

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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I can't begin to express to you, the Munholland congregation, how pleased I am with your response to our Consecration Sunday Stewardship Campaign. Throughout the campaign we emphasized the need of the giver to give, more so than the need of the church to receive. Through the willingness to give which you displayed with your pledges, there is the strong affirmation that we are a congregation which is spiritually alive and faithfully committed. As your pastor, I am excited for each of you, because I know you have a deep commitment to God and Jesus Christ.

The last time we had a stewardship campaign was 2004. In the aftermath of Katrina, we did not have a campaign in 2005 or 2006. For comparison, the 2004 stewardship campaign resulted in 269 pledging families pledging \$655,960. The 2007 campaign resulted in 163 pledging families pledging \$620,483. It is obvious that although we had fewer families pledging, the average pledge per family was higher. This is tremendous.

Our Finance Committee will now shape a budget for the church for 2008. There are many fixed costs in the budget, including utilities, insurance, maintenance, apportionments, mortgage, and salaries. We have been and will continue to keep remaining costs as low as possible. Still, the budget will exceed the pledged income. Like in years past, we will rely on giving by non-pledgers and other income to make up the difference.

Again, I commend you, the Munholland congregation. We have been through difficult times but we remain strong, and as I've indicated previously, folks throughout our country are moved by your faith commitment. We are truly furthering God's Kingdom in this world. Thanks be to God.

Sincerely,

Gene Finnell



The next Circle Meeting will be held on October 16th at 10:00 am at Susan DeCan's home. Her address is 3517 Page Drive, Metairie, LA 70003.

REMINDER

Please bring your Operation Christmas Child items and shoeboxes to the Circle Meeting...

Oct 27th

District Annual Meeting & LET St. Timothy UMC in Mandeville

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

Our program will be on *World Thanks Offering*.

The Shawl Ministry will meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 20, 2007 in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information, please contact Joan Hall at 779-5598 or Carol Ruholl at 828-6096...



Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Martha on the loss of her husband, William Rhea...

You are in our thoughts and prayers.



**Attention Children:
3 yrs old to 6th Grade**

**You are invited to a
Fall Festival!**

**Where: Munholland UMC
Playground/Fellowship Hall**

**When: October 28, 2007
12:00 – 2:00 pm**

**Wear your costume and come prepared
to make crafts!!!**

HELP!

**BE PART OF THE NEXT
MUNHOLLAND WORK TEAM**

**To help repair hurricane damaged homes
Saturday, 11/3/07 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Sign-up list & info at the Welcome Center

CARE TEAM MEETING
November 20th 6:30 pm
in room 211



**I would like to express my sincere thanks to
everyone for all their thoughts and prayers for
my husband, Mike.**

I appreciate all the concern and support.

**Thank you.
Darlene Brown**

A FITTING TRIBUTE TO JOHN'S YOUNGER BROTHER

"Inspiring," "uplifting," "creative," "wonderful" were some of the words used to describe Munholland's tribute to Charles Wesley on his 300th birthday. The Chancel Choir, under the direction of talented director Jan Schluter, wowed the congregation with two original versions of Charles Wesley's hymns, one arrangement the work of the Reverend John Deschner's father, Roger, another poet minister. Charles Wesley himself (aka Art Johnson) took part in his own composition performed by the singers in the morning worship and provided helpful advice for the same group that evening. (It was hilarious to hear the choir sing off key, scratch their heads, and otherwise give the great Composer much to "reform".) "Bro" John Deschner showed his love of Methodism's great poet by highlighting his life in the three early services and taking us theologically through the year in the evening sing along. The Reverend Janet Cavalier and Nancy Field participated as well. Nearly \$500 was given in a love offering that night. The money will be added to the Susie May Scholarship funds for graduate education in ministry or sacred music. To date, the Scholarship has sponsored five Munholland members in their quest for ordained ministry.

After the short evening service the congregation sang, "happy birthday" to Charles as many of the candles on the 300 cupcakes baked for the occasion were lit. Despite the absence of a large crowd, the congregation managed to make a good dent in the sweet supply. Leftovers were frozen for other functions and the colorful balloons were sent home with children. Pam Eversmeyer sold Munholland ornaments and previewed the Munholland's history video which is in its final stage of production. Alan Zansler is the creator and producer.

Special thanks go to the Susie May Scholarship Committee for their hard work this past year planning the birthday celebration; Jan Schluter and the Chancel Choir; Organist Phil Sparks; Art "Charles Wesley" Johnson; our cupcake bakers headed by Phyllis Zansler; decorators Terri Purvis and Lisa Bourgeois; clergy John Deschner, Janet Cavalier, and Nancy Field; publicity person Darlene Brown; photographer Keith Kreutziger; and the other volunteers who supported our efforts in the middle of a very busy congregational weekend.

Sarah Kreutziger

A Memorial Donation was made in memory of William Rhea from Wilbert and Mary Black...

