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SUNDAY SERVICES

Traditional: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Sunday School: 9:30 AM (All ages)

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'THANK YOU, JAN SCHLUTER!'

Dr. Jonathan Beck



Thank you, Jan, for your music ministry that has immeasurably impacted so many people over the past 18 years! Jan has poured her heart and soul into Munholland's worship drawing us into God's presence Sunday after Sunday. This Sunday we are having a big fun celebration in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 - 10:45. Be sure to make it!

Below is an interview with Jan that will bring many memories to mind for you and reveal her heart for all she has done at and for Munholland.

How long have you been the Choir Director at Munholland?

I took the position right after Hurricane Katrina, in 2005, so I'm in my 18th year.

What are a few of your best memories?

- Working with the section leaders/soloists. They not only supported the Chancel Choir, but helped me with responsibilities and became close friends along the way.
- Watching our children, Ben and Jason, flourish and grow in the nursery with Ms. Tami, in Sunday School, and in Youth Group.
- Singing in our trio, The Grace Notes, with Julianne Korn and Brindley McWhorter.
- Being the puppeteer for all the summer VBS adventures.
- Successfully figuring out how to do choral music during the pandemic.
- Being a member of Christians Under Construction small group and making lifelong friends there.
- Working with Phil Sparks, the absolute BEST organist/pianist I could've ever wished for.
- Being coerced to sit in the dunking booth at one of our outdoor festivals, when all my children's choir kids' parents had to pay a fortune for them to try and dunk me!
- Having my mother sing in my choir. That was priceless.

What are some of the funniest things that happened during those years?

Most of the funniest moments happened while teaching children. Once I was teaching the kids in KDO a song with the words, "Jesus is born." All of a sudden, I realized that one of the kids was loudly singing "Jesus is BORING!"

Another time we were singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." I always let each child come up with two things to put in the song where it says, "He's got the wind and the rain in His hands." So, one Sunday morning we wound up singing, "He's got the steak and the shrimp in His hands." I guess that child had had a delicious dinner the night before! Other than that, Ford Dieth always kept us laughing during choir practice with his wry sense of humor.

You have been here long enough to see a generation come through. What has it been like to see children go all the way through your training?

Well, there is a group of children who are graduating this year who started singing with me in the pre-school Sunday School room. As they grew, they participated in the Littlest Angels and the Altar Choir. I loved staging the Nativity program each year. Each spring we had a celebration of children's music when each choir would perform and the children who took piano lessons were asked to play a song or two. Some of those children sang in a

'UP, UP, AND AWAY!

by Jeff Pellegrin

Have you ever gone flying in a hot air balloon? If not, you're really missing out! Uma and I took an excursion aboard one many years ago while attending my sister's wedding in Arizona. We departed at first light on an hour long trek across the breathtaking landscape of the Sonoran Desert. It was like no other experience up to that point in my life, or since. When the burners weren't firing, the only sound was that of a light cross breeze and the creaking of the huge wicker gondola in which we stood, along with six other people, including the pilot. At first, we climbed to around 500 feet to "have a look around the place" as our guide phrased it. Next we descended to about 40 feet above the desert floor and floated along a good distance just over the tops of the majestic saguaro, the sentinels of the desert. Then the burners roared to life as we soared to 2,500 ft in no time! What I found truly amazing was how absolutely free and completely alive everything seemed at the time. Surprisingly, there was almost no sensation of motion whatsoever; nevertheless, we were flying!

Munholland is on the brink of a grand adventure, and we are about to really take off! Much of that which has weighed us down is now behind us, and a brand new day beckons with the promise of the rising sun! A lot of hard work lies ahead of us, but we can be sure that God will be with us as we relinquish the bonds of the past and soar to new heights. And as we embark on this journey, let us recall the advice of the Apostle Paul to the believers at Philippi. We ought not depend upon our strength alone to accomplish that which has been promised. Rather, this one thing we must do ... forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, let us join our hands as we lift our eyes and press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us dare to venture where God would lead. The time has come for the quest to begin, and away we go!

MUNHOLLAND METHODIST MEN (MMM)

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

MMM MEETING
June 8th- 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.

