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Sunday School: 9:30 AM (All ages)

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'SEEKING GOD'S FUTURE'

Dr. Jonathan Beck



Munholland Methodist Church is seeking God's future. There was a decisive pivot on June 11th where God was calling us into a new era of ministry. The excitement was palpable in the Spirit-filled worship and a lunch celebration. We are moving forward in faith with a new vision, purpose, and commitment.

Since June 1 we have been operating as an independent church. Many are asking "What's next?" and, "Are we going to be part of another Methodist connection or stay independent?" The Church Council created a task force to research options for our future connection. It is composed of Mike Lepper, Prissy Emonet, Ellaine Wilson, Janet Dellacroce, Kitty Stulb, Ashley Dills, Louis Gilbert, Karla Schexnayder, Rob Worley, Steve Zansler, Sarah Kreutziger, Caroline Sanders, Mickey Spencer, Ann Gilbert, and Jonathan Beck. Feel free to talk with any of these about your thoughts and questions.

A resource webpage has been created and contains a comparison chart of different denominations, a paper written by a member of First Methodist Shreveport, and a paper listing pros and cons of remaining independent. These are from another church and don't represent a recommendation of our Church Council. However, the materials show options that the Task Force is researching. The Task Force will report to the Church Council on Thursday, July 13, at 5:30 PM. That will be followed by a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 30, at 9:40 AM. Later dates will be set up for congregational presentations and Q&A sessions. Finally, we will have a Church Conference vote to make the final decision as a congregation. Munholland has entered a time of prayer and research so we can make the best decision for our future.

Confident in Christ, we move forward in faith. "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. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jer 29:11-12) Pray for God's wisdom and guidance. God is leading us into a wonderful future of expanding ministry - Connecting with God, Growing with each other, and Serving the world.

COME TO ME ALL YE WHO ARE WEARY

by Jeff Pellegrin

We live in a busy and stressful world, often overwhelmed by the demands of work, family, ministry and society. We struggle to find time and space to rest and renew our souls, to connect with each other, and with God. Amid the cacophony which modern life has become, we have forgotten how to rest in His Presence. How can we ever find the time to balance our responsibilities and our relationships, our duties and our delights, our service and our sabbath. With all the demands upon our limited resources, is this even possible in the internet age?

The good news is that God invites us to come to Him to find rest for our weary souls. He is the source of our renewed life, satisfying our deepest longings and refreshing our spirits. He is the Good Shepherd who leads us to green pastures beside quiet waters, and bids us "Lie here, drink deeply, and be at peace." (Psalm 23:2). The Lord of the Dance gives rhythm to our work and rest, creation and recreation, activity and contemplation..

There is a story, which you may have heard, about a professor who filled a jar with big rocks then asked his students if the jar was full. Many respond in the affirmative. He then took a handful of pebbles and poured them atop the stones, shaking the jar to help guide them downward. "Now is it full?" he asked. A few more hands went up. Next he sifted a measure of sand into the jar. Even more agreed that the jar was then full. Finally, he poured a tall glass of water over the whole mess until the excess streamed onto the table. All hands rose in response to the familiar prompt. He then queried them to posit the point of this demonstration, as it relates to their lives. After a bit of a pause, one brave voice suggested "Life may seem busy, but you can find room for more, if you're clever." To this the professor countered, "Not so, my young friend. The real lesson is this: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in."

In his bestselling book "The Relentless Elimination of Hurry," John Mark Comer suggests "the solution to an overbusy life is not more time. It's to slow down and simplify our lives around what really matters." Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Jesus offers us a rest that is not just physical or emotional, but spiritual. A rest that is not just a temporary escape from our problems, but a lasting transformation of our hearts. Time spent with the Lord of the Sabbath is not just important ... it's the biggest Rock of all.



MUNHOLLAND METHODIST MEN
(MMM)

*Helping Men Grow in Christ, so
Others May know Christ.*

MMM MEETING

July 13th 7 PM- Zoom only

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Men's Coffee Crew Study Group
meets at Munholland on
Wednesdays at 7:00 AM in the FH.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Munholland Methodist Men, contact Steve Zansler, President, at phylzans@hotmail.com.

