

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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Adult Bible Study Student Recognition Day will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at Munholland. We will recognize all of those who have participated or are participating in a Bible study. If you have been in a Bible study in 2010 and/or 2011, then this celebration is to honor you and your study of God's word.

Bible study participants will be recognized in worship on May 1st. Please join us at a reception in your honor at fellowship time (10:30 am) in the vestibule near the Elmeer Street church entry.

If you have been a participant in a DISCIPLE Bible Study and have a pin from previous years, this would be a good day for you to wear your pin/s again and share the Good News of Bible study with someone who has not yet been part of a Munholland Bible Study.

Congratulations to all of you! We would like to especially thank our Bible Study Coordinator, Paul Gregory, as well as, our other leaders. Your leadership has been a blessing. Our leaders this year include: Rev. Gene Finnell, Rev. George Duerson, Rev. Janet Davis, Rev. Nancy Feild, Duke Eversmeyer, Pam Eversmeyer, Paul Gregory, Ronnie Berlu-chaux, Betsy White, Karla Schexnayder, Reggie Sanders, Caroline Sanders, Ellen Hawkins, Bob Hawkins, Bob Hopkins and Reuben Chrestman.

EASTER EVENTS:

Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza	April 17 th	12:00-2:00 pm
Deadline to order Easter Lilies	April 18 th	
Holy Thursday Communion Svc	April 21 st	6:00 pm
Good Friday Breakfast	April 22 nd	8:00 am
<i>hosted by United Methodist Men; music by Jan, Julianne, and Brindley</i>		
Good Friday Service	April 22 nd	6:00 pm
Easter Sunday Services	April 24 th	8:30 am
		9:45 am
		11:00 am



Anyone interested may bring cut flowers to be placed on the Living Cross Easter Sunday...



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next UMW Circle Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The program, "Making Peace with Mother Earth", will be led by Lyndy Messersmith.

Our next UMW General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The New Orleans District, UMW, Spiritual Day scheduled for Saturday, April 30th has been cancelled.



Our next UMW Circle meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26th at 7:15 pm for our final session of the book study "For the Love of God".

United Methodist Men

Mark your calendars for the UMM NO District Good Friday Breakfast to be held on April 22nd from 8:00 – 9:00 am at Munholland.

If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please contact Phyllis Zansler at phylzans@hotmail.com or call 701-3622.



The "drop off area" near the Elmeer Street entry is to be used ONLY for dropping off. Please do not use this area for parking.

Also, please reserve handicap parking spaces for those who require them.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

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



BOOK STUDY CHIEF

Sunday, May 29, 2011
4:30- 6:00 pm Parlor
Led by Rev. Nancy Feild

This novel is a story about normal people who face bumps in the road and their challenges to carry on. The author has a way of making his characters come to life as he tells about ordinary people dealing with relationships, losses, and joys. It is a heartwarming story with a message for living life to its fullest.

Participants should purchase their own books and read it prior to the book discussion.



A new name has been given to the homeless outreach program at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church which is held each Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. It will now be called "**The Good Samaritan Outreach**".

Munholland UMC has been contributing to this mission when it was called Luke's House. The medical clinic portion of this mission will be moving to 2023 Simon Bolivar in May. This part of the mission will continue to be called Luke's House.

Munholland UMC will continue to support "The Good Samaritan Outreach" by contributing toiletries, clothes, food for the "Love Sacs". We are thankful for all donations of these items as well as cash contributions.

MISSION EMPHASIS



The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Chili Cook Off in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, May 22nd at noon**. Prizes will be awarded for the Churches' Choice, Creative Chili Décor and Most Original Recipe. It will be a great time to learn about the Church's upcoming Mission Projects and to help determine who is Munholland's Chili Champion.

