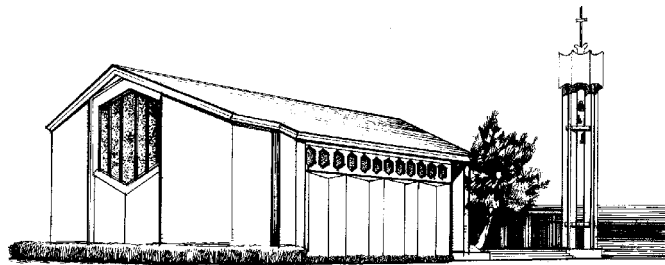


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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BloodCare needs you: October 13

9:15am --- 2pm in Asbury Hall

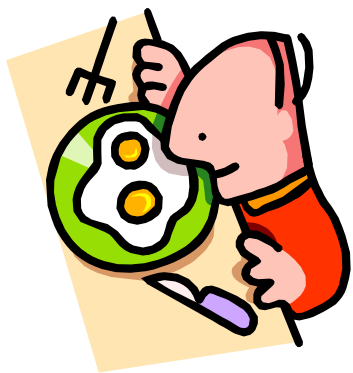
Did you know...

- One donation can save an average of three lives.
- Each year, our community requires more than 200,000 pints of blood. This means carter BloodCare must register 800 donors a day — *every day* — to meet these needs.
- 25% of the donation recipients are children and youth.
- Donations through our SVUMC account will prevent our members from having to pay additional costs for transfusions. We can also specify donations for tragedies such as September 11, 2001, or the bus accident in Terrell this past summer.

Please donate...Save lives. Contact *Janet Williams*, 214-952-8709.

Chancel Choir/Spirit Choir talent show slated Saturday, October 19

On Saturday, October 19, both of these groups will join together to share their talent with the congregation. The covered-dish supper will begin at 6:00 with the show following. Several other wonderful acts are being planned in addition to pieces by the two groups.



Let's serve breakfast!

It's that time again! We need SVUMC volunteers to serve breakfast for the 350+ men, women and children who spend the night at Austin Street Centre. You may sign up for this important outreach project on October 6 and 13 outside the church office.

For information, call *Dana and Steve Taylor* at 972-234-9867.

Churchwide picnic

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to a Churchwide Picnic on October 12 at Churchill Park, beginning at 5pm. Barbeque and drinks will be provided. Side dishes, salads, and desserts are potluck!



If your last name begins with:
A-H, please bring a salad
I-O, please bring a side dish
P-Z, please bring a dessert

So bring yourself, family, and friends and enjoy games and fellowship for all ages!

Caregivers' support group

One of life's greatest privileges is to care and nurture a loved one who is ill. It can also be one of the greatest struggles. When times are stressful and unpredictable, it is comforting to know that we are not alone and someone understands our feelings and emotions. We will begin a support group on October 17 for persons providing long-term physical and emotional care for someone ill. You need not be the primary caregiver to attend, simply someone in need of care and support yourself. Jenny Dougherty, who has a M.S. in Human Development and Family Studies, will lead the group every Thursday for six weeks from 2:00-4:00pm. Call the church for details.



**Spring Valley United Methodist
Preschool and Kindergarten presents**

Dennis Lee & Nana Puddin'

Thursday, October 10, 7pm

Dennis Lee has entertained people of all ages for over 20 years. He is a talented entertainer/singer/ventriloquist who, after graduating from North Texas State University with a major in Communications, won the 16th Annual International Ventriloquist Competition. His original music and imaginative characterizations, combined with a sincere love for children, have won accolades from a large and growing audience.

Two years ago our Weekday Preschool hosted Dennis & Nana Puddin'. Adults and children alike left absolutely delighted. He won't disappoint you! To learn more about Dennis Lee & Nana Puddin', visit the website at www.nanapuddin.com. All tickets are \$6 and are on sale now! Call the school office at 972-233-2317; or e-mail Carrilaine at schneckner@attbi.com.

