

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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YOUTH MINISTRY ASSESSMENT: PLANNING FOR OUR YOUTH

We value the youth of Munholland and we are committed to building a sustainable youth ministry that is going to have a deep impact. That's why we're developing a game plan together. We have an active program already, but it's time to take it to the next level. We have invited Youth Ministry Architects to visit us on May 13, 14, and 15. Learn more about them at www.ymarchitects.com. YMA will spend the majority of their time listening to a variety of groups within the church through focused listening groups. We hope to see participation in those groups from a broad spectrum of parents, volunteers, youth and people who just love our youth. We want your insights, your frustrations and your dreams to be heard.

After spending 2 days in these listening groups (and taking copious notes), the YMA team will hunker down to write a report, sharing with us what they've heard about the youth ministry program—including assets, challenges, and how we compare to youth ministries around the country—and where it seems that God might be taking us next. On Sunday afternoon, May 15 at 2:30, the report will be presented to the congregation in the sanctuary, laying out specific recommendations and a blueprint for how to move forward.

If you would like to be part of this process and have your voice heard, please contact Gene Finnell at 834-9910 or genef@munholland.org.



SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011

WE WILL RECOGNIZE ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED OR ARE PARTICIPATING IN A BIBLE STUDY IN 2010 AND/OR 2011 ON SUNDAY, MAY 1ST. PLEASE JOIN US AT A RECEPTION IN YOUR HONOR DURING 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!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW General Meeting will be Tuesday, May 3rd at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be led by Patty Muehlemann. The UMW Morning Circle Meeting will be Tuesday, May 17th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are not a UMW member, we invite you to join us at one of our meetings this month. We will be making plans for a couple of field trips to our outreach organizations. The first trip will be to (NRCC), North Rampart Community Center on Tuesday, June 14th for their annual Open house.

We are again helping them to raise funding for approximately 80 summer campers. It is an eight week, seven hours a day camp for kids from 8 to 17 years of age. The cost to sponsor a camper this year is \$175. Any amount is appreciated and can be mailed directly to them, earmarked for summer camp. Or, you can donate through our UMW by making your check payable to UMW and it will be combined with our donations. You can place your donation in the UMW mail slot in the Welcome Center, turn it in to any UMW member or to the church office. Donations are due by **Sunday, May 29th**.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ellen Hawkins, Pam Eversmeyer and Tina Doyle on receiving this year's Mission Recognition Pins. These ladies not only represent the Face of Mission of United Methodist Women here at Munholland, but also for their work in the community and to any outreach opportunity that comes their way. The UMW theme is Faith, Hope and Love in Action. These ladies truly fit that description. We are so proud of them and we hope you will join us and convey your congratulations to them as well.

Our Salad Supper was a great success. Thank you for your support. We raised \$710, which will be divided between UMCOR Japan Advance and Warne Baby Fold Scholarship Fund in India. Our thanks to Barbara Harris for a very informative presentation of her LAVIM trip to India, to our UMW ladies and members of the AAUW. Also a special thanks to Caroline & Reggie Sanders for their help with setting up the slide presentation and for use of their projector. If you weren't there, you missed a great evening.



Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17th at 7:15 pm. We will have a devotional and discussion of future plans & proposed mission project helping to establish a library at Ella Dolhonde School.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Eversmeyer at liberryldy@aol.com.

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. 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. Additional 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.



Mother's Day Bake Sale

The youth will sell baked goods on **Sunday, May 8th** after the **Sunday Services** near the Welcome Center in the main hallway.



Come join us for some fun this summer by volunteering for our VBS Program. This is also a great way to earn some service hours. Our theme this year is "Shake it Up".



2011 VBS TRAINING DATES:

VBS training (Youth) Sun., 06/05/11 5:00 pm
 VBS training* Sun., 06/12/11 4:00 pm

There will also be a Safe Sanctuary Training Session for all VBS volunteers.



VBS CHURCH DECORATION:

Plan to join us on Sunday, June 12th at 4:30 pm* to decorate the church.

If you have any questions, please call Melissa Chailland at 606-0797 or email at melissac@munholland.org.

*NURSERY PROVIDED

SUMMER CAMPS



CAMP ISTROUMA SUMMER CAMP

If you would like more information about this camp, please visit their website www@campistrouma.com.



G.R.A.C.E. CAMP

If you like more information about this camp, please email at grace_camp@live.com or call Gail at 318-345-1018 or Cheryl at 225-664-0956.



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 interested, forms can be found in the Vestibule and also on our website – www.munhollandumc.org.

If you have any questions, please email Melissa at melissac@munholland.org or Call 834-9910.



VBS is in need of the following items:

Paper towel & toilet paper rolls

Fabric scraps or remnants

Cereal boxes

Icing containers & lids

Please place in the boxes set up by the Elmeer and Metairie Road Entrances.



A Memorial Donation was made in memory of
Susan Spencer
 from Cecelia Mugge, Gail Khairallah,
 Vic Castillo, Bev Bartee, Jackie Childress,
 Cheryl Puccin, Ora Dawson, Carol Sears,
 Terri Calhoun and Laura Porter...