“Obey God and leave all the consequences to Him”

Charles Stanley

by Ronda Knox

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will advise you with My eye upon you.” Psalm 32: 8
It is utterly amazing to see what God will do through someone whose life is completely devoted to Him! I know no better example of this than Esther Ndichafah, the founder and president of Hope International Foundation (HIF), in Cameroon, West Africa. Hope International is just one of the missions we support here at Munholland, and I wanted you to share in praising God for what He continues to do through these faithful servants who have so little.

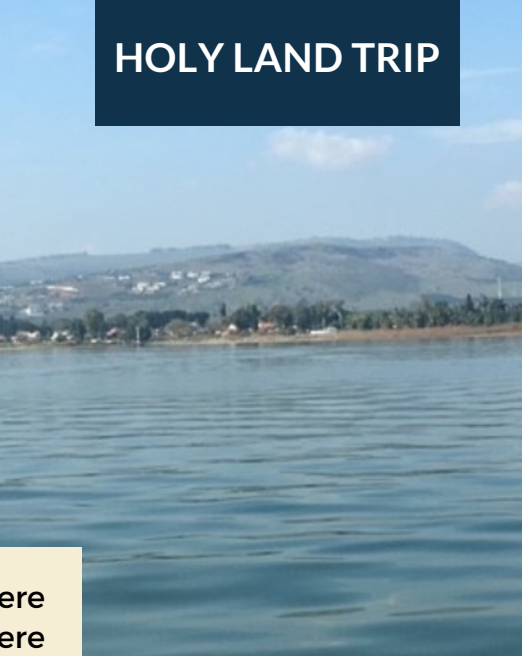

Below is a summary of Esther’s 13-page 2022 Activities Report:

1. Through medical personnel, chaplaincy services and ministry volunteers, patients were served at 2 hospitals with medical care, preaching, prayer, counseling, gifts, food, clothes and, at times, financial aid for medical bills.
2. Staff Support with daily devotions, special fellowship programs on Labor Day and other holidays, financial support and gifts when needed.
3. Monthly Discipleship Outreach Programs to 3 neighboring villages, with education on practical subjects, prayer, counseling, healthcare supplies, and meeting physical needs.
4. Provide food to over 300 prisoners every month, with emergency medical care given.
5. Distributed medical supplies and vitamins to 45 health clinics in outlying areas. One visit was to an area with a deadly cholera outbreak.
6. Carried out several health campaigns in the Bonendale community, benefiting more than 1,000 community members.
7. Two successful water projects, benefiting more than 2000 people who were deprived of potable water for home use.
8. Assisted 200 internally displaced children with food, healthcare products, quality nutrition items and clothing, with special attention to the sickle cell and malnourished.
9. Paid for 203 children’s school fees; 3 of those are university students!
10. Psychosocial counselling services were provided to over 400 people.
11. Five people were given financial micro-supplements for small business aid.
12. The biggest achievement of 2022 was the construction of a 2-block primary school in Chad, with 6 classrooms, 4 offices, a 6 room toilet block and all the furniture needed. These children formerly attended school under huts which were constructed annually.


Surely we are blessed to be a blessing to God’s children so far away! Thank You!

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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, & so much more!

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

Contact Ronda Knox, 504.834.9910 or rknnox@munhollandchurch.org

'NEW ADVENTURES'

by Kristin White

As we start this summer, many people will be taking trips. We see the sights, take part in new activities, meet new people, and explore. We come home to tell family and friends about the adventures we had and how we expanded our horizons.

How do we experience new adventures in our faith? We may not always be in a comfortable or familiar situation, but we meet new people, take part in activities, see new areas, and explore God's creation.

My daughter and I once had an opportunity to travel with a church group to teach vacation Bible school in Belize. I taught music while my daughter assisted in art. It was quite an adventure and a wonderful experience. We never did get to see the beach area, familiar to most tourists, but did go through the jungle. Meeting the children and adults, going to the church, dealing with some drinking water issues, staying coated in Deep Woods Off (often mixed with glitter from the art class), all brought quite the adventure. At the same time, I saw people arrive, anxious to see the doctor (who traveled with us), to obtain vitamins for the year or to get reading glasses. People with little welcomed us and shared meals. There was joy in seeing children experience new things, learn songs, Bible verses and even science experiments.

We don't always need to leave town to have new adventures. We can be a tourist and see our own city through fresh eyes. Even if we can't travel, we can help in life's adventures. United Women in Faith is helping to send local children to summer camp, food to Haiti and relief funds to tornado victims in Arkansas.

