

The Messenger

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The beginning of a new year always brings excitement. It's a time to put some things behind us and start fresh and new. As we move into 2009, I suspect that while there is much to be excited about, there is also more concern than in recent memory. Whether or not he was your candidate, Barack Obama's presidency certainly marks an historic turn in our nation's history. So we anxiously and prayerfully wait to see how it unfolds.

The downturn in the economy has impacted all of us, and we do not know at this point what adjustments in our personal lifestyle will be necessary. It is yet to be seen what will happen globally that might change history, but we know that we still have U.S. troops deployed overseas fighting to make the world a more peaceful place.

These are uncertain times, and yet, as people of faith, we stand on God's promises and God's hope, and we pray every day that God's Kingdom shall come. God fulfilled his promise of a Savior, whose birth we just celebrated, and we know we can trust God with hope for our future.

So, while these are difficult times we live in, we know we are not the first to face such difficulty, but like those before us, we live with the assurance that God is with us to transform and make new, and that's exciting.

May your new year be full of God's grace and peace!

Gene Finnell



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The next UMW Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6th at 9:15 am in the Parlor. The General Meeting will follow at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The next Circle meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.



UMW Hope Circle

The next UMW Hope Circle meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Program: Come and See - What it will be! We will discover a fun way to learn more about each other. We will also have a short bible study.



Congratulations to James & Allison Wittenberg on the birth of their daughter, Kylie Kay. She was born on December 5, 2008. They reside in Texas City, Texas.

She is also the granddaughter of Kay K. Wittenberg.

*CARE TEAM MEETING
January 20th at 6:00 pm
in room 211*

*SHAWL MINISTRY
January 17th at 10:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall*



HURRICANE IKE DISASTER RECOVERY MISSION TRIP

Thursday, January 15 –
Sunday, January 18, 2009

Total Cost: \$60.00 (scholarship available)

If you have not already signed up for the **HURRICANE IKE DISASTER RECOVERY MISSION TRIP** in Galveston and are interested in helping in the recovery efforts, please contact Rev. Janet Cavalier at 834-9910 or janetc@munholland.org.



Re-scheduled Meeting

South Africa Mission Trip Meeting at Munholland UMC

**Wednesday, January 28, 2009
6:15 p.m. in room 201**

Presenters:

**Rev. Larry Norman - Louisiana's
VIM Director**

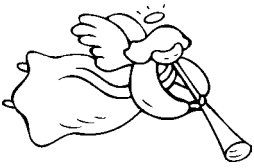
**Rev. Jon Lord - Carrollton UMC, former
S. Africa missionary**

**Rev. Janet Cavalier - Munholland UMC and
S. Africa mission team leader**

(Mission Trip – May 20–June 1, 2009)

Contact Rev. Janet Cavalier at 834-9910 or janetc@munholland.org.

*SPR Meeting
January 14, 2009 at 6:30 pm
in room 201*



A Note of Thanks
to our
Munholland Angels

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful Munholland membership for their assistance and support during 2008.

A special thanks goes to the following angels:

- . Angels that purchased gifts for children from the Angel Tree
- . All the angels who helped with the Angel Tree Party
- . An Angel that donated our Christmas trees
- . Angels for their help in decorating the church
- . All the angels that provided the church staff with goodies during the holiday season.



A Note from the Finance Manager

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS
WILL BE MAILED AT THE END JANUARY

We want all of those who give to Munholland to receive proper credit for their giving. When you make a cash donation, please be sure to include your name on the offering envelope so we are able to reflect your gift on your financial statement.

Lisa McWhorter

Congratulations Jon!

Congratulations to Munholland's church member, Jon Stinchcomb. Jon, who plays right tackle on offense for the Saints, has been chosen as the "Saint's Man of the Year". This award recognizes a player's accomplishments on and off the field.

On his days off, Jon visits schools and hospitals and has also spearheaded the "OL 4 NO" Youth Football Camp. Jon believes in giving back to his community.

Well done Jon!

We are proud of you!

Munholland UMC



*Memorial Donations were made in memory of Andrew McWhorter
From Roy & Diane Puderer, Arlene Mink, Ruth Ingram, Dalton Truax, Bill & Kathy Hornsby, Margaret West, Gaye McCutchen and Mark & Nancy Miller...*

*Memorial Donations were made in memory of Phyllis Wakefield
From Ronnie & Anne Watson, Mrs. W.H. Forlaw, Wilbert & Mary Black, Ray & Margie Cogle, John & Amelia Surratt and Martha Rhea...*

Midweek meals will resume on
Wednesday, January 7, 2009...

