

# The Messenger

## of Munholland United Methodist Church

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### OUR THREE GIFTS

There are 3 kinds of gifts that we give all the time. I want to highlight the beauty of the gifts by showing what “you” (that is, “we” as a church body) have been busy giving this season. There will be more about “My 3 Gifts” later, as we approach the end of 2007 and make goals for 2008. But first, the beauty.

The wise men brought Jesus gold, representing wealth and possessions. Here at Munholland, you have used your wealth and possessions to **adopt over 200 “angels”**. Some of these angels are children of people in prison. Some of these angels live at the Methodist Children’s Home. Some of these angels were referred to us from the Ella Dolhonde School, and some are from the North Rampart Community Center (formerly the St. Mark’s Community Center). You shopped for them, and gave them a party to receive their gifts. Your, that is our, **gifts of possessions** make God’s love real for these children in a very beautiful way.

The wise men also gave Jesus myrrh, representing what we do for one another. Here at Munholland, the Young Youth served at “Second Harvesters” food bank this last Saturday, and the Children’s Choir went to sing carols to some of our members who don’t get out as much as they used to. Sunday school classes, groups, and individuals have been giving more acts of kindness than I can recount here. Your, that is our, **gifts of service** make God’s love real for many people in very beautiful ways.

The wise men also brought Jesus frankincense, representing our spiritual life - the essence of who we are. Here at Munholland, volunteers have spent hours decorating the sanctuary. You have given beautiful poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary. Families are lighting the candles of the Advent Wreath each week. The choirs have prepared special music. We will carol under the oak, and present a living nativity for all to see. We will get together for 2 special celebrations on Christmas Eve. Many members are even joining in Advent Bible Studies. Why all these things in an already busy season? Because all of these are expressions of the spirit - expressions of who we are. You, that is we, take the time and effort to honor God and celebrate Jesus. When we do, we uplift others, as surely as light in the dark, or salt in food, or yeast in bread. Your, that is our, **gifts of who we are** make God’s love real and visible in a very beautiful way.

***We give what we have. We give what we do. We give who we are.***

These are the same three gifts represented by the gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the infant Jesus by the wise men. As Christians, we give our three gifts to Jesus by giving them to others, and **it is very beautiful**. May God bless all of your giving, especially at this time of year, and may God give true joy to your heart.

Brother John.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

The next Executive Meeting and General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>...

### CARE TEAM MEETING

December 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm  
in room 211



Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends on the loss of Alice Saillard.



### A Thank You from MUMY

The Thanksgiving basket collection was very successful this year.

We collected enough food and monetary donations to provide baskets for families at Ella Dolhonde School and baskets to families recommended by church members.

A big "Thank You" to all who supported this important MUMY mission project.

### Midweek Schedule

The last midweek meal served before Christmas will be on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Midweek meals will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Come join us on Wednesday evenings. Dinner is served from 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm.

## January 2008 Adult Christian Studies Munholland UMC

Wednesday – classes begin January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm:

- > **Building Healthy Relationships**  
Leader: TBA
- > **The Heart of Christianity**  
by Marcus Borg  
Leader: Rev. George Duerson
- > **Great Figures of the New Testament**  
Leader: Duke Eversmeyer
- > **Women of the New Testament**  
Leader: Ronald Berluchaux

Thursday - classes begins January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am:

- > **Bible Study (4 sessions)**  
Leader: Connie Glorioso

Sunday – classes begin January 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm:

- > **Christianity's Family Tree**  
Leader: Reggie Sanders
- > **Lent Study** (concludes January 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Leader: Janet Davis

For more information, contact Janet Cavalier at [janetc@munholland.org](mailto:janetc@munholland.org) or Paul Gregory at [paulgregory@hotmail.com](mailto:paulgregory@hotmail.com).

Lent Studies on Sunday, Wednesday & Thursday begin the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>.



A Memorial Donation was made in memory of Tommy Doyle from Hannah Cunningham...

The next issue of the Messenger will be published January 15<sup>th</sup>...



### Living Nativity Dates:

|          |          |         |
|----------|----------|---------|
| Friday   | 12/21/07 | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday | 12/22/07 | 5:30 pm |
| Sunday   | 12/23/07 | 5:30 pm |
| Monday   | 12/24/07 | 5:30 pm |

Let us continue this wonderful tradition of giving to our community!

All friends and members of Munholland are welcome to participate!

**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.

"Caroling Under the Oak"



Don't miss out on this wonderful event held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the front of the sanctuary.

Refreshments will be served...



December 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 4:00 pm.

Hosted by the Mission Committee with assistance from the youth and young youth.



