

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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ADULT CHRISTIAN STUDIES

MONDAY EVENING CLASS

"MERCY TRIUMPHS: BOOK OF JAMES" (BETH MOORE STUDY)
JANUARY 16TH 6:00 PM-7:30 PM 10 WEEK STUDY \$20/ PERSON
LED BY: PENNY WHITEHEAD

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

"WHY: MAKING SENSE OF GOD'S WILL"
JANUARY 11TH 6:15PM-7:30PM 4 WEEK STUDY \$12/PERSON
LED BY: REV. GEORGE DUERSON

"FAITH UNDER FIRE: FAITH & JESUS"
JANUARY 11TH 6:15 PM-7:30 PM 8 WEEK STUDY \$ 10/PERSON
LED BY: JESSICA HORNER & ERNEST HUI

THURSDAY MORNING CLASSES

"MERCY TRIUMPHS: BOOK OF JAMES" (BETH MOORE STUDY)
JANUARY 12TH 10:00 AM-11:30AM 10 WEEK STUDY \$20/PERSON
LED BY: BETSY WHITE

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY (ON-GOING STUDY - JOIN ANYTIME)
JANUARY 5TH 10:00 AM-11:30AM NO FEE
LED BY: REV. NANCY FEILD

SUNDAY EVENING CLASSES

"THE MIND OF JESUS"
JANUARY 22ND 4:30PM-6:00PM 10 WEEK STUDY \$20/PERSON
LED BY: PAUL GREGORY

**"THE DAY THE WORLD CAME TO TOWN:
9/11 IN GANDER, NEWFOUNDLAND" BY JIM DEFEDE-BOOK STUDY**
JANUARY 29TH 4:30PM-6:00PM 1 SESSION
NO FEE - PARTICIPANTS ORDER THEIR OWN BOOK
LED BY: REV. NANCY FEILD

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A BOOK, ORDER YOUR OWN BOOK OR SHARE A BOOK, A \$5 DONATION HELPS DEFRAY EXPENSES. PLEASE FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OR DOWNLOAD FROM MUNHOLLAND'S WEBSITE- HOME PAGE.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will put together school kits for Haiti and also Love Sacks for Good Samaritan Outreach.

We will also discuss plans for UMW Sunday to be held on January 22, 2012.

Phyllis Zansler



A Note of Thanks to our Munholland Angels

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful Munholland members for their assistance and support during 2011.

A special thanks goes to the following angels:

Angels that purchased gifts for children from the Angel Tree.

Angels for constructing the manger for our Living Nativity.

All the angels who helped with the Angel Tree Party.

Angels for their help in decorating the church.

All the angels that provided the church staff with goodies during the holiday season.

Welcome to Munholland



David Seay



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 to Chris and Caroline Jenkins on the birth of their daughter, Vivienne Belle Jenkins.

Also congratulations to the proud grandparents, Charles and Diane Zatarain.



A MEMORIAL DONATION WAS MADE
IN MEMORY OF

JOAN COLLIER

FROM

ERNEST HOWARD, III

MYRA JONES

HOWARD & SARA GAINES

ROBERT & ELLEN HAWKINS

LAVERNE DEBLANC

OLIVE FUCHS

ROBERT & DEE WHITE



Church member, Charlotte Felt is presently residing in Baton Rouge at the Saint James Place Medical Nursing Center recuperating from a terrible fall she sustained a month ago.

She would love to hear from her fellow church members and friends. If you would like to send her a card, please send to the address below:

Charlotte Felt
Saint James Place
333 Lee Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70806



MIDWEEK MEALS

Our meals will resume on
Wednesday, January 4th.

Come join us for a wonderful meal and
great fellowship...



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING
FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES, PLEASE
SIGN THE LIST LOCATED BY THE ELMEER
DOOR.

THE COST IS \$50.00 AND CAN BE PAID AT
THE CHURCH OFFICE OR IF PLACED IN THE
OFFERING BASKET, PLEASE MARK FOR
ALTAR FLOWERS....



Please contact the church office if you have had a change in any of the following: address, phone number (cell and home), or email change.

Also, if you know of a church member who is in the hospital, please let us know.

