contact the South Central District Office at 229-242-7470 to register in advance. The cost is \$35.00 per person and will include lunch.

Our 59th Church Anniversary is Almost Here! We will celebrate our 59th Church Anniversary, "On The Road To Sixty," on April 26, 2015. The colors for this year's church anniversary are "Black and Red." and the esteemed Rev. Frederick Gray will be our messenger. We are asking the congregation to bless the church with \$59.00 for the Church Anniversary.

Don't forget to deposit your change in the Faith Well located in the lobby next to the kiosk, each week before or after service. This money will be used to fund our Sunday Breakfast Ministry!

24/7-365 Prayer Request/Praise Report is now available online.

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



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Visit our Website @
www.theroadumc.org

Lectionary Readings, Week of March 15, 2015

Numbers 21:4-9
Ephesians 2:1-10
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
John 3:14-21



Prayer Warrior On-Call for the Month of March

Mr. Emery Ramsey (706) 326-0785

Prayer Concerns

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Jeannye Dudley 3039 Four Oaks Drive, Atlanta, GA 30360 (770) 399-6340
Emily Walker 5339 Rockwell Court, Columbus, GA (07) (706) 689-7510

**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.