

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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Munholland United Methodist Youth Sponsors a concert by Christian artist Kristian Stanfill

Recently, with the help of consultants from Youth Ministry Architects, our youth developed a set of goals for the next 3 years. One goal involved sponsoring conference wide initiatives. After being inspired by several praise-filled concerts by Kristian Stanfill on our summer trip to Youth 2011, bringing Kristian Stanfill to the New Orleans area seemed a perfect fit. Because of a series of scheduling "glitches" the concert is set for sooner, rather than later. Sooner, as in - March 1!!!

The MUMY sponsored concert is **Thursday, March 1st at 7:00 pm** and will be held at The First Baptist Church on Canal Boulevard. Tickets will cost \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased through www.itickets.com or from our Youth (more informatin to follow).

While we are thrilled about the concert, the short lead time means we need your help with publicity, fundraising and numerous odd jobs. Could you sponsor a hotel room for one night or help pay for the pre-concert meal for the 6 person band or maybe the after concert snack? We'll need someone to sell tickets at the concert and to staff the band's merchandise table. But mostly, WE NEED YOU AT THE CONCERT. This band is not just for youth. This is praise music for the whole family!

If you can help us financially or with publicity, please call 504-834-9910. We will soon have publicity flyers for the concert. Please take one to your office or school and help us publicize the concert!!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 7th**, 10am in the FH. We hope to have enough supplies gathered to put together school kits for UMCOR to send to Haiti. **SUPPLIES NEEDED ARE:** school scissors/blunt tips, top or side spiral note books (70 page min.), loose leaf paper (150 pages max), plain unsharpened pencils, and sharpeners, plain rubber erasers, 30 centimeter rulers and 24 count box of crayons. Please no substitutions; a cash donation or supplies is appreciated. A box marked UMW School Supplies for Haiti will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Friday, February 10th - We will be preparing a meal for NRCC's After School Program and deliver it to them by 4:30 pm. If you would like to help with this project, please call Phyllis (504-701-3622), Lorrie (504-247-4328) or the church office (504-834-9910.)

Monday, Feb. 13th - We will not have a February Day Circle meeting due to Mardi Gras but the Day Circle will be lending their support to the HOPE CIRCLE at the annual VALENTINE PARTY AND DINNER held for the cancer patients and their families that reside at HOPE LODGE. We need to be at the Lodge by about 4:00 pm. This is a great mission opportunity and lots of fun, hope to see you there. For more information contact Pam or Phyllis.

Saturday, February 25th - New Orleans District "Spiritual Day Apart" at First Slidell UMC. More info to follow.

**Confirmation Classes
Starting Soon!**

Munholland UMC Confirmation Classes are beginning this month. Confirmation class is for youth in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades and older (who have not been confirmed). If you have not signed up your child there is still time to do so.

To reserve your seat or if you have any questions, feel free to contact Melissa Chailland at 834-9910, 606-0797 or melissac@munholland.org.

HOPE CIRCLE'S ANNUAL



THE HOPE CIRCLE WILL HOST THE ANNUAL VALENTINE PARTY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HOPE LODGE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH.

WE WILL PROVIDE A MEAL AND GOODIES ALONG WITH ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PATIENTS WHO ARE RECEIVING EXTENDED TREATMENT IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THIS YEAR, THE CHILDREN CLUBS FROM MUNHOLLAND WILL JOIN MEMBERS OF HOPE CIRCLE AND THE DAY CIRCLE IN THE CELEBRATION.

EVERYONE ALWAYS HAS A WONDERFUL TIME. WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN IN THE FUN ALSO.

PAM EVERSMEYER



"SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

STOP BY AND SHOP FOR YOUR SWEETHEART AT OUR TABLE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER ALL SERVICES AND DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sponsored by the St. Andrews Sunday School Class

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, Thursday, February 9th. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by 10:00 am (space permitting) on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.



**DISCIPLES' ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2012
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

The Disciples Sunday School Class is holding its 9th Annual Multi-Family/Class/Group Garage Sale in the Elmeer church parking lot. If you would like to donate items to the sale, items may be placed on the stage in the Fellowship Hall (mark for Disciples' garage sale). 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 \$15 each to families/classes/groups/committees who would like to participate. Deadline for reserving a space is **Sunday, February 26, 2012** – contact Paula Lucas at 832-9103 or plucas@tulane.edu to reserve a space or to get more information.

Please join us Saturday, March 3rd for some great bargains!

Lenten Bible Studies at Munholland



- ***Gospelized Lives: Encounters with Jesus*** – an eight-week Lenten Study will begin on Sunday February 26th. The study will be led by Rev. Janet Davis and held on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 – 6:00 pm. The study looks at how the lives of Biblical characters, such as the “rich young ruler”, “women at Jesus’ tomb”, Mary Magdalene, and others were affected by their encounter with Jesus. The study is \$12/person and includes the participant book.
- ***Final Word From the Cross*** – a NEW seven-week Lenten study by Adam Hamilton begins Wednesday February 15th at 6:15 -7:30 pm and will be led by Rev. George Duerson. This DVD-based study looks at the last words of Jesus spoken from the cross. Participants are challenged to look at the last six hours when Jesus hung on the cross. The study is \$15/person and includes the participant book.

**A Short-term DISCIPLE Bible Study
Old Testament Bible Study Begins Wednesday, February 8th**

- **Invitation to the Old Testament** – is an eight-week study of the Old Testament, led by Alice Reese and will begin on Wednesday February 8th. Explore the Old Testament’s story of God and his creation, explore teachings of the prophets, explore poetry of the Psalms, learn from the wisdom teachings, and more. This DVD-based study will be on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30pm. The study is \$15/person and includes a participant book.

