



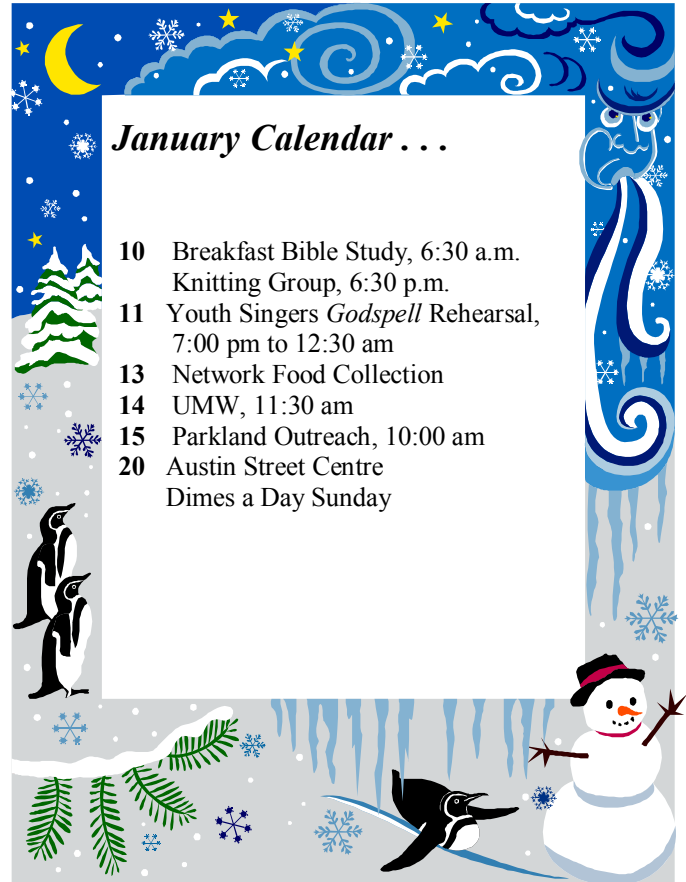
Part-Time Children's Music Director

SVUMC & Preschool seek a part-time director of children's music. See the website, www.svumc.org to find a more detailed description of this position.

Submit resume and cover letter to hlewis@svumc.org, or send to:
 Spring Valley United Methodist Church
 Attn: Preschool Music Director Position
 7700 Spring Valley Road
 Dallas, Texas 75254

United Methodist Women

The first meeting of the new year will be Monday, January 14. Our own Cheryl Murphy, Minister of Evangelism at Spring Valley, will be sharing some of her ideas for 2008. Our luncheon will be held at 11:30 in Asbury Hall, followed by the business meeting and program. We hope to see everyone there after a busy holiday season. Come join us for the fantastic fellowship of our women's group!



January Calendar . . .

- 10 Breakfast Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Knitting Group, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Youth Singers *Godspell* Rehearsal,
7:00 pm to 12:30 am
- 13 Network Food Collection
- 14 UMW, 11:30 am
- 15 Parkland Outreach, 10:00 am
- 20 Austin Street Centre
Dimes a Day Sunday

Church Attendance January 6



WORSHIP SERVICES:		SUNDAY SCHOOL:	
8:30 Traditional Service	83	Children	48
11:00 Traditional Service	216	Youth	20
11:00 Contemporary Service	135	Adult	197
TOTAL	434	TOTAL	265

Evangelism Contacts
 For the Week of January 7 67

Prime Timers Meeting



Prime Timers will meet for an organizational coffee on Tuesday, January 22nd at 10 am in the small dining room. This is to plan events for the year and to discuss an upcoming trip to the Kimball Museum in Fort Worth in February to see the Early Christian Art exhibit. For information, contact Jan Robertson, chair, at 972-234-6359.

ARTS AND CRAFTS LADIES NEED YOU!

If you can knit, crochet, sew, embroider, paint, glue, cut, paste and have a need for some good Christian Fellowship, we invite you to come each Monday morning from 10:00 to 2:00 P.M. and bring a sack lunch. We meet in Room 182. We will begin working on things for an Easter Mini Bazaar which will be on Sunday March 9th. I am sure we can find something for you to do and if you have any neat ideas, please bring them with you or if you prefer to work at home and donate something to us, we would welcome that also. Hope to see you there. ~Betty Hopper

A Christmas Thanks

I wish to express my thanks for a gift I received shortly before Christmas. You didn't sign your name in the card you left in my box in the church office. I wish I could thank you personally for your thoughtfulness – I hope you read this instead. Your gift and your anonymity, whether intentional or accidental, has blessed me. Thank you.
 Sincerely, John Tarver



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Here's a couple of tips to try:

1. You can download the latest version of adobe at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.
2. Check your spam folder.
3. Make sure we have your correct email address. Not sure? Email us at behold@svumc.org.

