

Important Upcoming Dates

June 1: Church Council, 7 pm (F.C.)
14: Farewell to Pastor Sam, 11:45 am
21: Father's Day
27: SHARE Pick Up, 8:30-10:30 am (F.C.)
29: Trustees, 7 pm (Annex)
July 5: Welcome Pastor Amber Massingill

Farewell to Pastor Sam—Sunday, June 14 will be Pastor Sam's last Sunday. After the worship service we will hold a special farewell luncheon for Sam & Yvonne Wright. Please bring a dish for your family and to share with others.

WELCOME REV. MASSINGILL—Sunday, July 5 will be Pastor Amber Massingill's first Sunday. We will welcome her and her family with a special luncheon after the worship service. Please bring a dish for your family and to share with others.

Home Improvement: We need lots of help to get the parsonage ready for the new pastor and family. We will be painting the interior of the house among other projects. We are going to need lots of help to finish before June 30th. Please contact Carol Timmons, John Wendt, Donna Tunks, or Jan Winderbaum if you can help during the month of June. Work Days will be June 9-13; 20-30.

United Methodist Men—The next United Methodist Men's Breakfast and program will be June 7 at 8 am in the Fellowship Center. Pastor Sam Wright will be the speaker. Both men and women are invited. Next month the UMM will meet on July 5 at 8 am in the Fellowship Center.

United Methodist Women— The General Meeting has been cancelled for June.

- UMW Luncheon Fellowship: Tuesday, June 16 at 10:30 am in Room 101
- Joy Fellowship: Sunday, June 28 at 11:45 am (Out to eat at the Falls)

Join Us on Sundays!

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am  Worship Service 10:30 am

Nursery Provided in Room 107
for children age 4 and younger

Congratulations to Kevin & Heather Brant who welcomed their first baby boy, Hayden David Brant, on May 26. Hayden weighed 6 lbs, 11 oz. and was 20" long.



Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the many prayers, cards, and the loving concern you have shown for me and my family during David's illness. Your support has meant so much.

With much gratitude and love, Merilou Bell



We offer our ***Deepest Sympathy*** to the family of Luvenia "Lu" Baxter who passed away on May 15.

Thanks to our Worship Assistants for May

- **Liturgists:** Sue Wendt and Leila Toledo
- **Acolytes:** Nadya Guzman, Tatyana Guzman, Brian Brodhead, Sofia Sneathen, and Makayla Smith
- **Ushers:** John & Sue Wendt, Peggy Courtright, Kathy Ward, and Gene Smith
- **Children's Church Teachers:** Yvonne Wright, Sandy Provost, Patricia Sutta, Veronica Nicoleau, and Donna Tunks

Please contact the church office if you are willing to teach Children's Church one Sunday each month. Children's church starts at approximately 10:45 am

and ends at 11:45 am. Simple lessons are provided.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1 Peggy Batey
18 Margie Gibson
19 Shawn Sutta
21 Ethan Silverthorn
25 Jan Winderbaum

ANNIVERSARIES

14 Tom & Gerrie McClary
15 Jim & Becky McLaren
22 John & Sue Wendt
23 William & Mavis Perrett

Happy Belated Anniversary to Gloria & Herman Athias (5/24).

*Please contact the church office if your name is missing from this list.

Special Offering: The 2009 Florida Annual Conference event offering will be directed to the East Angola/Florida Partnership. One hundred percent of the annual conference offering will go toward initiatives that are a part of this partnership to strengthen the church in East Angola by developing leadership for the future, providing funding for education at the School of Theology and the Colegio. Your offerings will also enable the Florida Conference to send the Rev. Armando and Icel Rodriguez as missionaries to Angola for the 2009-2010 conference year, and provide grants to churches to assist them in traveling to East Angola to build relationships with partner churches.

"I talk and talk and talk, and I haven't taught people in 50 years what my father taught by example in one week." -- Mario Cuomo

"Any man can be a Father but it takes someone special to be a dad."
-- Anne Geddes

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it." -- Clarence Budington Kelland

Bishop Whitaker has appointed Rev. Amber Massingill to begin serving as our pastor beginning July 1. Rev. Amber Massingill is a native Floridian born in Gainesville, FL. She grew up in the United Methodist church and sensed a call to ministry beginning in college while working in various church settings including Children & Youth ministry. She received her undergraduate degree from Furman University in Religion and Political Science and graduated from Duke Divinity School in 2000. While in seminary she focused most of her practical learning in Pastoral Care in hospital and assisted living ministries.