ADULT CHRISTIAN STUDIES

JANUARY 2009

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINES - six-week on-going study began 12/3/08 at 6:15 pm in room 210 - This study examines the inward disciplines of prayer, fasting, meditation, and study in the Christian life, the outward disciplines of simplicity, solitude, submission, and service, and the corporate disciplines of confession, worship, guidance, and celebration...

Leader: Rev. George Duerson

INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT - begins 1/7/09 at 6:15 pm - on-going Disciple Study
Leaders: Ronnie Berluchaux & Paul Gregory

OLD TESTAMENT - begins 1/7/09 at 6:15 pm - on-going study - Leader: Dr. Duke Eversmeyer

THURSDAY CLASSES

THREE SIMPLE RULES: A WESLEYAN WAY OF LIVING - new class (dates: 1/8, 1/22 & 1/29 at 10:00 am) - This best-selling book by author Rueben P. Job is a presentation of John Wesley's General Rules. He invites us all into a more faithful way of living as disciples of Jesus Christ.
Leader: Rev. Janet Cavalier

JESUS, THE ONE & ONLY - new Beth Moore Study - 11 sessions video based study begins 1/22/09 at 9:30 am in room 110 - This is an in-depth study of the life of Jesus. You will be lead through the hills of Galilee, across the lake with the Master, and finally on the road toward the cross. You will get to know Jesus intimately as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry.
Leader: Betsy White

SUNDAY CLASSES

INVITATION TO JOHN - Short-term 12 week Disciple Study - begins 1/11/09 from 4:30 until 6:00 pm in room 211 - In this study we find Jesus speaking not in parables but in lengthy discourses. We will learn about Jesus' great promises. Each week participants will see video segments.
Leaders: Dr. Reggie & Caroline Sanders

COMPANIONS IN CHRIST - on-going study begins 1/11/09 at 4:30 pm - Leader: Rev. Janet Davis

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JANUARY'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday (Rehearsal- Rm. 111)

01/07/09	Choir Time	6:00 pm–6:45 pm
01/14/09	Choir Time	6:00 pm–6:45 pm

Altar Choir – Sunday (Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

01/04/09	Choir Time	10:15 am–10:45 am
01/11/09	Choir Time	10:15 am–10:45 am

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

01/07/09	Choir Time	6:30 pm–8:00 pm
01/14/09	Choir Time	6:30 pm–8:00 pm

YOUNG YOUTH (4th – 6th Grade)

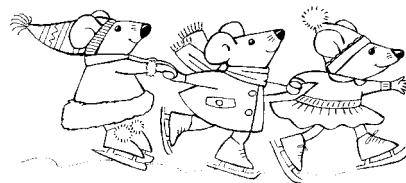


Mark your calendars for Sunday,
January 25, 2009
from 12:00 -2:30
for a fun bowling event

Place: AMF All Star Lanes
Williams Blvd in Kenner

(More information will follow in the next
Messenger)

Also - look for a postcard
soon in the mail...



January KIDS DAY OUT

Theme for January: Winter Wonderland

KDO will resume on Thursday, January 8th.

We will be closed on Monday, January 19th for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Current student registration forms for the
2009/2010 school year will be sent home at
the end of January.

Grandparents Day will be held on January 30th.

Pitrina Messina
KDO Director

MUMY CALENDAR (Munholland United Methodist Youth)

Winter 2008-09

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| Jan. 11 | Program on Volunteerism (Matt. 5:16) and cooking class by Chef Mark Uddo. Dinner will be jambalaya and Bananas Foster made during Youth! |
| Jan. 18 | Program to be announced |

Meetings begin at 5:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm,
unless otherwise noted. **Please bring \$2 for
supper.**

For more information, call Ford Dieth at
834-9910 or e-mail at laxbagotricks@yahoo.com.



By the time you read this, our Angel Tree gifts will have already been opened by many children in the New Orleans area. Through your generosity we were able to bring joy to 200 children this Christmas season. The organizations we were able to support are North Rampart Community Center, Ella Delhonde Elementary School, Methodist Home for Children's Foster Care Program, Agenda for Children, and Prison Ministry.

A big thanks to all the Sunday School Classes for the help they provided and assistance with the Angel Tree Party, the Youth for the entertainment they provided for the children and to all Munholland church members who purchased or made donations for gifts.

Thank You!

Volunteer Work Group Update:

January 4-10
BICNOM Community UMC
Upper Marlboro, MD
20 Volunteers

January 11-18
Davidsonville UMC
Edgewater, MD
24 Volunteers

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