The "God and Literature" Bible Study has been postponed until the Spring. Watch for more details in upcoming *Behold* issues.



The United Methodist Women

Our next meeting is Monday, October 14. Lunch is at 11:30 and the program begins at 12:15. Our program will be presented by Jeannie Larranaga and Linda Holstien. They will talk about *Kids on the Block*, an educational puppet show they present at elementary schools all over the metroplex. The national organization, *Kids on the Block*, provides educational puppet programs to teach children about disability awareness, medical-educational differences, and social concerns. *Kids on the Block* has a strong commitment to provide communities with programs that address children's questions, concerns and needs in a lively manner.

Please come for lunch, fellowship and an entertaining and informative program.

The sermons of John Wesley

The United Methodist Church traces its origins to the preaching ministry of John Wesley in 18th century England. Wesley's sermons awakened a nation to personal conversion and social action.

You are invited to a three-part series, led by Dr. Scott Somers, on the historical and theological significance of the standard sermons of John Wesley. The series will be held Wednesdays, November 6th, 13th, and 27th at 7:00 pm.

Noteworthy news . . .



Sunday, October 6
8:30 Men's Choir
Together We Serve
8:30 and 11:00
Handbell Quintet
Be Thou My Vision
11:00 Chancel Choir
A New Psalm

Youth Singers officers elected Sunday, September 29

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| President | Jon Andersen |
| Vice President | Katie Case |
| Secretary | Ann Michele King |
| Robes | Emily Rahm, Kim Sumner |
| Chaplains | Lauren Parrish, Kay Holstien |
| Phone Committee | Emily Rahm, chair
Nikki Chapman, Colleen Yancy
Rachel Hartman |
| Librarians | Danielle Williams
Stephanie Chapman |

Double bell choirs on October 27

On Sunday, October 27, the Carillon Ringers and Youth Ringers will join in the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. They will play *Praise Him with Cymbals and Drums*. They will be accompanied by timpani, snare drum, tri-toms and cymbals.

Aldersgate Class

Sunday, October 6

Dr. Phil Plunk, D.D.S. will be our speaker. He and his wife are missionaries who give their services, full-time, to a Christian-based project which provides medical and dental needs to the Mayan people in the highlands of Guatemala. Dr. Plunk began his missionary work in March 2001.

Sunday, October 13

We will have the first lesson on "Understanding the Bible" — a first interactive lesson in a periodic series to help participants increase their understanding of the Bible. Cynthia Pharr Lee will facilitate group study sessions on Structure of the Bible, Old Testament Geography and the Historical Books of the Bible.

Children's Chatter

Something New for 11:00 Sunday School

Kindergarten through 6th grade will be starting a Worship Readiness Class during 11:00 Sunday School.

Each week we will explore a different aspect of worship. This class will strengthen each child's participation in worship and give him/her a greater understanding of what worship involves. The worship bulletin and the *Behold* will include a short paragraph describing the week's theme so the congregation and parents will learn with the children. This class will last for 13 weeks. We will then recognize these children in the 11:00 worship service. I know everyone will enjoy this fun and exciting program titled, "Children Worship."

What can you do as a parent?

We hope these lessons will guide you and your child as you worship together in church and at home. Part of being a parent is being a constant model and teacher. Parenting is a calling from God to nurture, love, teach and guide our children in ways that lead them closer to Him. Your child will be watching how you worship in church and at home. What they learn from you will have a lasting effect on their lives.

These are some ways to guide your child for worship: find regular times to read from the Bible, pray daily for your child and with your child, seek ways to serve God together, celebrate the holidays of the church, and sing hymns in your everyday life. We are looking forward to seeing you in Sunday School! Come and join our fun!

9:30 Sunday School, 1-2-3 Let's Rotate!

Remember to visit the Sunday School information tables in the loggia and outside of Wesley. Find the simple ways you can help grow children in faith and sign up today!

