



Munholland Friends,

The theme for this year's Celebration Campaign is 'Living God's Vision', and appropriately so. We went through a nine-month process to figure out how God was leading us as a congregation. God clarified who we are in Him so that we can move forward under His guidance. God's vision led us out of the United Methodist Church and into another time of discernment to find fellow Methodists who share the same vision for ministry so we can work together in common missions. As Paul beautifully wrote, "Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." (Phil 2:2) God is leading us in a new direction where we will experience complete joy.

God is reshaping, rebuilding, and reorienting us for exciting ministry in and for His Kingdom. God spoke to the prophet Jeremiah during a time of exile, a time when their future could not be seen. They were in an in-between time, like us. They had known God's blessings but didn't know what He had in store. God said to them, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I have a deep conviction that God is speaking those words to Munholland at this time. God has plans for Munholland that are just now unfolding. He has a future that we are just glimpsing.

Now is the time to dedicate ourselves afresh to Live God's Future as it unfolds. Mary Kay and I are committed to God's new vision for Munholland. We are giving ourselves in service. We are giving of our resources to undergird the service that embodies God's vision. Both of us are taking on new services. Both of us are giving 10% of our income, a tithe. I encourage you to join us with a new hope in God's new future. Together, as His people, our future will unfold as we Live God's Vision.

With great hope in God's future for us,

Jonathan and Mary Kay Beck

We invite you to show your gratitude to God through service within and beyond the walls of the church. Gratitude motivates us towards love and good deeds. Gratitude opens us to live generously. Stewardship is about the joyous discipline of thanking God with the way we live our lives and spend and share our money.

There are numerous ways you can meet your pledge to support God's ministries through Munholland:

- Cash or Check
- On-line giving by setting up an account in REALM
- ACH recurring payment from your bank to Munholland
- Stock transfers
- IRA distribution
- Charitable Trusts

To ask questions or set up a secure on-line account, transfer stock, or make an IRA or Trust distribution, contact our Business Administrator, Nora Huete, [norah@munhollandchurch.org](mailto:norah@munhollandchurch.org). or 504.834.9910.

### JOIN US FOR CELEBRATION SUNDAY ON OCTOBER 22ND

Legacy giving is defined as simply planning to make a difference, both for yourself and for a cause that you believe in, through a charitable gift. The goal is to make an impact for future generations. We encourage you to support the future ministries of Munholland through a legacy gift. Contact the Pastor, Jonathan Beck, for more information.



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## Children's & Family Ministries

- Children's Activity Nights
- Holiday Family Events
- 3rd grade Bible presentation
- Children's Choir - The Acorns
- 110 kids attended VBS

## Adult Ministry

- 15 new Bible studies (235 total participants)
- Israel 2024 Mission trip planned (30 signed up)
- 186 active users on Right Now Media
- Lent/Advent Studies offered

## Young Adult Group (YAG)

- Engaged in Small Group Study each Sunday
- Host the family Christmas Party and Crawfish Boil
- Missions: Fall & Easter Festivals/Help people move
- Pray for & encourage each other

## JOY Ministry

- Senior Adult & Congregational Care
- Lay Home Communion Ministry
- Prayer Requests

## Evangelism & Engagement

- Drive Through Ashes
- Women for Women Small Group
- Popcorn business pop-ins
- Valentine's Day Women's Dinner
- Easter Sunday Service

## Missions:

- 75 homeless gifts at Christmas
- J. Moscona School support
- Container sent to Hope international Services, Cameroon
- Raised \$10K - World Vision Clean Water race
- Raised \$2K - Fish Fry & St. Patty's Day
- Mt. Zion - 720 homeless meals provided
- 2 Kairos Prison Ministry weekends
- Angel Tree/Shoebboxes for kids at Christmas
- Local Salvation Army/N.O. Mission homeless support



## Youth Ministry

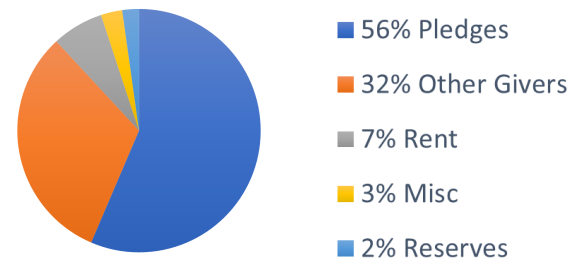
- Sunday Night Worship
- Youth Camps
- Food distribution
- Outings and Events

# LIVING IN MINISTRY

## SUPPORTING GOD'S VISION

The year 2024 is going to be a new era of community connection and evangelism. Only God knows all the plans He has for us. He sees what we cannot yet perceive. Jesus told us to put our treasure where our heart is and then calls us to 'seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.' Stepping up toward tithing is a tangible trust in God's future for Munholland. Your gifts are vital for Munholland to live into God's vision for us.

Pledging is the Key to Munholland's Financial Health.



## HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WERE SPENT IN 2023:

<b>Mission/Evangelism/Hospitality</b> .....	<b>\$185,474</b>
Touching lives through Evangelism, New Member Engagement, and local & global missions	
<b>Worship</b> .....	<b>\$180,981</b>
Praising God year-round: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and special musical celebrations	
<b>Building and Grounds</b> .....	<b>\$296,759</b>
Investing in our facilities: Custodial staff, maintenance & repair, supplies, utilities, debt retirement, and insurance	
<b>Faith Development</b> .....	<b>\$170,703</b>
Growing Christians intellectually and in practical faith: Children, Youth, Adults, and Sr. Adults	
<b>Administration</b> .....	<b>\$83,428</b>
Undergirding ministry with administrative staff, equipment, communications, and supplies.	
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$917,345</b>

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## SERVING GOD'S VISION

God's vision for Munholland and the community is a call to action. God wants us to embody His Kingdom coming to Metairie, as it is in heaven. Everything we do in the present shapes the future. It is exciting to move forward into uncharted ministry. As Paul wrote, 'We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.' (Eph 2:10). God's vision is fulfilled when we invest our time and talent for His plans. Your service matters more than you can imagine.

## WHY WE SERVE

I have been a member of Munholland for most of my life. I moved to Metairie when my parents were transferred here. They soon found a church they wanted to be a part of in Munholland. I have been a member since that time. Curt and I were married here, and he became a member soon after. It is definitely our home church.

Six years ago, Curt and I were asked to serve as ushers in the 11:00 am service. Hebrews 13:2 says 'Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for in so doing some have entertained angels without knowing it.' Serving as ushers gives us the pleasure of greeting members and visitors and serving as stewards at the front door of Munholland. We have also served on committees to strengthen Munholland behind the scenes. It has all been meaningful service that has enriched our lives.

Stewardship means service to God. It means making yourself available to contribute your time, your talents and your gifts. We are just a small part of the serving stewards at Munholland that continually reach out to those in need and help Munholland to grow.

We invite you to serve alongside of us.

Sally and Curt Farris

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