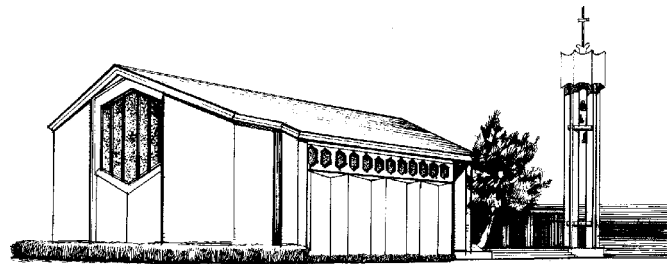


Behold!

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Oliver Axtell receives award

At the 11:00 service last Sunday, a surprised Oliver Axtell received the Cross and Flame Award, the highest honor in The United Methodist Church for scouting and service. The Cross and Flame program recognizes adult leaders who have given exceptional service in programs for young people through the UMC.

Richardson Network makes special appeal

The Network of Community Ministries is concerned about empty shelves. Hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food are needed each week to help families on an emergency basis. We will again collect food on September 8. Look for the containers in the hall and make your contributions.

For I was hungry and you gave me food."

Matthew 25:35

There's "moo" to this story...Mitzi the Cow visits Spring Valley in September

Mitzi's here in the loggia to remind us of the need for fresh milk for the hungry children of RISD. So if you're in the habit of picking up a favorite beverage on the run, why not contribute that same amount to Mitzi and the children?

"I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

Matthew 25:35

Meals on Wheels

We still need Meals on Wheels drivers. Can you volunteer? Please call Dave Booth, 972- 233-1195, Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435, or Neil Williams, 972- 238-5608. Thanks! *Dave Booth*

Habitat's a-buildin'!

The newest Habitat house construction begins Sept. 14 at 4024 Grey Oak in Dallas. Call Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570, to find out how to help.

Services to remember September 11

This month Americans will have lived through a year of anger, grief, loss, and vulnerability following the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our nation; fear and doubt have sometimes seemed to gain the upper hand. Such anniversaries, then, are important occasions for remembrance and for recognizing our need for healing and hope.

The anniversary of this attack on the people of the United States will be observed at Spring Valley UMC in two special services:

Sunday, September 8, in worship at 8:30, 9:31, and 11:00; and

Wednesday, September 11, in a Taizé prayer service, at 6:30pm. Special bell music composed for the Columbine event, the Spirit Choir, and full orchestra will help lead this service.

Open minds, open hearts, open doors

The people of The United Methodist Church welcome you! That is the message not only of our denomination's national media campaign during September; but an ongoing description of the warm welcome which is the spirit of Spring Valley.

Please help to spread the SVUMC word of welcome by taking home a yard sign from the loggia on Sunday or the church office during the week.

e-Behold - a reality with this issue

Communications at Spring Valley have entered a new era. Starting with this issue, an initial 181 households are receiving the immediate, electronic version of the *Behold* and saving the church the cost of printing and postage. If you want to receive the e-Behold weekly, please contact Paula Huffaker at membership@svumc.org.

Children's Chatter!

Heifer International



Heifer Project International wrote to our church thanking us for the Vacation Bible School donation. The VBS boys and girls were given a Noah's Ark bank to take home and fill with money for Heifer Project. At the end of VBS, Spring Valley was able to send \$407 to Heifer to pay for goats and tree seedlings for several families.

Thank you, boys and girls, for this huge donation! I am so proud of your generosity.

Back to school

By now all boys and girls are in school and about to begin school. I have been praying for all the children, the school teachers, bus drivers and everyone who works in the school building. We all pray that this year is very successful for everyone in home, private and public school. We pray for the safety of children and that God's wisdom will be in all schools. The church also prays for the parents, that we all use good wisdom in parenting, and that God remains in the center of our lives.

Which parent are YOU?

"I got two A's," the small boy cried. His voice was filled with glee. His father very bluntly asked, "Why didn't you get three?" "Mom, I've got the dishes done," the girl called from the door. Her mother very calmly said, "Did you sweep the floor?" "I've mowed the grass," the tall boy said, "and put the mower away." His father asked him, with a shrug, "Did you clean off the clay?" The children in the house next door seem happy and content. The same things happen over there, but this is how it went: "I've got two A's," the small boy cried. His voice was filled with glee. His father very proudly said, "That's great; I'm glad you belong to me." "Mom, I've got the dishes done," the girl called from the door. Her mother smiled and softly said, "Each day I love you more." "I've mowed the grass," the tall boy said, "and put the mower away." His father answered with much joy, "You've made my happy day." Children deserve a little praise for tasks they're asked to do. If they're to lead a happy life, so much depends on you.

