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It's that time of the year when we semi-hold our breath and cross our fingers, hoping conditions prove unfavorable for "tropical development." South Texas got slammed on July 23rd, so we're reminded it can happen. We've been three years since an evacuation, so I encourage you to have some kind of game plan in place, just in case. It would be great if we had everyone's email address in the event of an evacuation, but we don't. Please, if we don't have your email address, send it to us. We know from previous experience how important it is to be in contact with one another. Speaking of game plans, the Saints open training camp this week. I'm excited about the coming season and on behalf of all of you send best wishes to our own Jon Stinchcomb, starting right tackle on offense.

Here at Munholland, we're gearing up for the beginning of our fall programming for folks of all ages. The United Methodist Denomination recognizes September as "Open House" month, so we'll be doing some special things here at Munholland to encourage people who don't have a church home to come visit us. We're in the process of organizing our young adults into a group where they can enjoy fellowship and spiritual enrichment. If you're 18-30 years old, I encourage you to come and check out what's going on. The group will decide their agenda and activities.

On Wednesday, July 30, we'll have what has become an annual fish fry, with both fried and baked fish. Jerry White and Paul Gregory fry the fish while Janet Miller-Schmidt-Finnell and Paul Gregory bake the fish. Paul Gregory also provides the fish. We'll have a brief presentation regarding Volunteers-in-Mission opportunities. This event has become so renowned that a work team from First United Methodist in Houston schedules their time here to coincide with the fish fry!

Munholland is where it's happening, so be here and let it happen to you!

I look forward to seeing you.

Gene Finnell

**Sr. High Sunday School Classes will meet at 9:30 am
(instead of 11:00 am) beginning Sunday, August 3rd...**

.....see article on page 2.....

**Please see the insert in this Messenger for the form to fill out
regarding Mission Opportunities...**



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The next UMW Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 5th at 9:15 am in the Parlor. The General meeting will follow at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Theme: Living Green

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

*CARE TEAM MEETING
August 19th at 6:30 pm
in room 211*

*Shawl Ministry
Saturday, August 16th at 10:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall.*

DEADLINE DEADLINE DEADLINE

The last day to bring in your donations for Ella Dolhonde, Dulac Community Center, North Rampart Community Center, and MacDonnell Children's Services is **Sunday, August 3rd...**

SUMMER MIDWEEK MEALS

Mark your calendars for: **August 13th**, and **August 27th** for summer midweek meals from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm.

Menu for Aug. 13th: Flank Steak with Mango Salsa, vegetable, salad, and dessert.

*Munholland would like to extend our
deepest sympathy:*

*to Walter and Tamberly Gray on the death of Walter's
aunt, Mary Baird...*

*to the family and friends of
Gerard Hoffman on his death...*

Sunday School Classes

Senior High Sunday School will begin meeting at 9:30 am the first Sunday in August. For the remaining summer Sundays and Labor Day Sunday (8/3, 8/10, and 8/31), all youth will meet in room 201.

On **Promotion Sunday, August 17th, 9th** graders will move up to senior high and 6th graders to junior high. On 8/17, junior and senior high will divide into two classes, with junior high meeting in room 201 and senior high in room 200.

Our mission is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth in a safe, nurturing environment for all ages. With the current and projected size of classes for 2008-09, this mission can best be achieved by having all the youth and children's Sunday school classes meet at the same hour, 9:30 – 10:30 am.

In the next few weeks, phone calls will be made to parents, and other prospective persons, to be a part of a teaching team for these two classes. (Feel free to call me with recommendations for teachers.) Our mission includes the need of a lead teacher and an assistant for both youth classes for every Sunday. It would be best for the youth if these teams make at least a one month commitment. This allows the teachers to get to know the youth and complete a one month unit of our wonderful new curriculum, LIVE B.I.G. (for junior high) and another new curriculum (TBA) for senior high.