Thank you,

Munholland Church Office
834-9910

Meetings and Special Events

Jan. 01		Happy New Year!
Jan. 02		Office Closed
Jan. 03	10:00 am 6:30 pm	UMW Gen Mtg Mission Committee Mtg. (Parlor)
Jan. 05	7:00 pm	GNO Photo Soc (FH)
Jan. 10	6:30 pm	Ulster Board Mtg. (209)
Jan. 11	5:45 pm	Children's Ministry Round Table Discussion Room 207
Jan. 12	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Youth Reno. Team Mtg. UMM (211)

Weekly Worship Attendance

	Dec 11	Dec. 18
Sunday		
8:30 am	86	86
9:45 am	50	49
11:00 am	<u>226</u>	<u>194</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	20	20
Other	20	20
Choir		18
Total	402	387
Sunday School	191	160

Every Week at Munholland

Sunday Worship

8:30 am, 9:45 am & 11:00 am

9:30 am	Sunday School
4:30 pm	Bible Studies
5:00 pm	Youth Group

Monday

9:30 am	KDO (MWTF)
9:30 am	Staff Meeting

Tuesday

11:00 am	Service of Prayer & Healing with Holy Communion
3:00 pm	Luke's House
6:00 pm	"Motion for Life" Fitness Exercise

Wednesday

5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
5:45 pm	Children's Choir
6:00 pm	Communion
6:15 pm	Cursillo (Parlor)
6:45 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday

10:00 am	Bible Study
8:00 pm	NA, AA, Al Anon

Friday

12:00 pm	Bridge
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 7A



ELEMENTARY CLUBS

(1st - 6th grade)

A **Children's Ministry Training** hosted by the New Orleans District Ministry Team, will be held on **January 7th** from **9:00 am until 2:30 pm** at St. Charles UMC, 1905 Ormond Blvd in Destrehan. If you are interested in attending the training, please contact Melissa Chailland.

Round Table Discussion for Children's Sunday School, especially Elementary Sunday School, will be held on Wednesday, January 11th from 5:45 pm until 6:30 pm in room 207.



PRESENTATION ON ETIQUETTE AND MANNERS.

Sunday, January 15th from 12:00 to 2:00
in the Fellowship Hall led by Betsy White

Betsy will share her knowledge of a proper place setting, how to eat properly in a social situation and fancy restaurant, how to appropriately meet someone, how to take a phone message and much more. This is not just for girls, the boys are encouraged to attend as well...

If you have any question regarding any of the events, please email Melissa at melissac@munholland.org.

Melissa Chailland, Director of Children's Ministries

JANUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in room 111)

01/04/12 Choir Time 5:45-6:30 pm
01/11/12 Choir Time 5:45-6:30 pm

Altar Choir

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in Adult Choir Room)

01/04/12 Choir Time 5:45-6:30 pm
01/11/12 Choir Time 5:45-6:30 pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays

01/04/11 Choir Time 6:45-8:15 pm
01/11/11 Choir Time 6:45-8:15 pm

KIDS DAY OUT



Students will return Thursday, January 5th
from Christmas break...

If you have any questions, please contact Pitrina or MaryBeth at 834-9910.

(Munholland United Methodist Youth)

January 2012

Sun., Jan. 1st Happy New Year!
No Youth Class Scheduled

Sun., Jan 8th Wacky Olympics and a *Look at*
5:00 – 7:00 pm *MUMY in 2012*

Jan 13-15th Happening at the Conference
Center (9th – 12th grade)

Please check out our Youth's Facebook page at

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/Mummyouth>

After all youth activities, please use the Metairie Road door to exit. Parents please pick up your children in the Metairie Road parking lot, so we can make sure they get to their cars safely.

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

THINK ABOUT IT

People everywhere are gathering together to celebrate the first bright moments of the New Year. Yet, for some, it will serve only as a dim reminder of sadness, loneliness and failure. We may *appear* to be happy enough. We may be passing out seasonal smiles, hugs, kisses and "Happy New Year!" greetings. But inside, we may be hurting and feeling like we can't go on with another year like the past ones.

How many times have we said, "If I could just start over, I'd do it all differently"? That doesn't have to be simply an idle wish. Jesus Christ has actually made it possible --- that's His Christmas present to all of us. It's the one that won't wear out, go out of style, or lose its appeal over time. He paid the price for our sins and the penalty for all of our mistakes. That's the reason He was born -- so that we could start over!

How can we make this fresh start? Romans 10:9 says, "if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will receive salvation". Salvation means much more than just going to Heaven when we die. That alone is wonderful, but it includes awesome benefits right down here on planet earth. The word salvation actually means *rescued*. It means *wholeness* to body, mind, spirit, finances, relationships and anything that pertains to us. Isn't that great news? What better time to turn our lives around than on this first day of 2012? Whoever you are and wherever you may be, this can begin at this very moment. Then discover what it really means to have a Happy New Year and a brand new life.

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Wednesday, January 11th**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** (space permitting) on Tuesday, January 10th, 2011.

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