

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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Dear Friends, this past Sunday the Christian Church celebrated Pentecost, traditionally observed as the day the Holy Spirit descended upon a group of people in Jerusalem, there to observe the Festival of Pentecost.

Little did they know when they arrived what was about to take place. For 2,000 years the Holy Spirit has continued to have the same impact upon the church—little do we know what's about to take place. Let me tell you, we've got change coming here at Munholland, beginning with the addition to our pastoral staff of Sione Tu'uta.

Sione comes to us from Grace Community United Methodist Church in Shreveport where he has been serving as Associate Pastor for the past nine years. His wife Elizabeth is also a United Methodist Minister and she will be serving First United Methodist Church of Kenner. They will be living in the Kenner parsonage. I'm excited about Sione joining us and know you'll come to love and appreciate him in very special ways. His first Sunday is June 19, and his first two Sundays to preach are June 26 and July 10.

Another area of change is in youth ministry. It's been a few weeks now since Dave and Duane from Youth Ministry Architects were here and shared with us their comprehensive report on what we need to do to build up youth ministry at Munholland. I'm excited about what they've proposed and what we are going to be doing over the months and years ahead as we provide ministry for our youth.

Vacation Bible School is in progress and we had over 100 children register. Unfortunately we maxed out and had to turn some away. We'll make adjustments for next year so we can handle more children. We continue with our 75th year anniversary celebration and have more things planned as part of the celebration.

Stay tuned, stay involved, stay excited.

Gene Finnell, Sr. Pastor

Safe Sanctuary News

Please visit Munholland's website, www.munhollandumc.org for our Safe Sanctuary polices and a power point presentation. You will find it very informative regarding cyberspace and children.

Janet Miller-Schmidt
Safe Sanctuary Point Person



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW New Orleans District Mission Study, "Joy to the World", will be held on Saturday, June 18th at St. Charles UMC in Destrehan. The UMW of St. Charles will host the event. Registration begins at 9:00 am with light refreshments.

The study will be from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm, with a brown bag lunch break at approximately 11:30 am. Please plan to attend this event. If 10% of our unit membership attends we will receive 4 hours of credit for the study.

UMW has no meetings (General or Circle) scheduled for JULY or AUGUST, but we will be getting together for Pre-White Elephant Sale preparations. Days and times will be announced.

*Munholland would like to extend our
deepest sympathy to:*

*Ollie Jean Lagarde, family &
friends on the death of her husband,
Jean' Paul Lagarde*

*Gloria Normann, family & friends
on the death of her husband,
Robert Normann*

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



The Hope Circle will now meet on Monday evenings instead of Tuesday evenings. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 20th at 6:30 pm.

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



MAGGIORE MEALS

Maggiore is conducting a special reading program this Summer from **July 18 - August 5**. The students are at school from 9-12 daily, and they are not served any food. We all know it is hard to concentrate on school work when you are hungry.

The Mission Committee thought this would be a great opportunity for a Summer Mission Project. In order to serve a snack and lunch daily, we will be collecting food items.

If your Sunday School Class or any other group would like to sponsor or prepare lunch for the day, contact Anne Cutrer at 237-2887.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF SNACK ITEMS BEING COLLECTED:

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| Chips-individual size 1oz | Raisins (indiv. boxes) |
| Pudding-Individual Size | Trail Mix |
| Fruit Roll Ups | Granola Bars |
| Box Drinks-Punch or Fruit | |
| Snack Cakes-Individually wrapped | |
| Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers | |

Lunches will be prepared and delivered to the school daily. Please consider helping in one of the following ways:

- Prepare a nonperishable Lunch
- Assist with delivery of Lunch
- Financial Donations for Lunch

The school informed us that the first thing the children asked when they were told about the program was "Will the people be bringing snacks and lunch again?" So this is truly a chance to make a difference in a child's life.

MUNHOLLAND'S 2011

Summer Bible/Book Studies



**Sunday, June 26, 2011
4:30-6:00 pm**

**Facilitators: Reggie & Caroline Sanders
Room to be announced No Charge**

"People say theatre has the power to heal."
Don't miss out on this feature-length inspirational documentary DVD presentation **After the Storm** by Lynn Ahrens - Author - "Once on this Island". This story is about a group of New York Broadway actors inspired to help the youth of New Orleans after Katrina used theater as a way to heal broken hearts.

They stage a musical theater production of the Broadway play "Once on this Island" with local teenagers at the St. Marks Community Center located at the edge of the French Quarter. This documentary follows the crew and the kids on their journey.

Please reserve a space by calling the church office at 834-9910.

Lectionary Bible Study

**Thursday mornings
10:00 - 11:00 am**

**Led by: Rev. Nancy Feild
Room 201 \$5 donation suggested**



New Participants Welcome
to Join at ANY time!

This is a wonderful way to begin Bible Study
Bring your Bible, our main text

WHAT DO WE DO IN BIBLE STUDY?

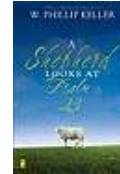
Explore the Scriptures together

Learn to use our Bibles & Biblical notations

Share ideas about the implications of the Biblical message for Christian living today

Focus our study on the Biblical passages suggested by the Common Lectionary for the week

Learn more about the Bible and gain more from the sermons on Sundays which are usually based on one of the suggested Scriptures



**Sunday, July 31, 2011
4:30-5:30 pm Parlor**

**Led by: Rev. Nancy Feild
No fee - participants buy their own books**

"A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" by W. Phillip Keller, is one of the favorite passages of Scripture for most Christians.