Program Ratings: How Do We Feel About Our Programs?

This is the fourth of eight articles summarizing the results of surveying SVUMC members and friends by the Compass Committee. In total 331 people responded to the survey. The Percept Group analyzed the data and supplemented it with U.S. Census Bureau data and their own religious research in our region.

The last three articles compared and contrasted our congregation with the community around us. Now in this article, we look inward to our own congregation to consider how members feel about our existing programs and ministries. The survey asked members to rate only those programs with which they were familiar. This allows us to not only determine how positive our congregation feels about each program but also how familiar members are with each program.

Below our current SVUMC programs and ministries are grouped into those receiving: 1) the Most Positive Ratings, 2) Moderately Positive Ratings, and 3) Less Positive Ratings. Numbers are provided so you can see how many rated each program "Very Positive" and also how many are familiar with each program.

Most Positive Ratings

Program/Ministry	% Very Positive	% Familiar
Adult Music Ministry	70%	51%
Pastoral Care	67%	76%
Common Ground Worship	70%	54%
Local Missions/Outreach	63%	63%
Adult Sunday School	59%	61%
Youth Programming (Other)	62%	39%
Sanctuary Worship	61%	88%
Youth Music Ministry	65%	48%
National and International Missions	59%	57%



Moderately Positive Ratings

Program/Ministry	% Very Positive	% Familiar
Children's Music Ministry	56%	33%
Youth Sunday School	57%	38%
Weekday Preschool	46%	19%
Senior Adult Ministry	41%	35%
Neighborhood Service Council	57%	46%

Less Positive Ratings

Program/Ministry	% Very Positive	% Familiar
Other Children's Programming	42%	26%
Other Adult Educational Programs	35%	46%
Young Adults Ministry	48%	37%
Children's Sunday Morning Progr.	40%	28%
Nursery	36%	18%
Hispanic Ministry	33%	23%

Overall, you can see that many in our congregation are very positive about most of our programs and ministries. You can also see that in addition to these areas, we have also identified other areas for growth in our programs and ministries. There are several ways to consider these results. First, you may want to consider these programs in the context of what we've learned about our own congregation and the community around us from previous weeks' articles. Is what we do well what our surrounding community seeks in a church? Second, you may want to explore further those programs with very low familiarity in the congregation. Is this an area of concern? And of course, we want to pray for guidance in discerning the best possible direction for those programs and ministries with clear opportunity to grow.

Next week's article "Program Preferences: What do people want from a church?" will summarize the type of church programs and services of interest to the community around SVUMC and how our congregational preferences compare to what the community wants.



Week of Sunday, January 13

MUSICAL OFFERINGS

8:30 Women's Ensemble
Healing River
11:00 Chancel Choir
Healing River

HYMNS

No. 57 *O, For a Thousand Tongues
to Sing*
No. 451 *Be Thou My Vision*

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 13
7:45 Women's Ensemble
10:00 Praise Band
10:00 SVUMC Orchestra
10:30 Chancel Choir
3:00 Youth Ringers
4:30 Youth Singers
6:00 Carillon Ringers

Monday, January 14
6:00 Risen

Wednesday, January 16
6:30 SVUMC Orchestra
6:45 Taize rehearsal
7:30 Chancel Choir

Youth Music News



Youth Ringers

Rehearse 30 Minutes Earlier January 13

On Sunday afternoon, January 13, the Youth Ringers will be rehearsing from 3:00 until 4:30 to get extra time at the Handbell Concert, April 20 at noon. The piece is "Phantom of the Opera". They are preparing to attend Festival on February 2.

Youth Singers

Special Rehearsals on Tuesdays

On Tuesdays, starting January 15, there will be rehearsals for "Godspell" from 6:30 until 8:30. During these times, there will often be dance rehearsal, blocking rehearsal, music rehearsal and a Bible study. No meal will be served.

MORE Mardi Gras Madness

Check out the website <http://www.svumc.org/mgm.html> to find new auction items for the 2008 Mardi Gras Madness on January 26th. Also, we are still collecting donations - if you have an IPOD, resort in the mountains, tickets to events, or would just like to make a donation contact Gene Hoffman ghffmnn@mindspring.com.

Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets for the 42" plasma Panasonic HDTV drawing.