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

### **Christmas "Friendly" Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. 19<sup>th</sup> "The Depths of Deity"**



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

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> "The Depths of Deity"**




**Sunday Afternoon Advent Studies are held at 4:30 pm. They will conclude on January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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

# Schedule of Ministry Event

## Meetings and Special Events

|                |   |  |
|----------------|---|--|
| Dec. 15        | 8:30 am   | Nativity Construction  |
| Dec. 16        | 4:00 pm<br>4:30 pm<br>6:00 pm   | Angel Tree Party<br>Advent Study<br>Caroling Under the Oak               |
| Dec. 18        | 10:00 am<br>6:30 pm   | Staff Mtg<br>Care Team Mtg (211)   |
| Dec. 19        | 5:15 pm<br>6:15 pm<br>6:15 pm   | Midweek Meal<br>Advent Study (209)<br>Holy Land Group Mtg (208)          |
| Dec. 20        | 10:00 am<br>7:00 pm   | Advent Study (Parlor)<br>Greater NO Photo Mtg (FH)                       |
| Dec. 21-24     | 5:30 pm   | Living Nativity  |
| Dec. 23        | 9:30-10:50 am<br>4:30 pm  | Friendly<br>Advent Study   |
| Dec. 24        | 4:30 pm<br><br>6:00 pm  | Family Candlelight Service<br>Candlelight Comm. Service<br>Office Closed |
| Dec. 25        |  | Office Closed  |
| Dec. 26/Jan 02 |   | No Midweek Meal  |
| Dec. 30        | 4:30 pm   | Advent Study (209)   |

## 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) |

### Due Date

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. 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. 18    | Nov. 25    |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Sunday        |            |            |
| 8:30 am       | 61         | 58         |
| 9:45 am       | 33         | 29         |
| 11:00 am      | 144        | 156        |
| Other         | 15         | 15         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>253</b> | <b>258</b> |
| Sunday School | 146        | 86         |



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### DECEMBER CHOIR SCHEDULE

**Littlest Angels – Wednesday**  
(Rehearsal-Columns room)

|          |                   |                 |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 12/19/07 | Choir Time        | 6:00 pm–6:45 pm |
| 12/26/07 | No Choir Practice |                 |
| 01/02/08 | No Choir Practice |                 |
| 01/09/08 | Choir Time        | 6:00 pm–6:45 pm |

**Altar Choir – Sunday**  
(Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

|          |            |                   |
|----------|------------|-------------------|
| 12/16/07 | Choir Time | 10:15 am–10:45 am |
| 12/23/07 | Choir Time | 10:15 am–10:45 am |
| 12/30/07 | Choir Time | 10:15 am–10:45 am |
| 01/06/08 | Choir Time | 10:15 am–10:45 am |
| 01/13/08 | Choir Time | 10:15 am–10:45 am |

**Chancel Choir – Wednesday**

|          |                   |                 |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 12/19/07 | Choir Time        | 7:00 pm–8:30 pm |
| 12/26/07 | No Choir Practice |                 |
| 01/02/08 | Choir Time        | 7:00 pm–8:30 pm |
| 01/09/08 | Choir Time        | 7:00 pm–8:30 pm |

### MUMY CALENDAR

(Munholland United Methodist Youth)

**December 2007**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 12/16/07 | Angel Tree Party/Caroling<br>Under the Oak and Living<br>Nativity performed by the<br>Youth |
| 12/23/07 | No Youth Meeting - Christmas  |
| 12/30/07 | No Youth Meeting – New Years  |



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

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.

DISCOVERY CLUB NEWS  
(Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE)

&

**YOUNG YOUTH**  
(4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders)



Mark Your Calendar

Come join us on Sunday,  
December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for  
“Caroling Under the Oak”.

Sara Scandurro

Debbie Holman



### KIDS DAY OUT

December Themes:

17th - 19th      Jesus' Birthday

KDO will be closed Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We will see everyone on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

KDO is looking for loving, caring individuals to substitute in our classrooms. Please contact us at 834-0920.

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

Pitrina Messina  
KDO Director



**Monday, 12/24**

**4:30 pm Family Candlelight Service**

**6:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service**

**Infant Nursery will be available for both services**

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### **WORK GROUP UPDATE**

December 28<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup>  
Duke Univ. Wesley Fellowship, Durham, NC  
(10 volunteers)

January 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Millsaps College Group, Jackson, MS  
(40-50 volunteers)

If you wish to drop off goodies or bottled water, snacks, cereal, power bars, nuts, fruit for our guests, please leave them in the fellowship hall at the table marked for visiting groups. If you would like to provide a meal or sponsor a "Midweek" treat for a group, please contact Betsy White 220-6541. Thank you for your continued interest and support in our efforts to serve our volunteer work groups.

**THANKS** for all the goodies that have been left in the fellowship hall for our guests to enjoy.

Betsy White  
Volunteer Housing Coordinator

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