

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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This is an exciting time for our youth ministry at Munholland. We recently had a firm called Youth Ministry Architects come to Munholland to speak with different cross-sections of folks about the youth ministry. After meeting with these stakeholders in the church, this firm put together a template and timeline laying out objectives and goals for the youth program and the church. This plan involves various teams which will look at short-range and long-range plans for the youth program, staffing the different facets of that program, and putting together a refreshed infrastructure for our youth ministry. These things will happen over a sixteen month period ending in September of 2012.

One of the ways the Youth Ministry Architects (YMA) plan will be implemented is by putting together a committee called a "Renovation Team". This team has been formed by Rev. Gene and currently has all its members in place. They will begin meeting in July and will discuss ways to address the different "pressure points" that the Youth Ministry Architects team has identified in the report they compiled after their weekend of interviews with Munholland stakeholders. The Renovation Team will be assisted in their efforts through continued support from the two representatives from YMA assigned to Munholland.

Further information regarding the work of YMA with Munholland will be forthcoming, and the Renovation Team will provide updates to the Church Council. We are excited and we hope you are as well. If you have any questions concerning this process or if you are interested in perusing the report that Youth Ministry Architects has put together, please contact the church office or email Ford Dieth at fjdieth@gmail.com or Gene Finnell at genef@munholland.org.

Our youth are preparing to go on an awesome trip to Youth 2011, which will be held at Purdue University. They will be gone from July 11-18. Please keep them in your prayers. They are also looking ahead to the school year and some new things that will be happening including a Wednesday evening activity. You'll also be seeing more youth involvement in worship.

Yours in Christ,
Ford Dieth

It's hard to believe that summer vacations will soon be coming to an end! The new school season will be starting soon and many students in our area are in need. Our Mission Committee is organizing our annual school supply drive for some of these children. We need your help collecting items as we focus on giving children a bright start on their new school year! Look for details in the next Messenger.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

There are no UMW "Daytime" Meetings scheduled for the month of July. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 2nd at 10:00 am. We will however, travel to NOMA on Wednesday, July 13th, (Wednesdays are free), to view "Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection". Anyone interested in carpooling with us, please meet in the Elmeer St. Parking lot at 10:00 am. Following our visit there, we will have lunch in the area, probably at Nonna Mia Café & Pizzeria, 3125 Esplanade Ave., for the menu visit www.nonnamia.net. If you have another favorite eatery suggestion, call Phyllis at 701-3622/cell.

On Tuesday, July 26th, we will prepare lunches and snacks for Maggiore School, more info in the next Messenger.

Preparations for our White Elephant Sale will begin on Tuesday, July 5th at 10:00 am. We will continue to meet every Tuesday, as needed, until our sale on September 24th.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR TREASURES FOR OUR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. COLLECTIONS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15th AND CAN BE DROPPED OFF DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OR ON WEDNESDAYS WHEN MIDWEEK RESUMES. IF YOU HAVE ANY DONATIONS, PLEASE PLACE ON THE STAGE AND MARK FOR UMW.



Hope Circle has adopted Ella Dolhonde's Library as our special mission project.

On Monday, July 18 at 6:30 PM, Matt Wimberly, the school's principal, will speak to us about her new library and how she would like us to help set it up and maintain it.

We're all very excited about this project and invite everyone to visit with Matt. I'm sure she will be happy to answer questions about any of our present missions at the school and suggest others that we may be able to assist with.

See you there,

Pam

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. The Mission Committee is collecting the following items for distribution at the school.

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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.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Cutrer at 237-2887.



A very special thanks to everyone who helped with VBS this year!

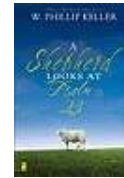
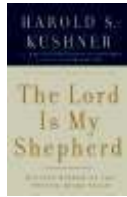
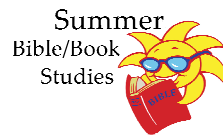
We had 115 children participate and 73 volunteers. We had an amazing time at the "Shake It Up Café" and the children learned a recipe for living out God's word. We were able to donate \$229.29 and also a very nice supply of snacks to the Maggiore Elementary School summer reading program.

VBS could not happen without everyone who volunteered their time. Praise God for everyone who participated and volunteered!