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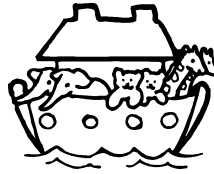
2nd Sunday Food Drive for NET

NETwork of Community Ministries continues to stretch its resources to meet the increasing needs of local citizens who find themselves asking for help.

Our Mission Core Process Group sponsors the second-Sunday, non-perishable food drive on Oct. 13 for this agency which serves persons living in RISD. A long time ago in my neighborhood, the Halloween rhyme chanted from little costumed spooks and goblins was "Trick or Treat, Money or Eats." Friends, it's Halloween, and NET is knocking on Spring Valley's door. Let's give some food or money! Food goes in the collection boxes in the hall. Checks to NET can be dropped in the collection plate or left in the financial office.

Golf tournament gift to NET

Participants in the recent golf tournament sponsored by the Aldersgate Class donated \$400 to Richardson NET. The Mission Core Group thanks Ben Dickerson, Chair, and the Aldersgate Class for this gift to NET.



What's Up for Youth

What a BIG day we have in store for Sunday, October 6! It's our first Youth Council meeting of the new school year, plus auditions for the spring Youth Singers Musical for 2003, *Godspell!* The Youth Council meeting is your opportunity to participate in Youth-led Youth Ministry at Spring Valley. You have seen the calendar for October, but you might have some ideas to make it even better. If you think MYF has too many consecutive discussion evenings, or too many consecutive fellowship evenings, or if there is something we have never done that you believe we should try, then you should come to lunch right after Sunday school this Sunday for the Youth Council meeting! Immediately following the Youth Council lunch meeting will be the *Godspell* auditions. This is your chance to be a big part of the Youth Singers' presentation of this spectacular musical. The Youth Rooms will be open during auditions to allow you a place to work on homework or just hang out.

MYF News:

BIG thanks to Katie Case and Heather Sumner for a terrific MYF lesson on "Inclusion." This week, Sarah Darnall will lead activities and discussions based on the "6th Commandment".

Attention Parents: This Sunday, October 6, we will have a brief parents' meeting at 1:30pm. Please make plans to attend this meeting for some important announcements on upcoming events!

Here's the schedule for Youth for Oct. 6:

Common Ground Worship	9:31am
Sunday School, Spiritual Practices	11:00am
Youth Council & Lunch (for all youth)	Noon
Godspell Auditions	1:30pm
Parents' Meeting	1:30pm
Snack Supper (only \$3)	5:30pm
UMYF	ends at 7:30pm



Joys and concerns

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

Hospitals:

Sandra Guthrie,
Kindred Rehab
Ken Carter,
Baylor Dallas

Gene Mundy
W.L. Rowland
Georgie Ann Davis
Dottie Cheek
Eddie Lutz

Homebound members

Discharged:

Beth Copeland

Those with ongoing concerns
Our Missionaries, the Savutos

SVUMC Church Family

John Sumner
Neil Williams
Frank Andersen
Tommi Ezell
Audrey Hines
Paula Tarver
Bob McGuire

Extended Church Family

Nancy Troth's daughter-in-law, Bren
Elaine Keefer's friend, Wendy
Ron Amberg's nephew, Richard Turner
Gerry Broome's sister
Karen Stark's dad, Michael Kilbane
Paula Huffaker's neighbor, Bev Johnson

Burt and Lola Copeland's friend, Clyde Davis
Dottie Cheek's nephew, Jimmy Moore
Frances Dale's sister, Helen
Lisa Phillip's friend, Carol Arnold
Neil and Betty Williams' friend, Jack Hinegardner

Deepest Sympathy is extended to:

Fern Denton and family in the death of her sister,
Reba Jane Rupf

We rejoice with:

Leo and Sylvia Chamberlin in the birth of a
granddaughter, Emily Grace Dufresne
W.L. and Willdene Rowland on their 60th wedding
anniversary; they were married September 26,
1942, in Wolfe City.