Welcome to Munholland



John Batty
Date joined: 4/17/2011

LUKE'S HOUSE NEEDS YOU!!
Saturday, May 14th

Luke's House is a non-profit organization addressing the health and spiritual needs in the New Orleans area. Luke's House is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and works closely with church leaders and congregations from across the country.

On May 14th at 8:00 am, we will meet at Luke's House to help clean up, tighten boards, prep for painting and paint.

For more information, contact Lisa Lynde, Executive Director of Luke's House at 504-444-7879.

Weekly Worship Attendance

	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
Sunday		
8:30 am	75	73
9:45 am	42	56
11:00 am	<u>163</u>	<u>157</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	15	15
Other	20	20
Total	315	321
Sunday School	163	161
	Apr. 03	Apr. 10
Sunday		
8:30 am	87	88
9:45 am	42	42
11:00 am	<u>168</u>	<u>160</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	15	15
Other	20	20
Total	332	325
Sunday School	175	161

Meetings and Special Events

May 01	Adult Bible Study Recognition Sunday
May 02	9:30 am Staff Mtg.
May 03	10:00 am UMW General Mtg (FH)
	11:00 am Svc of Prayer & Healing with Holy Communion
	6:00 pm "Motion for Life Fitness Class" (207)
May 04	5:15 pm Midweek Meal
	6:15 pm Communion (Sanc)
	6:30 pm Cursillo (Parlor)
May 05	7:00 pm Gtr. NO Photo Soc (FH)
May 08	Mother's Day Bake Sale
May 09	6:30 pm Children's Council Mtg
May 10	11:00 am Svc of Prayer & Healing with Holy Communion
	6:00 pm "Motion for Life Fitness Class" (207)
May 11	5:15 pm Midweek Meal
	6:15 pm Communion (Sanc)
	6:30 pm Cursillo (Parlor)
May 12	7:00 pm UMM (211)
May 13-15	Youth Emphasis Weekend
May 14	2-4:00 pm Children's Pool Party

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Wednesday, 5/11**. We will include in the newsletter articles (space permitting) received by **10:00 am** on Tuesday, 5/10.

THE KIDS' PAGE

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



at the Chailland's home
Saturday, May 14th
2:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Please join us for an end of the school year pool party at The Chailland's (4513 Gary Mikel Ave in Metairie). Please call Melissa at 606-0797 or email melissa@munbollandumc.org. Don't forget to bring a towel and sunscreen. Cancelled if it rains.

Melissa Chailland
Director of Children Ministries

MAY'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday (Rehearsal- Rm. 111)

05/04/11	Choir Time	6:00–6:45 pm
05/11/11	Choir Time	6:00–6:45 pm
05/18/11	Choir Time	6:00–6:45 pm

Altar Choir – Sunday (Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

05/01/11	Choir Time	10:15–10:45 am
05/08/11	Choir Time	10:15–10:45 am
05/15/11	Choir Time	10:15–10:45 am

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

05/04/11	No Choir	
05/11/11	Choir Time	6:45–8:30 pm
05/18/11	Choir Time	6:45–8:30 pm

We are celebrating the Children's Music Program on Sunday, May 22nd at the 11:00 Worship Service. Both choirs will sing.

The Choirs will be on summer vacation until the Fall.

KIDS DAY OUT

May 5 th	Milk & Cookies with Mom
May 9 th – 19 th	KDO Art Exhibit
May 19 th	KDO's Last Day

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

MUMY CALENDAR

(Munholland United Methodist Youth) May 2011

May 01	Program by Paul Rucker from Christian Brothers
May 08	Mother's Day Bake Sale
May 14	Prepare food for St. Marks
May 15	We are serving lunch and attending worship at St. Mark's UMC.

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

When God calls us into His plan, it is not our talent or intelligence He is interested in. He looks specifically for those who will do His will, regardless of their personal ability. Paul is a great example of this kind of person. He was respected among religious leaders in Israel. As an intelligent Pharisee, he would seem to be the likely choice to present the Gospel of Jesus to the influential Jews. But God sent Paul to the Gentiles where his religious background would be of little importance. Paul would have to rely on the *Holy Spirit* to fulfill God's plan.

Whatever we are commissioned to do in the Kingdom, we will need the grace that comes from time spent in God's presence in order to fulfill our assignment. Many Christians are disappointed in their spiritual walk because they have directed their prayers toward situations in their lives in a desire to bring about needed change. But they have failed to see any real results. Often, people try to use their faith to change external circumstances when they may lack the level of inner ability to sustain the faith they are exercising. They first need to grow in grace.

Grace is the inner substance that will sustain us as we apply the principles of faith to change things. If we give up on the inside, we will faint on the outside. i.e. faith overcomes the problems but grace keeps the problems from overcoming us! Grace comes through the power of the *Holy Spirit*, which becomes the power of God to do for us what we can't do on our own. All of us will ultimately find ourselves in Paul's shoes ~ we, too, will need to rely on the Power of the *Holy Spirit* to complete God's assignments for us. Then, and only then, will God get the Glory.

THE SEVENTEEN SECOND MIRACLE

by: Jason Wright

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.

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