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SEPTEMBER IS OPEN HOUSE MONTH AT MUNHOLLAND

Each year, United Methodists around the world celebrate September as Open House Month. The Evangelism Committee is excited about our celebration of Open House Month here at Munholland. Last year, we took advantage of the celebration to launch welcoming activities with the hope that these activities would develop into a habit of continued hospitality. We are encouraging our entire Munholland family to help in this endeavor. Following is a list of things everyone can do in September and throughout the coming year.

- Send Darlene pictures of your group activities which will be included in a power point presentation at the beginning of each worship service.
- Welcome visitors or anyone you don't recognize and invite them to your small group.
- Invite people who arrive early for 11:00 am worship to join us in the Vestibule for fellowship time.
- When you introduce yourself to a first time visitor, escort them to the Welcome Center for a welcome gift (plant) and information packet. (These plants and information packets are on the small table under the stairs in the Narthex.) Be sure to ask the visitor to fill out the visitor card and return it to the office.
- Be intentional in inviting Friends, Relatives, and Neighbors (the **FRAN** plan) to Worship, Sunday School, Bible Study, and Midweek.
- Present new members with an invitation to join us for a Midweek meal.
- Volunteer for a month or one Sunday a month to lead a youth or children's Sunday School class or to be the "second adult" in one of these classes or groups.
- Volunteer to join our ushers, greeters, or umbrella brigade.
- Do not park in the Visitor Spaces in the Metairie Road parking lot.
- As you walk to and from your cars or the playground, invite our church neighbors to join our activities.
- Visit the playground and offer the parents and children who are enjoying our facility bottled water and/or juice boxes.
- Keep in touch with our college/graduate students and members in the military through emails or face book.
- Pray for our continued success in being a Welcoming Congregation.
- Be on the lookout for more activities and suggestions that encourage our hospitality throughout September as well as the rest of the year.



Munholland United Methodist Church Children's Fair
Sunday, August 28th 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Please join us to learn more about our Children's programming and upcoming events. We will have a fun filled afternoon with an indoor spacewalk, games, corndogs, popcorn, and cotton candy. *Everyone is welcome.*





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We will continue to meet every Tuesday, as needed, to prepare for the White Elephant Sale which will be held on September 24th.

NOTICE: The UMW New Orleans District Mini School of Missions will be held at Centenary UMC, 1015 Cleveland Street, in Franklinton on Saturday, August 20, 2011. Our studies include: Geographic Study - Haiti, "Joy to the World" and "Coming Out On the Side of Grace: Reconciliation." Registration begins at 9am and the program at 9:45am, breakfast refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. Please call Phyllis if interested in attending.

**UMW'S WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2011
8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please save your TREASURES for our WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Items can be dropped off now during regular business hours or on Wednesdays when midweek resumes. Please place donations on the stage and mark for UMW.

If you have large items to be picked up, please call Phyllis at 701-3622 or Lorrie at 443-4641. **All donations must be clean and in working condition.**

CALLING ALL SOUP CHEFS! Again this year, will be selling homemade soups and need your help. If you have a favorite soup you would like to contribute to our *Soup Sales*, please call us. We provide the necessary pint and quart containers and lids, so all are consistent in size. We can also provide the labels (which should be placed on the container before adding or freezing the soup) if you don't have labels.

Phyllis Zansler

Hope Circle Happenings

Hope Circle will not meet in August since we met in July to hear about Ella Dolhonde's library. Patty Muehleemann is working hard to acquire more funding for the Library and the school in general.

Our next gathering will be September 19 at 6:30. We will view a video about Haiti as seen through the eyes of her children. Through this video we will prepare for a visit in October by MarieJo Proux who is a nurse in Haiti. MarieJo was there before, during, and after the earthquake.

We invite anyone interested in growing in faith, the spirit of mission, and fellowship to join us.

Pam Eversmeyer

Fish Fry Dinner was a "Happening!"

Each year Paul Gregory asks me, "When are we having the fish fry?" Every year I ask back, "What dates work for you? I am available on this day or this. I have checked with Rev. Gene and the church staff. These dates will work." Paul asks, "Have you talked to Jerry? Either date works for me." I say, "I will check with Jerry." Jerry says, "I can do it on August 3." The date is set and the ball is rolling for this wonderful ministry to our church members and friends.

Paul Gregory procured the fish. Paul's source donated about 100 pounds of fish. I grocery shopped, decided on the rest of the menu and prayed that there will have enough food, because I never know how many hungry fish eaters will come. Jerry White contacted his friend who loans him the frying equipment every year and talked to Nelson Ardoin and Dr. Habeeb. With the help of my "sous-chefs", Charlene Ardoin, Jessica Favaloro and Phyllis Zansler, we prepared the fish for the fry and bake, a German style potato salad, a green salad, tartar sauce and cocktail sauce.

Jerry, Nelson and Dr. Habeeb fry the fish with Rev. Gene sharing in the fellowship, inspecting, laughing and being an official taster. Jerry and Nelson have this thing for fried dill pickles. Betsy White brings the pickles and the thermometer. When the oil is just the right temperature, Dr. Habeeb carefully places the first fish in the hot oil. All of the cooks exclaim a Halleluiah and the pickles and fish get fried. Fried dill pickles are a great treat to all who eat fried pickles. Paul and Steve Zansler kept the fish coming to the serving table.

