

# The Messenger

## of Munholland United Methodist Church

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February 1, 2008

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The church's parsonage at 129 Brockenbraugh Court has been sold. The selling price was \$452,000. Net proceeds from the sale were \$435,265. When the decision was made to sell the parsonage, that decision included the stipulation that all proceeds from the sale would be used to pay down the mortgage which the church has with Capital One Bank. In so doing, the remaining debt is \$553,974. We will soon be re-amortizing the debt, resulting in lower monthly mortgage payments.

It was also decided that in lieu of a parsonage, the Senior Pastor of Munholland would be given a housing allowance, providing the pastor flexibility in deciding where he/she wants to live. Janet and I decided to move to Metairie Towers, 401 Metairie Road, where we are renting a condo. This works out well for us since we are close to the church and my mother is living in Metairie Towers as well (we are not on the same floor).

Janet and I also own a house in Mandeville, which provides a place for all of Janet's 'stuff.' Some church members have thought that we are living in our Mandeville house, which is not the case, for two reasons. One, I have no desire to commute, and two, I like living in Metairie, close to the church. Our house in Mandeville does provide a nice 'retreat' place when we're able to be there.

It is a relief to me that the parsonage has finally sold, since the decision to sell was made in May. The purchaser is very nice and will be a good neighbor to us, as I am sure we will be to her.

In closing, I hope you're making plans to attend our Aldersgate weekend. This will be a great time of spiritual enrichment and fellowship. Mark your calendars. Further information is elsewhere in the Messenger.

Sincerely,  
Gene Finnell

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

  
Wednesday  
Service  
**FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
6:00 pm

Special  
Music

**MUSAICA**

ENSEMBLE  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SANCTUARY – 7:00 PM**  
Music by: Samuel Barber,  
Leonard Bernstein, David Anderson  
and Aaron Copland



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Due to Mardi Gras being on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, our Executive (9:30 am) & General Meeting (10 am) will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Our program title is "Call to Prayer & Self Denial" led by Carol Ruholl and a sacrificial soup lunch, prepared by Tina Doyle will follow. A love offering will be collected.

The next Circle meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.



Copies of the documentary, "Winds of Change: Susie and Katrina", are now available for \$15 and can be purchased from Pam Eversmeyer or Phyllis Zansler, usually on any Wednesday evening during the Midweek meal or by contacting the church office.

Copies pre-ordered and paid for can also be picked up at this time. The DVD is a production by Alan Zansler and presented by the Susie May Munholland Scholarship Committee, in celebration of Munholland's recent Seventieth Anniversary.

Proceeds go toward the Scholarship Fund.

Thanks.

Phyllis

*Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Jeremy & Karen Zollinger & family on the loss of her father, Ken Beck...*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm  
in room 110

CARE TEAM MEETING  
February 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm  
in room 211

*A Memorial Donation was made in memory of William Rhea from Jane Pic Adams...*

*A Memorial Donation was made in memory of Buddy West from Sally West Janke...*



Congratulations to John & Pitrina Messina on the birth of their daughter and Josephine's sister, Stella Bernadette. She was born on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pounds, 12 ounces...

Pitrina is the KDO Director at Munholland.

**Munholland UMC**  
February 2008  
Adult Christian Studies

Thursday morning class beginning on February 14<sup>th</sup> though April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parlor

**Devotion to Jesus: The Divinity of Christ in Earliest Christianity**



Sunday Class beginning on February 10<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 – 6:00 pm in room 209

**Companions in Christ: Blessedness**

If you are interested in attending one of these classes, please contact Janet Cavalier at [janetc@munholland.org](mailto:janetc@munholland.org) or Paul Gregory at [paulgregory@hotmail.com](mailto:paulgregory@hotmail.com).



**"SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE"**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00 am– 12:00 pm

STOP BY AND SHOP FOR YOUR SWEETHEART

AT OUR TABLE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

(SPONSORED BY THE ST. ANDREWS CLASS)

## ALDERSGATE WEEKEND at Munholland

In 1738 on Aldersgate Street, a fire was lit in the heart of John Wesley.  
This fire spread and ignited the flames in the hearts of thousands.

**FEBRUARY 22 - 24, 2008**

### **Come and Experience a Weekend of Music, Food, Fellowship and Renewal**

Dr. Kenneth Taylor, Pastor of the Destin United Methodist Church, will come and join with us as he brings the messages of hope and renewal that John Wesley emphasized in his early sermons and writings.

On Friday night, we will kick-off our weekend event with an opening dinner at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Services will follow at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A gospel choir will provide the music for the evening. Cost for the dinner is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

On Saturday night, we will begin with our church service at 7:00 pm. The **Providentials Quartet** will be the featured music for this service. An ice cream social will follow at 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Services will close the weekend event with the music of our own wonderful Munholland Choir led by Jan Schluter and our very talented organist, Phil Sparks. Dr. Taylor will conclude the Sunday services at 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am with his final remarks.

### **Please Invite Your Friends and Neighbors to Come and Celebrate With Us.**

(Nursery will be available)

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The Angel Tree (Prison Ministry Fellowship) family Christmas party was a smashing success and such a rewarding experience for not only the invited families, but all who worked on it.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks to the members of the congregation for their unbelievable generosity and response to the Angel Tree year after year. Also, thanks to the members of the Mission Committee for their efforts and time which made it all possible. I know I speak for Ellaine Wilson, the greatest co-chair ever, and Rev. Janet Cavalier, who took care of the gifts for St. Mark's and has been such a wonderful support person. It is all to the glory of God and the HOPE (that Gene talked about in his Advent sermons) that all come to know our Lord and Savior.

