



### Thought for the Month

The old year has gone. Let the dead bury its own dead. The New Year has taken possession of the clock of time. All hail the duties and possibilities of the coming twelve months!

Edward P. Powell



### 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](mailto: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

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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, January 25, 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

~ January 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Trustees on Call for January</b> <b>Robert Montgomery</b> (706) 315-6551 <b>Ray Lakes</b> (706) 687-9067				<b>1</b> New Year's Day ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Boy Scouts Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m.
<b>4</b> B/P, Diabetes and Cholesterol screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m.	<b>5</b> Worship Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> Education Team Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	<b>7</b> 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.	<b>8</b> Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> UMM Mtg. @ 8:30 a.m.
<b>11</b> Ushers Mtg. immediately after worship service	<b>12</b> Finance Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Married Couples @ 6:20 p.m. Church Anniversary Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>13</b> Technology Committee Mtg. (Library) @ 6:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> 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.	<b>15</b> Membership Team Mtg. @ 5:00 p.m. Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. District Cluster Mtg. @ The Road UMC 6:30-8:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> Newsletter Deadline  Food Box Deadline	<b>17</b> Boy Scouts Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m.
<b>18</b> B/P, Diabetes and Cholesterol screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m.	<b>19</b> MLK Jr. Holiday ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 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.	<b>22</b> Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. UMW Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.  Food Box Pick Up	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Leadership Retreat 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Riverfront Courtyard by Marriott, 1400 3rd Ave. Phenix City, AL 36867
<b>25</b> Installation of Officers	<b>26</b> Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> Safe Sanctuaries Training @ 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>28</b> 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.	<b>29</b> Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Church Anniversary Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Vital Signs for January 2015</b>						
<b>A: Attendance</b>			<b>B: Offering</b>			
Week 1: 196			Week 1: \$15,587.01			
Week 2: 210			Week 2: \$6,847.23			
Week 3: 200			Week 3: \$8,294.20			
Week 4:			\$			
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED:</b>			<b>\$30,728.44</b>			
<b>TOTAL NEEDED:</b>			<b>\$46,500.00</b>			

**Our Time of Worship**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Liturgist**

**Color: Green**  
**Willie Belfield**

**THE GATHERING**  
*(Time of Prayer and Meditation)*

**Lighting of the Candles** **Acolytes**

**\*Song of Praise** **“Hallelujah, You’re Worthy to be Praised”** **Congregation**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** *Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place?*

**People:** **He that has clean hands, and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul into vanity, not sworn deceitfully.**

**Leader:** *He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

**ALL:** **Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.**

**Hymn of Praise** **“Marching to Zion”** **UMH #733**  
*(Verses 1&2)*

**“Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around”** **Congregation**

**\*Invocation**

**Choral Response** **“Order My Steps”** **Congregation**

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

**Installation of Officers**

**Worship Through Song** **The Unity Choir**

**The Scripture Lessons**

**Hebrew Testament** **Jonah 3:1-5, 10** **Maxine Lee**

**New Testament** **Mark 1:14-20** **Sylvester McRae**

**Altar Prayer** **Mary Hosley**

**Worship Through Song** **The Unity Choir**

**Sermon** **Pastor K**

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Worship Through Giving** **Congregation**

**Benediction** **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.*

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**“Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only.” James 1:22**

Beloved,

You have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing and serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make Him known in your witness and your work.