As we journey through life, look for and enjoy the adventures. Whether home or far away, there is always more to do and learn. We expand our knowledge and expand our faith in a growing and changing world. As we go into the summer, let God lead you to new adventures. Whether it's through activities at home or travels across the world, you can experience and give joy through God's creation.



United
Women
in Faith

Calendar

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

6/10/23

**New Orleans District Mission
Study at Thirfield UMC
in Bogalusa, LA.
Speaker: Rev. Anice Moses**

**6/13/23 10:00 AM Rm 209
General Meeting**

All Ladies invited

**06/20/23 6:30 PM Parlor
Book Club**

***The Healing Power of Human
Connection in a Sometimes Lonely
World - by Vivek H. Murthy***

**6/27/23 10:00 AM FH
General Meeting**

**If you have any questions,
please contact Kristin White,
UW Faith President
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Munholland
Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an exciting week for all ages. \$20/week

The church will be transformed into our VBS theme, where campers discover life with God is a surprising adventure.

Music, science experiments, crafts, recreation, and memorable Bible stories help kids know they can trust God to be with them through anything. Even snack time reinforces the theme each day.

Register now and come join us for this week of fun! Click on the QR code below to register your child(ren) or to volunteer.

If you have any questions, email Owen Trotter at owent@munhollandchurch.org or 504.834.9910.



Twists and Turns VBS
2023
June 5th - 9th
8:45 am - 12:00 pm

VBS
Registration

Volunteer
Registration





'NEW ADVENTURES IN FAITH'

by Owen Trotter

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹¹And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." ¹²And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. (v.11-13)

David was a lowly shepherd. The youngest in his family. The runt of the litter so to speak. Yet God chose him, a humble shepherd, to be the next King of Israel. This was quite an adventure for David, going from the fields to the palace. Through all of this excitement and change David remained faithful to the Lord. David's faith was so great that he even became known as a man after God's own heart, through this new adventure in his life.

As we enter into this new season as Munholland Methodist Church, let us look to the example of David; though the change came suddenly and was probably scary, and unsettling--different from what he was used to -- David remained faithful to God. David found rest and peace in our God; he found purpose and mission in our God. The same God that called David to the throne is calling us

forward to the mission to bring the light of Jesus Christ into the world. Let us find rest and peace in our Creator, in this new adventure we are setting off on!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
JUNE 11TH
11 AM SERVICE



YOUTH
(GRADES 6TH - 12TH)

Sunday School:
9:30 - 10:30 AM
Collective Sundays
5:00-7:00 PM Youth Room

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.

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praise band when Wilson Newell was our Youth Director. I'm not sure if any of them are still singing, but I hope they at least have good memories of singing at church.

What has KDO music meant to you?

Teaching Kid's Day Out gave me a chance each week to get back to my roots of teaching little children. You'd be surprised at what a pre-school child can learn about music. I love playing rhythm instruments with them and watching them move to music. I believe it's essential for children to be able to express themselves through singing and moving.

Tell us about some of the biggest events you pulled together here at Munholland.

First, I must say that I've never pulled off an event at Munholland without the help of the staff and my choir members. One of the best things about Munholland is the way everyone pitches in and works together as a team. The celebrations of Munholland's anniversaries come to mind first. The Chancel Choir has always contributed lots of music for those events. One of my favorite events was when we celebrated Charles Wesley's 300th birthday in 1997. Art Johnson dressed up as Wesley and we sang all the great Wesley hymns. The biggest accomplishment of our choir was our Good Friday presentations of the Requiem settings by different composers. I was so proud of our choir because they pushed themselves to learn difficult music. I was always thrilled to conduct the larger instrumental ensembles, too.

What are you looking forward to in retirement?

Well, Steve is (mostly) retired and our boys are (mostly) on their own now, so we are hoping to travel and check off some items on our bucket list. We need to work on our house - decluttering and repairing things. I also want to spend time with my mother, both cleaning out her attic (yes, I'm 60 years old and still have things in her attic!) and just spending time together "visiting." Finally, I hope to get back on stage by performing in musicals and singing in several choirs.

Thanks, Jan, for all that you have meant to Munholland's ministry. Your musical leadership will be missed. We all have many fond memories of you just has you do of Munholland.

Blessings in your retirement.
Jonathan

Summer Studies:



HOW TO BE RICH
by Andy Stanley

June 7th – June 28th
6:00 – 7:00 PM Rm 111

Led by Tim Scandurro

Andy Stanley is convinced that most of us are richer than we think. We just aren't very good at it. It's one thing to be rich. Andy wants us to be good at it!

