

Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

September 2, 2007

Exciting Choir News...

Make a Joyful Noise, the Lord said.

**Come Join the
Fun
Youth Singers
1st Rehearsal**

**Sunday, September 9,
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

Upcoming Musical Offerings:

- *Many Moods of Christmas* with Chancel Choir Orchestra
- *Godspell* musical featuring Matthew passages



Worship Opportunities

Sunday, September 9

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Sermons: "Hear, O Israel..."

Traditional Services:
8:30 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary
Rev. Dr. Paul Escamilla

Common Ground Contemporary Service:
11:00 am in Wesley Hall
Rev. Dr. Anna Hosemamm-Butler
Guest musicians "Spoken For"
- female Gospel quartet

Sunday, September 16

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Habakkuk 2:1-6
Sermons: *Waiting for the vision*

Traditional Services:
8:30 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary
Rev. Dr. Paul Escamilla

Common Ground Contemporary Service:
11:00 am in Wesley Hall
Rev. Dr. Anna Hosemamm-Butler

**Children's Music
Ice Cream Sundae Party
Parent Meeting**

**Sunday, September 9
4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Leaders: Paula Huffaker,
Charles Hudgins, Kati Beheler,
Beverly Curtis & Melissa Strader



Youth Parent Roundup dinner and meeting will be held Sunday, September 9 from 5:30 – 7:30 for all parents and youth. Please attend to see the year-at-a-glance and to become aware of opportunities to become involved. Please RSVP to Kelly Moon, Youth Director at kmoon@svumc.org.

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Friday Fiction Discussion – set for Sept. 14th with Rev. Dr. Paul Escamilla reviewing the popular novel, “The Kite Runner.” If you have or have not read the story, come and enjoy a delightful review and discussion of this tale, set in contemporary Afghanistan. Light dinner provided for small donation. Doors open at 6:30. Discussion and review begins at 7. A rare opportunity. Bring your friends.

--Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Richardson Interfaith Habitat for Humanity

will begin their next house on September 15. Watch the Behold for more information in the coming weeks.

--Bill Boyer



Save the Date
Elaine Heath to Speak
September 30th
Fifth Sunday School.

Learn 2 Knit Class

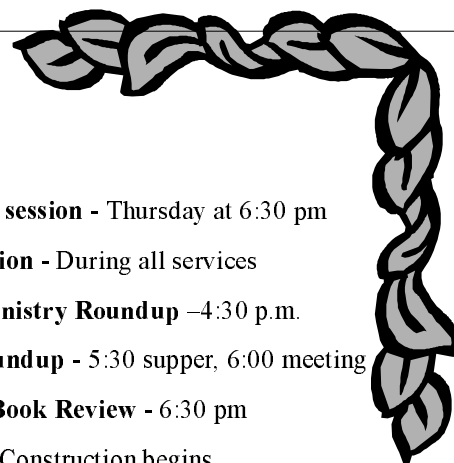


If you have often wished you knew how to knit or haven't knit in many, many years and need a little help, here is your chance! Thursdays evenings in September (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) 6:30-8:00 pm at the church, a class will be taught by Lisa Phillips and Jan Hudgins. Cost is \$10 for all supplies and yarn for 3 projects.

This intergenerational class for ALL AGES is aimed at beginners, but is open to knitters at all stages. *If you are an experienced knitter, you are welcome to come and help a beginner.* Please sign up by September 2nd to insure we have supplies for you. Contact *Jan Hudgins* at 972-233-7671 ext. 20 or email jhudgins@svumc.org

September

- 6 **1st Learn 2 Knit session** - Thursday at 6:30 pm
- 9 **Teacher Dedication** - During all services
- 9 **Music Makers Ministry Roundup** - 4:30 p.m.
- 9 **Youth Parent Roundup** - 5:30 supper, 6:00 meeting
- 14 **Friday Fiction Book Review** - 6:30 pm
- 15 **Habitat House** - Construction begins
- 15 **Prime Timers** to Sulphur Springs Stew Cookoff
- 18 **Parkland Outreach Ministry** - Tuesday at 10 am
- 23 **Third graders Bible Presentation**



SVUMW Luncheon
Parkland Outreach
Baby Shower
Monday, September 10, 2007

Help clothe the babies who are born each day at Parkland
Special Needs:
 Socks or booties, caps, diaper shirts or onesies,
 light receiving blankets or quilts
 All baby items will be lovingly accepted.

Questions? Contact Jan
 Robertson 972-234-6359
JanRobertson@hotmail.com

NETWORK Pansy Sale!

You can once again fill your yard with fall colors that can last well into the spring and at the same time assist NETWORK in providing some financial assistance to clients as well as providing food and clothing for their families. Bruce Miller Nursery is providing the wonderful selection of pansies.

