

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DRIVE

The Munholland Youth will once again have their annual Thanksgiving Basket mission project. This year, however, the youth have decided to be more "hands" on. They will prepare the list of food items needed and then will purchase the groceries as a group.

We will be supporting the families of Maggiore Elementary students. If you know of any other family in need, please contact the church office with the name, address, and phone number by **Friday, November 4th**. The youth will begin "shopping" on **Sunday, November 6th**.

The approximate cost per basket is \$35, including \$10 for a turkey certificate. Donations are being accepted now through **Sunday, November 13th**. Please mark "Thanksgiving" on your envelope or check. Baskets will be delivered on **Wednesday, November 16th**.

Thank you for supporting MUMY in our Thanksgiving mission project. For more information contact the church office at 834-9910 or email Ford Dieth at laxbagotricks@yahoo.com.



New Orleans District Ministry Team

The New Orleans District Ministry Team and Munholland UMC will host "**MY JOB TRAINING**", on **Saturday, November 19, 2011**.

If you are presently in a leadership position, will be accepting a new leadership position, or if you just want to learn how things within our church work, this training opportunity is for everyone. It doesn't matter if you are coming to learn, re-energize, or share your experiences...it is important to be there for you and for your church!

Registration/Light Breakfast is 7:45 - 8:20 AM, cost is \$10 and includes your registration packet and a box lunch (lunch is 11:30-12:30.) To insure we have enough lunches and to speed up registration, it is recommended that you pre-register by November 10th.

Opening and Worship 8:25 - 9:00 am. Sessions begin at 9:10 AM. Most classes will repeat twice so you will have an opportunity to attend four different classes. The day ends with a closing - sending forth at 3:30 PM.

Forms can be found in the Welcome Center, Vestibule, Website or by calling the church office. For more information contact Mary Anne Schindler at 985-764-8386 or Phyllis Zansler at 504-701-3622.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

November 1 - Tuesday - UMW General Meeting at 10 am in FH. Our World Thank Offering Program will be, "Places & Faces of Mission to be Thankful For", taken from our 31 - derful Places and Faces Calendar for October. You can pick up copies of this calendar and our upcoming events calendar posted on the UMW bulletin board, just outside of the FH. Donations to the World Thank Offering is accepted at anytime, but we generally do it in November.

November 6 - Sunday - We will prepare a meal and deliver it to Tulane Campus Ministry, call Lorrie or Phyllis if interested.

November 14 - Monday - Hope Circle Meeting at 6:30, to prepare Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. Contact Pam for more info.

November 15 - Tuesday - UMW CIRCLE MEETING and Lunch - 10 am, AT THE HOME OF ANITA GRADWOHL, 4201 Lemon Street, Metairie 70006. This invitation is extended to both the Day Circle and the Hope Circle, any lady that helped with our recent White Elephant Sale and is currently not a member or anyone interested in joining with the UMW.

REMINDER: PBS Documentary continues "Women, War & Peace" airing Nov. 1st & Nov. 8th, check local listings for details.

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER: Our recent White Elephant Sale was once again, a huge success. It takes everyone! Granted our UMW is the best there is, but without the help of our spouses and men and women of our congregation that share our passion for mission, we could not do this every year. Thank you to everyone that donated "treasures", soups, baked goodies, money and their time. We raised just over \$13,000 and every penny goes to support our UMW missions, mostly right here in our own back yard. I dare not mention names for fear of leaving someone out, but God knows who you are! Bless you All.

(Check out the Daily Guideposts reading for October 16, 2011; thanks to Anita Gradwohl for offering it at our last meeting.)

Phyllis Zansler

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday, November 5th...

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 6th...

Hope Circle

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th.

We will be assembling boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

Pam Eversmeyer

Dear Munholland Friends,

Thank you for having the organ recital in my honor. I enjoyed hearing Joel Bevington and his organ student, Andrea Dragon, perform the beautiful, exciting music. It was a treat to hear the organ, while sitting in the pews.

