

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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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.

To participate, please choose a tag from the tree and provide your Tag Number, Name and Phone Number on the Sign-up sheet near the tree. Gifts should range from \$25 to \$50. There are several suggestions on the tags, but it is not necessary to purchase all the items listed. Let your heart lead you in choosing your tag and gift.

Please wrap the gift and attach the tag or label the wrapped gift with the number of the tag you choose. Gifts should be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 11th and we will sort the gifts on Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 am.**

The names for the tree were provided by North Rampart Community Center, Raintree Children & Family Services, Ella Dolhonde Elementary School and Angel Tree Prison Ministries.

North Rampart Community Center is a ministry that we have supported for many years. Coach Parker serves as an excellent role model for these children as Director of the After School Program conducted at the center. Every year Coach Parker expresses that many of these children would not receive any gifts if not for those provided by Munholland.

Raintree Children and Family Services provides Foster Care and After School services. A majority of the names we receive are children in the Early Steps Program that assists families with infants and toddlers with special needs.

Ella Dolhonde is the elementary school on the corner of Metairie Road and Severn. Munholland has had a relationship with Ella Dolhonde for many years now.

Angel Tree Ministries provides us with names of children who have an incarcerated parent. The gift is purchased and given in the name of the incarcerated parent. These children are our guests at the Angel Tree Party every year. This party provides us an opportunity to personally minister to these children and their families. Christmas cards are sent to the incarcerated parent from our church family informing the incarcerated parent that we received their child's name and offering them a message of hope.

There are many opportunities to be involved in this project. They include gift sorting, gift delivery, providing a family a ride to the party, decorating, etc. The Angel Tree Party will be held on **Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 pm**, feel free to join in the fun. If you can help with the party, please come at 3:00 pm.

Please prayerfully consider choosing a tag from the tree and helping us to show the love of Jesus Christ to a child and their family through our Angel Tree. If you have any questions, contact Anne Cutrer at 237-2887 or annecutrer@aol.com.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW General Meeting, Morning & Hope Circle Meetings will be replaced with our Annual Christmas Brunch.



Please mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Brunch which will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 am until noon at the home of Keith & Sarah Kreutziger, 135 East Livingston Place. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us. Please RSVP to Lorrie at 443-4641 or Phyllis at 455-9942.

Our Christmas Brunch is always a festive occasion, but one where we stop to remember that "Jesus is the Reason for the Season."

We hope to see you there.

PLEASE NOTE: As an outreach of our mission study on Haiti, we will be collecting school supplies to send to UMCOR for Haiti. Please plan to bring any item(s) from the following list: Blunt round tip scissors, spiral or top bound notebooks or loose leaf paper (150 sheets), small pencil sharpeners, 30 centimeter rulers, unsharpened pencils - plain or cartoon characters preferred 2 1/2 inch plain erasers and 24 count box of crayons. Strict rules govern product entry into international countries; kits must contain only requested items.

You may also make a donation to cover the cost of shipping (\$7) or for 14 x 16 cloth bags that will be purchased. The value of each school kit is \$11.00



LOOKING FOR A THANSGIVING BLESSING?

We are looking for volunteers to help cook and/or serve a meal for St. Mark's UMC outreach on the **Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27th**.

We will prepare a simple meal in the church kitchen on Saturday, November 26th at 9:30 am. On Sunday, we will meet at 9:15 am then attend St. Mark's church service at 10:00 am and afterwards serve the meal. We should be home at 12:30 pm.

Contact Terri Purvis at 469-6262 to volunteer. We are looking for 4 people to cook and 9 people to serve.



MIDWEEK MEALS FOR NOVEMBER

PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, 11/16/11 FOR MUNHOLLAND'S TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL...

ROASTED TURKEY, CORN BREAD DRESSING, CANDIED YAMS, GREEN BEANS, CRANBERRIES, GREEN SALAD, DINNER ROLLS, PUMPKIN & PECAN PIE

MIDWEEK MEALS WILL RESUME AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH WITH ROAST BEEF...



Hope Circle

The Hope Circle will also be collecting school supplies for Haiti. In lieu of our December meeting, we will be joining the other Circles at the Annual Christmas Brunch. Haiti donations can be turned into me or Phyllis.

We hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving and hope to see you at the Brunch.

Pam Eversmeyer



Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy to:

Barbara Harris and family on the death of her brother, James Batchelor

Joanne Beluchaux, family & friends on the death of Ronald Berluchaux

You are in our thoughts and prayers...

Welcome to Munholland



Blaine and Amanda Callender & their children, Elliott and Jackson

New Orleans District Ministry Team

Applications are still being accepted for "My Job Training" scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011. This training opportunity is for those presently in a leadership position, those who will be accepting a new leadership position, or those who just want to learn how things work within our church.

Forms can be found in the Welcome Center, Vestibule, Website or by calling the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Anne Schindler at 985-764-8386 or Phyllis Zansler at 504-701-3622.



New Year's Family Camp December 30- January 1st

At Camp Istrouma our New Year's Family Camp is designed to give you quality time with your family in a relaxed, fun environment!