In this little book, Phillip Keller leads the reader to experience anew the familiar words of the 23rd Psalm. Travel in the shepherd's path to green pastures and cool refreshing waters.

Looking at the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep gives new meaning to this beloved classic Shepherd Psalm.

Order your book from Cokesbury website (www.cokesbury.com), from Amazon or your local bookstore. Read the book then join **Rev. Nancy Feild** and the Book Discussion Group on **Sunday, July 31st. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

"Mere Christianity"

**Based on the Book by C.S. Lewis
Begins Sunday, July 17th (4 sessions) 4:30 - 6:00 PM
Caroline & Reggie Sanders/Facilitators
(Room #211) \$10 per person**

- What do all Christians believe? What are the core beliefs?
- What are the beliefs common to all Christian denominations?
- Are there moral codes of conduct that are common to all people?
- Are all people born with a sense of right and wrong?
- What do Christians believe about Christ? About his death?
- What do Christians believe about the Trinity?
- What do Christians believe about God & the "Laws of Nature"?

C.S. Lewis defends Christianity by building a logical foundation for belief and constructing an entire theology upon that foundation.



A Memorial Donation was made in memory of

Joan Kall

from Drs. Keith & Sarah Kreutziger,

Bill & Laura Shedd, Bob & Ellen

Hankins, John & Susan Richards,

Larry & Pat Fay, Sal & Libby Moschella,

Curtis & Brenda Portinari, Ingalls

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Rhode Island, Corley Byras, Mr. & Mrs.

Wilbert Black, Norma Peikert, Anita Lento

Martin & Michael Martin...

Every Week at Munholland

Sunday (Worship 8:30 am, 9:45 am & 11:00 am)

9:30 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Cross Roads SS (210)
 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday

11:00 am Service of Prayer & Healing with
 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 3:00 pm Luke's House Homeless Ministry
 At Mt. Zion
 6:00 pm "Motion for Life" Fitness Exercise
 Class (207)

Wednesday

6:30 pm Cursillo (Parlor)
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir (113)

Thursday

8:00 pm A.A. (Parlor)
 8:00 pm N.A. (209)
 8:00 pm Al-Anon.

Friday

12:00 pm Friday Friends Bridge
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 7 (201)

Weekly Worship Attendance

	May 01	May 08
Sunday		
8:30 am	88	63
9:45 am	36	64
11:00 am	<u>169</u>	<u>252</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	15	15
Other	20	20
Total	328	414
Sunday School	163	157

	May 15	May 22
Sunday		
8:30 am	68	73
9:45 am	55	44
11:00 am	<u>168</u>	<u>296</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	15	15
Other	20	20
Total	326	448
Sunday School	168	193

	May 29
Sunday	
8:30 am	67
9:45 am	27
11:00 am	<u>142</u>
Svc of Prayer & Healing	20
Other	0
Total	256
Sunday School	133

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Friday, June 24th**.

We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** (space permitting) on Thursday, June 23rd.

**For Meetings & Special Events see
 your Church Bulletin Calendar...**

THE KIDS' PAGE

DISCOVER CLUB & YOUNG YOUTH

(1st - 6th grade)



Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer.
We will meet again in August...

JUNE'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday
(Rehearsal- Rm. 111)

No choir practice during the summer

Altar Choir – Sunday
(Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

No choir practice during the summer

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

06/15/11	Choir Time	6:30–8:00 pm
06/22/11	Choir Time	6:30–8:00 pm
06/29/11	Choir Time	6:30–8:00 pm



Summer Camp begins Monday, June 20th through Friday, July 22nd. We look forward to a fun and exciting summer.

Remember to wear your sunscreen.

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



MUMY CALENDAR (Munholland United Methodist Youth) June 2011

June 18 (Saturday) Work at Second Harvesters

July 11-18 **Youth 2011 at Purdue** –
for more information, visit
<http://Youth2011.org/>

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

One of the fruits of the spirit that isn't talked about very often in the Body of Christ is **faithfulness**. In Colossians 1:7 it says, "Epaphras was a faithful minister of Christ". It doesn't say how large his church or his youth group was. It doesn't mention how many services he preached on Sunday mornings. It merely says he was faithful – and he remained faithful. A faithful person is a plodder. Without a lot of outside inspiration, a plodder keeps on keeping on, driven by the Holy Spirit within. We are told in Galatians 6:9 that "we will reap in due season if we faint not".

Plodders never seem to faint. They don't give up or quit. Many people begin races, for beginning is easy but finishing is often difficult. Many who begin with a flash don't make it. They bask in the limelight of admirers, but when they fall away so does their stamina. But plodders have developed a personal relationship with God and will continue whether anyone stands with them or not. They have a testimony that Hebrews 13:5 is a reality for them – "I will never leave or forsake you".

The important thing is not who starts, but who finishes. Many are at the starting point but only a few cross the finish line. God isn't so interested in how many begin or how fast the pace. He's only concerned with who finishes the course and keeps the faith. This is reserved for the plodder. Remember, the one who won the race was the tortoise, not the hare!



Munholland United Methodist Church Presents

PEACE IN THE KINGDOM

*A musical parable about Shalom
Music and lyrics by Michael Marion
Directed by Meredith Long Dieth*

Show Dates: Thursday, June 30th and Friday, July 1st

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