

The Messenger

of Munholland United Methodist Church

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Like you, I'm hoping we've had our evacuation for the year and we don't have to sweat out any more storms like we've done this week with Ike. If, on the other hand, that's not the case, I am requesting to the powers that be (you know, the ones that control hurricanes) that we not have another Monday storm. Twice in three years, a Monday storm has forced a Saturday decision on whether or not to have worship on Sunday before the storm. In hindsight, the decision has been right both times, but I still find it extremely difficult to call off worship for Sunday on a sunny Saturday afternoon. The term 'mandatory evacuation' has made the decision somewhat easier.

I'm certainly committed to doing the sensible thing, and I'm sure God understands when circumstances demand that we get out of harm's way, but like you, worship on Sunday is part of the rhythm of my life, and staying connected to my community is extremely important. I'm so thankful for the resilience of the Munholland congregation. As you know, an evacuation week is not relaxing, it's not vacation. It's stressful, and the uncertainty of how long it will take to get things back together is difficult. Yet, on Sunday morning, September 7, here we were, right where we wanted and needed to be. We were together, giving thanks to God for our blessings. Isn't it great to be part of such a wonderful church!

September is 'Open House' month throughout the United Methodist denomination. Invite someone who doesn't have a church home to come and see what's going on here at Munholland. You know what a wonderful fellowship we have here, and you know how important it is to experience God's love and to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Share the Good News! And when you're here and see folks you don't recognize, tell them how happy you are to see them. That way, whether they're fifty year members or visiting here for the first time, you're right on with your greeting.

May God continue to bless you,

Gene Finnell



UMW's White Elephant Sale

September 27, 2008

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

(see article on page 2)





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We will meet on Tuesdays (as needed), from 9:30 – noon to sort and price white elephant sale items, and prepare any cooked items.

We will begin SETTING UP for the sale on Thursday, September 25th and Friday, September 26th at 9:30 am and will need your assistance the DAY OF THE SALE, Saturday, September 27th. If you can help out on any of these days, please call Lorrie or Phyllis.

The next UMW Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7th at 9:15 am in the Parlor. The General meeting will follow at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

OPERATION

CHRISTMAS CHILD



If you are interested in sponsoring an Operation Christmas Child box, please contact Phyllis Zansler at 455-9942 or Lorrie Dobrovolny at 443-4641.

SHAWL MINISTRY
Sept . 20th at 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING

Sept. 16 at 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

The Care Team Meeting has been canceled for September and will resume in October.

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(Enter at Elmeer Street)

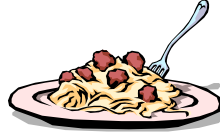
Expected sale items to include: household, small appliances, furniture, books, toys, linens, antiques/collectibles, vintage jewelry, & accessories. Low, Low, Prices!

Lunch counter opens at 9:30 am – dine in or take-out to include: our delicious chicken salad, BBQ brisket on bun or sampler plate, hot dogs, etc, and desserts and baked goods will also be for sale.

If you would like to make a donation, please place your items on the stage in the Fellowship Hall during office hours. The deadline to drop off any items is Sunday, 9/21/08. We are also looking for dessert donations such as: pies, cookies, cakes, etc., for our lunch counter. Please drop these off on Friday, 9/26 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. If after office hours, please call Phyllis on her cell at 701-3622 or her home number is 455-9942 or Lorrie Dobrovolny 443-4641 or the Church Office 834-9910.

All proceeds benefit our UMW local & state mission projects as well as our ongoing mission efforts related to Hurricanes Katrina & Rita.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUND RAISER FOR THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
OCTOBER 19th 2008
DINE-IN or TAKE-OUT**

(More info. in the next Messenger...)



The 29th Annual Methodist Home Golf Classic
Monday, October 6, 2008
Beau Chene Country Club Mandeville, LA

The Methodist Home Golf Classic is an annual tournament to benefit the Methodist Home for Children.

You can support this great event – and the children of the home – by volunteering your time, playing in the Classic, playing in a foursome from Munholland, donating a door prize, or by donating an item for the ditty bag.

If you are interested, please contact Paula Lucas at 832-9103 (home), 988-4702 (office), or plucas@tulane.edu. Join us for fellowship, fun and a great cause. For registration, pick up a brochure in the Vestibule or look for a bulletin insert coming soon in the Sunday worship bulletin.



Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Laura Porter and family on the death of her father, Jett Arthur.

You are in our thoughts and prayers..

