

# *The Messenger*

## of Munholland United Methodist Church

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*The Adult Sunday School Classes will host Fellowship time on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** All are invited.*



*Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Party will be held on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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. If you can help with the set-up and clean-up or have any questions, please contact Anne Cutrer at 237-2887.*



*Munholland's "Caroling Under the Oak" and Living Nativity will be held on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** Refreshments will be served. The Living Nativity will be held nightly through Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm.*

*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.*



*Christmas Eve Services – Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*4:30 pm Family Candlelight Service*

*6:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service*

*Nursery will be available for all services*



*Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*Christmas Morning Service at 10:00 am*

*No Sunday School Classes*



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until noon at the home of Keith & Sarah Kreutziger, 135 East Livingston Place, Metairie.

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.

### Hope Circle

Please join us for the Christmas Brunch held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to noon at the home of Keith & Sarah Kreutziger.

Pam Eversmeyer



### New Year's Family Camp December 30- January 1<sup>st</sup>

If you are interested in spending a relaxed, fun and quality time with your family, Camp Istrouma is holding a New Year's Family Camp on December 30<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>.

More information can be found at [www.campistrouma.com](http://www.campistrouma.com).



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD A HUGE SUCCESS

Our thanks to the many people who made this ministry a success!

To all the church members who made shoe boxes that will brighten the life of a child, we thank you. UMW, the Elementary Clubs, New Life class, St. Andrews class and Carter Carey each brought in many boxes. Ann Gilbert, Trina Derenbecker, Sara Scandurro, Julie Lloyd and Mary Ann Torsch helped by receiving shoe boxes at our Relay Center desk from other individuals and churches in our area.

We collected a total of 322 shoe boxes. Ford Dieth delivered our 20 shoebox filled cartons to the Baptist Seminary, where they will continue on their journey to children around the world.

We collected \$163 at the altar railing on November 6<sup>th</sup>, which we donated to Samaritan's Purse to help defray shipping costs.

Next year, please consider making boxes with your office, child's class, book club or neighbors to spread God's love across the world. **Please remember to pray for the child who will receive the shoe box you prepared!!**

Debbie Holman

### Midweek Meal Update:

Our last midweek meal for 2011 will be served on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Midweek meals will resume again on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>...



Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy to:

Diane Zatarain, Carol Meyer & the Collier family on the death of Joan Collier

Kim Schomaker and family on the death of her grandmother, Ruth St. Cyr ...

You are in our thoughts and prayers...



*If you are interested in decorating Munholland for Christmas, please meet at the Elmeer Entrance on Saturday, 12/10/11 at 9:00 am.*



*If you have holly, cedar, yew, magnolia or pine greens that the Worship Committee can use during Advent in the Sanctuary, please contact Sara Gaines at 831-8086.*

*If you have any questions, please email me at [jrmsmumc@gmail.com](mailto:jrmsmumc@gmail.com).*

*Janet Miller-Schmidt*



ORDERS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR POINSETTIAS TO BE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY. PLANTS ARE \$12.00 EACH.

TO PLACE AN ORDER, PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM (FOUND IN VESTIBULE, CHURCH BULLETINS OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE) ATTACH PAYMENT AND HAND IT TO ONE OF THE USHERS OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. ORDERS MUST BE PLACED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.

BE ASSURED THAT YOUR MEMORIAL OR HONORARIUM WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED. YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR POINSETTIA FOLLOWING THE LAST SERVICE ON DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 834-9910.

### THANKS FROM OUR YOUTH

The Youth would like to thank everyone at Munholland for their generous support in making the Annual Thanksgiving Drive a huge success.

We were able to assemble and distribute 36 baskets and gave out 40 Rouses' gift cards.

Also, the ability to shop for all the food items was a fun and enlightening experience for our youth.

### Blood Donation

Margaux Nobles is 6 months old and has brain cancer. She is the first grandchild of member, Kathy Nobles Breaux.

If anyone would like to donate blood or is a regular donor, please specify donation is for Margaux Nobles.