"May the Lord richly bless both you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth" Psalm 115:14-15

Faith Home

A new class begins for families Sept. 8th. This exciting class runs eight weeks from 4:30 - 6:00pm in Wesley Hall. Faith Home is an exciting and fun experience where all kinds of families come together to learn about God, the Christian faith, and how to be a "Faith Home." Studies show that adults who live a faithful Christian life were brought up in homes where parents talked about God. Register today to start becoming a Faith Family. Registration forms are on the Welcome Desk in the loggia.

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

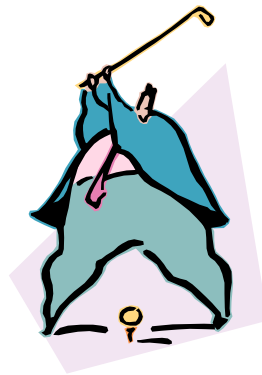
Aldersgate Class

Sunday, September 15

Jim Veach will be presenting the topic: The Doctrine of God. Just who is God anyway? What can we say about God? What are God's Attributes? What is the Trinity?

Sunday, September 22

Jim Veach will cover the topic of the Bible. Just what is the Bible? Is it God's Word or does it contain God's Word or none of the above?



The Aldersgate Golf Tournament Sherrill Golf Course

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Entry fee - \$100 per person which includes a \$20 donation to the Network of Community Ministries food bank, or

Entry fee - \$80 per person plus \$20 worth of canned food items for the charity.

Fees include: Green fee, cart, prizes, & "end of golf" hot dogs, chips & drinks

Make checks payable to Aldersgate Class.
Call Ben Dickerson, 972-437-0345, or Roger Martens, 214-349-9300, for details.

Fall class dates for Disciple & Christian Believer

All Disciple and Christian Believer classes will be starting the week of September 15. Below is the schedule for this year's long-term study courses. The cost is: any Disciple course, \$30; Christian Believer, \$40; C.S. Lewis, \$20. All classes will begin the week of September 15 and all but the C.S. Lewis class will conclude next May. To sign up for any of the classes, please call or email Sara Pair at 972-233-7671 or spair@svumc.org. Don't miss these wonderful opportunities for learning and fellowship.

Class	Day	Time	Teacher
Disciple I	Tues.	9-11am	Frank Rahm
Disciple I	Thurs.	7-9pm	George Reese
Disciple II	Tues.	7-9pm	Don Barnes
Disciple III	TBA		
Disciple IV	Thurs.	9:30-12pm	John Dvorak
Christian Believer	Tues	6:30-8:30pm	Sara Pair
C.S. Lewis Study	Thurs.	10-11am	Sara Pair (Class meets Sept - Dec.)

NOTEworthy News

Sept. Music for 8:30 and 11:00

Sunday, September 8

8:30 Andrea Trent, *The Lord is my Light*

8:30 and 11:00, Carillon Ringers,

*Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace
and It Is Well With My Soul*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *The Lord is My Light*

Sunday, Sept. 15

8:30, Choral Ensemble, *Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

11:00, Chancel Choir, *Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Youth Ringers and Singers start Sunday!

On Sept. 8, a great new year begins with bells at 3:30 and choir at 4:30. We are preparing anthems; *Godspell* (our springtime musical); and Schubert's *Mass in G* on Feb. 23. Our California choir tour will be June 6-13. Also, these two groups will lead in worship on Sept. 29 at the 8:30 service. Come join the fun with your friends!

Children's choirs off to a great start!

We have choirs for 4 and 5 year olds, for 1st - 3rd and for 4th - 6th grades on Wed. nights from 6:30 - 7:30. Children love Paula Huffaker, the wonderful director for the elementary choirs. Paula's accompanist is Phil West. Her helper is Laura LaFrano. Nancy Guerra directs the pre-school choir, with helpers Stephanie Chapman, Emily Rahm and Heather Sumner. Michael McElroy directs our elementary age bell program. We invite all children age 4 or older to join our delightful groups!

Carillon Ringers to attend workshop

Seven of 12 members will attend a handbell directors and ringers workshop Sat., Sept. 7, at King of Glory Lutheran. Many new techniques and music for the Feb. 15 Winter Festival will be introduced.

