

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT
will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm
in the Sanctuary...



The Living Nativity will begin on Sunday, December 21st from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm and will continue nightly through Christmas Eve, Wednesday, 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 sheet located on the board left of the Welcome Center by the Elmeer Entrance or call the church office at 834-9910...



All adults and youth are cordially invited to:

MUNHOLLAND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 21st 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.

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



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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



The next UMW Hope Circle meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm. in the Fellowship Hall.

(More details in the next Messenger.)

CARE TEAM MEETING
December 16th at 6:00 pm
in room 211

SHAWL MINISTRY
December 20th at 10:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall



The family of
Andrew Joseph McWhorter

Treasures you, your love and thoughtfulness. We thank you for your support and company during these difficult times.

Shirley, Patricia & Pete, David & Lisa, Steven & Renee and their families along with his brother Alan.



Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Robert Wakefield and family on the death of his wife, Phyllis.

You are in our thoughts and prayers...



Thanks to all of those who donated boxes and money to "Operation Christmas Child" mission project.

Munholland's total donation was \$1,043 and 80 shoeboxes! Many needy children around the world will be blessed this Christmas by this generous donation.

A special word of thanks to Debbie Holman, Fran Sisung, and Elaine Wilson for coordinating this project.

"Thanksgiving Baskets"

The Youth would like to thank everyone for their donations of food and money to their annual food drive.

They were able to assemble and distribute 30 baskets to families in need.



Please welcome to Munholland - Robert and Allison DeViney and their children, Garrett and McCain.

JANUARY 2009
ADULT CHRISTIAN STUDIES

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINES - six-week on-going study - began 12/3/08 at 6:15 pm in room 210 -
Leader: Rev. George Duerson

INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT - begins 1/7/09 at 6:15 pm - on-going Disciple Study - Leaders:
Ronnie Berluchaux & Paul Gregory

OLD TESTAMENT - begins 1/7/09 at 6:15 pm - on-going study -Leader: Dr. Duke Eversmeyer

THURSDAY CLASSES

THREE SIMPLE RULES: A WESLEYAN WAY OF LIVING - new - 6 session study begins 1/8/09 at
10:00 am - Leader: Rev. Janet Cavalier

JESUS, THE ONE & ONLY - new - Beth Moore Study - 11 session video-based study begins 1/22/09 at
9:30 am – room 110 - Leader: Betsy White

SUNDAY CLASSES

INVITATION TO JOHN - Short-term Disciple Study - 12 weeks begins 1/11/09 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm in room
211- Leaders: Caroline/Reggie Sanders & Team

COMPANIONS IN CHRIST - on-going study - begins 1/11/09 at 4:30 pm

*To all of Munholland's wonderful, energetic,
DOOR-HANGER HANGERS:*

Thank You!!!

*I already know of one visitor who came in
response to a door-hanger.*

If you haven't done your 50 yet, don't fret.

*Get them out as soon as you can, or bring
them back to the church so someone else can
hang them.*

*I understand we should hope for a 1% response
rate. That would be 30 new visitors!*

Please pray for success.

*Thank you!!!
Brother John*

**On Sundays during Advent, Brother John
Deschner will be preaching at the 9:45 service
on the meaning behind each Advent candle.**

"Blue Christmas"

"For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet
time of year. It is a time for remembering
important persons and other parts of our
lives that are changed or gone.

We will offer a quiet, meditative "*Blue
Christmas*" service on Sunday, December
21st, at 6 p.m. Bring your hurting places to
God, and we will prepare our hearts for the
coming of Christ. There will be times of
special music, scripture, silent reflection, and
healing prayer."

Rev. Janet Davis

Schedule of Ministry Event

Meetings and Special Events

Dec. 15	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Trustees Mtg (Parlor) Church Council Mtg (FH)
Dec. 16	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Staff Mtg Presentation Mission Trip to Africa Care Team Mtg (211)
Dec. 17	5:15 pm 6:30 pm	Midweek Meal Children's Choir Concert
Dec. 18	7:00 pm	Gtr. NO Photo Soc (FH)
Dec. 20	10:00 am	Shawl Ministry (FH)
Dec. 21-24	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 9:30-10:50 am	Living Nativity Blue Christmas Svc Munholland Adult Sun. School Christmas Party
Dec. 22	KDO Closed until January 8 th	
Dec. 23	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	4:30 pm Worship Svc 6:00 pm Worship Svc Church Office Closed
Dec. 25	Christmas Day	Church Office Closed
Dec. 30	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
Dec. 31	New Years Eve	

