

Thought for the Month



Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up and knows that it must run faster than the fastest lion that day, or it will be killed and eaten. Every morning in Africa, a lion wakes up and knows that it must run faster than the slowest gazelle that day, or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter if you are a lion or a gazelle. When the sun comes up you'd better be running.

~ May 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Trustees on Call for May 2015 Robert Montgomery (706) 315-6551 Ray Lakes (706) 687-9067					1	2 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m. Children's Workshop 10-2:00 p.m.
3 B/P, Diabetes and Cholesterol screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m. Brandice Arlene Martin Scholarship deadline	4 Worship Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	5	6 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.	7 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	8 Education Mtg. @ 12:00 p.m.	9 UMM Mtg. @ 8:30 a.m.
10 Mother's Day	11 Married Couples @ 6:20 p.m.	12 Church Anniversary Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	13 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.	14 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	15	16 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m.
17 B/P, Diabetes and Cholesterol screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m. Confirmation and Believer's Baptism New Member's Class	18 Rock Ministry @ 11:30 a.m. Finance Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	19 SPRC Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. M.I.T. Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.	20 REPEAT 1st WEDNESDAY	21 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	22 Newsletter Deadline Food Box Deadline	23
24 Heritage Sunday	25 Memorial Day ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED	26 Pro-Active Care Team Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Council Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.	27 REPEAT 2nd WEDNESDAY	28 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. UMW Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Food Box Pick Up	29	30
31 5th Sunday Family and Friends Day Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m. Catfish and Grits						



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
Jacquelyn Ekins, Director of Music
Debra Alexander, Youth Musician
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Pastor's Information

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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, May 17, 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."**

Our Time of Worship

7th Sunday of Easter
Liturgist

Color: White or Gold
Helen Gibson

THE GATHERING
(Time of Prayer and Meditation)

Lighting of the Candles Acolytes
*Song of Praise "This Is The Day The Lord Hath Made" Congregation

*Call to Worship
Leader: So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today, to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

People: Then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil.

ALL: I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.

Praise Medley "Worship The Lord" Congregation
"I Can't Stop Praising His Name"

*Invocation Willie Belfield
Choral Response "Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary" Congregation

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

Worship Through Song The Unity Choir
The Scripture Lessons

Hebrew Testament Psalm 1 Patrice Howard
New Testament John 17:6-9 William Quick
Altar Prayer Roy Sumlin Jr.

Worship Through Song The Unity Choir
Sermon Pastor K

Invitation to Discipleship
Worship Through Giving Congregation
Confirmation Aubriana Quick and Alayna Lisbon
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.

"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.**

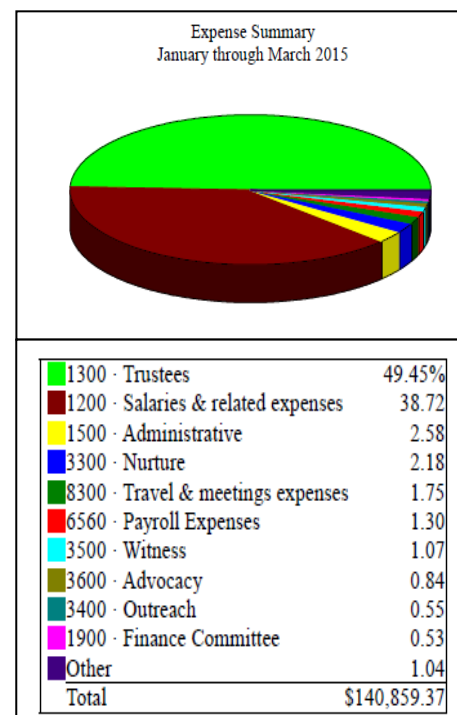
22 Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field. 23 In the presence of the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose as a dwelling for his name, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, your wine, and your oil, as well as the firstlings of your herd and 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)



**SMRUMC
MORTGAGE PLEDGE**

	Amount
5 Year Goal	\$1,000,000.00
1 Year Goal	\$200,000.00
Pledged	\$468,570.00
Contributed	\$51,389.50
Total Payments	\$32,000.00

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

Pledging Units YTD: 114

News in the Pews

Northwest District Set Up Meeting is **TODAY**, May 17, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Americus First United Methodist Church, 200 Lee Street, Americus, GA. Please make arrangements to attend.

R.O.C.K. Ministry: The monthly R.O.C.K. ministry meeting will be held at Saint Mary's Road UMC in the fellowship hall, on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. All members of the R.O.C.K. ministry are requested to be present for this meeting.

Calling All High School Seniors!!! Brandice Arlene Martin Scholarship applications are now available. In order to participate in this scholarship you must be a graduating high school senior and be an **active** member of the church. The deadline for the application process is **TODAY**, May 17, 2015. Please see/email Mrs. Phyllis Jones with any questions at jonesdrphyllis@aol.com or to retrieve an application. Make your assessment payable to the Brandice Arlene Martin Scholarship and give it to Mrss. Pamela Shaw-Grant or Paula Shaw-Powell.

2015 Graduates: If you are graduating from High School or College this year please see Mrs. Phyllis Jones or go by the church office to retrieve an information form. The deadline to submit the form is Sunday, May 17, 2015. We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 14, 2015 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

VBS 2015 will be held June 8, 2015 - June 11, 2015 and is fast approaching! We anticipate an increase in children this year and would appreciate your assistance. If you or your ministry would like to sponsor a Snack Night, contact Ms. Helen Gibson at [\(706\) 464-7747](tel:7064647747) or email her at hmgjuly1@gmail.com.

Our Kid's Summer Day Camp needs teachers and servants! If you are interested, or know of anyone interested in teaching for the camp, applications are now available. You may retrieve an application from Mrs. Phyllis Jones, Brother Roy Sumlin, Jr. or from our website at www.theroadumc.org. The deadline for the application process is Tuesday, May 12, 2015. The camp will begin on Monday, June 1, 2015 through Thursday, July 9, 2015 and will be held Monday - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We need you to help us make a difference in the lives of our children and this community!


The Education Store is opening again to reward our children and youth for their participation in the church. Please bring the following items to the Education office for all ages; games, toys, school supplies, technology and electronics. For more information, contact Ms. Beverly Brown and Mrs. Paula Shaw-Powell.

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!

The UM Men will support several events and projects in 2015. Each man is asked to support with a \$200.00 assessment. If contributing by check, please clearly notate your giving to UM Men Support in the memo area of your check and if by cash, notate on your offering envelope. For more information, contact Henry Holt at [\(706\) 527-8731](tel:7065278731).

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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Lectionary Readings, Week of May 17, 2015 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 9-13 John 17:6-19	
Prayer Warrior On-Call for the Month of May Mr. Emery Ramsey (706) 326-0785 Prayer Concerns	
Harold Claytor	926 Celia Drive, Columbus, GA (07) (706) 563-6499
Curtis Milliner	5369 Gettysburg Way, Columbus, GA (07) (706) 682-3043
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 .	