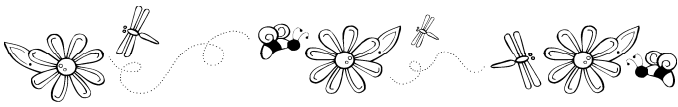
To find out more about our new curriculum, teaching schedule, and ask questions, all youth and children's Sunday school parents are highly encouraged to attend the:

**Fall Sunday School teacher training
Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30 pm
in room 111.**

**There is also a summer midweek dinner
(Mexican lasagna) that evening at 5:30 pm.**

**If you have any questions, call or email
Rev. Janet Cavalier at 834-9910 or
janetc@munholland.org.**

Nursery is also available



*Report on Mission Project:
MUMC Church Cleanup*

It is always interesting to see the faces that come to help on the church cleanup days. Saturday, July 12th, church cleanup went well. Many of the jobs in the job jar were completed, while many others were not.

We still have more cleaning to do and will schedule another cleanup day, so those who were unable to take part on July 12th will have another opportunity. Not only are we cleaning the church, we are building community through working, visiting, and meeting other members of our church family.

Those who came to work on Saturday are as follows: Paul Gregory, Paula Lucas, Tina Doyle, Betsy White, Gene Finnell, Don Hall, Janet Cavalier, Jessica Montezudo, Don Watson, Susan Richards, Jayme Miller, Terri Purvis, Phyllis Zansler, Lynn King, Kevin Chestnut, Kim Schomaker, Patty & Paul Muehleemann, Cappy and Bob Day, Pam Eversmeyer, Ellen Hawkins, John Deschner and Gay McCutchen. If I missed anyone, please let the church office know your name. I do not want anyone deserving recognition to be left off the list.

Thank you and I enjoy meeting more and more of you.

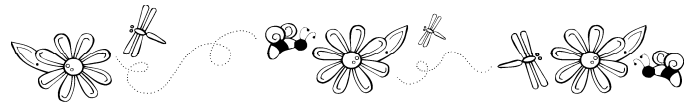
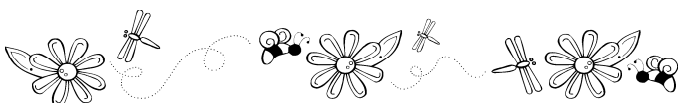
Janet Miller-Schmidt Finnell



I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits during my recovery from surgery.

God bless each and everyone.

Mary Black



Thank you for your prayers.....

Over the past fifteen months, the whole church has been supporting and holding Gene's and my son, Brock Schmidt, up in their prayers. I cannot begin to tell you how much those prayers meant to us.

Brock is back on US soil at Fort Stewart, GA. His safe return is living proof in the power of prayer. The next time he is town, we are hoping to introduce him to all of you. This experience has been meaningful to all of us and we appreciate your continued concern.

Keep up the prayers as he becomes reintegrated into our society and tries to get through the PTS that is associated with being in a war zone.

Janet Miller-Schmidt Finnell

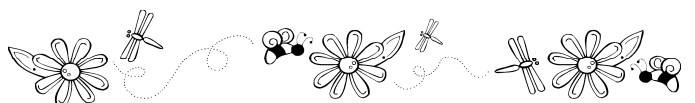


I wish I could send you a picture of my face when I saw what your VBS gathered to send to Clanton Chapel Preschool!

I was amazed and thankful that you are such fantastic Partners in Christian Mission with us. We have willing people and with the help of others, we can prepare the young students for public school and Christian life.

May Our Lord continue to Bless you and all you do for Him,

Pastor Kirby



Munholland UMC Mission Opportunities

Questionnaire

Munholland UMC has a long history of Mission work on the local, national, and international levels. We are in the process of looking at future mission opportunities. If you feel God is calling you to help with Mission and Outreach work, please fill out the following form and place in the offering plate or return to the church office.