Order forms are available in the church office, or visit our web site www.thenetwork.org and download the form. Flats are being sold at \$15 and make your check payable to NETWORK. Orders will be accepted no later than Friday, October 12. For fall and winter color, mail your pansy order in today. And again, on behalf of NETWORK and our clients, thank you! Together we make a difference. Even if you decide not to purchase pansies, donations to NETWORK are needed and appreciated.

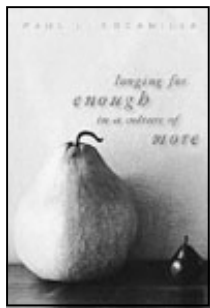
-Tom Purcell, Pansy Sales Coordinator, NETWORK

ESL Classes

are being held on **Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:30—8:15** with childcare. Teachers are needed for the overwhelming response leaving 20 people on the waiting list. No experience required, no Spanish required. The **Training Session for new teachers will be Saturday, September 8, from 9 to 12 p.m. in Asbury Hall.** Spring Valley member, Sharon Burton, is the lead teacher along with Paul and Rosemary Mielly. Call **Carlos Nascimento or Cheryl Murphy at 972-233-7671.**

FRIDAY NIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL For SINGLES

Begins at 7PM on Sept. 14. We will meet in the Dining Room at SVUMC. Class will take place Bi-Weekly. We will begin with a study of Max Ludado's "Next Door Savior". If you have any questions call Elaine Zuercher @ 214-733-7545, or go to www.svumc.org and look under Adult Ministries.



Longing for Enough in a Culture of More”

Check out our very own Paul Escamilla's new book at www.cokesbury.com.



Substitute teachers and a Music Teacher needed for the Preschool. The only requirement is a love for children. Hours are from 9—12 Monday through Friday. More info call **Holly Lewis (972) 233-2317**
—Holly Lewis

Financial Planning for High School Upperclassmen!

September 16th – October 7th, Ken Link will be teaching financial planning for ALL high school upperclassmen. The sessions will be held church, starting at 6:00pm during UMYF.

Prayers of concern, encouragement, hope and love

In the Hospital

Lois Murphy - Medical Center Plano
Howard Ellis - Presbyterian Dallas
Joe Lees - Plano Medical Center

Our Church Family

Melody Reece Steve Harper
Kim Martinez Alex Huffaker
Judy Mays Jacqui Otal
Barbara McVay Luke Fiorentino
Florence Lewis

- Our care receivers of the Stephen Ministers
- Members of our armed forces
- Homebound members



Joys and Concerns: Call Alice Cromwell, 972-239-7332, or e-mail her at dallasal@swbell.net for any prayer concerns. These concerns will stay on the list for two weeks.

Our Extended Church Family

- SVUMC friend, Odette Reger
- SVUMC friend, Diana Miller
- Nadine Haef's husband, Dan
- Randy Smith's friend, Lenard "Smitty" Smith
- Pat Swindle requests prayer for friend, Oleta Guinn
- Lola Copeland requests prayer for Gigi & Henry Oglesby
- Doris Simonsen request sprayer for Kim Whitfield
- The Hartshorn family requests prayer for Peter Brand
- SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos Buea Methodist Church in Cameroon, Africa
- All persons serving in the military
- Those suffering privately

Fall Bible Studies 2007

*Classes begin during the first two weeks of September.
Sign up at tables available Sunday or register online.

Disciple I:

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Designed to develop strong Christian discipleship in local churches through in-depth study of Scripture. Takes participants from Genesis through Revelation, prompting along the way to consideration of our human condition on the path to faithful discipleship. Small covenant groups of no more than 12. (34 weeks)

George Reese, Facilitator; *Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.*
Materials Fee: \$40/Scholarships available.

Disciple II:

Into the Word/Into the World

Move deeper into the word with this study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Study themes of pride, hospitality, patience, and humility as you consider how we are called into ministry in the world around us. (32 weeks)

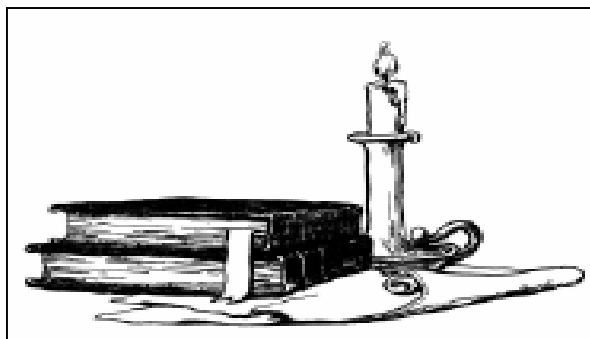
George Reese, Facilitator; *Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.*
Materials Fee: \$40/Scholarships available.

