

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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Running as much as I have over the last 40 years, I've discovered that:

- 1) global warming is a fact—every year summer mornings seem warmer;
- 2) in addition to warmer temperatures, humidity levels are rising;
- 3) perspiration levels (sweat) also appear to be rising;
- 4) if 1-3 above are not true, then I'm getting older and my body is feeling the effects, with a consequent slowing of my running pace while the distance I'm able to run seems to diminish in proportion to the rise in temperature and humidity. As hard as I try to convince myself these are not age related issues, I'm starting to suspect these are age related issues. On the other hand, I tell myself that the number of people my age who run the number of miles I do every week is a very small percentage of the population, so don't be too hard on myself.

Perhaps you're beginning to wonder, what does this have to do with anything related to the church? Probably nothing, unless we find that our spiritual condition is influenced by factors we have very little control over, and it can be. Sometimes we have those 'dry stretches,' where it seems like God is simply somewhere else. And then there are times when we think God must be 'on our case,' because everything that can go wrong seems to be going wrong. At times, it feels like our relationship with God is 'stale,' lacking that heart warming presence we've experienced at times in our life. What are we to do when we have spiritual times like these? First, don't despair. God hasn't gone anywhere. Sometimes circumstances in our life have side effects which leave us wondering what God is up to. Let me assure you, God wants the best for us, and God continues to love us through all difficulties. Second, be patient, keep praying, keeping worshiping. You will feel a renewed sense of God's presence. Third, trust that God will guide you in the direction you need to go with your life, so keep listening and believing.

These long, hot summer days take a lot out of us, and as hurricane season gets into full swing, we'll probably have more than a few anxious moments. Let us be mindful that God is with us regardless, giving us the strength and courage we need to face the moment at hand.

Thanks be to God. May His blessings be upon you!

Gene Finnell

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as I have over the



There will be no Executive or General meetings held in July. The next scheduled meetings will be held on August 7th.

On Sunday Aug 5th at 10:30 am – UMW will provide fellowship refreshments...

There will be no Circle Meetings scheduled for July and August. The meetings will resume again in September.

July 18-21

UMW Louisiana Conf School of Missions, at the Conference Center Woodworth...

Aug 04

District Mini School of Missions Pearl River UMC...



January 15-24, 2008

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity of a lifetime. Your journey includes: roundtrip airfare, guided sightseeing, entrance fees, 1st class hotels, buffet breakfast, dinner daily, bible study guide and a lecture series.

The lecture series includes: Jerusalem in the time of Jesus, Jesus' ministry in the Galilee, impact of the Galilee on Jesus, geography and its impact on the bible.

The educational theme is on Jesus: His life, his time, his land and his Hebrew faith.

Join Bishop Hutchinson and the Louisiana area on this journey of a lifetime.

For more information, contact Rev. Janet Cavalier at 834-9910.



Summer Midweek Meals

Mark your calendars for: 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, and 8/29 for summer midweek meals.

If anyone is interested in cooking or helping out, please contact Janet Miller-Schmidt at 835-8253 or e-mail Janetmiller-schmidt@msn.com.



**JULY 18TH
MIDWEEK CONCERT**

Come join us for Midweek meal & a concert by the Reveille UMC Youth Choir. The meal begins at 5:30 pm and the choir will perform at 6:00 pm.

The meal is prepared by Henry & Carolyn Baxter & their Sunday School Class from Zachary UMC.

CARE TEAM MEETING

July 17th at 6:30 pm in Room 211

Congratulations to Chris, Shannon and big brother Jack on the birth of:

Mason Parker Zink

Mason was born on May 17, 2007,
8 pounds, one ounce,
twenty-one inches

The Shawl Ministry will meet on Saturday, July 21st at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

FERTILE GROUND
A Youth Worship Experience

Come join us on Thursday, July 19,
2007, for a youth event beginning at
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

It will be held at FUMC in
New Orleans, 3401 Canal Street.

This event is open to all youth of the
Greater New Orleans area. It is
sponsored by the Louisiana Mission
Zone for Church Recovery Office
of Youth Ministries.



**The Susie May Munholland
Scholarship Committee is pleased to
announce a celebration in honor of the
300th birthday of Charles Wesley.
Charles Wesley, brother of John
Wesley, founded the Holy Club at
Oxford where Methodism had its
beginning, and is the author of many of
our favorite hymns.**

**The event will be Sunday, September
30th in the early evening. Join us for
great singing, lots of fun, and 300
cakes!!!**

Sarah Kreutziger



Don't forget to sign up for KID KAMP.

