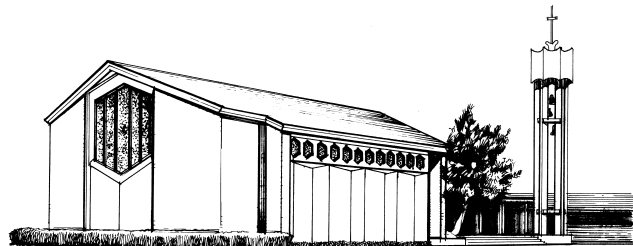


Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

September 24, 2008



Sharing God's Grace

**Sharing God's
Grace.....
It's sweeter
than chocolate!**

*[Grace] melts in the
heart...extends from
the hand.*

Let's face it! The last "brand name" you might expect to find written on a box of chocolates is **Stewardship**. Stewardship, in its purest form, can be morsels of grace that are meant for sharing. For most of us, Stewardship is or will be an acquired taste. We have freely received God's grace in a variety of ways, as a church and as individuals; and we are responsible for sharing, that which we have received, with others. In other words, don't keep the whole box to yourself. It's not healthy!

What is it like to honor and share the sweetness of stewardship? Sometimes, it can be really sticky and messy, like a child eating a piece of candy in the summer sun! But OH, the difference it can make in our hearts, souls and in all of our lives and the lives of others, whether we are inside or outside the walls of the church. Being faithful stewards we offer our tithes, prayers, gifts and service through the church. We listen to God, reaching out in mission, sharing what we have, so none will be without. We read, study and teach the Bible and share what God's holy word means to us. We strive to be an example of what it is to be a Christian; worshipping together, praying for the healing of persons, the earth, all nations and for God's work in the world. We trust in God and are trustworthy. We are grateful and give thanksgiving in all manner of things, giving all glory and honor to God. We share the Good News by going into the world making new disciples of Christ, for the transformation of the world! And to top it off, we are to do all of this compassionately with faith, hope and love.

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**Common
Ground
Sermon Series**
What do you Believe?

The Apostle's Creed Sermon Series in Common Ground began last Sunday with a challenge from Cheryl Murphy to create our personal credo. On the morning in which Cheryl became a proud grandmother and the sense of passing on one's faith and traditions to the generations that follow must have been very strong, Cheryl shared with us her personal credo at this time in her life. What will you tell grandchildren? Are the familiar words of the credo of the church founders truth about God? The first week of our sermon series focused particularly on God the Creator using the opening stanza, *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth*. What does God look like? How is God present in this world?

Join us this Sunday as Anna Hoseman-Butler takes our journey deeper into the creed and explores the second section, *I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord...*

Connections Concert

Saturday, September 27
7:00 pm in Wesley Hall

Free Admission!
Donations accepted!

Hurricane Ike Relief is the Focus of
the UMCOR Offering at this Concert

Tribute is to Doobie Brothers and Elton John
Sponsored by the Welcome Committee

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, September 28
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Services:
8:30 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary
Scripture: Luke 5:33-39
Sermon: Containers or Contents?
Rev. Mark Vowell

Common Ground Contemporary Service:
11:00 am in Wesley Hall
Scripture: John 3:31-35
Sermon: *God the Son, Redeemer*
Rev. Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler



Nueva Vida Services - Spanish
Prayer Meeting - Wednesday 7:30 PM
Sunday School - 12:30 pm
Worship - Sunday 1:30 PM
Rev. Carlos Nascimento

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Behold Weekly Attendance Report

WORSHIP SERVICES: September 21

8:30 Traditional Service	86
11:00 Traditional Service	196
Common Ground Service	109
Nueva Vida	101
Nursery/Mission	36
TOTAL	528



Visitors and New Members	September 21	YTD	Goals
New Members	2	50	100
First time visitors	8	279	400
Repeat visitors	34	1380	2,000

Remember Evangelism is up to EVERYONE!

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The Stewardship of Sharing God's Grace calls us to receive, give and change. We may not look or act like we always have before, but the sweetness and stickiness that we have shared will melt in our hearts and extend from our hands, getting all over everything. All Thanks Be to God!