'GOD'S REST'

“Yes, my soul, finds rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62: 5-8

by Ronda Knox

Rest, it is a beautiful word. It recalls feelings of contentment; when all my work is done and I can finally sit down and REST. Or after a good night's sleep I feel good and RESTED. Or I am going on vacation to take a much-needed REST. All of these are examples of a lack of physical or mental activity or strain, and, while very necessary for our physical well-being, true rest is not the absence of striving and work.

The word “Rest” is found 277 times in the NIV Bible. While many of those occurrences indicate the remainder of something, many denote what is required for peace of mind or a calm soul. One can be still and yet be very anxious.

True REST is the deep conviction that God is trustworthy; He has never broken a promise and His plans for us are always for our good. In every task He asks of us, He will equip us and we can trust Him in the worst situations. (Psalm 46:1)

David nailed Biblical Rest in his famous 23rd PsalmThe Lord is MY Shepherd, I shall not

want.... He makes me to lie down in green pastures (plenty of food).... He leads me by still waters (away from turmoil).... He restores my soul....


You know the rest....pun intended! And if you do not, what can you do to trust God more this week? What can you, in faith, turn over to Him so that you can lie down and be restored? May you know the Rest of God.

Women's Study:

WHAT THE WOMEN SAW

Wednesdays
June 14th 10 AM Rm 210
6 Sessions
Led by Ann Birdsong

Discover who Jesus is through the unique perspective of women in the Bible...

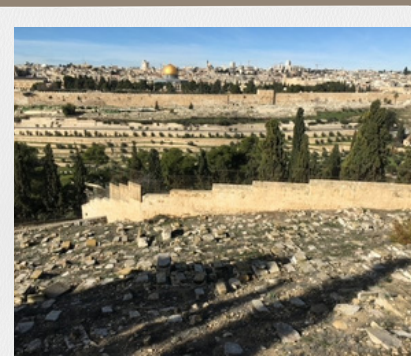
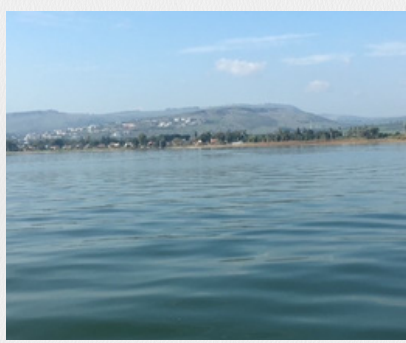


All women are welcome to learn, grow and laugh. We would love to have you join us.

Learn more about leading, growing, and serving with God.

Join us at anytime for our ongoing study....

HOLY LAND TRIP

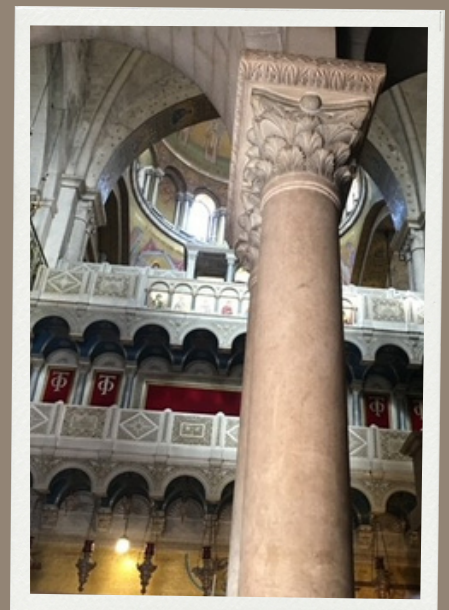


Have you ever desired to be where Jesus was born and grew up? Where He taught, went fishing, and made His ultimate sacrifice? Wondered how dry is the wilderness, or what it feels like to float in the “dead” sea? Have you wanted to take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee? If so, I hope you will consider joining the Munholland family to visit the Holy Land from April 1 - 11, 2024, as we journey to Israel!

We will be visiting the Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Garden Tomb, Western Wall, Capernaum, Nazareth, Qumran, and so much more!

Visiting the Holy Land makes Scripture come alive as nothing else will.