## 2011 Advent Studies



### “THE JOURNEY: WALKING THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM”

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

November 9<sup>th</sup> - December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:15-7:30 pm  
Led by: Alice Reese

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

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 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 27<sup>th</sup> - December 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:00 pm  
Led by: Rev. Janet Davis

This study is 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 purchase 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

*Robert Normann*

*from Jim & Camille Yeldell*

A Memorial Donation was made in memory of

*Joan Collier*

*from Jim & Camille Yeldell*

A Memorial Donation was made in memory of

*Ronald Berluchaux*

*from Reggie & Caroline Sanders  
and Howard & Sara Gaines*

### Weekly Worship Attendance

	Nov 13	Nov. 20
Sunday		
8:30 am	67	66
9:45 am	44	58
11:00 am	<u>143</u>	<u>229</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	20	20
Other	20	20
Choir	18	18
Total	<b>312</b>	<b>411</b>
Sunday School	152	188

### Every Week at Munholland

Sunday	Monday
(Worship 8:30 am, 9:45 am & 11:00 am)	9:30 am KDO (MWTF)
9:30 am Sunday School	9:30 am Staff Meeting
4:30 pm Bible Studies	
5:00 pm Youth Group	
Tuesday	Wednesday
11:00 am Service of Prayer & Healing with Holy Communion	5:00 pm Midweek Meal
3:00 pm Luke's House	5:45 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Motion for Life" Fitness Exercise	6:00 pm Communion
	6:15 pm Cursillo (Parlor)
	6:45 pm Chancel Choir
Thursday	Friday
10:00 am Bible Study	12:00 pm Bridge
8:00 pm NA, AA, AI Anon	7:00 pm BSA Troop 7A

See your church bulletin for Special Meetings and Events



## ELEMENTARY CLUBS

(1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR: SUNDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> FROM 12:00 TO 2:00 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
BETSY WHITE WILL HOLD A PRESENTATION ON ETIQUETTE AND MANNERS.**

Melissa Chailland, Director of Children's Ministries

### DECEMBER CHOIR SCHEDULE

#### Littlest Angels

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in room 111)

12/07/11      Choir Time      5:45–6:30 pm  
12/14/11      Choir Time      5:45–6:30 pm

#### Altar Choir

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in Adult Choir Room)

12/07/11      Choir Time      5:45–6:30 pm  
12/14/11      Choir Time      5:45–6:30 pm

#### Chancel Choir – Wednesdays

12/07/11      Choir Time      6:45–8:15 pm  
12/14/11      Choir Time      6:45–8:15 pm

### KIDS DAY OUT



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Theme for December: Jesus' Birthday**

KDO will be closed for Christmas holidays beginning on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>.

We will return on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

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



### (Munholland United Methodist Youth)

December 2011

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| Sat., Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>10:30 am | Prepare St. Mark's lunch in kitchen with Janet Finnell                    |
| Sun., Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>             | Attend worship and serve lunch at St. Mark's UMC leave at 9:00 am         |
| Sun. Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>             | Exam Study Break – dinner and movie in the Youth Room "A Christmas Story" |

**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](mailto:laxbagotricks@yahoo.com).

## THINK ABOUT IT

David knew the power of words. He says in Psalms 141:3: "Set a watch, O Lord, over my mouth; guard the door of my lips". David used words to praise the Lord personally and he established singers in the tabernacle to praise God 24/7. He used words to draw people toward him and toward the Lord.

He also knew the power words have to kill and destroy. He had uttered the words Solomon wrote in Proverbs 18:21 many times and even taught them to his son, Absalom: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit". This is a powerful statement of conviction that all of us need to grasp. Literally and figuratively, life or death are set in motion by our tongue. Our words will produce either delicious fruit or rotten fruit. But later, James said in Ch. 3:8 that "no man can tame the tongue". That doesn't mean we're destined to destruction ---- he just said no MAN can tame his tongue. We cannot do it on our own, but God can.

This is why David's prayer in Psalms 141 was calling out to God to do what he couldn't do in his own strength. Like David, we need to recognize the power of words and draw on the supernatural power of God to tame our tongues. Pray this prayer today and watch how the Lord will intervene in your dialogue.

Amen.

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** (space permitting) on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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