For those who want to cook, please complete an Entry Form found on the table near the Welcome center and place it in the box marked Chili Cook Off Entry Forms in the Welcome Center. Please prepare your Chili in advance and be ready to serve it at noon. Church members will cast their ballots to determine the winner of each category. The booth with the most Creative Décor will also be eligible for a prize. If you are really feeling creative, conjure up a recipe that is truly unique. All you need to provide is the Chili. The Mission Committee will provide everything else.

For those who want to be Tasters and vote for their favorite, just come to Fellowship Hall. The entrance fee is \$5 per person with a \$20 family cap and this will entitle you to 3 ballots. Addition

al ballots will be available for purchase.

All you Chili Champions, gather your crew and come cook for a worthy cause. The funds raised will be used to help provide School Uniforms and Summer Program Snacks. If you have any questions, contact Anne Cutrer at 237-2887.

LAY SPEAKING SCHOOL COMING SOON!

Have you ever thought about becoming a Lay Speaker?

A Lay Speaker is someone who uses their witness, leadership and service to inspire others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship.

Today, Lay Speaker opportunities may not only include interpretation of the scripture, doctrine, ministries of the church, conducting worship services when necessary, but also Lay Speakers can serve within the District and Conference.

Classes will be held on Friday, May 6, 2011 from 5:30 - 9:00 pm and on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 8:30 - 3:00 pm at First Grace UMC, 3401 Canal Street, New Orleans. Class size is limited and on a first come basis.

If you are interested in becoming a Lay Speaker, please contact Joann Taylor at 394-4253. The registration form and \$35 fee is due by **Friday, April 22, 2011**.



Thank you for your cooperation with Munholland's Church-wide Clean Up Day!

We had an amazing day working in and around the church property on March 26th ... and many tasks were completed, from replacing missing hymnals and pencils in the sanctuary to cleaning the parlor and stage!

THANK YOU to the following: Harry Wadsworth IV, Don Lancaster, Randall Schexnayder, Susan Richards, Don Hall, Frank Ruholl. Norma Peikert, Steve & Phyllis Zansler, Henry Herbert, Paula Lucas, Paul Gregory, Carol Ruholl & Joan Hall.

If you missed our "Clean Up Day" and would like to take on a small task, please email me and I will let you know of a project that needs to be done!

Sunday School Classes – feel free to schedule a day in your room at any time for "spring cleaning"!!

Thank you all for helping to clean "God's House".

Betsy White,
Betsysw@aol.com



2011 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday, June 13th - Friday June 17th
8:45 am - 12:00 noon

Don't miss out on this wonderful event for your children. We welcome children ages 3 ½ (3 by 12/31/10 and potty-trained) through 6th grade (completed). There will be a \$25.00 VBS fee. The fee covers craft materials, daily healthy snack, daily music and recreation. The fee is non-refundable after June 1st.

If you are also looking for some fun this summer, come join us by volunteering for VBS.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Chailland, Director of Children's Ministries at melissac@munholland.org or 834-9910. The Registration and Volunteer forms can be found in the Vestibule, Metairie Road Entrance or on Munholland's webpage at www.munhollandumc.org.



CAMP ISTROUMA SUMMER CAMP

Camp Istrouma offers an excellent choice located on 167 acres approximately 15 miles northeast of Baton Rouge at 25975 Greenwell Springs Road in Greenwell Springs, Louisiana.

The weeklong sessions offer a wide variety of activities and opportunities: including campfire & smores, swimming, cool bible stories, fun worship, climbing wall, low ropes, the blob, talent show, messy games, yummy food, zipline, canvas slide, messy mud pit, hiking, camp friends, Christian counselors, & tons of fun!

Our air conditioned lodges with separate facilities for boys and girls are modern with individual bathrooms and carpeted floors. Our camp is open to all children and youth and is supervised 24 hours a day by trained counselors.

For more information or to register, please visit their website www@campistrouma.com.



If you are in 3rd grade or older and are interested in becoming an ACOLYTE, please contact Alison (Ali) Calamia at alicalamia@cox.net or 504-828-1464.