At Duke, she met her husband Paul, a native of Texas, who is also an ordained Methodist minister and will be starting a brand new Wesley Foundation to serve the students of the FIU/Miami-Dade College campuses. Amber and Paul have two young boys Gabriel (6yrs) and Michael (2 ½ yrs). Currently, Amber is serving on staff along with Paul at the Gator Wesley Foundation at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Previously, she has served as a local church pastor in Tampa, North Miami, and England.

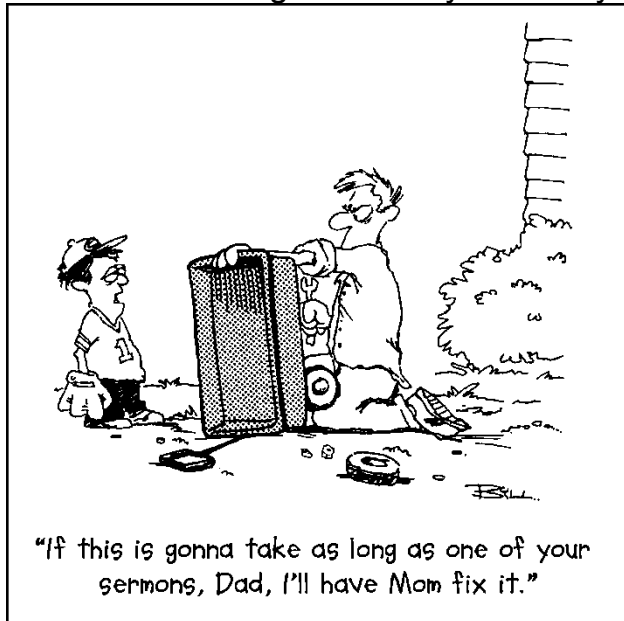
Pastor Amber has a passion for Spiritual Formation among God's people, as well as sharing the love of God and good news of Christ with new people. She enjoys leading Bible studies like Disciple and Experiencing God and especially helping new people connect through small group experiences like Alpha for evangelism, or moms' groups for support, or prayer for spiritual growth.

"I am looking forward to meeting each of you and serving in ministry along side you. I hope that God will use my pastoral leadership and passion for spiritual growth to help Cutler Ridge UMC making an impact for Christ in the community. Please pray for our family, as I pray for you, during this transition." Rev. Amber Massingill

Below is the contact information for Rev. Amber Massingill and her family. Feel free to send them a note to welcome them to our church and community.

E-mail Address: amber.massingill@flumc.org
Address: The Reverends Amber & Paul Massingill
3612 N.W. 61 Lane
Gainesville, FL 32653

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 5th** when we will welcome Pastor Amber Massingill and her family. There will be a special potluck luncheon after church to honor and fellowship with them. Please bring enough food for your family and to share with others.



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Pastor: The Reverend Samuel L. Wright, Ph.D.

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Dear Friends,

When our District Superintendent Rev. Debbie McLeod told me that Rev. Amber Massingill was being appointed to serve Cutler Ridge UMC beginning July 1st, I was very excited for you. She is a wonderful person and you will love her very much. She is gifted in many ways. She will be a blessing to this congregation.

There are going to be many changes in the South East District. Rev. Debbie McLeod, our current district superintendent, is being appointed as Senior pastor of Mandarin UMC in Jacksonville. The new district superintendent for our district will be Rev. Craig Nelson. Some of you may remember Craig from when he served at Perrine Peters. Rev. Tim Smiley, who is senior pastor at Plantation UMC will go to serve as district superintendent the North East District. I will take his place as the senior pastor at Plantation UMC. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 14, after which I will be taking two weeks of vacation (I've never thought of packing as a vacation).

Thank you for the support, during these eight years of my ministry at Cutler Ridge UMC. You have been good friends and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

I would appreciate your prayers very much. As CRUMC is facing some severe difficulties regarding our finances, Plantation UMC is experiencing the same. Pray that I will be able to lead them well into this uncertain future. I will be praying for you and for Rev. Massingill and her family. God bless you all!

Sam