If all you remember about Stewardship is what our Senior Pastor, Rev. Mark Vowell, said earlier this summer, in response to the questions; Why give? Tithe? He responded: "Because it is worth it." That is enough.

~Martha Jacobson

September/October



- September 27 Connections concert, 7:00 pm
- October 3 First Friday of Film, *Lars and the Real Girl*
- October 5 Communion Sunday
- October 12 Network of Community Ministries Food Drop off
- October 12 Mobile Blood Drive
- October 19 Dimes a Day Sunday
- October 21 Parkland Outreach
- October 26 Halloween Concert and Trunk or Treat

First Friday of Film - October 3, "Lars and the Real Girl"



Christianity Today Magazine awarded this film "one of the 10 Most Redeeming Films of 2007"

Lite Supper served at 6:00 p.m. Movie beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Prayers of concern, encouragement, hope and love



Joy

- Cheryl and Jeff Murphy and family in the birth of grandson, Kieghan William Murphy

Our Church Family

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Sandra Guthrie | Guillerminia Guerro |
| Marsha Lasater | John Lonneke |
| Jacqui Otal | Lenora Pitcher |
| Ken Sloan | |

- Our Care Receivers of Stephen Ministers
- Members of our congregation serving in the armed forces around the world
- Our homebound members

Our Extended Church Family

- Wanda Alexander, church nursery worker
- Chita Baladad's sister, Yolanda Burdin
- Joyce Boyer request prayer for Allan Elstrom

Our Extended Church Family, cont'd

- Tom Campbell
- Pat Chadsey's daughter-in-law, Beth Chadsey
- Hoyt Cowling's son
- Alice Cromwell's mom, Lynn Maxwell
- Forest and Sue Cummings' friends, Jan and Phil
- Jonathan Dickerson's friend, in her passing
- Nichole Fiorentino requests prayer for Denise and Olivia Marsh
- Ted and Catharine Gebhardt's grandson, Teddy
- Robert Goodrich's mother, Maggie Goodrich
- Karen Holburn requests prayer for Michael O'Hern
- Pat Johnston requests prayer for J.D. Ritchey, Jr.
- Larry and Naomi Kryske's daughter in law, Jennifer
- Laura LaFrano's mom, Dorothy Lankenau
- Marsha Lasater's friend, Willie Robinson, her daughter, Robin and her grandson, Jordan
- Denyse Manzanza request prayer for Jeannette Kamba Ndaya
- Gail Pettigrew's sister, Katie McCurrach
- George Reese's son, George
- Scott Somer's wife, Isabel Docampo
- Norma Warner's children's great grandmother, Nellie Denman
- Mark Wood's sister, Margie Dozier
- Fred Zimring
- Bill and Jeri Savuto, Missionaries in Africa
- Buea Methodist Church in Cameroon

Sympathy

- Joyce Boyer and family in the death of Joe Avery

Joys and Concerns:

Call Alice Cromwell, 972-239-7332, or e-mail her at dallasal@swbell.net.

MUSICAL OFFERINGS

8:30 & 11:00 *Risen* – *Here I Am to Worship*
 11:00 *Youth Singers* *Bless the Lord, My Soul*
 8:30 & 11:00 *Youth Ringers* *Jubilee*
 11:00 *Youth Singers* -
 Benediction Response *A Closing Prayer*

HYMNS

No. 2034 *Blessed be the Name of the Lord*
 No. 2036 *Give Thanks*
 No. 593 *Here I Am, Lord*



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 28

7:30 *Risen* rehearsal
 7:45 *Youth Ringers* rehearsal
 9:00 Common Ground Praise Band
 10:40 *Youth Singers*
 3:30 *Youth Ringers*
 4:30 Cherub Choir
 4:30 Children's Choirs
 4:30 *Youth Singers*
 6:00 Carillon Ringers

Monday, September 29

6:15-7:30 *Risen* rehearsal (Wesley)

Wednesday, October 1

6:15 SVUMC Orchestra

Saturday, October 4

7:00-9:15 *Connections* Concert
 @ Suncreek UMC, Allen, TX

Youth Singers First Tuesday Rehearsal
 October 14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm in Wesley Hall



Youth Singers, Youth Ringers and *Risen* Lead Sunday, September 28

All three groups will lead in worship. Only *Youth Ringers* and *Risen* will lead at 8:30. *Youth Singers* will lead at 11:00 only.