How to Be Rich lays out clear principles for carrying that load, making sure your wealth remains a blessing not just for you, but for your family and community for generations to come.

OUR PRAYER BOOK: THE PSALMS

TUESDAYS
JUNE 13TH – JULY 18TH
6:15 – 7:30 PM ROOM 210
LED BY OWEN TROTTER


Our Prayer Book The Psalms: The Psalms are so much more than songs and prayers; there is no situation we can experience in life which cannot find it's voice in the psalms.

Owen Trotter will take you beyond the surface to their true depth and meaning.

New 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...

Do women matter to the kingdom of God? Jesus was surrounded by both men and women during his ministry on earth. He saw, valued, and cared for women, and he still does today. Each one of us has a significant role. You will discover who Jesus is through the unique perspective of women in the Bible.



MEN'S COFFEE CREW STUDY GROUP

Wednesdays
7:00 - 8:00 AM FH

Join the Men's Coffee Crew as they dive deep into scripture & deepen their faith. Enjoy the breakfast, study, and fellowship...

"Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes" - Beginning with Jesus' birth, Ken Bailey leads you on a kaleidoscopic study of Jesus throughout the four Gospels.

Bailey employs his trademark expertise as a master of Middle Eastern culture to lead you into a deeper understanding of the person and significance of Jesus within his own cultural context.

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" (6/13 - 7/18)

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 "How to Be Rich Study" (6/7 - 6/28)
- 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
For more information... Visit our website...
munhollandchurch.org

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

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JAN SCHLUTER'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION

9:30 - 10:45 AM FH

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

8 45 AM - 12:00 PM

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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LUNCH BUNCH

12:15 PM



Mark your calendars:
Wednesday
July 19th
5:30 PM FH

Dear Munholland Family,

Munholland is embarking on a very exciting and new adventure as Munholland Methodist Church. Thank you to all that have contributed to the disaffiliation fund. We appreciated every gift, no matter the size. In addition to the payment to the Louisiana Annual Conference, these funds will also help cover the costs of becoming Munholland Methodist Church.

We will now focus on growing our new church, expanding our mission work and continuing to support our community and beyond. God will provide the path He wants us to follow for our new beginning.

Please continue to support Munholland with your prayers, presence and gifts. Thank you for being a part of this new adventure.

In God's love,

Kitty Stulb
Finance Chair

MOBILE TEXT GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE

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

| | May 2023 | | | | January - May 2023 | | |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Budget | Actual | Variance | | Budget | Actual | Variance |
| <i>Contributions</i> | \$83,063 | \$58,457 | -\$24,606 | <i>Contributions</i> | \$415,316 | \$354,907 | -\$60,409 |
| <i>Expenses</i> | \$83,063 | \$70,573 | \$12,490 | <i>Expenses</i> | \$415,316 | \$375,338 | \$39,978 |
| <i>Net Income/Loss (Contributions)</i> | \$0 | -\$12,116 | -\$12,116 | <i>Net Income/Loss (Contributions)</i> | \$0 | -\$20,431 | -\$20,431 |

This is as of April 26th, it includes an estimate for the April 30th payroll, but does not include an estimate for the Sunday, April 30th collection.

MESSENGER

MUNHOLLAND METHODIST CHURCH
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THINK ABOUT IT

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it.....Dad

This lovely poem, an ode to our earthly fathers, describes the beautiful attributes of a dad who is in step with our heavenly father's character. And the Bible has spoken volumes about how God's design for fatherhood is to be fulfilled. In the Old Testament, family patriarchs led their families spiritually, serving as a "shepherd to his flock". He was to lead his family to God and into a life of study, prayer and faithfulness. Exodus 20:12: "Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord God is giving you." Sometimes children need to be taught how to honor their parents. This is the only commandment that has a promise added to it, so it is important to teach them the why behind the what. In Joshua 24, we see Joshua bringing the Israelites out of bondage, headed to the Promise(d) Land. In verses 14-15 Joshua declares, "Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped.....choose for yourselves which gods you will serve. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord". Joshua made a bold statement that day at Shechem — that he and his family would only serve Jehovah, El Shaddai, the almighty and all powerful Lord over all creation.

Happy Father's Day!