**Pastor:** Today we install our 2015 Leadership. Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

**Leaders:** **I do.**

**Pastor:** Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

**Leaders:** **I will.**

**Pastor:** Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

**Leaders:** **I will.**

**Pastor:** Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

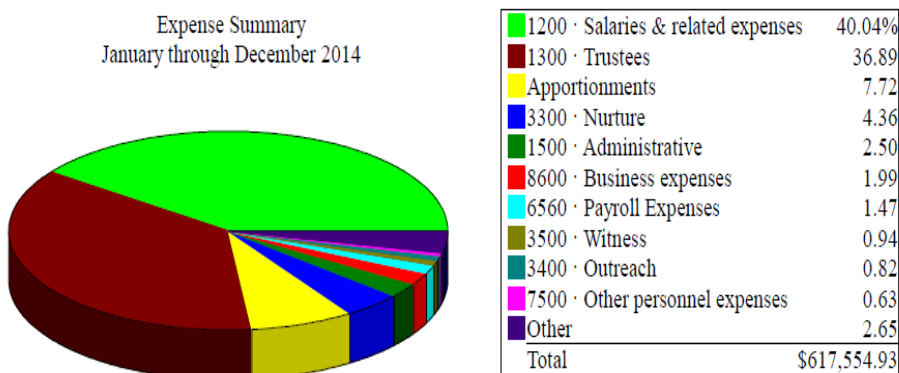
**Leaders:** **I will.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of Himself, but gave Himself for us all. Let them share His ministry and consecration that they may enter into His joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

**Congregation Response: We Will!** We’ve been baptized in the waters! We’ve been given work to do. When you call your sons and daughters, you give gifts for serving you. God, we join in celebration of the talents you impart. Bless each baptized one’s vocation; give each one a servant’s heart. All are blest by gifts you give us; some are set apart to lead. Give us Jesus’ love within us as we care for those in need. Give us faith to make decisions; give us joy to share your Word. Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world. Amen!



**News in the Pews**

**The Gospel of Mark:** We have begun our church-wide study of the Gospel of Mark.

**Heritage Celebration:** Join us for our Heritage Celebration, "Imagine Me," Sunday, February 22, 2015. Rehearsals have begun for all children and youth. If interested, stop by the choir room on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. For more information you are invited to contact Mrs. Mary Hosley or Courtney Lamar by calling our church office at (706) 689-8707.

**2014 Financial Statements** will be distributed in the Narthex on Today, January 25, 2015 after our morning worship service.

**Safe Sanctuaries Training** will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in working with children and/or youth you must attend this class. Contact Paula Shaw-Powell for more information.

**The UMW Meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2015 immediately after the morning worship service.

**Boy Scouts Recognition Dinner:** St. Mary’s Road family, you are cordially invited to the Muskogee District Boy Scouts of America volunteer recognition dinner to be held on February 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and the registration deadline is February 15, 2015. Scoutmaster Harold Claytor will be receiving an award. For those who would like to attend, checks should be made payable to Boy Scouts of America Troop # 238. For more information contact James Darty at (706) 570-9502.

**Coming Soon!!!** Stay tuned for more exciting details about the 59<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary, April 26, 2015.

**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:** You are now able to submit prayer requests, and share praise reports on our website if you have access to the internet. Unless indicated otherwise, prayer requests and praise reports will be added to the website for the public to see. Visit [www.theroadumc.org](http://www.theroadumc.org) to access the online form to submit prayer requests and praise reports.

**Trustee Alert:** Installation of surveillance cameras has been completed! St. Mary’s Road UMC campus is being monitored 24/7 at both interior and exterior spaces.

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

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**Lectionary Readings, Week of January 25, 2015**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20

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**Prayer Warrior On-Call for the Month of January**  
**Mrs. Sherry Lark (706) 681-0949**

**Prayer Concerns**

Raven Arnold	2750 Vivians Way Street, Leonard, MD 20685	(619) 886-6918
Harold Claytor	926 Celia Drive, Columbus, GA (07)	(706) 563-6499
Curtis Milliner	5369 Gettysburg Way, Columbus, GA (07)	(706) 682-3043
Isis Shrader	2750 Vivians Way Street, Leonard, MD 20685	(619) 886-6918
R. Kane Smelser	6216 Brightlea Drive, Lanham, MD 20706	(301) 875-7045
Emily Walker	5339 Rockwell Court, Columbus, GA (07)	(706) 689-7510

*Call the church office to notify the staff of any known Prayer Request.*