

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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The Bishop's Laity Retreat:

"Claiming Our Call as Laity"

AN EXPERIENCE OPEN TO ALL LOUISIANA LAITY

Led by Bishop William W. Hutchinson & Rev. Dr. Gil Rendle
Sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Board of Laity

When: Friday, March 16th at 5:30 pm & concludes Saturday, March 17th at 3:00 pm
(*On-site registration begins at 4:30 p.m.*)

Where: The Wesley Center, 2350 Methodist Parkway, Woodworth, Louisiana 71945

Why: "to be faithful, vital, and United Methodist, congregations and their leaders need to be clear about how their mission field has changed. In our time together we will look at some of the most profound changes that now require us to lead differently, to have different conversations in our congregations, and that gives us greatest hope." The Rev. Dr. Gil Rendle is a leading voice in calling our church to rethink our mission for this current age. His insight will challenge assumptions and offer pathways into spiritual transformation & leadership.

Retreat Cost: \$35.00 per person which includes three meals & snacks

Lodging: \$57 per single room, \$40 per double room
*A block of rooms is being held at the Wesley Center
for participants who register early.*

Enrollment opens January 30th & closes March 14th

For more information call 318-449-4500 or email: info@thewesleycenter.com. Dr. Rendle's latest book, *Back to Zero*, will be for sale at the Retreat...



**WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 22ND AT 6:00 PM**

MIDWEEK MEAL WILL NOT BE SERVED ON ASH WEDNESDAY...



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Due to Mardi Gras, the Day Circle will not meet on their regular day. As we did last year, we will start off the Lenten season by traveling to Audubon Park to walk the LABYRINTH. We will meet on Tuesday, February 28th at 10am in the Elmeer Street parking lot and will carpool from there. Following our "Walk", we will have lunch at the Audubon Clubhouse. ANYONE INTERESTED, is invited to join us for this great time of fellowship and spiritual enrichment. Invite your spouses, friends, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: The New Orleans District, UMW Spiritual Day Apart, scheduled for February 25th at First Slidell, has been CANCELLED.

On Tuesday, March 6th at 10:00 am we will have a General Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information on any of these events, call Phyllis at 701-3622.

Munholland Youth Presents

KRISTIAN STANFILL

in concert

**Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm
(doors open at 6:30 and the concert
will end by 8:30)**

**at First Baptist Church
5290 Canal Boulevard, New Orleans**

**Tickets are \$10 in advance
and \$15 at the door.**

Buy tickets at:

<http://www.itickets.com/events/281202.html>

or at church!

For more information: munhollandumc.org

**Join us for an evening of wonderful music
and worship!!**

HOPE CIRCLE

Our March meeting will be Monday, March 19th at 6:30 pm. We'll be starting our second mission study. As an introduction to the subject of global warming, we'll be viewing a video. JoAnn Burke from the Pontchartrain Basin Foundation will speak to us about the effect of global warming on our coast at our April meeting. The video in March will give us a background in preparation for Ms Burke's presentation on April 16th. She will also have ideas for us to apply our knowledge to projects sponsored by the Pontchartrain Basin Foundation.

Don't forget our other projects. Ella Dolhonde's library can always use volunteers to organize books, work with the children, visiting the library, and read a book or make a presentation such as a puppet show (they have a brand new puppet theater)!

We're also helping the Day Circle collect school supplies for the Methodist mission in Haiti. Also, if anyone is interested in making a monetary or clothing donation to Marie Jo Proux's school/orphanage, I'll be glad to make sure she receives it.

Have a great Mardi Gras!
Pam Eversmeyer



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

If you would like to donate items to the sale, place them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall (mark for Disciples' garage sale). Assistance in moving larger items is available.

If you would like to participate in the sale - spaces are available for \$15 each. 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!

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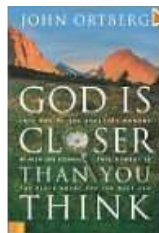
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Mark Your Calenders:

The Louisiana United Methodist Conference is sponsoring the "Skeeter Run-Change the World" eight 5 K and Fun Walk/Runs on Saturday, April 21, 2012 benefitting *Imagine No Malaria*.

