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

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ANNUAL WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION

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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Welcome

A Message
From The
Pastor

The St. Mary’s Road United Methodist Annual Women’s Day

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A Message From Our United Methodist Women’s President
Georgette Martin

Dear Sisters,

This has got to be the best unit in the United Methodist Women! We have been challenged with serving locally as well as around the world through our projects of:

- Health kits for UMCOR
- Donations to Open Door
- Book Bags to Benchmark Family Services Foster Care
- Dresses for 6th grade girls at MLK Elementary
- Basketball goal for the children/youth
- Open Door Golden Agers Christmas Luncheon
- Christmas presents for OUR children
- The awarding of the Brandice Arlene Martin Scholarship to a high school senior who is a member of St Mary’s Road UMC

We are planning to add more projects for 2016 such as:

- Adopt a Grandmother
- The Great Book Swap
- Seminar On Domestic Violence

We are here serving, teaching, sharing and advocating for others all over the world. We are committed to spiritual growth, giving to missions, social injustice and living out our faith. This is a new year and a fresh wind of God’s Spirit is blowing today. God is inviting us to raise our sails and move forward with the power and direction that reflects our commitment to God’s will. So, come on ladies, let’s make a fresh start today! The wind is blowing and the fire has begun to blaze. Step out of the boat, break free from your own limitations and see what God will do! I can’t wait to see what this fresh wind brings to our unit!!!!

Yours in Christ,
Georgette Martin
A Message From Our
United Methodist Women’s Day Chair
Helen Gibson

Working with the ladies of The Road
is an ongoing journey of projects and hard work!

It is also a journey filled with fun, laughter, good times and the building of a sisterhood comparable to none; I love being a part of this great unit of United Methodist Women. You ladies come through each and every time you are called upon and that is what makes you such an exceptional group. No matter what you are asked to do individually or as a unit, you rise to the occasion and even beyond to make sure God’s work is done. I have learned so many valuable life lessons working with you all through the years: kindness, selflessness, patience, humility, forgiveness and love!

Max Lucado once said, “You weren’t an accident. You weren’t mass produced. You aren’t an assembly line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted and lovingly positioned on the earth by The Master Craftsman.” These words describe each and every one of you. I am so humbled by your unfailing trust in me each year!

My Thanks…
To Jackie and Shea: You two are the most amazing Administrative Assistants. No matter how late I am with my ideas, suggestions or changes you make it happen. You fix my mistakes and keep it moving. Thank you!
To Ms. Jackie: Your teaching through the years has taught me many things. My life has been tremendously blessed feeding off your knowledge and wisdom. I thank you for so willingly agreeing to facilitate our Breakfast Workshop each year. I honestly do not know how you keep coming up with new and fresh lessons. Thank you!
To LaTessa Johnson: Once again, you made me shine! Thank you!
To The Men: What can I say? There really aren’t enough words to thank you guys enough for what you do for us on our special day. You get up before the crack of dawn to prepare our breakfast, you cater to us for an hour and then you clean the kitchen! How blessed we are to have such great men in our midst. A special thank you to Henry Holt for organizing the kitchen staff today and to Doug Brown for your special sausage gravy and biscuit recipe! Thank you!
Pastor K: Your expectations are too high; your guidance and leadership is too heavy-handed; you push too hard, you expect too much and you make me think too much! Yet, do not let my words negatively affect you (although I know you won’t), because these are all great, positive things. You have pushed me to go beyond my unconsciously self-imposed limits to reach higher and higher in my everyday walk and spiritual growth. You are such a blessing to The Road. Thank You!
A Special Request from Me: Please continue to pray for our sisters Cynthia Williams and Mary Russell as God continues His healing in their bodies and join me in dedicating this years Women’s Day Program to them.

Yours In Christ,
Helen Gibson

“Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only.” (James 1:22)
About United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice.

Members raise up to $20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

United Methodist Women and The United Methodist Church's principles and values include:

- Promoting the empowerment of women, children and youth.
- Promoting anti-racism and multiculturalism.
- Promoting inclusion and equity.
- Promoting fair labor practices.
- Promoting economic and environmental stewardship and sustainability.

MARCH IS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Women’s History Month in the United States grew out of a weeklong celebration of women’s contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978.

Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a “Real Woman” essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa. A few years later, the idea caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women’s History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution.

Yvette Richards

Yvette Richards serves currently as the National President of the United Methodist Women Organization. United Methodist Women is a nearly 800,000-member organization within the United Methodist Church in the United States. As well as a member of the General Board of Global Ministry (2012-2016).

Ms. Richards is an active member St. James UMC in Kansas City, Missouri, where she is involved in Hospitality Ministry, Membership Committee, Local UMW Unit, UMW Sunday Chairperson, Food Pantry Christmas Giveaway, Missouri Conference Value Team, former Brownie Leader for 10 years with the Kansas City Girl Scouts of America which included Camp at the Ritz (fundraiser for underprivileged girls), Take our Daughter to Work Luncheon and the Silver Award Assistant.