This is a laid back time with programs in the morning for the kids and adult sessions with our guest speaker. There will be lots of singing and skits, special family activities in the evenings and much more.

The camp is full of crazy camp fun such as climbing wall, ropes course, canoeing, crafts, and an incredible fireworks show! We are excited to ring in the New Year with your family.



More information can be found at www.campistrouma.com.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due by **Sunday, November 20th at noon**. Please drop them off at the Welcome Center.

If you have any questions, please call Debbie Holman at 388-7436.

2011 Advent Studies



“THE JOURNEY: WALKING THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM”

November 9th - December 14th 6:15-7:30 pm
Led by: Rev. George Duerson

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November 27th - January 15th 4:30-6:00 pm
Led by: Reggie & Caroline Sanders

Rev. Adam Hamilton leads participants on a journey though the Holy Land, making the times and characters of the old Christmas story come alive.

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. It is not too late to join one of the Wednesday night studies.

“BEHOLD: CULTIVATING ATTENTIVENESS IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT”

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

This study by author, artist & United Methodist minister, Pamela C. Hawkins. Rev. Hawkins 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 for any of the studies is \$5/person.

Forms will be available in the Vestibule and on the website.



A Memorial Donation was made in memory of

Willoughby Burley Shedd

*from Gaye McCutchen, and
Howard & Sara Gaines*

A Memorial Donation was made in memory of

Susan Aubrey

from Norma Peikert & Gaye McCutchen

A Memorial Donation was made in memory of

Ronald Berluchaux

*from Norma Peikert, Gaye McCutchen and
Mike & Carolyn Nee*

Weekly Worship Attendance

	Oct 16	Oct 23
Sunday		
8:30 am	72	80
9:45 am	42	45
11:00 am	<u>127</u>	<u>149</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	20	20
Other	20	20
Choir	18	18
Total	299	332
Sunday School	159	171
	Oct 30	Nov 06
Sunday		
8:30 am	67	73
9:45 am	32	37
11:00 am	<u>201</u>	<u>135</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	20	20
Other	20	20
Choir	18	18
Total	358	303
Sunday School	192	155

Meetings and Special Events

Please refer to your church bulletin...

KID'S PAGE

Elementary Clubs (1st - 6th grade)

Mark your calendars for some fun Christmas Events planned in December:



Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Party will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 pm. This event is open to all members and their families and is hosted by the Mission Committee with assistance from the youth.

Munholland's "Caroling Under the Oak" and Living Nativity will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. The Living Nativity will continue nightly through December 22nd. If you would like to be a part of the Living Nativity as a Shepherd, Wisemen, Mary, Joseph or an Angel, sign-up sheets will be posted in the Welcome Center sometime in December...



Happy Thanksgiving...

Melissa Chailland, Director of Children's Ministries

NOVEMBER CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in room 111)

11/16/11	Choir Time	5:45-6:30 pm
11/23/11	No Choir	
11/30/11	Choir Time	5:45-6:30 pm

Altar Choir

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in Adult Choir Room)

11/16/11	Choir Time	5:45-6:30 pm
11/23/11	No Choir	
11/30/11	Choir Time	5:45-6:30 pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays

11/16/11	Choir Time	6:45-8:15 pm
11/23/11	No Choir	
11/30/11	Choir Time	6:45-8:15 pm



KIDS DAY OUT

We will have Thanksgiving Class Celebrations this month.

KDO 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

Wed., Nov. 16 th 3:45 pm	Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets
Sun., Nov. 20 th	First Annual Family Thanksgiving Dinner
Sun., Nov. 27 th	No Youth

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

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

Harvest – it's the reason for everything the successful farmer does. The plowing, the sowing, the fertilizing, the watering is all done for the *harvest*. Every moment of preparation and every drop of sweat are focused on one goal --- to get the maximum harvest possible from the ground where he sows. God's Word tells us to view life much like we observe a farmer sowing seed. Galatians 6:7, 9 says "...whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. In due season, we shall reap if we do not lose heart". This means that the results we experience in life are a result of the seeds we sow.

Nothing we experience in life is exempt from this basic truth. Our present situation is largely a product of the seeds we have sown in the past. The good news: the seeds we sow today can change our future. This kingdom law has existed from the beginning. Gen. 8:22 "while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night shall not cease". This was God's original idea and we need to get in on His plan for harvest.

Like the farmer, we are to create and experience increase and we are to be the first to benefit from this increase. If we have not come into our own harvest, it's going to be difficult for us to help anyone else. So it's imperative for us to press for our harvest like never before, so that we can be a wellspring of blessing to help others.

Our future is in our hands and in our hearts in "seed form". If we can learn to plant the seeds that will create the kind of life that God destined us to live, we will find His plan becoming a reality to us. God's precept is simple and knows no barriers – we sow and our seeds will reap a harvest for His glory to be manifested in the earth through us for others.

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Wednesday, November 23rd**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** (space permitting) on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2011.

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