

# The Messenger

## of Munholland United Methodist Church

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Kunte Rockne is thought to have given some of the most inspiring pre-game pep talks of any coach in any sport. Vince Lombardi is another coach said to have given great pre-game or half-time pep talks. The purpose of the pep talk is of course to encourage the players to raise their level of performance beyond what they might normally give. I'm not a coach and this is not a pre-game pep talk, but the time has come for all of us here at Munholland to be sure that what we're giving financially to the church rises above what has been comfortable for us to give. If you need to be pushed harder to give more, consider this a push. We have cut expenditures back significantly since Katrina. As you know though, the costs of things like utilities and insurance have continued to rise. In the areas of staff and programming, we've tried to maintain our level of commitment because this is what it takes to run a large church with a comprehensive program. And missionally speaking, while we've not had the funds to support some of the non-United Methodist institutions we've supported in the past, we have been generous with those that count on our continued support. We are keeping current on the payment of apportionments through which we support the work of the United Methodist Church locally, nationally, and internationally. We've also been the recipients of the generosity of United Methodists worldwide.

Right now, our expenses are running higher than our income. One solution is to cut back on expenses. For our church, right now, this is not a viable option. The other is to increase our income. This makes the most sense. We are entering the summer season, which is traditionally a slow season for giving to the church. I challenge you right now to step up, increase your giving to this wonderful church so that we can fulfill our obligations and meet new challenges. We have established a national reputation through the hosting of groups from all over the country that we are a church full of spirit and willingness to do God's work. That's who we are, and our light shines bright. I **know** that our members have the financial ability to give the support necessary for us to make as equally strong a statement of faith regarding our stewardship and giving.

Since Katrina, we've lost members and we've lost income, both after-effects of the storm. It's no longer the time to look back at who we were or what we had. We are who we are now, and this is a new opportunity to step forward with determination, grounded in faith. Let's rise to a new level and let our light, God's light, continue to shine bright. Please be generous.

Sincerely,

Gene Finnell



**The next Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the Parlor. The General Meeting will follow at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is our last Executive and General Meeting until August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**There will be no Circle Meetings scheduled for June, July or August. The meetings will resume again in September.**



**Our thanks to everyone that came out in support of our Salad Supper on May 1<sup>st</sup> and to welcome our speaker, Rev. Kathy Fitzhugh. Your love offerings in the amount of \$430 for UMCOR is greatly appreciated.**

**UMW Mission Recognition Pins were presented to three very deserving ladies of our congregation for being women who live their lives daily in mission to others.**

**Our congratulations go to Lorrie Dobrovolny, Janet Finnell and Rev. Kathy Fitzhugh. They all seemed to be pretty surprised. We are very proud to call them United Methodist Women and one of our very own.**

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**STORAGE SPACE NEEDED FOR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE ITEMS**

UMW is looking for someone to store items for the UMW White Elephant Sale.

If you have a garage, spare bedroom or storage space we can use until September we would really appreciate it.

Contact Phyllis at 455-9942 or Lorrie at 443-4641.

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**Summer Midweek Meals**

Mark your calendars for: 5/30, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, and 8/29 for summer midweek meals.

The cost of the meals will remain the same: \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under.

If anyone is interested in cooking or helping out, please contact Janet Miller-Schmidt at 835-8253 or e-mail [Janetmiller-schmidt@msn.com](mailto:Janetmiller-schmidt@msn.com). Janet is our Chief Cook and will supervise these events.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a great meal and good fellowship.

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**CARE TEAM MEETING**

June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Room 211

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**Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of the following:**

**To the family of Marvin Perrett, who passed away on May 6<sup>th</sup>...**

**Bill Goggans and his family upon the loss of his wife, Catherine...**

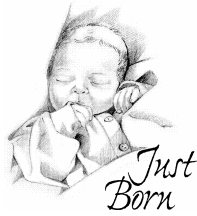
**Howard Gaines and his family upon the loss of his mother...**

**You are in our thoughts and prayers...**

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A Memorial Donation was made in memory of Gloria Mittelstaedt from Richard & Judith Lifsey and Mark & Nancy Miller

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Congratulations to Dr. Von Graham and his wife, Nicole on the birth of their son, Tucker Caldwell Graham.

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*10 days of Biblical Discovery*  
*Join Bishop Hutchinson and the Louisiana area on this journey of a lifetime:*

*January 15-24, 2008*

*Contact Rev. Janet Cavalier for more information at 834-9910.*

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "LIFT OFF"**

*Vacation Bible School will begin on:  
Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Time: 8:45 – 12 noon     Fee: \$25.00*

*Ages: 3 ½ (3 by 12/31/06 and potty trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

*Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity. If you have not signed up yet, forms can be found by the Metairie Road Entrance and in the Vestibule.*



## **Volunteers are needed for VBS FUN!**

Please call Lisa Bourgeois at 738-0023 or the church office at 834-9910 to sign up as a Vacation Bible School Volunteer.

