

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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Holy Week is upon us. The events of this week remind us of God's great love for us and summon us to respond to His love by taking up the cross and following Him.

For many folks in today's world, suffering and death, prominent aspects of Holy Week, are signs of weakness, and weakness doesn't play well in a nation of achievers. This is one reason Holy Week is avoided in many churches. It's more satisfying to move from the big parade on Palm Sunday to the celebration of resurrection on Easter Sunday. United Methodist recognize that Jesus giving the disciples the bread and wine on Holy Thursday in remembrance of Him, and then being lifted up on the cross on Good Friday to draw all people to Himself, must be part of any Easter celebration as we honor and praise God for our redemption through Him.

I pray that Holy Week will be a holy week for you this year as you join us here at Munholland for the special services we have planned. This is a wonderful time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to come and worship. I hope to see you throughout Holy Week and Easter morning.

May God's blessings be upon you!

Gene Finnell



Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza	April 5 th	12:00-2:00 pm
Service of Prayer & Healing with Holy Communion	April 7 th	11:00 am
Holy Thursday Communion Svc	April 9 th	7:00 pm
Good Friday Breakfast hosted by United Methodist Men	April 10 th	8:00-9:00 am
Good Friday Tenebrae Service	April 10 th	6:00 pm
Easter Sunday Services (All three services with Brass Quartet & Tympani)	April 12 th	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 9:15 am in the Parlor.

The UMW General Meeting will be held on April 7th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have as our guest speaker, Anita Gilford, R.N, M.S.N., founder and president of Angel's Place. Anita will share how important this organization is to the children and families of seriously ill and terminally ill children.

Please mark your calendars and plan to welcome Anita as she shares her story and the vision she has for her young patients.

The Day Circle meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 10:00 am at the home of Ethel Melvin, 832 Homestead Ave.



Our UMW Annual Salad Supper will take on a Mexican theme this year. It will be held on Tuesday, May 5th, Cinco de Mayo, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our salads, appetizers, desserts, etc., will have a Mexican flavor to them.

You will learn what Munholland's mission team did on their recent trip to Galveston. They will present a power point presentation and talk about their experiences.

Please mark your calendars for this fun and informative night.

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LIVING



CROSS

MUNHOLLAND WILL BE DISPLAYING A COLORFUL LIVING CROSS EASTER SUNDAY IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

ANYONE INTERESTED MAY BRING CUT FLOWERS TO BE PLACED ON THE CROSS.



UMW Hope Circle

The UMW Hope Circle is inviting everyone, men and women, to join us as we support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. *Relay for Life* is a 24 hour walking event.

If you would like to join the Hope Lodge team called "Krewe of Hope" log onto www.relayforlife.org. As a team member you will help your team have someone on the field walking all 24 hours. You can choose a time or you can be there for the entire event.

The cost is \$10.00 to join and is payable when you sign-up online by credit card. If you wish to make a donation on behalf of the UMW Hope Circle, please let me know. You can purchase Luminaria for \$10.00 which honors a life lost to cancer or a life that has survived cancer - their names will be placed on a luminaria and lit at an evening portion of the event.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this cause in some form. The deadline for joining the team is **Sunday, April 5th**.

Contact info: Lisa Bourgeois at 231-8470 (cell) or roadmom@cox.net.



We will not meet in April due to holidays and other church events. The next meeting will be May 5th.



PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

On Palm Sunday all children are to gather at 10:45 am in room 104 to process in at the 11:00 am Worship Service...

MUNHOLLAND'S SAFE SANCTUARY NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH -- SOMETHING NEW ---

Each time your child wishes to participate in Children's Church, please place a name tag on his/her chest. Put your child's name and the name of the person picking him/her up from Children's Church on the tag. *The names tags can be found in the Children's Worship Folders.* This procedure is being enacted as part of Munholland's Safe Sanctuary policy.

SAFE SANCTUARIES

We have had a great response to our first three Safe Sanctuaries/Risk Reduction Training Sessions.

There will be another Safe Sanctuaries/Risk Management Training Session on Wednesday, April 8, at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. If you have not been able to attend, please come to hear how Munholland UMC is working to care for everyone's safety. The session will take about 45 minutes and is open to anyone wishing to learn more about the Safe Sanctuaries/Rick Management at Munholland.

Janet Miller-Schmidt, Safe Sanctuary Point Person

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

*MISSION COMMITTEE MTG
April 6th at 6:30 pm
in the Parlor*

*CHILDREN'S COUNCIL MTG
April 15th at 6:00 pm
in room 201*

*SHAWL MINISTRY
April 18th at 10:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall*

*CARE TEAM MEETING
April 21st at 6:00 pm
in room 211*

*SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM MTG
April 23rd at 6:00 pm
in room 200*

Giving "Lagniappe" for Lent

If you have not already dropped off your Lagniappe items, please do so by Palm Sunday, April 5th.

This Lenten mission is to support Maggiore Elementary School. The healthy snacks will be distributed to children on Fridays. The items are breakfast bars, raisins, trail mix, cheese crackers, fruit cups, juice packs, and pudding packs.

Please drop off your items on the table across from the Parlor.