Youth Ringers Have 1-2 Openings

If you are a youth and would like to play handbells, we've got just 1 to 2 openings left in the group. You can learn how to read music if you don't already know. The group rehearses every Sunday from 3:30 until 4:30. Call Rusty at 972-233-7671.



Connections

Presents
A Tribute Concert

**Saturday
 September 27
 7:00 PM**




Free Admission
 Donations accepted for
 United Methodist
 Committee on Relief
www.umcor.org

Elton John
 Spring Valley United Methodist Church
 7700 Spring Valley Rd., Dallas
 972-233-7671 www.svumc.com

www.connectionsband.net



Sanctuary Spiffers
 Thank you Coffee

All who have served or are now serving or are interested in serving as a "Sanctuary Spiffer" are invited to a Thank You Coffee on **Friday morning, September 26th at 9:30 a.m.** in the church parlor. We will discuss the duties, scheduling, and pertinent information about keeping our sanctuary looking "spiffy." Although Tony and his crew take excellent care of the heavy cleaning, there are always additional details that require attention.

This is an opportunity to thank those who have been "Pew Police" in the past as well as those now active. Anyone interested in knowing more before volunteering is welcome.

Blood Drive

October 12

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Mobile Unit will be in the Parking lot.
 Sign up table in the connecting hallway!

Halloween MusicFest II

Sunday, October 26
5:30 - 6:15 pm
SVUMC Sanctuary

Trunk or Treat and Hot Dog Dinner
6:15 - 7:00 pm
Wesley Hall and Parking Lot

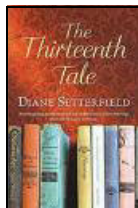
Come hear all new musical treats and enjoy a TV theme song sing-a-long for 2008

If you are young in age or just young at heart, grab your costume, invite your friends and neighbors and join in on the fun!

Coming Soon!

First Friday of Fiction
November

The Thirteenth Tale
by Diane Setterfield



Network of Community Ministries 11th Annual Billye Meyer Golf Classic *In memory of Billye Meyer*



On Friday, October 3, 2008 at Sherrill Park Golf Course there will be a golf tournament benefiting the NETWORK of Community Ministries. All net proceeds from the tournament will benefit NETWORK, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, charitable organization. In 2007 NETWORK saw 13,363 families, provided 25,522 individuals with food, distributed 516,014 pounds of food and spent \$418,989 on clients, providing food, clothing, financial assistance, bus tickets, counseling and much more.

Several levels of sponsorship are available for companies and individuals, including advertising specialties and participation in the tournament. Advertising ranges from \$350 to \$10,000. The tournament entrance fee is \$165 per person, or \$600 for a team of 4. For further information, please contact Tom Purcell, 972-661-5494, Roger Martens, 972-387-3158 or Fred Williams, 972-392-2252.



Meet our Newest Members



Judy Smith
Children's Music Director



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism



Ashley Nicole Staton

Daughter of
Rocky and Amy Staton
Sister of Andrew

Rocky Staton reaffirmed his faith

SVUMC Friday Night Prayer Group

begins Friday, September 26
7:00 – 8:30 pm in the parlor



All are welcome to come together in fellowship, to listen to scripture, respond to the word, and to unify our hearts and minds in God's presence. Contact Martha Jacobson at 972-406-9863 for more information.