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See or call Ben Dickerson at
972-437-0345

Prayers of concern, encouragement, hope and love



Sympathy

- Ann Sanders and family in the death of her sister's husband, John

Hospital

- Dave Booth

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

Our Church Family

John Lonneke Lois Murphy
Paul Simonsen Olga Smith
Randy Smith Danielle Williams

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

Our Extended Church Family

- David Armstrong's dad, Paul
- Joyce Boyer's cousin, Don Foltz

Our Extended Church Family, cont'd

- Pat Chadsey's daughter-in-law, Beth Chadsey
- John Clark's mom, Mary
- Rachel Edwards' grandson, Max Edwards
- Peggy Gilbert's brother, Charley
- Terri Hawkins' friend, Shannon Moore
- Pat Hill's friend, Jack Smith
- Roger Horn's friend Cindy Hensel
- Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry
- Joan Jackie
- Christine Lino request prayer for her mother, Anna Marie Anyan.
- Michelle Mielly's friend, Nathalie
- Jan Norton's mother, Patsy
- Tracy Rahm's co-worker, Mary Ann Greene
- Pam Reese's dad, Don Webb
- Harold and Jan Robertson's friends, Dorothy and Jim Laird
- Joanna Shampine's daughter-in-law, Kristen Jacobson
- Julian Sumner
- Pat Williams' father, Robert Grosh
- Elizabeth Wood's father, Addison

Parkland Outreach

Do you like to sew baby items?



The Spring Valley Parkland Infant Outreach Group can use your help. We sew newborn diaper shirts and gowns for babies born to needy families at Parkland Hospital. Last year over 17,000 babies were born there, about 85% from needy families. There are 22 volunteers now who crochet or knit baby caps, afghans, and booties. Some of the volunteers make quilts and others come to the meetings and cut out diaper shirts and gowns. We always have more cut-out diaper shirts and gowns than we have volunteers to sew them. If you have some time to sew, there are babies waiting for your help.

The Parkland Infant Outreach Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday morning of each month in the small dining room outside of Wesley Hall from 10 to 11:30am. For more information, call Jan Robertson.



Come be part of this special mission project!
Pictured from left - Jan Robertson, visitor, Margie Phipps, and Betty Portwood.

Nueva Vida

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected:

- Lay Leader - Isabel Castillo
- Treasurers - Maria Martins/Victor Martinez
- Stewardship Director - Adela Colmenero
- Special Events Directors - Adalberto Diaz/Dora Diaz
- Evangelism Director - Irma Vaca
- Music Directors - Thiago and Diana Nascimento
- Education Director - Azucena Quiroz

- Adult SS - Rene Rojas
- Youth SS - Maria Martinez
- Children SS - Azucena Quiroz

Hispanic Board Representative - Isabel Castillo

Pastor - Carlos Nascimento

Nueva Vida

Many Celebrations

The apostle James writes about two characteristics of a thriving church. He said: "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms." Praying and singing are what Nueva Vida does!

Throughout the year, our Sunday services are always times of praise and joy, but our Christmas celebration was a particularly special service. The congregation, made up of members from Colombia, Chile, Bolivia, Brazil, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, and the USA participated by clapping and dancing to the sound of the Galaad Band. After the wonderful message delivered by the Rev. Rick Hawkins (Hold on to Hope!), we joined our hands and hearts singing **Feliz Navidad!** That was a service to be long remembered.

Members of the SV staff and the Hispanic Council joined us, and many first time visitors attended as well. But there was more to come! The celebration continued with our New Year's Eve service, from 9:30 PM to 12:30 AM. The program included a dinner, a message for the New Year, communion, and a concert by Thiago Nascimento (piano) and Britney Oswald (violin), graduates of SMU. A few minutes before midnight, the pastor invited the people to end 2007 and receive the New Year on their knees. These were moments of thankfulness, joy, hope, and intercession, mixed with longing and tears for a family in a distant country. The New Year's Eve celebration has become a tradition at Nueva Vida.

Our leaders and all of our members look forward to a new year of growth in number, knowledge and grace. Please keep us in your prayers.



Members of Nueva Vida, the Hispanic Council and Spring Valley celebrate Feliz Navidad together! Over 120 people attended this service.

The Galaad Band shared their gift of music for the congregation at the December 23rd service!





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Join Us for Sunday School

Aldersgate Class

January 13 - Lori Villareal,
Executive Director of the
Richardson YMCA

January 20 - Betty Reichel
A Clear View of the Birth of
Jesus, Part 3

January 27 - Suellen Turner,
UMCOR Report

Beacon Class

January 13, 20, 27, February 3 and 10
Anna Hosemann-Butler
Book of Hebrews



Bible Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Seekers Class

January 13 - Dr. Barry Hughes,
"Theologies of Religion"
January 20 - Barry Hughes

SPOT Class

January - The book of Matthew
Study material based on the following:
[www.bisbanejuniortheatre.com/smt/
Godspell](http://www.bisbanejuniortheatre.com/smt/Godspell) and [www.papermill.org/
_content/shows?Godspell](http://www.papermill.org/_content/shows?Godspell).

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