In the kitchen with the help of my "sous-chefs", Charlene Ardoin, Jessica Favaloro and Phyllis Zansler, the fish is prepared for the frying and baking, a German style potato salad, a green salad, tartar sauce and cocktail sauce completed the menu. Charlene, Phyllis and Jessica baked the fish. Jessica and Charlene rushed to prepare more baked fish, salad and drinks as the crowd continued to come. Meanwhile, Phyllis and I tried to stretch the potato salad and green salad as far as we could. Pam Eversmeyer manned the money box and the food line kept growing. The team work is great and the fellowship even better. **Hugs and thanks to all of you. You are all truly filled with the Spirit of our Lord.**

Everyone served themselves ice cream sundaes and had one of Carol Ruholl's brownies. A very special thank you to Carol for the brownies she brought, because she knew we needed CHOCOLATE!!! A very fitting ending to a great afternoon and early evening of fun!!!!

If you missed the 6th Annual Fish Fry on August 3, you missed a great evening of fellowship and good food. We served around 135 when around 120 were expected. It is wonderful to have so many in Fellowship Hall enjoying each other. You can feel God's presence at these gatherings.

Munholland UMC has such great resources among the unseen, but much appreciated volunteers. We are so appreciative of our volunteers. When you see these people, please be sure to thank them. Jesus had his hand in the feeding the fish and loaves of bread.

Love and Peace, Janet Finnell



Fall 2011 Registration Form
Adult Christian Studies - Munholland United Methodist Church

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Phone (cell/alternate #) _____

Email _____

Childcare is available during class times for children of those attending Adult Studies.
 If you need childcare other than a Wednesday, contact the church office at 834-9910.

CLASSES: CHECK CHOICES

√	WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM (Starts September 7 th)	*FEE/PSN
	SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK & WHITE – FAITH & POLITICS (6-8 sessions) Led by: Ronnie Berluchaux	\$15
	THE LIFE YOU’VE ALWAYS WANTED (6-8 sessions) Led by: Rev. George Duerson	\$20
	HOLY LAND REVEALED (30 sessions) Led by: Duke & Pam Eversmeyer	\$15
	THURSDAY – 9:30 OR 10:00 AM (Starts September 8th)	
	DAVID: SEEKING A HEART LIKE HIS – A BETH MOORE STUDY FOR WOMEN (11 Sessions – 9:30 am) Led by: Betsy White	\$20
	LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY - Bring Your Bible (Weekly sessions at 10:00 am from Sept. through Dec.) Led by: Rev. Nancy Feild	\$5
	SUNDAY CLASSES – 4:30 PM (See class for dates)	
	IN GOD’S TIME: BIBLE & THE FUTURE (Starts Sept. 11 TH - 11 sessions) Led by: Reggie & Caroline Sanders	\$20
	THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON - By Henri Nouwen (Held on Sept. 25 TH) Participants purchase their own books Led by: Rev. Nancy Feild	NO FEE 1 Session
	EMBRACING AN ADULT FAITH (Starts Oct. 2 ND - 6 sessions) Led by: Rev. Janet Davis	\$15
	MONDAY CLASS – September 12th at 6:15 pm	
	LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF: FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT (11 sessions) Led by: Penny Whitehead	\$20
	TOTAL AMT. FOR COURSES	\$ _____
	PAYMENT: Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check to MUMC <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____	

If you have the book, purchase your own book, or if you are sharing a book with another participant, your registration will be only \$5/person per class to help with program costs. Funds are available for those with financial needs who want to take a Bible study.

Registration forms will be available by Sunday, August 14th from the church office, the website, or at the registration table, near the Welcome Center (Elmeer Street Entrance).

For additional information contact the church office (504) 834-9910 or Caroline Sanders, Director of Adult Studies (504) 837-7425.



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SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK & WHITE – FAITH & POLITICS (6-8 sessions)

\$15/person Led by: Ronnie Berluchaux

This DVD-based study looks at topics of faith, morality and politics that tend to polarize people and nations. Hamilton, one of the most respected religious leaders and authors today, has designed some of our most popular studies. This study offers ideas for building bridges to understanding our differences. The study includes a participant's guide.

THE LIFE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED (6-8 sessions)

\$20/person Led by: Rev. George Duerson

This study is based on a book by John Ortberg, author of many adult studies and Christian books that are popular reading for many. Join Rev. Duerson and his study group as they read and ponder facets of Christian living in today's fast-paced, frantic society. Explore ways to enrich your personal journey and readjust your priorities of living. A hardback book is included in this course.

HOLY LAND REVEALED (30 sessions)

\$15/person Led by: Duke & Pam Eversmeyer

In this DVD-based study, University of North Carolina Archeologist, Dr. Jodi Magness delves into research related to the history, geography, and archeology of the Holy Land. The course covers the ancient history of the Holy Land through the time of Jesus (960BC – 70AD). Handouts will be provided during the study. DVD lecture format with group discussion of presentation points.