It is a fun filled week for kids
entering 1st-6th grade

Monday, July 23rd – Thursday, July 26th
9:30 am -12:00 pm
\$25 fee (includes admissions & snacks)

Events:

Monday: Bowling

Tuesday: Rivertown in Kenner

Wednesday: Miniature Golf

Thursday: Pool party

PARENTS MUST VOLUNTEER FOR ONE DAY

Forms can be found in the Vestibule or
contact the church office at 834-9910.



Elementary Sunday School Teachers
are needed for either
a two week or 4 week rotation.

If you are interested, please contact
Lisa Bourgeois at 738-0023.

Schedule of Ministry Events

Meetings and Special Events

July 17	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Care Team (211)
July 18	5:30 pm	Summer Midweek Meal
	6:00 pm	Concert performed by Reveille UMC Youth Choir (during Midweek in FH)
July 19	7:00 pm	NO Photo Society Mtg (FH)
July 20		Last Day of KDO
July 21	10:00 am	Shawl Ministry (FH)
July 23-26	9:30-12:00	KID KAMP 2007
July 24	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
July 25	5:30 pm	Summer Midweek Meal
July 31	10:00 am	Staff Meeting

Every Week at Munholland

Sunday (Worship 8:30 am, 11:00 am)

9:30 am	Sunday School
4:00-6:00 pm	Disciple and related Bible Studies (various classrooms)
5:00-6:30 pm	MUMY (200)

Monday

9:30-1:30	Kids' Day Out Summer Camp
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Tuesday

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday

9:30-1:30	Kids' Day Out Summer Camp
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Summer Midweek Meals check schedule - meals are not available every Wednesday
6:15 pm	Disciple and related Bible Studies (various classrooms)
6:15 pm	Communion (Parlor)
6:30 pm	Cursillo (Parlor)
7:00-8:30 pm	Chancel Choir (113)

Thursday

9:30-1:30	Kids' Day Out Summer Camp
10:00 am	Bible study
7:00 pm	Nicotine Anon. (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	N.A. (111)
8:00 pm	A.A. (Parlor)

Friday

9:30-1:30	Kids' Day Out Summer Camp
12:00	Friday Friends Bridge
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 (201)

Due Date

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Wednesday July 25th**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** on Monday, July 23rd. Any article received after the due date will be included in the next edition of *The Messenger*. Thank you for your help in imparting ministry news to the congregation.

Weekly Worship Attendance

		June 03	June 10
Sunday			
	8:30 am	78	81
	11:00 am	150	165
Other		15	17
Total		243	263
Sunday School		169	148
		June 17	June 24
Sunday			
	8:30 am	79	61
	11:00 am	217	222
Other		19	18
Total		315	301
Sunday School		153	154

JULY'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday
(Rehearsal-Columns room)

There will be no choir practice during July

Altar Choir – Sunday
(Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

There will be no choir practice during July

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

07/18/07 Choir Time 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
07/25/07 Choir Time 7:00 pm–8:30 pm



Kids' Day Out first day of school will be Wednesday, September 5th.

Parent orientation will be held on Monday, August 27th at 7:00 pm. A short visitation day will be held on Wednesday, August 29th. More information will follow in the mail.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Bonin at 834-0920.

The last day of KDO Summer Camp program is July 20th...

MUMY CALENDAR (Munholland United Methodist Youth)

July 2007

July 11-16	SPLAT! Youth 07 We will meet at the bus on July 10 th and return on July 17 th
July 22	Youth Meeting
July 29	Youth Meeting

VBS HIGHLIGHTS

A great big thank you to everyone who participated in VBS this year. We had 140 children and 70 workers.

We raised \$340.00 for Children's Miracle Network and collected 2 large boxes of DVD's and VHS tapes for Children's Hospital.

I will forever remember all of the happy faces of the children as they greeted "Scoop" each day and the terrific workers as they prepared for their day.

I can hardly wait until next year to help Sara Scandurro (2008 VBS Director).

God's blessings and love to all of you.

Thank you again,

Lisa Bourgeois
2007 VBS Director

We are enjoying a "break" from our volunteer flow... Hope the A/C and utilities appreciate their time off, too. Thank you **Christians Under Construction Class** for providing supper for our visitors on Monday, June 25... Thanks too to the Holman's for the repeated donation of provisions for our guests; also generous donations from Paula Devlin, and anonymous others who are supporting this endeavor.

Visiting us this month:

July 15-21	Reveille UMC Youth Choir, Richmond, VA (51) * CONCERT - Wednesday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m.
July 25-Aug.1	St. Stephens Student Ministries (25), Sewickley, PA (Sherree Funk)*
July 29-Aug. 3	First UMC, Houston (30)

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 at 220-6541.

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

Betsy White
Housing Coordinator

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