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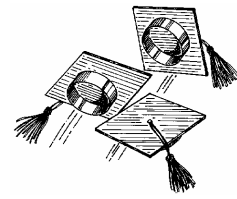
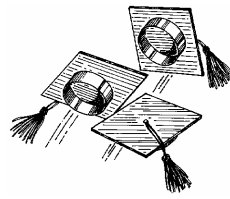
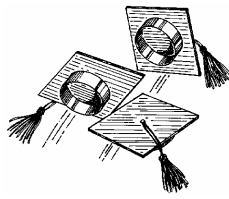
### **2007 VBS Training Dates:**

Sunday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	VBS training for youth
Wednesday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	VBS training *
Saturday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	VBS training *

Also, plan to join us on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm\* to decorate the church for VBS. We will also have a hot dog supper. For more information, please contact Lisa Bourgeois at 738-0023.

\* nursery provided

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATES:

Stephanie Barrilleaux  
 Eva Biggers  
 Brittany Brupbacher  
 Allix Byrd  
 Travis Cross  
 Christopher Deano  
 Thomas Doescher  
 Matthew Farris  
 Meredith Farris  
 Matthew Heiman  
 Nicholas Hill  
 Blake Johnston  
 Kristen Jones  
 Sean Keller  
 Christopher Kihneman  
 Joseph Kovacs

Danielle Leatherwood  
 William Leonard  
 Matthew McNally  
 Christopher Meyer  
 Matthew Miller  
 Justin Pecquet  
 Shelley Posey  
 Jean Riess  
 Morgan Shepard  
 Christopher Trahan  
 William Truax  
 James Uddo  
 Robert Uddo  
 Kevin White  
 Jason Wrobel  
 Suzanne Zelenka

CONGRATULATIONS TO COLLEGE GRADUATE:

Breland Deano

**Meetings:**

June 03	5:00 pm	Youth Mtg (200)
June 04		KDO Summer Camp Begins
June 05	9:15 am	UMW Executive Mtg (Par)
	10:00 am	UMW General Mtg. (FH)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm	Mission Comm Mtg (3rd fl)
June 07	7:00 pm	GNO Photo Mtg (FH)
June 10	5:00 pm	Youth Mtg (200)
June 12	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Susie May Munholland Committee Mtg (3 <sup>rd</sup> fl)
June 14	7:00 pm	UMM (201)

**Weekly Worship Attendance**

	May 06	May 13
Sunday		
	8:30 am	101
	11:00 am	98
		<u>196</u>
Other	19	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>353</b>
Sunday School	183	174

**Due Date**

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Monday June 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## JUNE'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

**Littlest Angels – Wednesday**  
(Rehearsal-Columns room)

**There will be no choir practice during June and July**

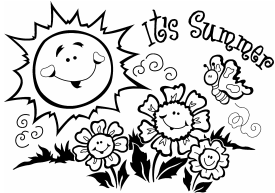
**Altar Choir – Sunday**  
(Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

**There will be no choir practice during June and July**

**Chancel Choir – Wednesday**

06/06/07	Choir Time	7:00 pm–8:30 pm
06/13/07	Choir Time	6:30 pm–7:30 pm
06/20/07	Choir Time	7:15 pm–8:45 pm

## KIDS DAY OUT



Summer Camp begins Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to a fun and exciting summer.

If you need more information, please contact Mary Beth Bonin at 834-0920...

## MUMY CALENDAR (Munholland United Methodist Youth)

**June 2007**

June 03	Youth Meeting
June 10	Youth Meeting
June 18-22	VBS

We need everyone's help with VBS. We are expecting a huge number of participants this year. Please participate if you possibly can.

SPLAT! Youth 07 is July 11-16. We will meet the bus on July 10<sup>th</sup> and return on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our Mission Trip is the weekend of the Cross in Gonzales, LA on July 26-29.

Registration is \$10. We need a count by May 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be painting homes and doing minor repairs with Youth from other area churches. We will stay in the First United Methodist Church in Gonzales.

Discovery Club and Young Youth will resume again in the Fall

**KIDS  
KAMP**

for kids entering 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

# Upcoming VOLUNTEER GROUPS staying at Munholland Let's roll out the red carpet and welcome them to our church!

- June 3-9 Mexico Team (VIM) 10 men - McAllen, TX
- June 10-16 Central Texas Youth Conference (50) - This is the large Youth group (230) who will be using our facility each night for supper and worship!
- June 25-29 First UMC, Richardson, TX (15)
- June 24-July 1 JF Kennedy Co. (10), Waterbury CT/The Pullblanks (2), Fly Creek, NY

If you wish to drop off goodies or bottled water, snacks, cereal, power bars, nuts, fruit for our guests, please leave them in the fellowship hall at the table marked for visiting groups. If you would like to provide a meal or sponsor a "Midweek" treat for a group, please contact Betsy White 220-6541.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Iris Grevemberg for sponsoring a pizza supper for our visitors in April and to Susan Decan and Linda Watson for feeding our visitors on May 22.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in our efforts to serve our volunteer work groups.

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