Due Date

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Friday, December 26th**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** on Tuesday, December 23rd. 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. 16	Nov. 23
Sunday		
8:30 am	82	64
9:45 am	46	22
11:00 am	<u>196</u>	<u>245</u>
Other	15	15
Total	339	346
Sunday School	181	163

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 (Elementary Music Rm)
12:00-2:00 pm	Discovery Club (every other month)
12:00-2:00 pm	Young Youth (every other month)
4:00-6:00 pm	Disciple and related Bible Studies (various classrooms)
5:00-6:30 pm	MUMY (200)

Monday

9:30-1:30 pm Kid's Day Out

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday

9:30-1:30 pm	Kid's Day Out
5:15-6:15 pm	Midweek Meal
6:00 pm	Disciple and related Bible Studies (various classrooms)
6:00-6:45 pm	Littlest Angels Choir
6:15 pm	Communion (Parlor)
6:30 pm	Cursillo (Parlor)
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir (113)

Thursday

9:30-1:30 pm	Kid's Day Out
10:00 am	Bible Studies (various classrooms)
7:00 pm	Nicotine Anon. (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	N.A. (111)
8:00 pm	A.A. (Parlor)

Friday

9:30-1:30 pm	Kid's Day Out
12:00 pm	Friday Friends Bridge
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 (201)

There will be no midweek meals served on Wednesday, December 24th or December 31st ...



KID'S PAGE

DECEMBER'S CHOIR SCHEDULE



- 12/17/08** Choir Concert (all children's choirs) – Choir members report to Adult Choir room at 6:00 pm; concert at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- 12/24/08** Children who are able to attend the 4:30 Family Worship Service will sing and play a special part in creating the Christmas Story.

Littlest Angels – Wednesday (Rehearsal- Rm. 111)

- 12/17/08 Concert – see above
- 12/24/08 Christmas Eve Service—see above
- 12/31/08 No rehearsal (New Years Eve)

Altar Choir – Sunday (Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

- 12/21/08 Choir Time 10:15 am–10:45 am
- 12/28/08 Choir Time 10:15 am–10:45 am

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

- 12/17/08 Choir Time 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
- 12/24/08 Christmas Eve– Chancel Choir Special Music – report to choir room at 5:15 pm; Service begins at 6:00 pm
- 12/31/08 No rehearsal (New Year's Eve)

KIDS DAY OUT



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Theme for December: Jesus' Birthday

KDO will be closed for Christmas beginning on Monday, December 22nd - Wednesday, January 7th.

We will return on Thursday, January 8th.

Pitrina Messina
KDO Director

MUMY CALENDAR (Munholland United Methodist Youth) Winter 2008-09

- Dec. 21 **MUMY Christmas Party**
at the home of Patrick & Liz Kiernan, 23 Oaklawn Dr. in Metairie
- Dec. 28 No MUMY
- Jan. 04 No MUMY
- Jan. 11 Program on Volunteerism (Matt. 5:16) and cooking class by Chef Mark Uddo. Dinner will be jambalaya and Bananas Foster made during Youth!

Meetings begin at 5:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. **Please bring \$2 for supper.**

For more information, call Ford Dieth at 834-9910 or e-mail at laxbagotricks@yahoo.com.



CHRISTMAS EVE - WEDNESDAY, 12/24

4:30 pm Family Candlelight Service

6:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service

Infant Nursery will be available for both services



“GIVING BACK”

HURRICANE IKE DISASTER RECOVERY MISSION TRIP Thursday, January 15 – Sunday, January 18, 2009

If you have not already signed up for the **HURRICANE IKE DISASTER RECOVERY MISSION TRIP** in Galveston and are interested in helping in the recovery efforts, please contact Rev. Janet Cavalier at 834-9910 or email at janetc@munholland.org.

WORK GROUP UPDATE:	January 4-10	BICNOM Community UMC, Upper Marlboro, MD (20)
	January 11-18	Davidsonville UMC, Edgewater, MD (24)

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