Disciple III:

Remember Who You Are

Remembering our roots as Christians, this study is designed to consider our past so that we might renew our vision for the future. It confronts persistent questions like "What are my priorities?" and "How can I be a part of the obedient community?" Focus on the works of Paul and the Prophets. (32 weeks)

Pat Christley, Facilitator; *Time/Day: TBD*



Disciple IV:

Under the Tree of Life

The word "under" in the title of this series is meant to convey a welcoming invitation to shelter, security, and rest in God's love. Come and rest in the words of John, the Writings and Revelation as you study the mystery and the wonder these ancient words of hope, peace and salvation have to offer. (30 weeks)

John Dvorak, Facilitator; *Thursdays: 9:30-11:30 a.m.*
Materials Fee: \$40/Scholarships available

Disciple Short Term Studies

These two 12-week, in-depth studies are modeled after the basic design of Disciple Bible Study, and are based on weekly group meetings of 1.5 hours. A two-part video segment guides the session with interpretive presentations from biblical scholars, contextual presentations, and roundtable discussions.

Session One: Hebrew Scripture: Sept.-November (12 weeks)

Session Two: New Testament: Jan.-May (12 weeks)

*Participants may take either or both sessions.

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler, Facilitator; *Wednesday: 9:30-11 a.m.*

Materials Fee: \$20 per session/\$40 for both
Scholarships available.

Jesus in the Gospels

Study the name, the place and the people and encounter the Jesus who is both hard to ignore and hard to control. An attractive and commanding morally compelling figure portrayed in Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. (30 weeks)

Facilitator: TBD; *Time: TBD*

Please let us know of other areas of short and long term interest that you would like to study. We will do the best we can to offer what is requested. For information on further studies or scholarships, contact Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler, 972-233-7671/ext. 19.

Thursday Evening Neighborhood Bible Study includes Dinner

The Neighborhood Bible Study has begun a new study on *Joshua: The Power of God's Promises*. The cost of the study book is \$7.00. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. and Bible study begins at 7 p.m. The study concludes at 8:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact: *Lou or Bill Wilkin 972-392-1486.*

Welcome Committee Evangelism Report

The Welcome Committee is committed to radical hospitality at Spring Valley. For those of you interested in our numbers so far this year here is a quick overview. If you have questions or comments feel free to contact Cheryl Murphy, Director of Evangelism.

Monthly Report from Evangelism January- August 2007

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>YTD</u>
First time visitors		236		10	32	16	35	24	16	37	24	194
Repeat visitors			300	65	113	176	253	191	133	161	104	1196
New Members	59	68	37	4	3	4	3	18		6	3	41
Attendance 8:30				80	86	87	116	77	96	82	89	90
Attendance 11:00				184	191	266	256	268	162	191	207	216
Common Ground				141	161	110	155	162	117	168	136	142
Total Worship morning	545	492	475	405	437	413	526	466	374	423	431	435
Contacts by Evangelism (calls)				34	47	39	75	40	36	52	66	389
Contacts by Evangelism (letters)												

Church Attendance

September 9:

WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 Traditional Service	67
11:00 Traditional Service	180
11:00 Common Ground	151

TOTAL 398

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Children	40
Youth	29
Adult	183

TOTAL 252

Welcome Committee

We invite all visitors to a two week class about Spring Valley. We will meet in the Parlor beside the Welcome Desk in the front lobby at 9:45 am, Sunday September 16 with Dr. Paul Escamilla, the Senior Pastor and on Sunday September 23 with programming staff and lay leaders. We will have a "Membership Sunday" following all worship services on September 23. Please join us for this informative program. If you have any questions please call (972 233-7671 ext 17) or email (cmurphy@svumc.org) -Cheryl Murphy, the Director of Evangelism.

Week of Sunday, September 9



MUSICAL OFFERINGS

8:30 & 11:00 Chancel Choir
Didn't My Lord Deliver

HYMNS

Hymn No. 2221 *In Unity We Lift Our Song*

Hymn No. 277 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

Hymn 127 *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Hymn 127 *He Leadth Me*

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 9

- 7:45 Chancel Choir
- 10:00 SVUMC Orchest.
- 10:00 Com. Gr. Praise Band
- 10:30 Chancel Choir
- 3:30 Youth Ringers
- 4:30 Youth Singers
- 4:30 Children's Choir
- 6:00 Carillon Ringers

Wednesday, September 12

- 6:30-7:30 Many Moods rehearsal with SVUMC Orchestra



Year to Date as of August 31, 2007

Pledged Income \$660,113.41

Actual Income 630,906.47

Extending God's Path



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Join Us for Sunday School

Aldersgate Class

September 9 - Jim Veech - A Week in a Monastery

September 16 - Janice Dumas: An update on the Neighborhood Service

Friends Class

September 9—Understanding Family Systems—particularly interesting to 25-45 year olds.

Rev. Anna Hoseman-Butler

SPOT Class

September 9-We are studying the book *New Testament Characters* by Carolyn Nystrom—Chapter 5

Beacon Class

September 9, 16 & 23-Guy Garrett

Quest Class

September-The class is looking at the book of *Proverbs*. Room 204.

Seekers Class

September 9—Showing the DVD *Celebrate What's Right with the World*, by Dewitt Jones

Staff email addresses

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