UMW to "visit" Egypt

The Spring Valley United Methodist Women meet Mon., Sept. 9, with lunch at 11:30 and program at 12:15. Ardean Cross will speak about "Women of Egypt." She and her husband lived in Alexandria and Cairo while working for the International Executive Service Corps, teaching companies modern business management practices. Her program is on the everyday life of Egyptian women. She'll bring items for "show and tell" and answer questions.



What's Up For YOUTH!

Sunday, Sept 8, 2002

Common Ground Worship

9:31am Youth Sunday School

11:00am Youth Ringers

3:30pm Youth Singers

4:30pm Snack Supper (only \$3)

5:30pm UMYF ends at 7:30 p.m.

MYF announcements:

Last Sunday, Heather Sumner, Emily King, and Sarah Darnall prepared an awesome lesson and discussion about "Violence." Please note: the awesome part of MYF time was the discussion of *our Christian response* to violence. Discussions of *our Christian response* to any topic is always the best part of MYF lessons. So when you see a topic on the MYF calendar that sounds unattractive, always remember that what makes it attractive is how we as a youth group *discuss our Christian response*. It's a great way to grow Godward!

This Sunday, September 8, Katie Case & Emily Rahm will lead us in a discussion about war, and whether war is ever justified. This will be especially important as we approach the one year anniversary of the attacks on our country. Be sure to attend this important time together.

Observation service for 9-11

All youth are encouraged to attend the worship service in the Spring Valley sanctuary on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30pm to remember the day our country was attacked last year. It's difficult to believe that a year has already gone by and so many of our daily routines have returned to normal. We will take some time to remember those who died, those who sacrificed, and to pray.

Youth Ringers & Youth Singers are BACK!!

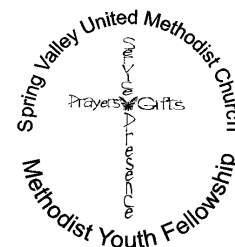
Handbells and singing are great ways to make joyful noises to the Lord! Youth Ringers and Youth Singers are back in business after the summer hiatus. It's a great way to grow in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and your relationships with other people. Even if you have never been in a choir, you are invited, encouraged, and welcome to come to Youth Singers and Youth Ringers. See the schedule above. For information, please call the Youth office or the Music office here at the church.

Mark your calendars!! WOW! There's a lot going on!

- * All-church picnic will be October 12, 4-6 pm. The Youth will help lead games.
- * SMU Football game, \$20 for ticket, plus snack money. TBD
- * Dr Pepper Museum, Waco, field trip, tentatively, October 26

Best wishes to:

Nicole Chapman and Emily Rahm, who have auditions this week.
Ann Michele King, who captains her drill team. First game is this week.
Everybody who is adjusting to a new school year.



Joys and concerns

Call Alice Cromwell, 972-239-7332, or email her at dallasal@swbell.net for any prayer concerns

Hospitals:

Sandra Guthrie,
Presbyterian
Jack Price, Med. City

Extended Church Family

Frances Dale's sister, Helen Howells
Nippy McManus' brother, John Kelly
Paula Huffaker's neighbor, Bev Johnson
Erin Breedlove's grandmother

SVUMC Church Family

Georgie Ann Davis
Sue Cummings
Betty Herring
Ken Carter
Dottie Cheek
Eddie Lutz
Tommi Ezell
Bob McGuire
Gene Mundy
W.L. Rowland
Homebound members

Dan Kasten's sister, Kathy
Mary Hill's grandson, C.J.
Dee Yates' granddaughter, Regan Yates
Alice McElroy's brother-in-law, Bob McElroy
Ben Dickerson's cousin, Dorothy France
Lenora Pitcher's friend, Ronda Dee
Lisa Phillips' friend, Carroll Arnold
Kathy Brunson, former member
Ron Amberg's relatives, Richard & Lucy Turner
Jerry Turecky's brother-in-law, Bill Horn
Herb & Cynthia Lee's friend, Dan Celeo
Those with ongoing concerns
Our Missionaries, the Savutos

We welcome our new members:

Marjorie Wright (Mrs. Jasper)
733 Sherewood
Richardson, Texas 75080
972-235-4106

Jeff and Cheryl Seay
7601 Churchill Way #524
Dallas, Texas 75251
972-661-0953

Joseph Ryan Kelley, son of John and Caryn
Kelley, who was baptized August 25.

Deepest sympathy to:

Lynna Frazer and Florence Lewis and family in the
death of their mother and sister, Doris Harris.

For current calendar, click this link: <http://www.svumc.org/Pubs/Behold/calendar.pdf>