



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 *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 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

The SMRUMC Staff

Shea Ellis, Receptionist
Jacqueline McCall, Administrative Assistant
Jacquelyn Ekins, Director of Music
Debra Alexander, Youth Musician

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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 31, 2016 / 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. L.K. Pendleton, Pastor



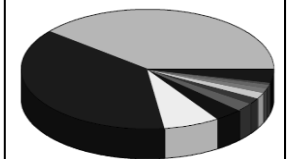
“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

1 Peter 2:9

February 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Worship Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Trustees Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.	2 Men's Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	3 Bible Study @ 12:00 p.m. Kids Night Out @ 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m. Unity Choir @ 7:00 p.m.	4 Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Church Anniversary Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	5	6 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m.
7 Health screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m.	8 Married Couples @ 6:20 p.m.	9 Men's Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	10 Ash Wednesday @ M.L. Harris UMC @ 7:00 p.m. Activities Same As February 3 rd	11 Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	12	13 UMM Mtg. @ 8:00 a.m.
14 VALENTINE'S DAY 1 st Sunday in Lent	15 PRESIDENT'S DAY Finance Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	16 Men's Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. M.I.T. Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	17 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.	18 Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	19 Newsletter Deadline Food Box Deadline	20 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m.
21 Health screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m. 2 nd Sunday in Lent	22 Council Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.	23 Men's Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	24 BEGIN 60 DAYS OF PRAYER Activities Same As February 17 th	25 Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. UMW Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Food Box Pick Up	26	27 Diamond Disciples Breakfast
28 3 rd Sunday in Lent	29	Trustees On Call for January 2016 Robert Montgomery (706) 315-6551 Ray Lakes (706) 687-9067 Pro-Active Member On Call for January 2016 Susan Cooper (706) 681-4306				
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Expense Summary January through December 2015	
1300 - Trustees	39.19%
1200 - Salaries & related expenses	38.08%
1130 - Apportionments	7.32%
Ask My Accountant	3.76%
1500 - Administrative	2.23%
2000 - REACH_501c3	1.78%
3300 - Nurture	1.73%
6560 - Payroll Expenses	1.32%
3500 - Witness	1.05%
8600 - Business expenses	0.65%
Other	2.87%
Total	\$629,744.08

Pledges:	Amount:
5 Year Goal	\$1,000,000.00
1 Year Goal	\$200,000.00
Pledged:	\$513,570.00
Contributed:	\$92,229.50
Total Pymts:	\$67,000.00



Our Time of Worship

4th Sunday after the Epiphany
Liturgist

Color: Green
Helen Gibson

THE GATHERING
(Time of Prayer and Meditation)

Lighting of the Candles Acolytes
Song of Praise "Praise the Lord with Me" Choir/Congregation
*The Call to Worship

Leader: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.
People: But who am I, that God should call me?
Leader: You are a beloved child of God.
People: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.
Leader: God is with you; don't be afraid.
People: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. AMEN

Hymn of Praise "The Lord is Blessing Me Right Now" Congregation
"I Can't Stop Praising His Name"

Morning Prayer Willie Belfield

Response "How Great Is Our God" Congregation

The Ministry of Music The Children/Youth Choir
The Message Lavinia Perser

The Presentation of Tithes, Commitments & Offerings
Parish Notices/Welcome & Recognition of Visitors
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 notes.

"Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only." James 1:2

The Road UMC 2016 | 40 Day Lenten Fast
Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 a.m. - Sunday, March 27th at 6:00 a.m.

Prayer: Monday mornings at 5:00 a.m. (15, 22, 29, 7, 14, 21)
Conference call number: 1-605-475-6006
Access code: 2797318#

Please consult your physician before starting. You are trusted to uphold to the covenant of the fast.

Week 1: Change
Scripture: Genesis 12:1, 2
Focus: Jesus knew when you want something you have never had, you have to do something you have never done. We must risk leaving the comfort zone.

Week 2: Gossip: Jesus Never Wasted Time Answering Critics
Scripture: Proverbs 14:7
Focus: Critics are spectators, not players. Critical people are usually disheartened people who have failed to reach a desired goal. Someone has said, "Criticism is the death garble of a non-achiever."

Week 3: Jesus Understood Timing and Preparation
Scripture: Hebrews 11:7
Focus: The quality of preparation determines the quality of performance.

Week 4: Jesus Knew the Power of Habit
Scripture: John 8:31
Focus: "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, 'If you continue in my word, then are you disciples indeed.'"

Week 5: Jesus Recognized the Law of Repetition
Scripture: Mark 10:32
Focus: What you hear repeatedly, you eventually will believe.

Week 6: Change
Scripture: Genesis 12:1, 2
Focus: Everything is difficult at first. Thousands will fail in life because they are unwilling to make changes.

LENTEN FAST

Week 1: No Complaining Week 2: No Gossiping
Week 3: Limit Your Social Media/TV Week 4: Refrain from Profanity
Week 5: Practice Kindness to Enemies Week 6: Practice Abstinence

FOOD LIST

- No Sweet drinks, Soft drinks
- No desserts
- No candy, cookies (unless organic)
- No Sweet tea (you can use sweetener, honey for your beverage)
- You may have herbal tea (with honey)
- No bread of any kind. You may have unsalted crackers
- Maintain a fast of vegetables, fruits, boiled eggs, beans nuts
- Eat oatmeal and whole grain cereal w/o butter
- No cheese (organic is permitted)
- Soup without meat, Pasta w/o cheese/meat
- Meats for fast include fish, tofu, lobster, shrimp
- No processed food and no fast food!



News in the Pews

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

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!

Ads and Patrons Deadline for Church Anniversary is here! Please remember to ask your friends and family for an ad or patron to include in our 60th Anniversary booklet. The deadline is tomorrow, February 1, 2016. The deadline to pay for your Anniversary Church Directory is **TODAY!!!**

Church Anniversary Meeting: The 60th Church Anniversary committee will meet on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Please protect this date on your calendars.

Lenten Services: Our Lenten Collaborative Worship Xperience is as follows:

February 10, 2016	Ash Wednesday	M.L. Harris
March 24, 2016	Maundy Thursday	South Columbus
March 25, 2016	Good Friday	St. Mary's Road

R.O.C.K. Ministry Meeting: The R.O.C.K. Ministry will meet on Monday, February 15, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please protect your calendar to be in attendance.

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



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Lectionary Readings, Week of January 31, 2016

Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6
I Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30



Prayer Warrior On-Call for the Month of February

William Quick (706) 662-5109

Prayer Concerns

Margaret McCorvey	5377 Westwood Drive, Cols, GA (07)	(706) 442-2176
Mollie Snell	2438 Gould Street, Cols, GA (06)	(706) 575-7163
Emily Walker	6830 River Road, Rm #216, Cols, GA (04)	(706) 569-0760
Cynthia Williams	St. Francis Hospital ICU (NO VISITORS)	(706) 568-0117

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.