THURSDAY – 9:30 OR 10:00 AM (Starts September 8th)

DAVID: SEEKING A HEART LIKE HIS – A BETH MOORE STUDY FOR WOMEN (11 Sessions – 9:30 am)

\$20/person Led by: Betsy White

This Beth Moore study for women will explore the life of David. Participants will see how David, considered to be the greatest King of Israel, experiences doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, and personal conflicts and at times struggles to regain his right standing with God. This DVD-based study includes a participant's book to be used during the sessions.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY - Bring Your Bible (Weekly sessions at 10:00 am from Sept. through Dec.)

\$5/person Led by: Rev. Nancy Field

This study welcomes new members at any time and is a great way to begin studying the Bible. Bring your Bible and study the Scripture Common Lectionary. One of the Scriptures you study will usually be used in worship the following Sunday. Participants find that studying together the Scripture ahead of time makes the Sunday worship more meaningful.

SUNDAY CLASSES – 4:30 PM (See class for dates)

IN GOD'S TIME: BIBLE & THE FUTURE (Starts Sept. 11th - 11 sessions)

\$20/person Led by: Reggie & Caroline Sanders

This DVD and internet based study is based on the book by Dr. Craig Hill, professor of New Testament at Wesley Theological Seminary. Dr. Hill examines and illuminates biblical "prophecy" of the "end times" found in the books of Revelation and Daniel. The study provides an excellent section on using your Bible. A book is included in the study.

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON - By Henri Nouwen (Held on Sept. 25th)

No Fee Led by: Rev. Nancy Feild

This book study group meets several times throughout the year. Participants purchase their own books and read the book prior to this one day session. In this book study, the author looks at a familiar parable in a rich captivating way that reverberates in the hearts of readers with themes of homecoming and reconciliation.

EMBRACING AN ADULT FAITH (Starts Oct. 2nd - 6 sessions)

\$15/person Led by: Rev. Janet Davis

This study is based on a book by Marcus Borg. The study invites participants to revisit Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? What does salvation mean? Borg challenges Christians to explore different ways of looking at traditional Christian thought and decipher the meanings for us today.

MONDAY CLASS – September 12th at 6:15 pm

LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF: FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT (11 sessions)

\$20/person Led by: Penny Whitehead

This is a new study day and time at Munholland that we hope will appeal to working women. In this DVD-based study for women, Beth Moore looks at each of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, as presented in the book of Galatians and helps participants explore ways to experience the freedom of living a Spirit-filled life. Join Penny Whitehead on Monday evenings to study God's word.

THE KIDS' PAGE

Mark your calendars for:

PROMOTION SUNDAY

&

CHILDREN'S FAIR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th

Promotion Sunday – the kids will be promoted to the next level. If you have had any changes in your address, phone number (home or cell) or email, please contact Melissa at melissac@munholland.org

Children's Fair (12:00 – 2:00 pm) – Please attend and learn more about different programs that the church has to offer. We will have an inflatable, cotton candy, popcorn and games. Come and join the fun...

AUGUST CHOIR SCHEDULE

All Children's Choirs will meet from 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm on beginning Wednesday, September 7th. The Littlest Angels will meet in room 111 and the Altar Choir will meet in the Adult Choir Room.

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

08/17/11	Choir Time	6:30–8:00 pm
08/24/11	Choir Time	6:30–8:00 pm
08/31/11	Choir Time	6:30–8:00 pm



KDO Parent Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 31st at 7:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary. Meet the teachers, see the rooms, and pick up information packets. No children please!

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

MUMY CALENDAR (Munholland United Methodist Youth) August 2011

Please check out our Youth's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/Mumyouth>

Sat., Aug. 20	Pool party & outdoor movie screening at the Chailland's home at 7:00 pm
Sat., Aug. 27	YOUTH IGNITE – leave at 10:00 and return at 5:00
Sun., Aug. 28	Children's Fair (12:00-2:00)

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 challenges of Christian living is that we must live in the present with an eye to the future. Critics of that **future** call it "Pie in the sky, by and by", but Paul calls it GLORY. Romans 8:18 "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." We are given faith which enables us to make sense of history while knowing history is only for this life. What IS clear is that our future depends on how we live our present.

Paul's letter to the Galatians tells them that "whatever a man sows, this he will also reap." We have clear instructions from Jesus about how we should treat our neighbors. John says that by giving love to our "neighbor", we create a kind of Heaven on earth – an early sharing of eternal life. The uncertainty and deep concerns of the world today can create a present that is overwhelming, and tempts us to give up and look only to the future for God's love and redemption. This is a mistake. Our waiting requires tremendous patience and faith that God's word will prevail and that God's revelation will change and transform us. We must continue to sow the seeds of God's word, even when the results do not immediately manifest. Glory is on its way.

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FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come join us for our annual White Elephant Sale.

Expected sale items to include: household, small appliances/electronics, plants, furniture, yard/garden, books, toys, linens, antiques/ collectibles, vintage jewelry, and accessories. Low, low, prices.

Food items will be available, as well as desserts, and baked goodies.

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