

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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On Tuesday, March 3, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary we will begin a new worship experience at Munholland, "A Service of Prayer and Healing, with Holy Communion." I want to take this opportunity to say more about this service. The suggestion for this service came from two Munholland church members who have found this ministry very meaningful to them in their spiritual journey and were hopeful we could provide the same opportunity to our church community. The service will be informal as we gather at the front of the sanctuary. We will sing, have a meditation, pray for those who request prayer, anoint with oil those who desire to be anointed, and share Holy Communion.

The following quotes are from the United Methodist "Book of Worship." "Anointing the forehead with oil is a sign act invoking the healing love of God. The oil points beyond itself and those doing the anointing to the action of the Holy Spirit and the presence of the healing Christ, who is God's Anointed One." "Laying on of hands, and the less formal gesture of holding someone's hand all show the power of touch, which plays a central role in the healings recorded in the New Testament." Holy Communion is also found to be healing. "A Service of Healing is not necessarily a service of curing, but it provides an atmosphere in which healing can happen."

"The greatest healing of all is the reunion or reconciliation of a human being with God. When this happens, physical healing sometimes occurs, mental and emotional balance is often restored, spiritual health is enhanced, and relationships are healed."

I encourage you to prayerfully consider participating in this service because the human condition is such that we all need healing, and we all want to draw closer to God. Perhaps this shall be your Lenten commitment.

May God's blessings be upon you!

Gene Finnell

9:45 service

7 DEADLY SINS

During Lent,
Brother John will offer a
"1st person" sermon series
on 7 people who met Jesus,
but followed something else.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The next Circle meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 am at Ellen Hawkins home, 200 Jefferson Ave. (off of Metairie Road) in Metairie.



The UMW Executive Meeting and General Meeting will not be held at the church on Tuesday, March 3rd. Instead, we will take a road trip to Dulac and visit with the children at the Clanton Chapel Christian Pre-school and tour the Community Center and Chapel.

We will meet in the Metairie Road (front) parking lot at 9:00 am and carpool to Dulac. After the visit we will have lunch in the Dulac area and return about 3:00 pm.

ANYONE interested in going or needing more information, should call Phyllis at 455-9942 or Lorrie at 443-4641.



The UMW Hope Circle will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Watch for the pink flyers around the church for more details.

If you have any questions, contact Lisa Bourgeois at 231-8470.

DISCIPLES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 7, 2009

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Elmeer Parking Lot

EASTER EGGS NEEDED



This year we are inviting everyone to join in the Easter fun by picking up a dozen unfilled plastic easter eggs from the basket by the Elmeer entrance.

Fill them up with your choice of treats or goodies (except chocolate-it melts) and return the filled eggs to the basket at the Elmeer entrance by **Sunday, March 22nd**.



Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza

Our Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza will be held on Sunday, April 5th from noon till 2:00 pm on the green space and the playground. The Pony Tales Company will bring 3 ponies from 12:30-1:30 for the children to ride a pony like Jesus did when he entered the city on Palm Sunday.

We will play some old-fashioned games such as: sack race, three-legged race, and egg race. We will blow bubbles, have temporary tatoos, and even toss RAW eggs!

We will hide eggs on the playground with a dozen special eggs hidden to discuss after the hunt. Please see the article above to get involved in preparing the eggs.

So, bring a sack lunch and a blanket and get ready for some old-fashioned Sunday fun with old friends and new friends! Please let me know if you would like to provide desserts or drinks for the picnic.

Lisa Bourgeois - 231-8470



Munholland UMC's Safe Sanctuary is for EVERYONE

From: Janet Miller-Schmidt, Safe Sanctuary Point Person

What is this? Safe Sanctuary at Munholland UMC!!! Nothing like that would happen at Munholland!! I don't think we need this!! One more meeting to go to!!!! I don't want to do this!!!! These are all reactions to learning about the Safe Sanctuary/Risk Reduction Policy adopted by the Church Council.

The truth is, Safe Sanctuaries is not just for the people working with our children and youth. Everyone in the church needs to be educated in making Munholland a SAFE SANCTUARY. It should be thought of as protection. Safe Sanctuaries is about being prepared and thinking ahead. Child victimization and abuse are on the rise nationwide. We are not immune because we are a church. Our slogan is Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. Open Doors is an invitation for EVERYONE! We are a community built on TRUST. We have been passive in our training about personal boundaries. We do not KNOW EVERYONE entering our sanctuary every time the doors open. What are we going to do to protect our children and youth? Come to a training session and learn how to help make Munholland safe. We ALL have an obligation to keep our church secure.

If you are a parent or grandparent and bring your children to Munholland for any of the programs held at the facility you should want to attend one of the training sessions so that you know what Munholland is doing to protect your children. Everyone should want to know what we can do to make sure our families are protected.

The two dates are WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, AT 1:45 P.M. and SUNDAY, MARCH 8, AT 12:15 P.M. A light lunch will be provided for the Sunday Session. Each attendee of the training session should plan to be in training for about 1 ½ hours. Confirmation of a training date should be made by emailing jmsmumc@gmail.com or phoning the church office 504.834.9910. Please give your name and telephone number and the date you plan to attend.



VBS MEETING FOR ALL CENTER LEADERS

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:00 pm in room 200.

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Dellacroce at 828-2463.



The LA Christian Educators' Fellowship is collecting Mardi Gras beads and cups to distribute at Annual Conference.

If you would like to donate your Mardi Gras beads and/or cups, please place them in a box at the Elmeer Entrance.