*Memorial Donations were made in
memory of Phyllis Wakefield*

From Anita Dunn and Margaret West





BREAKFAST

Friday, April 10, 2009
8:00 – 9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall

*MUSIC, INSPIRATION,
FELLOWSHIP, GREAT FOOD*

Featured speaker: Dr. Ramonalynn Bethley

Everyone is invited,
men, women, youth & children

We especially invite men's groups from around
the New Orleans District to come and "fellowship"
with us in the kitchen.

Sponsored by the New Orleans
District United Methodist Men

No Charge – Donations Accepted

KAIROS MINISTRY

In Matthew 25:36, it speaks of us visiting those in prison. Kairos is a ministry that visits those in prison. This may not be for all of us, but you can support church members who do participate in this ministry in many different ways.

The various forms of Agape that are necessary to sustain this ministry are prayers, financial support, letters and **COOKIES**. Speaking of cookies, Anne Cutrer will be attending Kairos #28 at the end of April. She is required to bring **120 dozen** cookies as part of her ministry. If you would like to bake cookies, they cannot contain any fruit or powdered sugar. One dozen baked cookies should be placed in a Quart Size Ziploc bag and placed in the Munholland freezer marked Kairos.

They should be returned to the church by **April 15**. These cookies will nourish the bodies and souls of all the inmates of this institution.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne at 837-7283. Thanks for your contribution to the Kairos Ministry.

Due Date

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

Meetings and Special Events

Apr. 01	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
Apr. 02	7:00 pm	GNO Photo Soc (FH)
	7:00 pm	UMM (211)
Apr. 05	12:00-2:00 pm	Easter Eggstravaganza
Apr. 06	6:30 pm	Mission Comm Mtg (Par)
Apr. 07	9:15 am	UMW Exe. Mtg (Parlor)
	9:30 am	Staff Mtg
	10:00 am	UMW General Mtg (FH)
	11:00 am	Service of Prayer & Healing
Apr. 08	9:30 am	Safe Sanctuary Training (FH)
	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
Apr. 09	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Communion Svc
Apr. 10	8:00 am	Good Friday Breakfast
	6:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Apr. 12	EASTER SUNDAY	
Apr. 14	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Apr. 15	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Council Mtg

Weekly Worship Attendance

	Feb. 22	Mar. 01
Sunday		
	8:30 am	84
	9:45 am	47
	11:00 am	<u>158</u>
Other	15	15
Total	198	304
Sunday School	119	147
	Mar. 08	Mar. 15
Sunday		
	8:30 am	67
	9:45 am	58
	11:00 am	<u>131</u>
Other (includes Tuesday's Svc)	40	55
Total	325	311
Sunday School	152	162

PALM SUNDAY EGGSTRAVAGANZA



Everyone is invited on Sunday, April 5th from 12:00 until 2:00 pm, young and old, parents and grandparents to come together for a fun celebration of Palm Sunday. Bring yourself a picnic lunch, we will have drinks and desserts at the Eggstravaganza for everyone. It will be held on the playground & green space.

- 12:00-12:30** Picnic Lunch & Individual Games (Bubbles, tattoos, playhuts and miscellaneous games and crafts)
12:30-1:30 Ponies will be here for rides just like Jesus on Palm Sunday - rides are 1st come/1st served; there are no assigned times and they are free. (To ride the ponies you must be at least 3 yrs old through 5th grade)
12:30-12:45 1st Easter Egg Hunt for 3 yr old - Pre K.
1:00-1:15 2nd Easter Egg Hunt for Kindergarten and Grades 1 & 2
1:15-1:25 2nd Easter Egg Hunt Resurrection Egg Discussion
1:30-1:45 3rd Easter Egg Hunt for Grades 3, 4, and 5
1:45-1:55 3rd Easter Egg Hunt Resurrection Egg Discussion

Throughout the timeframe we will have group games for young and old, family members and friends, such as: raw egg toss, sack race, three-legged race and various Easter crafts.

APRIL'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday

(Rehearsal- Rm. 111)

04/01/09	Choir Time	6:00 pm–6:45 pm
04/08/09	No Choir Practice	
04/15/09	Choir Time	6:00 pm–6:45 pm

Altar Choir – Sunday

(Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

04/05/09	Choir Time	10:15 am–10:45 am
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Chancel Choir – Wednesday

04/01/09	Choir Time	6:20 pm–8:00 pm
04/08/09	Choir Time	6:30 pm–8:30 pm
04/15/09	Choir Time	6:45 pm–7:30 pm

KIDS DAY OUT

Theme for April: **SPRINGING INTO SPRING**

KDO will be closed on Thursday, 4/9/09 through Wednesday 4/15/09. We will return on Thursday, 4/16/09.

We will also be collecting for the "Ronald McDonald House Wish List". If you are interested in donating any items, such ziplock bags, tooth brushes, toiletries & other household products, please contact Pitrinia Messina at 834-0920.

Mark your calendars: Class Pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd.

MUMY CALENDAR

(Munholland United Methodist Youth)

April 2009

- Apr. 05 Noon - Youth will help out with the younger kids during the Easter Eggstravaganza.
- Apr. 12 Easter Sunday – No Youth Mtg
- Apr. 19 We will work on the Youth Sunday program. Dinner by the Barkates

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.



Volunteer Work Group Update!

April 18-24, 2009

Western Reserve District
Mayfield Heights, OH (10-12)



VBS 2009

Monday, June 22nd through Friday, June 26th



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.

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