

**WELCOME – SMRUMC is the place to be!**

Happenings at Our Church -

**PLEASE JOIN US IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A HISTORY PRESENTATION AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All 2018 chairs should be in attendance, and teams should have already met and oriented your new team members. Your teams should be setting measurable goals, offering training, and ascertaining an effective March target date. This is a requirement of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter training.

**OPEN DOOR WALK CLASSIC** will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at Woodruff Park @ 8:30 a.m. If you would like to walk, run or make a donation, please see Mary Hosley or Henry Holt by Sunday, February 25, 2018. Thank you.

**TRUSTEES ON CALL:** If you need to enter the church during non-business hours, please contact the Trustees “on call” no less than 24 hours in advance.

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH** is held each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for grades K-5<sup>th</sup>.

**WISHING WELL:** Don’t forget to deposit your loose change each Sunday into the well, located in the narthex upon entering or exiting the church. This money is used for our Outreach Ministry.

**Beloved, Pad the Pews Project is underway. If you want to give financially to upholster our worn pews in the sanctuary – contact one of our Trustees or a member of the Finance Team for further information. The cost to complete this project is \$26,500.**



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**I, Too,**

**Sing America**

**ST. MARY’S ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

“A Christ-Centered community where we are  
Loving, Living, Learning and Leading in the Kingdom of God”

**CELEBRATING HERITAGE MONTH**

**ST. MARY'S ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE | February 25, 2018 | 10:00 A.M.

**REV. DR. SHAREN KELLY**



A native of Detroit, Michigan, Reverend Kelly is most proud of her Columbus, Georgia heritage. A scholar, Reverend Kelly holds a Doctorate in Education, Leadership and change from Fielding Graduate University located in Santa Barbara, California. Additionally, Reverend Kelly, a graduate of Columbus State University, holds a Specialist degree in Education Leadership along with both the Master's and Baccalaureate degrees in Special Education. Reverend Kelly's educational honors are inclusive of Kappa Delta Pi education honor society, Sallie Mae 1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher nominee, Who's Who Among American Teachers and Who's Who Among Students in America's Universities and Colleges.

A minister, Reverend Kelly is an ordained Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Reverend Kelly serves as the senior associate minister at St. James A.M.E. Church, Columbus, Georgia. Reverend Kelly has dedicated her life to mentoring college students who attend colleges and universities in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. Additionally, Reverend Kelly has served as a member of the itinerant ministerial and worship staff of Tuskegee University Chapel.

An educator and public speaker, Reverend Kelly is employed by the Muscogee County School District. Reverend Kelly serves as the Program Manager for Staff and Community Support, Federal and State Data Reporting, and School-Based Local Education Agents for the Program for Exceptional Students. Reverend Kelly, a speaker on both the local and national platform, has presented on *The Relevancy of Sustaining Cultural Diversity, Grounded Theory and Public Policy, Sustaining Rigor: An Essential Element of Holistic Education, Emergent Strength in the Face of Adversity, and Sustaining the Image of Life: A Grounded Theory Study of Funeral Service Education.*

A sister, Reverend Kelly is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Tau Omega Chapter, located in Columbus, Georgia.

A mother, Reverend Kelly is the mother of three sons: Korey (Lestiel), Nicholas (Dr. Melissa Kelly), and Dr. Richard, III (Dr. April Kelly). Reverend Kelly, a mother and mentor to her family, is lovingly referred to, by her sons, as a HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and University) mom. Reverend Kelly's sons attended Morehouse College, Tuskegee University, Hampton University, and Tuskegee School of Veterinarian Medicine. Reverend Kelly is the grandmother of seven grandchildren who lovingly refer to her as "*Girly, Girl.*"

A servant, Reverend Kelly lives the affirmation of scripture that "*God is Able.*" Reverend Kelly encourages all to "*Be Still and Know that He is God.*"

The Gathering  
Liturgist Tre'Aynna Huff  
Expressions in Dance Youth Dance Ministry  
\*Lighting of Candles Acolytes  
Worship Through Song Praise Team  
\*Litany Seeds 2 Trees Ministry

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**All** "God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who has brought us thus far on the way. Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light keep us forever in Thy path we pray."

**Leader** Even as the world was formed, continents named, oceans separated, and your plan for mankind began to unfold, You had us on your mind.

**People:** Thank you, Gracious Lord, for including us in your divine plan.

**Leader:** When You decided to perfectly place man in your world, You chose to place him in our motherland. Throughout the Holy Scriptures and throughout our history, we have witnessed You keeping power and we have been recipients of your love and grace.

**People:** Thank you, Gracious Lord, for including us in your divine plan.

**Leader:** We shall ever be mindful of how You brought us together after the middle passage, delivered us from the chains of slavery, and carried us through the civil rights movement.

**People:** May we always remember your love towards us, O God.

**Leader:** We Thank You, dear Savior, for the gifts, talents, uniqueness, and cultural blessings you have poured out upon our people.

**People:** May we always appreciate the blessings You have bestowed upon us, O God.

**Leader:** We thank You for our mathematic, scientific, and literary genius. We thank You for the jazz, the gospel, and the blues. We thank You for beautiful locks of hair, and beautiful shades and complexions of skin, and even for soul-food.

**People:** May we always appreciate our uniqueness, beauty and giftedness, O God.

**Leader:** We thank You for the wisdom, strength, and determination we learned from our ancestors and for the blessings and love of family, O God.

**All:** And we stand today, O God, as a corporate family in love to remember, reflect, honor, and celebrate the heritage, history, and legacy you have given to us. And we ask that You, O Lord, will keep us forever in thy path, we pray. Amen.

\*Heritage Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Congregation  
Poem *I Too Sing America* Amari Conwell  
Altar Call Jerrell Bouyer  
Choral Response *Kum BA Yah* Congregation  
A Moment in Black History Seeds 2 Trees Ministry  
Introduction of Speaker Tamaya Bowens  
Worship through Song MLK Elementary Students  
The Message Rev. Dr. Sharen Kelly  
Invitation to Christian Discipleship *I Won't Go Back* Choir  
The Presentation of Tithes, Commitments & Offerings Congregation  
Parish Notices/Welcome Friends in Fellowship Helen Gibson  
\*Benediction Rev. Dr. Sharen Kelly