Sincerely,

Karen Zollinger
2011 VBS Director

MUNHOLLAND'S 2011



Sundays - 4:30-6:00 pm
July 10th, 24th, August 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
Led by: Rev. Janet Davis Room 110/Parlor
Participants purchase their own books*
No Fee - donations appreciated
to help support adult studies

Sunday, July 31, 2011
4:30-5:30 pm Parlor
Led by: Rev. Nancy Feild
Participants purchase their own books*
No Fee - donations appreciated to
help support adult studies

"The Lord is my Shepherd" by Harold Kushner, is the author of the best-selling "When Bad Things Happen to Good People". "The Lord is my Shepherd" contains inspiration and encouragement from what may be the best-known and best-loved chapter in the Bible: the Twenty-third Psalm. So begins the psalm that has been a source of comfort in grief and of courage in fear. Now Harold Kushner discovers what it has to teach us about living our day-to-day lives.

Each chapter discusses one line of the psalm in the context of both the time when it was written and the present day, and illuminates the life lessons contained within it.

"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. 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.

Lectionary Bible Study

Thursday mornings
10:00 – 11:00 am Room 201
Led by: Rev. Nancy Feild
No Fee - donations appreciated to help
support adult studies

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

* Order your book from Cokesbury (www.cokesbury.com), Amazon or your local bookstore.



A Memorial Donation was made in memory of

Robert Normann

from Mrs. Shirley Tuero, Mignon Parker,
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Kolony,
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Mr. & Mrs. Howard Gaines,
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bell,
Ms. Margaret West, Ms. Ruth Bobrig,
Dr. & Mrs. Burka and
Ms. Margaret Kessels



I would like to thank everyone who attended my "Evening of Song" recital for their support and love offerings.

I hoped it was enjoyed by all, as much as I enjoyed performing for you.

A special thanks to Art & Alice Johnson for providing homemade cookies.

Brindley McWhorter

For Meetings & Special Events see your Church Bulletin Calendar

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 KDO CAMP
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

9:30 am KDO CAMP
6:30 pm Cursillo (Parlor)
6:30 pm Chancel Choir (113)

Thursday

9:30 am KDO CAMP
8:00 pm A.A. (Parlor)
8:00 pm N.A. (209)
8:00 pm Al-Anon.

Friday

9:30 am KDO CAMP
12:00 pm Friday Friends Bridge
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 7 (201)



Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy to:

Nancy & Mark Miller and family on the death of Nancy's mother, Helen Bernice Hudson. She passed away on June 9th.

You are in our thoughts and prayers...

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Monday, July 11th**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** (space permitting) on Friday, July 8th.

THE KIDS' PAGE

Mark your calendars for:

PROMOTION SUNDAY
&
CHILDREN'S FAIR
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th

JULY'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

07/06/11	Choir Time	6:30–8:00 pm
07/13/11	Choir Time	6:30–8:00 pm



We are having a fun time in camp. Our last day is Friday, July 22nd.

If you have registered for the fall semester, it will begin on Wednesday, September 7th. You will receive more information by mail.

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



MUMY CALENDAR **(Munholland United Methodist Youth)** **July 2011**

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

Because we have been destined by God to live in the Spirit, we hunger for the supernatural. If we will move with the Holy Spirit, He will move in us. After the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in Matt 3:16-17, He experienced a tremendous change. The Spirit came to rest upon Him to reveal to all people the potential of how they could live in the power of the Holy Spirit. He began to teach kingdom principles and openly demonstrate its power.

He has now come to indwell us and to create a life of consistency and stability. He comes to empower us and ignite us with His supply of strength and supernatural ability.

One exciting example of the Holy Spirit's moving is found in I Sam 10:6,7,9. The prophet Samuel told Saul what to expect as the Spirit moved on him: "Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. And let it be when these signs come that you do as the occasion demands, for God is with you. When he turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day."

As Saul opened himself to the Holy Spirit, his heart was changed. Through the new birth, we have also entered a much deeper place in God than those under the Old Covenant. As we develop in our personal walk in the Holy Spirit, we penetrate through natural limitations. We must always remember to be *used* by the Holy Spirit for God's purposes, not for our own. As we do, we become new men and women, able to demonstrate God's mighty presence in our lives – all for His Glory.

St. Mark's Homeless Ministry

We will be preparing to serve the homeless at St. Mark's UMC on Sunday, July 31st.

This mission opportunity is open to anyone in our church who would like to be a part of the preparation and/or serving of the meal at St. Mark's or by helping financially. (For more information on St. Mark's Homeless Ministry, please check out their website: www.frenchquarterumc.org)

If ANYONE would like to assist with this mission, please contact Betsy White (504)220-6541 or Betsysw@aol.com to volunteer to help!

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