*SHAWL MINISTRY
September 20th at 10:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall*

WORK GROUP UPDATE

October 5-11

Beautiful Savior Lutheran,
Plymouth MN (10-12)

October 12-18

West Farmington UMC,
West Farmington, OH (12)

October 26-31

Belleville Union UMC,
Belleville, IL

November 16-22

Western Reserve District,
Mayfield Heights, OH (8-10)

Schedule of Ministry Event

Meetings and Special Events

Sept. 14		<i>Open House Month</i>
	11:00 worship	3 rd Grade Bibles
Sept. 16	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Charge Conference (FH)
Sept. 17	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal (FH)
Sept. 18	7:00 pm	GNO Photo Soc (FH)
Sept. 20	10:00 am	Shawl Ministry (FH)
Sept. 21		<i>Open House Month</i>
	12:00-2:00 pm	Discovery Club & Young Youth Events
Sept. 23	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
Sept. 24	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal (FH)
Sept. 27	8:00-2:00	<i>UMW's White Elephant Sale</i>
Sept. 28		<i>Open House Month</i>
Sept. 30	10:00 am	Staff Meeting

Due Date

The next edition of *The Messenger* goes to print on, **Wednesday, September 24th**. We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** on Tuesday, September 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

	Aug 24
Sunday	
	8:30 am 70
	9:45 am 50
	11:00 am <u>173</u>
Other	15
Total	308
Sunday School	187

Every Week at Munholland

Sunday (Worship 8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am)
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:15-10:45 am Altar Choir (Elementary Music Rm)
 12:00-2:00 pm Discovery Club (every other month)
 12:00-2:00 pm Young Youth (every other month)
 4:00-6:00 pm Disciple and related Bible Studies (various classrooms)
 5:00-6:30 pm MUMY (200)

Monday

9:30-1:30 pm Kid's Day Out

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday

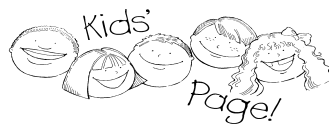
9:30-1:30 pm Kid's Day Out
 5:15-6:15 pm Midweek Meal
 6:00 pm Disciple and related Bible Studies (various classrooms)
 6:00-6:45 pm Littlest Angels Choir
 6:15 pm Communion (Parlor)
 6:30 pm Cursillo (Parlor)
 7:00-8:30 pm Chancel Choir (113)

Thursday

9:30-1:30 pm Kid's Day Out
 10:00 am Bible Studies (various classrooms)
 7:00 pm Nicotine Anon. (Choir Room)
 7:30 pm N.A. (111)
 8:00 pm A.A. (Parlor)

Friday

9:30-1:30 pm Kid's Day Out
 12:00 pm Friday Friends Bridge
 6:30 pm Covenant Group (Vestibule)
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 7 (201)



SEPTEMBER'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday (Rehearsal- Rm. 111)

09/17/08	Choir Time	6:00–6:45 pm
09/24/08	Choir Time	6:00–6:45 pm

Altar Choir – Sunday (Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

09/21/08	Choir Time	10:15–10:45 am
09/28/08	Choir Time	10:15–10:45 am

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

09/17/08	Choir Time	7:00–8:30 pm
09/24/08	Choir Time	7:00–8:30 pm

MUMY CALENDAR (Munholland United Methodist Youth)

Fall 2008

- Sept. 21 Program by Brother Paul Rucker.
- Sept. 28 Program to be announced.
Dinner provided by Libby White's family.
- Oct. 05 Program to be announced.
Dinner provided by the Lancasters.
- Oct. 12 Wacky Olympics (wear old clothes).
Dinner provided by Kowitz family.

Meetings begin at 5:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. Pick up your youth in the Metairie Road lot. Please bring \$2 for supper.

For more information, call Ford Dieth at 834-9910 or e-mail at laxbagotricks@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Lunch (\$2)

DISCOVERY CLUB (1ST – 3RD GRADE) "MISSION PROGRAM"



YOUNG YOUTH (4th – 6th Grade)



KIDS DAY OUT

We would like to welcome back our returning KDO families and welcome our new families.

We are off to an exciting new year. The September themes are "All about Me" and "God loves Me".

We would like to thank all of our teachers for working so hard to prepare for the school year. The freshly painted classrooms and the new supplies will make for a great year.

Please stop by and visit us.

Pitrina Messina
KDO Director

**FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION SUNDAY
OPEN HOUSE MONTH AT MUNHOLLAND
*PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, RELATIVES, AND NEIGHBORS***

The recent hurricane and evacuation underscores how much we depend on first responders such as the National Guard. On Sunday, September 21, representatives of the National Guard will be present in all three worship services at Munholland. We hope that members and visitors alike will want to show their appreciation.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: We are asking everyone to bring home-made cookies or brownies to church that day, divided into snack portions in zip bags (6 cookies or 3 brownies each bag). In the Fellowship Hall, we will have notes to put into each bag. Take your bags to your seat in worship (please share with people who did not bring anything). During each service, there will be a time when everyone can bring their baked goods, along with a word of thanks, to the 1st responders present. We are then asking those National Guard representatives to pass the thanks around by sharing the goodies with other members of the Guard.

If you have a neighbor or friend who has been helped by the National Guard, please invite them to come. If you know of children who would like to see the equipment that the Guard brings to show, please invite them to come. Let's show our appreciation!

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