

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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The season of Advent has begun, the time of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Here at the church, in addition to Advent preparation, we're also preparing end-of-the-year reports. We must prepare financial and membership statistics which will be submitted to the Louisiana Conference administrative office on January 8. As your pastor, I must admit that I find myself as concerned with being sure that all of these reports are in proper order (much thanks to Lisa McWhorter) as I am with being sure we are properly preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. While that may sound peculiar, you should know I am held more accountable by our Bishop for those reports than I am for Advent preparation. I've come to accept this as part of the responsibility for being what our United Methodist Book of Discipline deems the pastor: the 'Chief Administrative Officer' of the church. As Chief Administrative Officer and spiritual leader of Munholland, I want to encourage you to consider making a special financial contribution to your church during this season of Advent. This may or may not be in the form of cash. Munholland has been blessed this year by some folks who have made significant contributions to the church in the form of stock certificates, which we immediately cashed. They were able to make a charitable donation without paying a capital gains tax. A Munholland member who died in 2007 left Munholland a substantial bequeath in her will, which you will hear more about after the first of the year. I share this giving information with you because your church is still recovering financially from the loss of income which has occurred since Katrina. You have done an amazing job of financial support, but any support in addition to your regular giving will be of great benefit to the church. As we close the year, and as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, prayerfully consider a financial gift to the church. What a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Jesus. You will be blessed as you experience the joy of giving. May God Bless.

Gene Finnell



Christmas Eve - Monday, 12/24

4:30 pm Family Candlelight Service

6:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service

Infant Nursery will be available for both services



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

There will be no Executive Meeting, General Meeting or Circle Meeting scheduled for the month of December.



Our annual Christmas Brunch will be held on Saturday, December 8th at 10:00 am at the home of Sarah Kreutziger.

If you have been considering joining the UMW, this would be an excellent time to meet the ladies and learn more about who we are and what we are all about.

For more information, please call Phyllis Zansler at 455-9942.



REMINDER ...

POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE DUE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD.



A Memorial Donation was made in memory of William Rhea from Gloria Hoffmeyer, Eldred & Daphne Drumm and Shirley Tuero...

A Memorial Donation was made in memory of Tommy Doyle from Eldred & Daphne Drumm

CARE TEAM MEETING
December 18th 6:30 pm
in room 211



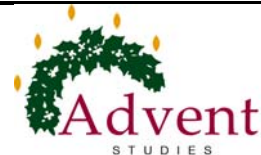
All adults and youth are cordially invited to enjoy food & fellowship at our annual

Christmas "Friendly"
Sunday, December 23rd
9:30-10:50 am
Fellowship Hall

9:45 worshipers are invited (after their service) to join us in the Fellowship Hall for continued fellowship and caroling with the children.

Hosted by Munholland's Adult Sunday School Classes

Nursery and 9:30 am Children's Sunday School classes will meet as usual...



Wednesday Evening Lectionary Based Advent Studies are held at 6:15 pm in room 209:

- Dec. 5th "O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree"
- Dec. 12th "Do You See What I See"
- Dec. 19th "The Depths of Deity"



Thursday Morning Advent Studies are held at 10:00 am in the Parlor:

- Dec. 6th "O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree"
- Dec. 13th "Do You See What I See"
- Dec. 20th "The Depths of Deity"



Sunday Afternoon Advent Studies are held at 4:30 pm. They will begin on December 2nd – January 6th.

"Lighted Windows: Advent Reflections for a World in Waiting"

The "Angel Tree" deadline of December 9th is approaching fast. If you have not already taken a tag from the tree there may still be a few left.

If you have your gift (make sure tag is attached), and place it under the tree in the Fellowship Hall...

Mark your calendars for the following



Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Party will be held on Sunday December 16th at 4:00 pm. Hosted by the Mission Committee with assistance from the youth and young youth.



Munholland's "Caroling Under the Oak" will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 pm in front of the Sanctuary. Refreshments will be served.



The Living Nativity will begin on Friday, December 21st at 5:30 pm and will continue nightly through Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24th.