G.R.A.C.E. CAMP

G.R.A.C.E. Camp is a special non-denominational camp for children ages 9 through 11 who have a parent in prison. The camp is directed by a minister who has over 30 years camping experience with youth.

The purpose of the camp is to intervene in the lives of children to help them realize that they have choices in life, to help each camper recognize their own self-worth and talents as a child of God.

Campers are treated to a week of fun including swimming, music, crafts, sports and morning & evening worship. There is no expense to their families. The Camp is entirely supported by donations.

If you like more information about this camp, or would like to participate, furnish needed items, make a donation or recommend a camper, please email at grace_camp@live.com or call Gail at 318-345-1018 or Cheryl at 225-664-0956.

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Nelson & Charlene Ardoin on the birth of their grandson, Andrew Nelson Ardoin.

Andrew was born on March 29, 2011 at 8lbs, 8 ounces and 21 inches.

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Wednesday, 4/27**. We will include in the newsletter articles received by **10:00 am** on Tuesday, 4/26.

LANOW - The official newspaper for the Louisiana United Methodist Conference can now be accessed by logging onto www.lanow.org or by logging onto Munholland's website www.munhollandumc.org and clicking on the LANOW Folder.

Visit this site for great resources and the latest information.

THE KIDS' PAGE

DISCOVER CLUB & YOUNG YOUTH (1st - 6th grade)



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, April 17th 12:00 - 2:00 pm...

Join us on the green space and playground to hunt for Easter eggs and ride ponies (see page one of this Messenger for more information).

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 14th - Pool Party at the Chaillands...

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Chailland, Director of Children Ministries, at 834-9910 or melissac@munholland.org.

ARPIL'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday (Rehearsal- Rm. 111)

04/20/11 No Choir
04/27/11 No Choir

Altar Choir – Sunday (Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

04/17/11 Choir Time 10:15–10:45 am
04/24/11 No Choir

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

04/20/11 Choir Time 6:45–8:30 pm
04/27/11 No Choir

KIDS DAY OUT



We will be closed for Easter Holidays
April 21 – 27

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

MUMY CALENDAR

(Munholland United Methodist Youth)

April 2011

April 17 Palm Sunday – help with the *Eggstravaganza* from 12:00-2:00 pm

April 24 No Youth Program – Easter

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 Metairie Road 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.

THINK ABOUT IT

".....and Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order, and bound Issac, his son, and laid him on the altar". (Gen 22:9) This account of Abraham offering up his son to God as a sacrifice has inspired people through the ages. Yet Abraham was not the only one to express amazing faith and faithfulness. Issac's actions were pretty admirable as well. It is believed that Issac was about 17 years old at the time and Abraham was 117. Issac could have overpowered Abraham and made the "great escape". He could certainly have out-run dear old dad! But Issac allowed his father to bind him on the altar knowing that Abraham intended to make him a sacrifice. Issac had complete trust in God, his father, or probably both.

This is a perfect picture of how God sacrificed His Son Jesus for us. It was an astonishing act of love for us on God's part, but it was equally amazing what Jesus did. Is. 53:7 says "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth". Jesus could have easily called for legions of angels to deliver Him, but He didn't – He yielded even unto death. Such love and sacrifice certainly had a purpose. If God gave His Son so freely for us, how could we ever doubt that He will supply our every need. God loves us and delights in our prosperity and our covenant blessing. He proves it over and over again to us. This is the season for us to be especially aware of this supreme gift on our behalf. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God.



*Munholland United Methodist Church would like to congratulate our
2011 High School Graduating Seniors:*

*Ellie Gardner
Patrick Regan
Megan Trahan*

*Robert Gates
Nicholas Schmidt
Chase Webber*

*Kelsey Herrington
Kelsey Shrider
Michelle Wright*

For Meetings & Special Events see the
Church Bulletin Calendar...

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