Reminder

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOXES ARE DUE BY SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 28TH.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT DEBBIE HOLMAN AT
828-7436...**



**Don't forget to set your clocks back on
November 3rd...**

**Please note daylight saving time does not
take place during October this year...**

Schedule of Ministry Event

Meetings and Special Events

Oct. 15	7:00 pm	Mission Committee Mtg. (Parlor)
Oct. 16	10:00 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	Staff Mtg. (3 rd Fl) UMW Circle Meeting (at Susan DeCan's home) Care Team Mtg. (211)
Oct. 17	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
Oct. 18	7:00 pm	Greater NO Photo Mtg. (FH)
Oct. 20	10:00 am 6:00-9:00 pm	Shawl Ministry Cursillo (Kit, FH, Sanc)
Oct. 21	12:00	YY Laser Tag
Oct. 22	6:00 pm	SPRC Mtg. (Parlor)
Oct. 23	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Staff Mtg. (3 rd FL) Nominating Comm Mtg. (Parlor)
Oct. 24	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
Oct. 28	12:00-2:00 pm	Children's Fall Festival
Oct. 30	10:00 am	Staff Mtg (3 rd FL)
Oct. 31	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal

Due Date

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Friday, October 26th**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** on Thursday, October 25th. Any article received after the due date will be included in the next edition of *The Messenger*. Thank you for your help in imparting ministry news to the congregation.

Weekly Worship Attendance

	Sept. 23	Sept. 30
Sunday		
8:30 am	57	84
9:45 am	38	51
11:00 am	181	206
Other	15	90
Total	291	431
Sunday School	156	122

Every Week at Munholland

Sunday (Worship 8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am)

9:30 am	Sunday School
12:00-2:00 pm	Discovery Club (once a month)
12:00-2:00 pm	Young Youth (once a month)
4:30-6:00 pm	Disciple and related Bible Studies (various classrooms)
5:00-6:30 pm	MUMY (200)

Monday

9:30-1:30	Kid's Day Out
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Tuesday

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday

9:30-1:30	Kid's Day Out
5:15 - 6:15 pm	Midweek Meal
6:00-6:45 pm	Altar Choir (204)
6:00-6:45 pm	Littlest Angels (108)
6:15 pm	Disciple and related Bible Studies (various classrooms)
6:15 pm	Communion (Parlor)
6:30 pm	Cursillo (Parlor)
7:00-8:30 pm	Chancel Choir (113)

Thursday

9:30-1:30	Kid's Day Out
10:00 am	Bible studies
7:00 pm	Nicotine Anon. (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	N.A. (111)
8:00 pm	A.A. (Parlor)

Friday

9:30-1:30	Kid's Day Out
12:00 pm	Friday Friends Bridge
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 (201)



OCTOBER CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday (Rehearsal-Columns room)

10/17/07	Choir Time	6:00 pm–6:45 pm
10/24/07	Choir Time	6:00 pm–6:45 pm
10/31/07	No choir practice	

Altar Choir – Sunday (Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

10/21/07	Choir Time	10:15 am–10:45 am
10/28/07	Choir Time	10:15 am–10:45 am

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

10/17/07	Choir Time	7:00 pm–8:30 pm
10/24/07	Choir Time	7:00 pm–8:30 pm
10/31/07	No choir practice	

MUMY CALENDAR

(Munholland United Methodist Youth)

October 2007

October 14 th	Youth Meeting
October 21 st	Youth Meeting
October 28 th	Youth Meeting

Mark your calendars for the following events:

**Jr. High Retreat Nov. 2-4, 2007 or
 Nov. 9-11, 2007**

**Sr. High Retreat Feb. 8-10, 2008 or
 Feb. 15-17, 2008**

For more information, check on-line at the Conference Youth Page: la-umc.org/youth/index.php.

All meetings begin at 5:00 pm unless otherwise stated. The cost of the supper is \$2.00.

For more information, please contact Ford Dieth, Jr. at 834-9910.



YOUNG YOUTH & DISCOVERY CLUB

ARE INVITED TO A FALL FESTIVAL

Munholland United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 28, 2007
Noon – 2:00 pm

Wear your costume and come prepared to play games and make crafts!!!

YOUNG YOUTH

All 4th, 5th and 6th graders are invited to play Laser Tag on:

Sunday, October 21, 2007

Please bring \$1 for lunch and \$5 to help defray the cost of the games. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

If you can provide lunch, drive or have any questions, call Debbie Holman at 828-7436 or Mary Ann Torsch at 828-8843!

KIDS DAY OUT

Our themes for the rest of October are:

October 15 th - 19 th	Dinosaurs
October 22 nd - 26 th	Pumpkins
October 31 st	Fall Festival Celebration

We will be taking Fall School Photos on October 24th and 26th.

Happy Fall!

Pitrina Messina
KDO Director

YOUNG FRUITS

At some point in every Christians life, God's Word changes from being outside of us trying to get in (a seed), to being inside of us trying to get out (a fruit tree). Who can predict when, how, or even if this change takes place for a person. All we can do is notice the evidence after it has happened. As Jesus said, we will know the tree by its fruit.

Recently, a handful of our youth formed a Christian music band. They have practiced to the point that they actually sound good. Their first appearance is on Laity Sunday, October 14, where they will lead 2 Christian songs at the 9:45 am service. I hope you get to hear them.

But even if you don't ever hear the new youth band play, and even if you don't like contemporary Christian music, I hope you will take notice. The youth are excited because this was their idea, their initiative, their choice. Is this evidence that the change has happened – that the seed of God's Word has taken root in these young people, and is now coming out from them to others? Are we seeing young fruit? I hope so, and I pray so.

I hope you notice signs of young fruit in the people around you, and I hope you encourage them and pray for them. I hope someone is praying for you too, because they have noticed something fruity in you too.

Brother John

P.S.: Senior High Youth Sunday School now meets at 11:00 am instead of 9:30 am, allowing the youth to attend the 9:45 am service.



WORK GROUP UPDATE

November 4th - 10th Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth, MN

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