If you would like to be a part of the Living Nativity as a Shepherd, Wisemen, Mary, Joseph or an Angel, please sign the sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheet can be found on the board located to the left of the Welcome Center by the Elmeer Entrance or call the church office at 834-9910.

The Shawl Ministry will meet again on Saturday, January 19th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall...

Thank you Munholland

Many thanks for your generous donations to our recent White Elephant Sale. Your trash became another's treasure and netted us approximately \$6500.

Every penny raised goes to support our mission outreach projects. Many of these organizations have come to depend upon our annual gift to them, hence our concern to continue this fundraiser and/or others while faced with a smaller UMW unit than we have known in past years. We are again blessed to be able to send checks to Clanton Chapel Christian Pre-School (Dulac, La), North Rampart Community Center (formerly St. Mark's), Charity (CCC), Angel's Place, Methodist Children's Home (N.O./Ruston), Samaritan's Purse, UMCOR, KIVA, Wesley Foundation Tulane Campus Ministry and others.

A huge thanks to our loyal members and associates, spouses and friends for sorting, cleaning, pricing and of course, selling all of this "stuff". Our "left over" items were recycled and donated to the UMW unit at St. Paul's UMC for their garage sale. Larger items were picked up by the Vietnam Vets.

United Methodist Women are more than just cookies, casseroles and White Elephant Sales. Being involved in mission is a given. Mission is our middle name, it's what we do! Our call is to serve women, children and youth across the US and around the world. It's a challenge, but I see God at work in these challenges and I see sisters in Christ seeking to give help, hope and support to those who need a hand up, not a hand out. We pray for them and covet your prayers that we can continue to be the Hands of Christ through this ministry.

God Bless!

Phyllis Zansler, UMW President

Schedule of Ministry Event

Meetings and Special Events

Dec. 02	4:30 pm	Sun. Advent Study
Dec. 03		Poinsettia Deadline
Dec. 04	10:00 am	Staff Mtg
Dec. 05	5:15 pm 6:15 pm	Midweek Meal Advent Study (209)
Dec. 06	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Advent Study (Parlor) Greater NO Photo Mtg (FH)
Dec. 08	10:00 am	UMW Annual Christmas Brunch MUMY-Lock-in
Dec. 09		Angel Tree Deadline
Dec. 11	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Staff Meeting Ulster (Parlor)
Dec. 12	5:15 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm	Midweek Meal KDO Steering Mtg (213) Advent Study (209)
Dec. 13	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Advent Study UMM (201)

Due Date

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Monday, December 10th**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** on Friday, December 7th. 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

	Nov. 04	Nov. 11
Sunday		
8:30 am	104	82
9:45 am	43	36
11:00 am	<u>131</u>	<u>159</u>
Other	15	15
Total	293	292
Sunday School	174	161

Every Week at Munholland

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

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:15-10:45 am	Altar Choir (204)
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	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)



KID'S PAGE

DECEMBER CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday
(Rehearsal-Columns room)

12/05/07 Choir Time 6:00 pm–6:45 pm
12/12/07 Choir Time 6:00 pm–6:45 pm

Altar Choir – Sunday
(Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

12/02/07 Choir Time 10:15 am–10:45 am
12/09/07 Choir Time 10:15 am–10:45 am

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

12/05/07 Choir Time 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
12/12/07 Choir Time 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

MUMY CALENDAR

(Munholland United Methodist Youth)

December 2007

12/02/07 **Tourist Night-Patrick Regan**
will be our tour guide.

12/08/07 **Lock-In**

12/16/07 **Caroling Under the Oak**



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

(4th, 5th & 6th graders)

On Saturday, December 8th, we will
take a 'field trip' to work at Second
Harvesters Food Bank.

Please start bringing non-perishable
items to church now!

If you have any questions, call
Debbie Holman at 828-7436.

KIDS DAY OUT

December Themes:

3rd - 14th Christmas

17th - 19th Jesus' Birthday

Special Events:

December 1st is our Breakfast with Santa
Fundraiser!

December 17th is our Class Celebration
for Jesus' Birthday!

KDO is looking for energetic and loving
substitute teachers. All interested
individuals can contact Pitrina at
834-0920.

KDO wishes you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!!!!

Pitrina Messina
KDO Director