I would like to participate in a Mission Activity:

- ___ local, half day
- ___ local, full day
- ___ weekend or long weekend trip, 2-3 hour drive
- ___ week long trip within United States
- ___ foreign trip of any length

I am not able to participate in a Mission Activity but I would like to help out:

- ___ financially (help sponsor a participant, etc.)
- ___ legally (notary, assist with paperwork, etc.)
- ___ medically (assist with vaccinations, physicals, etc.)
- ___ other _____

Name _____ e-mail _____ phone _____

**All interested persons,
even if you were unable to attend the 7/30 VIM presentation,
are invited to hear specifics about
Mission opportunities w/ Larry Normand, Dir. of LA-VIM
Wednesday, August 6th
6:30 pm
Room 111**

Schedule of Ministry Event

Meetings and Special Events

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| Aug 03 | | DEADLINE FOR MISSION PROJECT |
| Aug 05 | 9:15 am | UMW Executive Mtg (Parlor) |
| | 10:00 am | UMW Gen. Mtg (FH) |
| | 10:00 am | Staff Meeting |
| Aug 06 | 6:30 pm | LA-VIM follow-up meeting in room 111 |
| Aug 07 | 7:00 pm | Greater N.O. Photo Society Mtg (FH) |
| Aug 10 | all services | John Deschner - Preaching |
| Aug 12 | 10:00 am | Staff Meeting |
| Aug 13 | 5:30 pm | Summer Midweek Meal |
| Aug 14 | 7:00 pm | UMM (211) |

Due Date

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

| | July 13 | July 20 |
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| Sunday | | |
| | 8:30 am | 83 |
| | 9:45 am | 63 |
| | 11:00 am | 161 |
| Other | 15 | 15 |
| Total | 322 | 258 |
| Sunday School | 156 | 158 |

Every Week at Munholland

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

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

Monday KDO WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

Tuesday

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| 10:00 am | Staff Meeting |
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Wednesday

5:30 - 6:30 pm **Summer Midweek Meals held on 8/13, & 8/27**

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| 6:15 pm | Communion (Parlor) |
| 6:30 pm | Cursillo (Parlor) |
| 7:00-8:30 pm | Chancel Choir (113) |

Thursday

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| 7:00 pm | Nicotine Anon. (Choir Room) |
| 7:30 pm | N.A. (111) |
| 8:00 pm | A.A. (Parlor) |

Friday

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

AUGUST'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday (Rehearsal-Columns room)

08/27/08 Choir Time 6:00 pm–6:45 pm

Altar Choir – Sunday (Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

08/24/08 Choir Time 10:15 am–10:45 am

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

08/06/08 Choir Time 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
08/13/08 Choir Time 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

MUMY CALENDAR

(Munholland United Methodist Youth)

August 2008

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| Aug. 03 | 5:00 pm | Youth Meeting |
| Aug. 10 | 5:00 pm | MUMY Parent's Mtg |
| Aug. 17 | 5:00 pm | Welcome 7 th Graders – MUMY kickoff |

All meetings begin at 5:00 pm unless otherwise stated. The cost of the supper is \$2.00.

For more information, please contact Ford Dieth, Jr. at 834-9910.

KIDS DAY OUT

**Classes will resume on Wednesday,
September 3, 2008**

YOU ARE INVITED TO:



**DISCOVER
MUNHOLLAND
FOR KID'S NIGHT**

SUNDAY, 8/24

Lunch will be served at noon

ADULTS:

Come and learn about choirs, clubs,
Sunday school, and other kids'
activities planned at Munholland...

CHILDREN:

Waterslide Party on the
Church Playground!

Parent's Meeting:
12:30 pm -1:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Interested in Mission Opportunities???

If so - join us for a meeting on
Wednesday, August 6th
6:30 pm (room 111)
with **Larry Normand,**
Director of Louisiana Volunteer in Missions

... Looking Ahead...

We will be without groups for several weeks and probably a good thing since we know the heat will be unbearable!! But our fall is looking good with groups calling and scheduling times in October and November... and we even have a group scheduled to come in JANUARY 2009.

Returning groups from Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Belleville Union UMC, Western Reserve Ohio District all have plans to stay with us during their return trip to New Orleans to continue their efforts here in our city! Amazing, isn't it??? So, as long as our "friends" are making plans to help our neighbors here in New Orleans, we will certainly offer our floor space for their overnight accommodations! It's the least we can do!

Thank you all for your continued support!

Betsy White (220-6541)
Volunteer Housing Coordinator

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