I appreciated the kind remarks from both Rev. Gene and Jan Schluter. Their support helps to make my job enjoyable. Thank you to the choir and congregation who were able to attend the concert and to the choir who provided the delicious refreshments and helped with the reception. Thanks to Babs Mollere for making all of the arrangements with Joel for his performance at Munholland and for the program flier and advertising.

I appreciate the gifts to the organ fund from those who have contributed over the past years as we anticipated the additions to the organ. I appreciate the support of Gene and the trustees and congregation to make the organ project a reality. I am excited about the additions to the organ and how they will enhance the music in worship.

It is a privilege to have served as organist for these past 17 years. I am grateful to the congregation, choir, music directors, and ministers for their gracious support and kindness to me. I felt very honored to be recognized by the church with the organ concert.

Phil Sparks



Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy to:

Michael & Janell Lepper and family on the death of Mike's mother, Susan Aubrey...

Jerry & Betsy White and family on the death of Betsy's father, Willoughby Burley Shedd...


You are in our thoughts and prayers...



Welcome to Munholland



Jeff and Uma Pellegrin and their three children, Anjali, Divya and Nicole...



Stewardship & Generosity
Pledge Sunday

November 20, 2011

Look for your letter in the mail coming soon...



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are serving the community again as a Relay Center to collect shoe boxes from individuals, groups, and other churches in the area during National Collection Week, which is **November 14-20, 2011**. We then "relay" cartons full of shoe boxes to the local Collection Center.

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN HELP

1. Pick up an Operation Christmas Child brochure in the vestibule and pack a box!
2. Organize a group (Sunday school class, scout troop, Bible study, friends at work, book club, classroom, neighbors) to pack boxes to return during National Collection Week.
3. Volunteer to help collect boxes at Munholland during National Collection Week.

If you use EZ pay you can pay online at samaritanspurse.org/occ, and you can track your box to its final destination.

If you have any questions or want to help, please call Debbie Holman at 388-7436.

Weekly Worship Attendance

	Sept 18	Sept 25
Sunday		
8:30 am	94	73
9:45 am	54	42
11:00 am	<u>198</u>	<u>169</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	20	20
Other	20	20
Total	386	324
Sunday School	176	151
	Oct 02	Oct 09
Sunday		
8:30 am	77	65
9:45 am	60	44
11:00 am	<u>201</u>	<u>143</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	20	20
Other	20	20
Total	378	292
Sunday School	169	141



2011 Advent Studies



Advent is a time of preparation and study prior to Christmas, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ child. The term “advent” comes from the Latin “adventus”, meaning “coming”. The Christmas season is often crowded with activities, shopping, and celebrations, but is still a season that calls Christians to pause and wait expectantly as they prepare to receive Christ anew in their hearts and lives. Please consider prayerfully joining one of our four Advent Bible Study groups. We will be offering two groups on Wednesday evening and two on Sunday afternoon. See the class details below.



“The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem”

<i>Wednesday, November 9th – December 14th</i>	<i>6:15 – 7:30 pm</i>	<i>Led by: Rev. George Duerson</i>
<i>Wednesday, November 9th – December 14th</i>	<i>6:15 – 7:30 pm</i>	<i>Led by: Alice Reese</i>
<i>Sunday, November 27th – January 15th</i>	<i>4:30 – 6:00 pm</i>	<i>Led by: Caroline/Reggie Sanders</i>

In this new five-week Advent study, Rev. Adam Hamilton leads participants on a journey through the Holy Land, making the times and characters of the old Christmas story come alive. The DVD presentations accompanying the sessions show actual footage from the Holy Land. Participants will see the story of Jesus’ birth with fresh eyes as they retrace the steps of those involved. Hamilton draws on the insights gained from historians, archaeologists, and Biblical scholars. The study is \$16/person and includes a hardback participant book. Three of our Advent study groups will be doing this study – two on Wednesday evening and one on Sunday afternoon. See listing below.