Ms. Richards has held some of the following leadership positions within United Methodist Women: District Representative, Missouri West Conference Membership Chair, Nominating Committee, Dean Team and later to become Dean of Missouri Co-Op School of Christian Mission, the West Gulf, Pacific, and South Atlantic Regional School Youth Study Leader. She has been a speaker at various Retreats, Annual Meetings and Women’s Day events. A Youth Workshop Leader at The National Gathering 2000, the Alaska Annual Conference 2006 and Urban Ministries workshop training events. She led mentoring workshops at The National Gathering in 2000 and at the South Central Jurisdiction Meeting 2004, 2008 and 2012. Ms. Richards was a member of the Teen and College/University Women Consultative Group 2000-2008. She was also a workshop presenter at Leadership Development Days and Spiritual Growth Retreats. Ms. Richards served as a Women’s Division Director 2008-2012, Board Member for the General Commission on Status and Role of Women 2008-2012, Global Aids fund Board Member 2011-2012 and General Board of Global Ministry 2011-2012. Jurisdictional Delegate and 1st Alternate to General Conference 2016, just to name a few.

Ms. Richards was employed close to 28 years and was highly involved in her career with State Farm Insurance Companies as a Claims Adjuster, 18 of those years in Catastrophe Claims. She chaired and coordinated the State Farm Bayou Classic KaBOOM! Playground for New Orleans, LA after Hurricane Katrina (responsible for 250 volunteers), Media spokesperson for Bayou Classic (TV and Radio) and Planning and executing pre-game and post-game activities. She created a Registered and Trademarked event for children called the “Neighborhood of Knowledge®.”

Ms. Richards is a John Maxwell Team Member, certified in Coaching, Leadership, Training and Speaking. Currently self-employed as a Consultant in Coaching, Training, Speaking and Leadership Development. She holds a Bachelors in Mass Communications from North Carolina A&T State University in (1985), a Master’s in Leadership Develop from Walden University (2013) and has always been involved in Student Government Association since her Freshman year of school mainly because Ms. Richards was passionate and dedicated to everyone’s voice being heard. She is an active member of over 25 years in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and has a civic interest in her community.

Born in Burlington, North Carolina to parents Ret. CW4 David F. Richards, Jr. and Swannie M. Richards of Savannah, GA. Ms. Richards has traveled the world, living in North Carolina, Alaska, Massachusetts, Mannheim, Germany and Georgia. Yes, Yvette is a military Brat!
Our Time of Worship

Sunday, March 20, 2016
10:00 A.M.

6th Sunday in Lent
Color: Purple or Red/Scarlet
Phyllis Dent

THE GATHERING
(Time of Prayer And Meditation)

Lighting of the Candles
Acolytes

"Song of Praise"
"The Holy City"
Congregation

"Litany"
Bulletin

Hymn of Praise
"Holy Is The Lord God Almighty"
Congregation

"Invocation"

Choral Response
"I Love The Lord"
Congregation

Worship Through Music
The Scripture Lessons
The Women’s Chorus
Phyllis Dent

Hebrew Testament
Genesis 2:18; 2:21-22

New Testament
John 3:1-8

Worship Through Song
The Women’s Chorus
Kim Jenkins

The Introduction of the Messenger
The Women’s Chorus
Ms. Yvette Richards

The Message
Hymn Of Praise
Holy, Holy, Holy; Holy, Holy, Holy; Holy is The Lord God Almighty;
Worthy to receive Glory, Worthy to receive Honor, Worthy to receive all our Praise today.
Praise Him, Praise Him and lift Him up. Praise Him, exalt His Name forever.
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(Repeat Above)

Our Women’s Day Litany

Leader: Today, we celebrate the strength, power, passion, beauty, courage and faith of women across this world. Made in the image and likeness of God He chose the woman to lead, support, nourish and deliver His glory to the earth.

People: We praise God for the creation of the woman.

Leader: We celebrate women for following the Savior’s example of service. These vessels of life, these wives, these mothers and these believers are often overlooked, choosing to relinquish their will for the uplifting of others.

People: We honor God for endowing the spirit of service into the heart of the woman.

Leader: We give reverence to every woman, who like the beautiful, thoughtful, mindful and powerful women of scripture continue to defy odds, banish stereotypes and serve in the face of oppression and tradition.

People: We thank God for the unselfish spirit that lives in the heart of the woman.

Leader: We celebrate the women of today. We celebrate the sharing of their gifts, talents and skills. We celebrate their ability to manage the home and the office.

We celebrate their ability to serve as public officials and as Sunday School teachers. We celebrate those who are required to be both the matriarch and the patriarch and those who are strong enough to fight for civil equality but gentle enough to be the woman of some man’s dream.

All: We praise God for the virtuous women who persevered through out yesterday, influence our today and shape our tomorrow. From the rib of man God created woman.

He has found favor in her and has sent her into the lives of every man and child. God’s creation is man’s testimony of God’s never-ending love, grace and mercy for His children.