More info in the next Messenger...



A new class will begin on April 29, 2012 at 4:30 pm in the Parlor.

What Are You Waiting For? Intimacy with God can happen right now if you want it.

Don't miss out on this great study. Contact the church office for more information.

Welcome to Munholland



CHARLES (C.J.) CHIMENTO



CHARLES & BETTIE SMITH

St. Mark's Homeless Ministry

Munholland UMC will be preparing food and serving the homeless at St. Mark's UMC on the following Sundays in 2012.

April 29th July 29th September 30th December 30th

Please look ahead and plan to help with one of these opportunities!!

This mission opportunity is open to any group, class, Bible Study or individual in our church who would like to be a part of the preparation and/or serving of the meal at St. Mark's or by helping financially.

If ANYONE would like to assist with this mission, please contact Betsy White (504)220-6541 or Betsysw@aol.com to volunteer to help! For more information on St. Mark's Homeless Ministry, please check out their website: www.frenchquarterumc.org.

CAMP ISTROUMA MISSION OPPORTUNITY MARCH 22ND – 25TH

If you are interested in helping out with the 2nd Phase of our mission at Camp Istrouma, please contact Barbara Harris at 833-9978.

We will be doing some light construction, painting and cleaning.



ELEMENTARY CLUBS

(1st - 6th grade)

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

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 25th

The Elementary Clubs will visit Sunrise Assisted Living Facility on West Esplanade

More information in the next Messenger...

MISSION OPPORTUNITY – CAMP ISTROUMA

If you are interested Munholland is heading back to Camp Istrouma for the 2nd phase of their mission trip scheduled for March 22nd through March 25th. For more information contact Barbara Harris at 833-9978...

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)

02/15/12	Choir Time	5:45–6:30 pm
02/22/12	No Choir Practice	
02/29/12	Choir Time	5:45–6:30 pm

Altar Choir

(Rehearsal on Wednesdays in Adult Choir Room)

02/15/12	Choir Time	5:45–6:30 pm
02/22/12	No Choir Practice	
02/29/12	Choir Time	5:45–6:30 pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays

02/15/12	Choir Time	6:45–8:15 pm
02/22/12	Choir Time	6:45–8:15 pm
02/29/12	Choir Time	6:45–8:15 pm

Munholland United Methodist Youth

February 2012

Sun., Feb. 19th No Youth – Mardi Gras Holiday

Fri., through Sun., Feb. 24th-26th Senior High Retreat at the Conference Center

Sun., Feb. 26th Deposit due to mission trip! No Youth Class Scheduled

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.

KIDS DAY OUT



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

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

THINK ABOUT IT

Love. It is the first and foremost command Jesus gave us, yet all too many Christians neglect to follow it. They may be able to quote tremendous amounts of scripture, talk about Jesus all day long, and give large sums of money to God's work. But if **love** is not the underlying theme of a Christian's walk, it will produce very little fruit in his or her life. We often hear I Cor. 13 read at weddings – it's all about agape love or unconditional love. It's God's kind of love.

This passage says that we can accomplish every imaginable feat on earth; but if we don't have love, "it profits us nothing." We may be super-spiritual, but if we are not constantly checking our love walk, we might find a power failure. Gal. 5:6 says that "faith **worketh** through love". This is an important clue as to why our faith sometimes doesn't seem to be fully operating in us. It may be erratic or even shut down at times. God's throne room may seem to be out of reach. Learning to walk in love is the single most important thing we will ever do in the area of faith.

If we will take notice and identify a specific area of our hearts that is not flowing with God's love, we can repent and ask Him for a fresh touch of His powerful love. We may need to address offense, unforgiveness, or even impatience. But God will be faithful to meet us there. Rev. 2:4 says, "Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love". The Beloved John was asking the church to remember God's love for us, our love for Him, and our love for others.

Love should be the hallmark for every believer.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Munholland's presents 2012 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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