“Behold: Cultivating Attentiveness in the Season of Advent”

Sunday, November 27th – December 18th 4:30 – 6:00 pm Led by: Rev. Janet Davis

Join Rev. Janet Davis for this four-week study by author, artist, and United Methodist minister Pamela C. Hawkins, who draws participants into a prayerful experience of Advent. “Behold: Cultivating Attentiveness in the Season of Advent” offers a guide for personal and group reflection on the true meaning of the Advent season. The study is \$16/person and includes a participant book.

Participants who get their own books or share a book the fee is \$5/person. Forms will be available in the Vestibule and the website. Class schedule may be adjusted due to holidays - check with leader.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be on display in the vestibule beginning **November 19, 2011**. During this special season, purchasing an Angel Tree gift can be an opportunity for a child to experience the love of Jesus Christ in the expression of a Christmas Gift provided by someone they do not know.

More information will follow in the November 15th Messenger.

If you have any questions, contact Anne Cutrer at 237-2887 or annecutrer@aol.com.

Kids Page

Elementary Clubs (1st - 6th grade)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Sunday, November 13th 12:00-2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

We will be making shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please bring a small girl or boy gift. (Gift suggestions are: pens, crayons, markers, books, jump rope, yo-yo, small car, doll, toothbrush, toothpaste, hard candy, lollipops, socks, caps, etc). Parents are welcome to stay and help. Lunch is provided for \$2.00.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Chailland, Director of Children Ministries, at 834-9910 or melissac@munholland.org.

NOVEMBER CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in room 111)

11/02/11	Choir Time	5:45-6:30 pm
11/09/11	Choir Time	5:45-6:30 pm

Altar Choir

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in Adult Choir Room)

11/02/11	Choir Time	5:45-6:30 pm
11/09/11	Choir Time	5:45-6:30 pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays

11/02/11	Choir Time	6:45-8:15 pm
11/09/11	Choir Time	6:45-8:15 pm



KIDS DAY OUT

We will have Thanksgiving Class Celebrations this month.

We will be closed for Thanksgiving holidays on Monday, Nov. 21st- Friday, Nov. 25th.

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

MUMY CALENDAR

(Munholland United Methodist Youth)

November 2011

Fri., - Sun., Nov 4 th -6 th	Junior High Retreat (contact Ford ASAP if you want to attend)
Sun., Nov. 6 th 5:00 – 7:00 pm	Shopping for Thanksgiving baskets
Sun., Nov 13 th 5:00 – 7:00 pm	Complete Thanksgiving Baskets
Wed., Nov 16 th 3:45 pm	Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets

Please check out our Youth's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/Mummyouth>

After all youth activities, please use the Metairie Road 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

In order to live a joyful and meaningful life, we must possess a God-given *vision* -- a strong purpose that directs us on our journey through life. Without a cause, we lose our motivation and we will go through life simply existing. We will be living but have no life! Proverbs 29:18 says "where there is no vision, the people perish". *Vision* is not an official statement dreamed up by the church leaders in order to grow a church. *Vision* is actually a special spiritual revelation that God imparts to hungry believers who want to fulfill their destiny in Him. *Vision* is seen through eyes of faith – not through natural eyesight. *Vision* is a prophetic revelation of God's call on us as individuals --- and as The Church. This is when we truly have 20/20 vision.

Without a prophetic vision, we don't know where to hang our hat or where to place our foot for the next step. But an inner picture of where we are headed gives us a divine compass to direct us and keep us on God's path.

When Solomon wrote the Proverbs, he brought deep wisdom and insight into all the issues of life. He says without vision, we will perish (or die inside). That makes it pretty clear that we should be seeking God for a vision that will transform us and the people God has put around us.

Some people devote their entire life to causes like saving the whales or the rain forests. While they are noble causes, they are only temporal – they will soon fade away. However, as believers, the cause of Christ will endure for all eternity. What is our vision? Seeing that men and women are reconciled to God and delivered from bondage. And we look to God to map-out our earthly pilgrimage to see this accomplished.

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Wednesday, November 9th**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** (space permitting) on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

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