

# *The Messenger*

## of Munholland United Methodist Church

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*May Your Christmas Be Full of Peace, Love, and Joy...*

From the Staff of Munholland UMC



**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



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will put together school kits for Haiti and also Love Sacks for Good Samaritan Outreach.

We will also discuss plans for UMW Sunday held on January 22, 2012.

Phyllis Zansler

### **Christian Fellowship**

**Hosted by Adult Sunday School Classes**  
**Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 – 11:00 am**



**Join Munholland Members & Guests**

**Everyone is Welcome**  
**Join us in the Elmeer Vestibule**  
**to share Christmas Greetings and**  
**Food, Fun, and Fellowship**

Adult Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. We have a variety of classes and welcome you to visit one of our classes listed below:

- Friendship Class – Fellowship Hall
- St. Andrews Class – Room # 211
- Agape Class – Room # 208
- Disciples Class – Room # 209
- New Life Class – Room # 210
- CUC Class – Room # 213

For more information on what each class has to offer, visit our website [www.munhollandumc.org](http://www.munhollandumc.org) and click on Adult section/Sunday school to see which class fits you.



### **ANGEL TREE PARTY**

On **December 18<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00-6:00 p.m., a party will be held in honor of the children on our Angel Tree from the Prison Fellowship Ministry.

The Youth Group will be conducting Christmas activities and games followed by refreshments and a visit from Santa.

Church members are welcome to join in the festivities and participate in this outreach to our community. If you would like to help prepare for the party, please arrive an hour early. We will begin to set up for the Party at **3:00 p.m.**, and can use help setting up. We also need help to clean up after the Party.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Cutrer 237-2887 or [annecutrer@aol.com](mailto:annecutrer@aol.com).



*Munholland's "Caroling Under the Oak" and Living Nativity will be held on Sunday, **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** 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 contact the church office at 834-9910.*

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christmas Morning Service at 10:00 am**

**No Sunday School Classes or**  
**Children's Church**

MEMORIAL  
GIFTS

A MEMORIAL DONATION WAS MADE  
IN MEMORY OF

**ROBERT NORMANN**

FROM MRS. IRIS SHERMAN,  
AND MR. & MRS. MICHAEL SHRIDER

A MEMORIAL DONATION WAS MADE  
IN MEMORY OF

**JOAN COLLIER**

FROM MR. & MRS. RANDALL SCHEXNAYDER,  
MRS. RUTH KEENEY, VIRGINIA MCLEAN,  
MR. & MRS. HENRY SOBON,  
JEAN MCREYNOLDS,  
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AND MRS. & MRS. WILBERT BLACK

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IN MEMORY OF

**RONALD BERLUCHAUX**

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AND DRS. KEITH & SARAH KREUTZIGER

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**WILLOUGHBY BURLEY SHEDD**

FROM DRS. KEITH & SARAH KREUTZIGER

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**JAMES BATCHELOR**

FROM DRS. KEITH & SARAH KREUTZIGER

A MEMORIAL DONATION WAS MADE  
IN MEMORY OF

**RODRIC SINGLETON, JR.**

FROM DRS. KEITH & SARAH KREUTZIGER

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**Weekly Worship Attendance**

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	Nov. 27	Dec. 04
Sunday		
8:30 am	75	92
9:45 am	48	50
11:00 am	<u>168</u>	<u>178</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	20	32
Other	12	20
Choir	18	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>390</b>
Sunday School	155	178

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*to all the people who  
gave the staff "goodies" at Christmas time.*

*We appreciate your thoughtfulness and  
kindness...*

# Welcome to Munholland



Betty Clary



Ashley Poche



Chris, A'Dair & Camille Herrington

## Every Week at Munholland

### **Sunday (Worship 8:30 am, 9:45 am & 11:00 am)**

9:30 am Sunday School  
 4:30 pm Bible Studies  
 5:00 pm Youth Group

### **Monday**

9:30 am KDO (MWTF)  
 9:30 am Staff Meeting

### **Tuesday**

11:00 am Service of Prayer & Healing with Holy Communion  
 3:00 pm Luke's House  
 6:00 pm Motion for Life" Fitness Exercise

### **Wednesday**

5:00 pm Midweek Meal  
 5:45 pm Children's Choir  
 6:00 pm Communion  
 6:15 pm Cursillo (Parlor)  
 6:45 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday**

10:00 am Bible Study  
 8:00 pm NA, AA, Al Anon

### **Friday**

12:00 pm Bridge  
 7:00 pm BSA Troop 7A

## Meetings and Special Events

Dec. 15	7:00 pm	Gtr NO Photo Soc.
Dec. 17	10:00 am	Shawl Ministry (FH)
Dec. 18	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Angel Tree Party "Caroling Under the Oak" and Living Nativity
Dec. 20	5:30 pm  6:00 pm	Living Nativity (held nightly through December 22 <sup>nd</sup> ) Care Team (211)
Dec. 24	4:30 pm  6:00 pm	Family Candlelight Service Candlelight Communion Service
Dec. 25	10:00 am	Church Worship Service No Sunday School Classes
Dec. 26		Office Closed KDO Closed returns Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>



## ELEMENTARY CLUBS

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

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.

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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)

12/21/11      Choir Time      5:45–6:30 pm  
12/28/11      No Choir Practice

#### Altar Choir

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in Adult Choir Room)

12/21/11      Choir Time      5:45–6:30 pm  
12/28/11      No Choir Practice

#### Chancel Choir – Wednesdays

12/21/11      Choir Time      6:45–8:15 pm  
12/28/11      No Choir Practice

### KIDS DAY OUT



Theme for December  
"Jesus' Birthday"

KDO will be closed from  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>

Students will return Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from  
Christmas break...

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



### (Munholland United Methodist Youth)

December 2011

Sun., Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Angel Tree Party at 4:00 pm Caroling Under the Oak at 6:00 pm followed by Youth in the Living Nativity
Sun., Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Merry Christmas! No Youth Class Scheduled
Wed., Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Meet at the church for 5:30 pm to attend Celebration in the Oaks and Café du Monde!!
Sun., Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Happy New Year! No Youth Class Scheduled

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

After all youth activities, please use the Metairie Road door  
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

The prophet Micah had prophesied in 5:2 that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Yet Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. How could God work this out? In this case, Luke 2 tells us He actually used Caesar Augustus to move Joseph and Mary into Bethlehem to register for the census, the proper place to fulfill the prophecy. From this we learn important things about God. He doesn't always use those who are totally devoted to Him, which is the case here. Augustus was one of the most corrupt Caesars of them all. Yet, he was the one God used to move the parents of our Lord to the right place at the right time. Unbeknownst to him, Caesar was used by God.

It doesn't appear that Joseph and Mary were aware of Micah's prophecy. If they were, they would have headed to Bethlehem on their own in obedience to that word. Yet God sovereignty orchestrated events to get them to the exact spot that Micah had prophesied the Messiah would come. This says we don't have to bring God's will to pass on our own. He's able to divinely orchestrate peoples' lives to accomplish His will in the earth. He's more than able to fulfill His prophetic word spoken through Micah or any of His anointed prophets all on His own. We can just stand back and watch Him do what seems utterly impossible.

Have you been worrying how on earth the Lord is going to bring things together in your life? Trust Him. Believe Him. Be encouraged. God can use the most unlikely people and circumstances to make it happen. The secular world calls it a "set-up for a step-up"! During this Christmas season, we can rejoice that God lined up every detail to make sure our Savior was born when and where it was ordained long before it happened.

Merry Christmas.

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** (space permitting) on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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