Contact Ronda Knox, 504.834.9910 or rknox@munhollandchurch.org





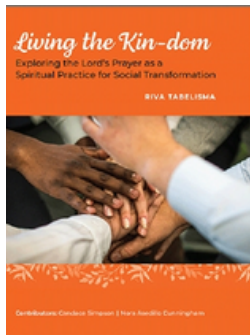
'REST AND RENEW'

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED WOMEN in FAITH - MISSION u 2023
July 14th and 15th
WESLEY CENTER WOODWORTH, LA**

Join us as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives!

The study is offered in two ways, in-person at the Wesley Center or by zoom. There is no requirement to read ahead or to purchase the book. We do ask that you bring your Bible and a journal or notebook with you. This year the study is...

***Living the Kin-dom:*
Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a
Spiritual Practice for Social Transformations**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
8AM-1PM

SALE INCLUDES: HOME & GARDEN, JEWELRY, COLLECTIBLES, BOOKS & TOYS, FROZEN SOUPS, JELLIES, PICKLES, SWEETS, FURNITURE, NO CLOTHES - ACCESSORIES ONLY...

Regular donations accepted July 20th through Sept. 24th.

Furniture drop off begins Sept. 25th
Text Phyllis Zansler at 504.701.3622 for large furniture items...

All proceeds go to UWF missions local, national, and international...

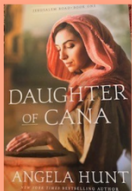
UWF Luncheon

Join us to Rest and Renew prior to White Elephant Prep and Sale!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH 11:15 AM

New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood,
817 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!



UWFaith Book Club
Purchase & read the book prior to the meeting.

Tuesday, July 18th
6:30 PM Parlor

Questions: Phyllis Zansler,
Communications Coord.

Calendar

**We believe love in action
can change the world.
Please join us.**

7/04/23

No Meeting

Happy Independence Day!

7/11/23 10:00 AM

General Meeting

7/14-15/23

**LA Conference Mission u
in-person Woodworth, LA or zoom**

7/18/23

10:00 AM White elephant prep

6:30 PM Book club-

Daughter of Cana

7/20/23

**Start bringing items for White
Elephant Sale**

7/25/23 10:00 AM

White elephant prep

7/26/23 11:15 AM

UWF Luncheon

**New Orleans Hamburger and
Seafood - 817 Veterans Memorial
Blvd.**

**If you have any questions,
contact Phyllis Zansler,
Communications Coordinator
at phylzans@hotmail.com.**



Munholland
Children's Ministry

Growing God's Kingdom One child at a time!

Nurturing spiritual growth in children to equip them with a foundation in faith that will allow them to grow personally, form a relationship with Jesus Christ, live out their faith daily and disciple others.

Church Nursery The nursery is available for infants & toddlers during the 8:30 AM service, Sunday School, & the 11:00 AM service. Make sure to bring a bag with all the items your child/children may need.

Sunday School Children grades Pre-K4 to 5th Join us from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM to learn about God & His son, Jesus, through songs, games, experiments & more!

Children's Church 11 AM Service During the 1st part of the worship service the children are invited down to the front to hear a short Children's Sermon. Children then leave the service to participate in Children's Church (RM 209.) During this time children will sing worship songs, hear a Bible story, participate in various activities regarding a scripture verse, & pray. Children return back to BIG church during the last hymn.

The children had an amazing time at Vacation Bible School!





by Owen Trotter

YOUTH

(GRADES 6TH - 12TH)

Sunday School:

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Collective Sundays

5:00-7:00 PM Youth Room

No youth Fellowship
during the month of July

Each Wednesday, I send out a weekly Newsletter with up-coming events, calendar and other information about what's going on at Munholland Youth!

If you would like to be added to my email list, please email me at owent@munhollandchurch.org.

To My Dear Church Friends,

There aren't quite enough good adjectives to express how special you made me feel on my last Sunday at Munholland. Methodists sure know how to throw a good celebration! Dr. Duke was a great emcee, and I was so honored at the words that "Big H," Ford, Ann, Emily, and Julianne shared about our time together over the last 18 years. The food was delicious, the cake was beautiful, and the choirs' presentation made me burst with love and joy.

Finally, I was stunned at the generous love offering you all gave me. It was a fitting example of how you all have supported me as your music director. My family joins me in saying THANK YOU.