Fran Sisung, Co-Chairperson, Mission Committee

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Confirmand/Parent Meeting  
February 17<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 pm  
Room 110


Confirmation Classes  
Sundays – 4:00-5:00 pm  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 2,9,30  
April 6,13,20,27

Confirmation May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Breakfast at 10:00 am (FH)  
Confirmation 11:00 worship  
Reserved seats in Sanctuary

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# Schedule of Ministry Event

## Meetings and Special Events

Feb 4-8	KDO closed for week of Mardi Gras	
Feb. 05	Church Office Closed for Mardi Gras	
Feb. 06	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
	6:00 pm	 Service
Feb. 07	7:00 pm	Greater NO Photo Society Mtg (FH)
Feb. 10	9:00-12:00	"Sweets for your Sweetie"
Feb. 12	9:15 am	UMW Executive Committee Mtg (Parlor)
	10:00 am	Staff Mtg
	10:00 am	UMW General Mtg (FH)
Feb. 13	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
Feb. 14	7:00 pm	United Methodist Men Meeting (201)
	7:00 pm	Musaica Concert

## 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)

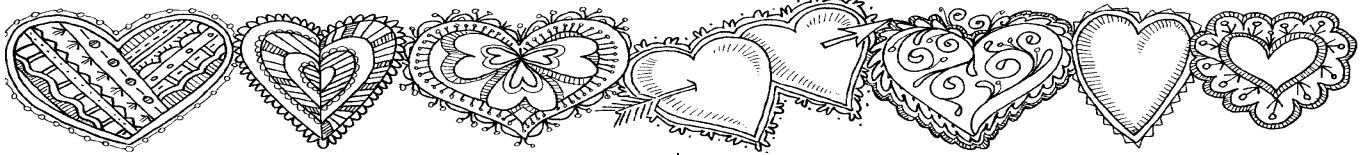
### Due Date

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** on Thursday, February 7<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

	Jan. 06	Jan. 13
Sunday		
8:30 am	74	76
9:45 am	34	40
11:00 am	<u>215</u>	<u>187</u>
Other	15	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>318</b>
Sunday School	134	163

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## FEBRUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

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

02/06/08      **No Choir Practice**  
02/13/08      Choir Time      6:00 pm–6:45 pm

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

02/03/08      **No Choir Practice**  
02/10/08      Choir Time      10:15 am–10:45 am

**Chancel Choir – Wednesday**

02/06/08      Choir Time      7:00 pm–8:30 pm  
02/13/08      Choir Time      7:00 pm–8:30 pm

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## MUMY CALENDAR

(Munholland United Methodist Youth)

**February 2008**

2/03/07      **No Meeting Scheduled**

2/10/07      **Youth Meeting**

**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)

We are currently working on our schedule of events for 2008. Watch for announcements!!!

If you have any suggestions for activities, please call Debbie Holman at 828-7436.

Thanks!

Sara Scandurro

Debbie Holman

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## KIDS DAY OUT

KDO will be closed for *Mardi Gras*, beginning Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

We will return on Monday, February, 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Pitrina Messina**  
**KDO Director**

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mark your calendars  
for the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> ...

## ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Disciples Sunday School Class is holding its 5th Annual Multi-Family/Class/Group Garage Sale on **Saturday, March 8, 2008** from 8 am to 1 pm. The sale will be held in the church parking lot on Elmeer (the larger one in the back).

If you would like to donate items to the sale, items may be placed on the stage in the Fellowship Hall beginning February 9, 2008. Take this opportunity to do some "Spring" cleaning! Assistance in moving larger items is available.

You too can raise some funds – spaces are available for \$10 each to families/classes/ groups/ committees who would like to participate. Deadline for reserving a space is Friday, February 29, 2008. If interested contact Paula Lucas at 832-9103 or [plucas@tulane.edu](mailto:plucas@tulane.edu) to reserve a space or to get more information.

Please join us Saturday, March 8th for some great bargains!  
Thanks. Paula

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### Volunteer Work Groups Continue

We are happy to announce that the calendar is quickly filling up with volunteer work groups from across the country. If you see a volunteer in our buildings, please be sure to THANK THEM.

**February 16-23**

**First UMC (7 volunteers)**  
Eureka, CA

**St. Luke UMC (24 volunteers)**  
Philadelphia, PA

Thank you for your continued help and generosity of hosting visiting work teams. Special thanks to Susan & John Richards, Bill & Kathy Hornsby, Vic Pizzalatto, John Gainey and the anonymous supporters who make sure our "guests" have a memorable time.

If you wish to drop off goodies, bottled water, snacks, cereal, power bars, nuts, fruit or anything for our guests, please leave them in the **UPSTAIRS kitchen** of the old building or **CLEARLY LABELED in the kitchen downstairs**. If you wish to sponsor a team for one of our Midweek meals, please contact Betsy White 220-6541 or mark your check to MUMC "for volunteers Midweek"...

Thanks for everything!  
Betsy White, Volunteer Housing Coordinator

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