7th Annual Aldersgate Golf Tournament

sponsored by
**Spring Valley
United Methodist Church**
Thursday, October 9th
Sherrill Park Golf Course
12:30pm Shot Gun Start



benefiting Aldersgate Charities



Annual UMW Fall Festival Dinner

Bazaar - October 22 and 23

Dinner - October 22

5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Wesley Hall

Spaghetti Dinner, Beverage and Dessert

Prepared by U.M.W. Ladies - Tickets available

Adults - \$8.00 Children under 8 - \$3.00

Luncheon - October 23 at 11:30 am

Tickets sold at the door

As we gear up for our Fall Festival we hope you'll plan to share your baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles, etc. for our Country Store. We are also looking for old books, cd's, dvd's, video's, records and puzzles for our sale.

The famous Spring Valley Cookbook will be on sale for \$5.00. It is a treasure collection of recipes from outstanding cooks from Spring Valley.

Invite a friend and come support our UMW mission projects. For more information on how you can help, contact Betty Hopper at 972-386-4670.

UMW Meeting



The first meeting of the UMW at Spring Valley was a successful baby shower for the Parkland Outreach Group. We had a very good attendance and are looking forward to a wonderful year as we plan for the 2008-2009 season. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 13**, in Asbury Hall at 11:30 am. After our luncheon and business meeting, the speaker will be our very own pastor, **Mark Vowell**. Come join us for a great get-together of fellowship, fun and food! We hope to see all ladies of our church make an effort to attend these meetings.

Habitat for Humanity

Work on the Habitat house will continue next Saturday. We will be installing the fascia and drip edge in preparation for shingling the roof. In addition, we will be installing the soffit and doing prep work for the siding. You are invited to come and help Tony Edwards build his house. For more information, call Rhonda Huser at 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer at 972-661-2570.



Ginger York, Executive Director of Neighborhood Service Council, offers this list of items and volunteers that NSC needs. Please phone Ginger at 972-239-3501 if you wish to volunteer or have an item to contribute. She says the most acute need right now is for van drivers. Our vans are the 15-passenger type that does not require a special driver's license. Drivers serve from 2:30 to 4:30, one weekday a week.

What Neighborhood Service Council Needs Most

- Laminating machine
- Computers: New Lap Top, 1-3 New Desk Top PCs, 3 LCD Monitors
- Coupons to fast food restaurants
- Passes to museums
- New "G" Rated movies
- Paper Cutter
- TV/VCR/CD player
- Disposable cameras
- Simple sewing machines (2)
- Small sizes popcorn, cheese crackers, etc. & juice boxes for snacks
- Basketball back board, hoop and ball

Volunteers to do the following:

- Drive a van to pick up kids one day per week (2:45 - 3:45 p.m.)
 - Sit at front desk and welcome parents/summon students for pick up
 - One day per week
 - 4 - 6 p.m.
 - Do data entry - one day per week
 - Listen to children read -- one day per week
 - Help with homework -- one day per week
 - Help students play games, do arts and crafts, learn self-reliance (how to tie a bow, etc.), and gain confidence in solving real world problems. - one day per week 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
 - Assist with field trips (times vary)
 - Spend one hour per week with a student who has learning difficulties and/or acts out in large groups (be their special friend) - time variable
 - Teach a skill such as sewing, cooking, crochet, painting, etc. - Special "one time" sessions done once a week for 2-3 weeks or 2-3 days in one week - time variable (example: etiquette class-high tea)
- Work 3-6 p.m. one day per week at Carolyn Bukhair Elementary with 6th grade girls assisting with games, crafts, homework, etc.



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Bible Lectionary Readings

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Aldersgate Class

September 28 - Jim Veach - A Case for Christ
October 5 - Barry Hughes - Inter-religious dialogue as peace making
September 28 - Barry Hughes - Inter-religious dialogue as an aspect of evangelism

Beacons

September 28 - Cheryl Murphy

Footsteps -

September - Methodism and Our Beliefs

Come As You Are

*To Live Is Christ,
Joining Paul's Journey of Faith*
by Beth Moore

SPOT Class

September — book study of
“Priorities: Tyranny of the Urgent”
by Charles Hummel
October 5 & 12 - Anna Hosemann-Butler
Family Systems

Seekers

September 28 - Scott Somers
The Standard Sermons of John Wesley
October - Dan Kasten
The Book of Mark

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