Schedule of Ministry Event

Meetings and Special Events

Mar. 02	7:00 pm	Church Council Mtg (FH)
Mar. 03	9:00 am	UMW trip to Dulac
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	11:00 am	Service of Prayer & Healing (Sanc)
Mar. 04	1:45 pm	Safe Sanc Training (FH)
	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
	6:00 pm	Assimilation Comm (208)
Mar. 05	7:00 pm	GNO Photo Soc. (FH)
Mar. 06 -08		Sr. High Retreat
Mar. 07	8-12:00	Disciples Garage Sale
Mar. 08	Daylight Saving	Time Begins - set clocks forward
	12:15 pm	Safe Sanc Training (FH)
Mar. 10	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	11:00 am	Service of Prayer & Healing (Sanc)
	6:30-8:00 pm	UMW Hope Circle Mtg (FH)
Mar. 11	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
Mar. 12	6:15-8:30 pm	District Board of Laity Mtg (211)
	7:00 pm	United Methodist Men Mtg. (211)
Mar. 15		St. Patrick's Parade (Youth-volleyball & lunch while waiting for parade)

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
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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)
8:00 pm	Al Anon

Friday

9:30-1:30 pm	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, **Wednesday, March 11th**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** on Tuesday, March 10th. 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. 25	Feb. 01
Sunday		
8:30 am	88	79
9:45 am	54	38
11:00 am	<u>184</u>	<u>191</u>
Other	15	15
Total	341	323
Sunday School	175	167



MARCH'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday (Rehearsal- Rm. 111)

03/04/09 Choir Time 6:00 pm–6:45 pm
03/11/09 No Choir Practice

Altar Choir – Sunday (Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

03/01/09 Choir Time 10:15 am–10:45 am
03/08/09 Choir Time 10:15 am–10:45 am
03/15/09 Choir Time 10:15 am–10:45 am

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

03/04/09 Choir Time 6:30 pm–8:00 pm
03/11/09 Choir Time 6:30 pm–8:00 pm



VBS 2009
Monday, June 22nd through
Friday, June 26th

We are collecting empty square facial tissue boxes or Kleenex/Puff Cubes (**please no long rectangular boxes**) for VBS. We are also collecting empty cereal boxes.

There will be two boxes labeled "VBS", one under the table by the Elmeer entrance and one by Pitrina's office/KDO Director, by the Metairie Road entrance.

Thank you for your help.

Lisa Bourgeois



MUMY CALENDAR (Munholland United Methodist Youth) March 2009

Mar. 01 **Movie Night at the Church
Dinner by the Johnsons**

Mar. 06-08 Senior High Retreat

Mar. 08 No Youth Meeting

Mar. 15 St. Patrick's Day Parade
and party at church (noon
until...)

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

Please pick up your children in the Elmeer parking lot following youth activities, 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.



Theme for March: **ANIMAL EXPLORATION**

March 18th - Zoo Mobile

March 19th - DOUGHNUTS WITH DADDY

Pitrina Messina
KDO Director

Easter
Eggstravaganza



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information...

2009 Munholland Church Council Members

Sr. Pastor – Rev. Gene Finnell
Associate Pastor – Rev. John Deschner
Minister of Christian Education – Rev. Janet Cavalier
Director of Youth – Ford Dieth
Director of Music – Jan Schluter
Church Council Chairperson – Steve Zansler
Church Council Vice-Chairperson – Susan Richards
Church Council Recording Secretary – Jessica Favalora
Lay Leader – Bill Hornsby

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Finance – Mike Lepper
Financial Secretary – Lisa McWhorter
Staff/Parish Relations – Art Johnson
Trustees – Caleb Didriksen
Volunteer Housing Coord. – Betsy White

COORDINATORS:

Children's Church – Pam Eversmeyer
Pre-School Children – Carol Rau, Karen Zollinger
Elementary Children – Julie Lloyd, Janet Dellacroce
Youth Coord. – Debbie Wadsworth
Family Coord. – Lisa Bourgeois
Communications – Marc Chevis
Adult Christian Studies – Paul Gregory
Adult Council – Caroline Sanders

WORK AREA CHAIRPERSONS:

Education – Pam Eversmeyer, Caroline Sanders
Evangelism – Duke Eversmeyer
Missions – Fran Sisung, Ellaine Wilson
Worship – Rev. Gene Finnell
Stewardship – Mickey Spencer
United Methodist Women – Phyllis Zansler
United Methodist Men – Randall Schexnayder
Church Historian – Sarah Kreutziger
Youth Members – Harry Wadsworth, IV

2009 MEMBERS AT LARGE: Paul & Sandy Huston, Janet Angelico, Janet Miller-Schmidt, Keith Kreutziger, Ellaine Wilson, Harry Wadsworth, Reggie & Caroline Sanders and Mike & Janell Lepper

(C – Chairperson) (SL – Staff Liaison) (LL – Lay Leader)

EVANGELISM:

Rev. Gene Finnell	John Deschner (SL)
Duke Eversmeyer (C)	Pam Eversmeyer
Laura Clotworthy	Nelson Ardoin
Diane Jurisich	Sarah Kreutziger
David Webber	Kathy Hornsby
Fran Sisung	Kappy Day
John Treen	Joan Collier
Janet Davis	

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mike Lepper (C)	Larry Sisung
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Rev. Gene Finnell (SL)	

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Bill Hornsby (LL)	Sarah Kreutziger
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Rev. Gene Finnell (SL)	

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