*In Christian love,
Jan*

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FISH FRY

WEDNESDAY
JULY 19, 2023

5:30-7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



\$12 (adults)
\$6 (12 & under)
suggested
donation

All proceeds to support
Munholland missions

fried & baked fish
hush puppies
corn on the cob
slaw
ice cream sundaes

Bring a friend!
All are
welcome!

Munholland In a Week

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Prayer Meeting *
- 5:00 PM Youth Collective Mtg.
- 5:00 PM AA Group Officers Mtg
- 6:00 PM Sunday Night AA Group

MONDAY

- 9:30 - 1:30 PM
Kids Day Out (M, W, Th, Fr) Summer Camp

TUESDAY

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 10:00 AM UWF General Meeting *
- 1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting
- 2:30 PM Mt. Zion Good Samaritan (3rd Tuesday)*^
- 6:15 PM "Our Prayer Book the Psalms" (6/20 - 7/25)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 AM Men's Coffee Crew Study Group -
"Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes"
- 10:00 AM Women for Women Small Group continuous
"What the Women Saw" (6/14 - 7/19)
- 5:00 PM Midweek Meal will resume in September
- 5:30 PM Children's Activity Night (times may vary)
- 6:00 PM Cursillo (summer times vary)
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 10:00 AM Ladies weekly ongoing study
- 7:00 PM Munholland Methodist Men * (usually meets
on the second Thursday)
- 7:30 PM Al Anon
- 8:00 PM NA
- 8:00 PM AA

*Note: Not a weekly event
^ Contact Betsy White at betsysw@aol.com
FH: FELLOWSHIP HALL

UPCOMING JULY EVENTS

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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

OFFICE CLOSED
3rd and 4th



13

CHURCH COUNCIL MTG.

5:30 PM

19

FISH FRY

5:30 PM FH

30

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

9:40 AM FH

For more information... Visit our
website... munhollandchurch.org

Dear Munholland Family,

As we embark on becoming Munholland Methodist Church, we are building a stronger church that can do more of God’s work. Renewing your commitment to our new church will help us move forward with an array of new plans and ideas, while keeping our traditional values.

We need Rest and Renewal to gain a better understanding of what God wants us to do. We need to listen to His direction for us, and renew or commitment to God’s work. “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint” (Is. 40:31).

Thank you for being part of this exciting journey.

In Christ’s love,
Kitty Stulb, Finance Chair

MOBILE TEXT GIVING

Text "MUNHOLLAND" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP.

If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

Munholland's Vital Statistics

	June 2023			January - June 2023			
	Budget	Actual	Variance		Budget	Actual	Variance
<i>Contributions</i>	\$83,063	\$84,395	\$1,332	<i>Contributions</i>	\$498,379	\$436,446	-\$61,933
<i>Expenses</i>	\$83,063	\$60,012	\$23,051	<i>Expenses</i>	\$498,379	\$443,156	\$55,223
<i>Net Income/Loss (Contributions)</i>	\$0	\$24,383	\$24,383	<i>Net Income/Loss (Contributions)</i>	\$0	-\$6,710	-\$6,710

This is as of June 27th; it includes an estimate for the June 30th payroll.

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THINK ABOUT IT

“Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid.” (Romans 3:3,4)

Faith-filled words change things. They'll move mountains into the sea. They'll turn sickness into health. They'll turn a sinner into a saint! Often church pastors and Christians pray the prayer from II Chron 7:13-14 when our nation has strayed from God... “If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people; and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

The Word tells us God hears us when we repent and will forgive us and heal our nation. If we believers would back up our prayers with words of faith instead of constantly describing what the devil is doing, we could soon begin to see spiritual revival in America and in The Church. We might see another great awakening! Rarely do we hear people saying “This is great! God is truly healing the land, just as we have prayed.” Instead we hear a repeat of the evening news, rather than proclaiming the Good News of God's promises. Sometimes it's hard to see spiritual progress, but by faith we command mountains to move in Jesus' Name. We ask God to show us glimpses of His Glory coming into the earth and to give us the grace to BELIEVE and RECEIVE those promises.

Rejoice with other believers for what we see God doing in our midst — small things and great big things. Rest assured, He is doing! Let's take a firm stand against unbelief and sloppy words and decree that God is doing what He said He would do in response to our decree~~ He is healing this great land of the free and home of the brave.....America the Beautiful.