# We have many upcoming events. Mark Your Calendars!



Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Marta Burke June 26 Dedication of bench to Tamra Williams June 26 Guest speaker Ruth Mageria July 3 Director of C.R.O.S. Ministries Reverend Susan Gray in Office July 5 Ice Cream Social for Helen Hahn July 9 (Waterway Beach Condo Club House) Reverend Susan Gray's first service July 10 and welcoming luncheon (Fellowship Hall, following 2nd service) **Charge Conference** July 25

Look for more information in upcoming bulletins and Messengers.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

On July 3rd, we are blessed to have Ruth Mageria, Executive Director of C.R.O.S. Ministries be our guest speaker. Her distinguished career is outlined below.



Ruth Mageria has been the Executive Director of C.R.O.S. Ministries since February, 2014. Prior to that, Ruth spent three years in her home country of Kenya, where she was born and raised. While in Kenya, she worked with several churches and non-profit organizations and assisted

them in creating fundraising and strategic marketing plans, ensuring their long term sustainability. She was a workshop facilitator through the Kenya Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Ruth was previously on the staff of C.R.O.S. Ministries for twelve years, first as the Camp Coordinator, then Food Pantry Coordinator, and finally as the Director of Volunteers and Congregational Development. She is the current treasurer of the Human Services Coalition of PBC. Ruth also serves on the local board of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) and the Nonprofit Chamber of Palm Beach County. Ruth is a member of the United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches.

Ruth holds a B.A. in Education and Biblical Studies from Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya and M. Ed. in Early Childhood Education from Towson University, Baltimore. She is the proud mother of 13-year-old James.

Hunger impacts families and individuals, seniors, children, and people with disabilities. It affects the homeless as well as working families who were once stable but now need help to survive. It



does not matter where you live or what ethnicity you are – hunger has no boundaries. Since 1978, CROS Ministries has provided food and basic needs assistance to people living in food insecure and lowincome communities in South Florida. We utilize the talents of more than 3,000 volunteers to help families and individuals from falling into the downward spiral of poverty, food insecurity, and, in many cases, homelessness. Program services include: seven community food pantries; The Caring Kitchen, a hot meal and social services program; summer camps; an after school snack program; a weekend food program for children in Title I Schools (40% of the total student enrollment must come from families living at or below the poverty level); gleaning, a food recovery program; and community advocacy. All services are offered without regard to race, religion, national origin, marital status, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or age. CROS is an interfaith ministry supported by churches, synagogues, community groups, and private individuals throughout Palm Beach and Martin Counties. CROS has many volunteer opportunities available. Volunteers can assist by helping with office tasks and data entry, gleaning, pickup and delivering food to our food pantries, collecting food donations, cooking and serving food, and performing many other important tasks. If you have the desire, we will find a way for you to become involved. For more information contact us

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## WEEKLY MESSENGER

Find out what's going on at FUMC!

Worship Services 9 & 10:30

June 26, 2016



Today we will celebrate a year since the passing of Tamra Sue Williams: daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. Rev. Dr. Marta Burke will offer a blessing as we dedicate the above bench in her loving memory.



Tamra Sue Williams was born June 13, 1962 in Chinon, France to Jim and Sue Hamm. The oldest of four children, Tamra was always "Mother Hen" to her siblings Kim, Krista, and Jay. She loved the

outdoors—enjoying fishing and gardening. She particularly took pleasure in canning and freezing vegetables and sharing them with others. Tamra was a movie buff who always knew the exact title, content, and cast of movies. Specifically, Michael J. Fox was an idol of hers. Tamra was actively involved in our church, attending often with her mother, Sue; father, Jim; and brother, Jay. She volunteered with Vacation Bible School, and, ever creative and resourceful, she even developed her own Vacation Bible School for her nephews. Tamra's wonderful personality and her many accomplishments are truly missed by all. After a brave battle with cancer, Tamra passed away June 26, 2016.

### VISITING PASTOR

On June 26th, Rev. Dr. Marta Burke will be preaching for us. Below is a glimpse at her remarkable calling.



Rev. Dr. Marta Burke is an ordained United Methodist elder in the Florida Conference presently serving First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound. Prior to her appointment she served Fulford United Methodist Church in North Miami Beach and various churches in the Miami District and

Jacksonville District. She received her bachelors of Science degree in Political Science from Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, her Masters of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and her Doctorate of Ministry from the South Florida Center for Theological Studies in Miami.

Marta was born in Maryville, TN as the daughter of a minister who served as a missionary in Caracas, Venezuela, South America as well as a pastor in the local Florida Conferences.

Marta's ministry has varied both as a lay person and an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. She has served on District, Conference, Jurisdictional, General Board and Agency levels as well as Global Councils for the United Methodist Church. Her work with the World Methodist Council and the World Council of Churches brought her passion for the global community and her spiritual gifts of mercy and justice into focus. She has worked with the British Methodist Church in England, the Caribbean American Methodist Church in the Bahamas and the Methodist Church in Kenya, Africa.

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In Miami Marta has served on the Governors
Commission for the Homeless, founding the
Homeless Assistance Centers and a board member
to FAMI, Haitian Women and Children Foundation,
South Florida Interfaith Committee for Worker
Justice, PACT: People Action for Community Together
and a national program for North Miami Beach Gang
Reduction, Pan Zou. Before moving to Hobe Sound
she was awarded the following recognition; North
Miami Beach Marta Burke Day Proclamation, North
Miami Beach Police Chaplain Community Leadership
Award, Florida Annual Conference MFSA 2014
Plumbline Award, and Presidents Award for
Leadership and Volunteer Service from President
Obama.

Marta is married to Daniel Kevin Boyd, and they have two four-legged children, Casper and Sophie.

## Stewardship Corner

from your Finance Team
For the week of Sunday, June 19, 2016

Contributions & gifts for ministry and property

\$3,877.00

Average weekly receipts needed for ministry and property

\$9,660.00

Surplus or (Deficit)

(\$5,783.00)

"In the midst of tragic events, John Wesley suggested we focus our thoughts beyond ourselves. Wesley preached that we are never closer to God than when we are being the loving persons He created. Perhaps this is the first step in the healing that needs to take place in all of us."