Registration forms are available at the church, on our website or by calling the church office at 834-9910. For more information on any of these Bible Studies call Caroline Sanders, Director of Adult Ministries at 504-837-7425 or check out our website at www.munhollandumc.org.

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Welcome to Munholland



CATHY BASS



I want to thank all of the parents that attended the "Round Table Discussions" last Wednesday evening. We had a wonderful discussion and I was very happy that parents felt like they had a forum to openly discuss things that were on their minds.

One of the main things that came out of that meeting was Safe Sanctuary concerns. On January 22nd we began some new policies to help keep all of our children safe. I will list the new policies below, so please take the time to read over them and let me know if you have any questions. I want to assure you that we are always striving to keep all of our children (all of our family) safe here at Munholland UMC and we take these policies very seriously.

- ❖ Children in nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergarten will continue to be signed in and out by parents. Please don't send other siblings to pick up your child.
- ❖ Children's Sunday school ends at 10:30 am. Adult Sunday school classes need to finish at 10:25 am and no later than 10:30 am. Children in Elem I and Elem II (1st-5th grades) should be picked up no later than 10:30 am. If the children are not picked up by this time, the teacher will escort the children to the Nursery (room 101).
- ❖ If a parent attends the 9:45 am Worship Service and the service is not finished at 10:30 am and your child is in Sunday school class, then you should find your child in the Nursery (room 101).
- ❖ Elem I and Elem II children should use the "Buddy System" and go in same sex pairs when they are excused to go to the restroom from Sunday school, Children's Choirs, Elementary Clubs, or other church activities where they are unaccompanied by a parent.

Because we have open doors to the public on Sunday mornings, these new policies will help ensure the safety of our children. I encourage you to discuss the policies with your child and I will be available Sunday morning if they might have any questions.

Peace Always,
Melissa Chailland
Dir. of Childrens' Ministries



KIDS' PAGE

ELEMENTARY CLUBS (1st - 6th grade)


Sunday, February 5, 2012 12:00 - 1:30 pm Mission Opportunity

We will work to put together food bags for the homeless at Luke's house and make Valentine cards for our home bound members. Lunch is provided for \$2.00



Monday, February 13, 2012 5:00 pm Hope Lodge

We will team up with UMW for the Hope Lodge Valentine Party located at 2609 River Road, near Ochsner Hospital/Jefferson Hwy.

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 5:45 pm  Round Table Discussion

All parents are invited to attend our Children's Round Table Discussion in room 205.

2012 Vacation Bible School is:
"Operation Overboard"
and will be held June 11 - 15, 2012.

If you have any question regarding any of these events, please email me at melissac@munholland.org.
Melissa Chailland, Dir. of Children's Ministries.

FEBRUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in room 111)

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| 02/01/12 | Choir Time | 5:45-6:30 pm |
| 02/08/12 | Choir Time | 5:45-6:30 pm |
| 02/15/12 | Choir Time | 5:45-6:30 pm |

Altar Choir

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in Adult Choir Room)

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| 02/01/12 | Choir Time | 5:45-6:30 pm |
| 02/08/12 | Choir Time | 5:45-6:30 pm |
| 02/15/12 | Choir Time | 5:45-6:30 pm |

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays

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| 02/01/11 | Choir Time | 6:45-8:15 pm |
| 02/08/11 | Choir Time | 6:45-8:15 pm |
| 02/15/11 | Choir Time | 6:45-8:15 pm |

KIDS DAY OUT

February 16, 2012 KDO Second Line

KDO will be closed for Mardi Gras Holidays
February 20th - 24th ...

If you have any questions, please contact Pitrina or MaryBeth at 834-0920.

Munholland United Methodist Youth February 2012

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| Sun., Feb. 5 th 5:00-7:00 pm | Super Bowl Tailgate party until half time |
| Sun., Feb. 12 th Afternoon | Mardi Gras Parade Party at the Scandurro's Law Firm. Everyone bring a dish. |
| Sun., Feb. 19 th | No Youth - Mardi Gras Holiday |
| Sun., Feb. 26 | No Youth. Deposit for mission trip is due! |

Please join 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.

THINK ABOUT IT

As believers, we have no trouble seeing ourselves enjoying heaven one day because we have already visualized what the Bible says about it. Faith has come to us in that particular area because of what we have learned and imagined. Using that same principle, we can also imagine ourselves enjoying what God says in His Word about us in this lifetime. But before we can enjoy these promises, we must begin to picture ourselves in the setting God has desired for our lives. He wants our bodies well; He wants our families in harmony; He is eager to see our finances stable and prosperous. And He longs for our minds to be free from fear and worry.

Who said we must live and not enjoy? This is the type of imaginations we are instructed to cast down in II Cor. 10:5: "...casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought captive to obey Christ." If we dwell on limitations, they will begin to mold our imaginations; then we won't receive what God has promised those in Christ. Romans 12:2: "Don't be conformed to this world, but renew your minds from within to prove the perfect will of God."

This first becomes **our** responsibility, so that God can fulfill **His** part in the contract. We must renew our minds by meditating on His Word, and then imagining His promises coming to pass. Think of your potential and regularly feed on the information supplied from the heart of God. What a powerful way to live.

The theme for our 2012 Vacation Bible School is :

"Operation Overboard"

June 11 - 15, 2012

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