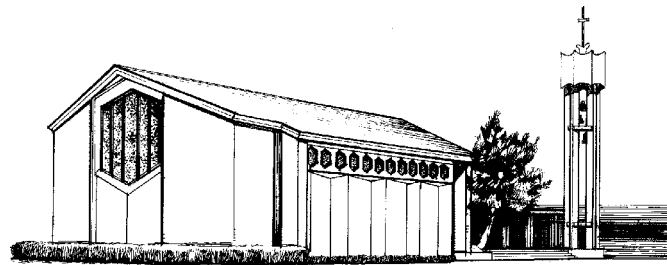


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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We need your help!

... Have you ever been introduced to fellow church members only to find that minutes later you have forgotten their names?

... Or have you heard someone's name mentioned in the church family, and you thought, "I wish I knew who that is"?

... Or have you seen the same folks faithfully seated near you on Sunday morning but whose names you do not know?

... Would you like to have a keepsake from your church that will last for years and continually remind you of precious memories of people and activities?

For all of these reasons and more, it's time to publish a new pictorial directory. Each of you is important to our church family, and we need you to be in the book.

The provider for our new directory will be the Olan Mills company. With their Video Image Proofing System, you will have your portrait taken and view your proofs at the same sitting, saving you time and speeding up the production of our new directory.

And, by having your picture taken and viewing your proofs, you will receive a complimentary color directory and an 8x10 color portrait. If you wish, you may purchase additional portraits in various packages; but the company has assured us that there will be no pressure for anyone to do so.

The new pictorial directory will be a valuable tool for our church; but in order for it to be truly effective, we need all of our members to participate. Thus, our goal is 100 percent participation - and we're counting on you to make it happen! Our new directory will be an excellent resource for addresses, telephone numbers, and prayer lists.

You may register before and after worship services on Sunday, so please be sure to select a day and time that are convenient for you. We need your help to make our directory complete; please register Sunday.

Photography Dates and Hours:

January 8	3:00 - 9:20pm	January 10	3:00 - 9:20pm
January 9	3:00 - 9:20pm	January 11	10am - 5pm

This is the last issue of the Behold for 2002. We wish you a very happy New Year!



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Honoring our angels

Our Spring Valley family of faith is blessed by many special angels who teach Sunday school, serve as ushers and greeters, work on mission projects locally and internationally...and the list goes on and on.

Now is the time to recognize these special angels. Sunday morning in the loggia, look for a card and fill it out, describing who a person is and what he/she has done at Spring Valley, then place the card in the basket. Very soon that person will receive the card, together with a piece of chocolate. Fill out a many cards as you would like, for there are angels among us.

Noteworthy news . . .

Sunday, December 29

8:30 & 11:00, Paula & Alex Huffaker, duet
Baby, What You Gonna Be?

8:30 & 11:00, Crissy Albright & Chris Guameiri, viola & flute duets

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Sunday, January 5

8:30 & 11:00, Carillon Ringers, *We Three Kings & From a Distant Home*

8:30 Men's Choir, *From a Distant Home*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *From a Distant Home*

Sunday, January 12

8:30 & 11:00, Andrea Trent, *Eternal Life*, text of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Epiphany Taizé Service, January 8, 6:30pm

On Wednesday, January 8, from 6:30 until 7:15, we will celebrate Epiphany in the sanctuary in the meditative manner of Taizé. Our Spirit Choir will lead us in this special worship service. Our congregation is finding the Taizé services to be very powerful and moving. Epiphany is the time when Jesus came as the Light into the world. January 6 is the date in the church year that is celebrated as Epiphany. It coincides with the arrival of the three wise men to our Savior's manger and their worship of the mighty infant King. Please join us.

"Sound of Music" Auditions Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 until 9:00

Our summer musical will be August 7, 8, and 9 and will be a dinner theatre. There is a place for children, youth, and adults in the cast of "Sound of Music."

Special Youth Singers' Rehearsal Friday, January 17, 7pm

Youth Singers will have a Friday night rehearsal from 7:00 until 12:30 on January 17. We will rehearse music for "Godspell" and take pictures for publicity. Frank Rahm and Rusty King will provide shuttle service to take the youth to their homes so parents don't have to come to the church at 12:30am!

Seeker Class programs

Dec. 29 Surprise! It's the last Sunday of the year, and you just never know what's in store. Join us!

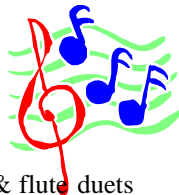
Aldersgate Class programs

Sunday, December 29

Our study resumes with the book, *30 Days to Understanding the Bible in 15 Minutes a Day!* Robert Gross will cover pages 76-90.

Sunday, January 5

We are committed to sending a medical/construction mission work team to the western highlands of Guatemala on August 23, 2003. The team will present information on its progress and would like all interested people from the Spring Valley family to attend this class. If you are involved in the medical profession in any way, we need your help. If you're good with a hammer (a la Habitat for Humanity) we need your help, too. For more information, contact Jo Martens, 972-387-3158, jomartens@juno.com, or Roger Martens, 214-349-9300, rogermartens@juno.com.



Children's Chatter!



It is hard to believe that the year 2002 is soon to be history. Time marches on. With the holidays behind us, here is some of the work that is before us: prioritize children's needs. God has given this church a very special charge: **children and their families**. In many cases, we will get only one chance to reach these young people. Most families form an opinion of a church within 10 minutes of walking through the door. We need to provide the very best children's programs. We need to spend the time, energy, and funds to make sure that we have the best ministry possible in this area. Immediate work needs to be done on providing viable, usable space for our children's ministries. The time has come to revitalize our Sunday School program. This is critical.

Pre-Teen Youth Group We have a very large and special Confirmation Class each year. Our upper elementary age group is growing. Small groups are an excellent way for boys and girls to grow in Christian faith. This new program needs to begin now.

Outreach and Mission: Spring Valley sits in the heart of a mission field. All around are opportunities to do Christ's work. I have been told there are 3,500 children living in apartments near Spring Valley. This does not mean, however, we are to forget our own. I challenge all the children's leaders to find that one special child on Sunday morning to reach out to. Spring Valley must continue to be a place of nurturing love and comfort to **all** children.

As always, I am excited about our ministry together here at Spring Valley. We continue to move ahead to nurture faith in our children. Thank you - you are the best congregation. We are making a difference for Christ.

Connie Miller

Year-end giving information

In order for your contributions to be counted on your 2002 giving record, please have checks postmarked or in the business office by December 31, 2002. Any contributions received after that date will be posted for 2003.

What's new with **YOUTH!**

Sunday, December 29

- 9:45am Youth Sunday School
- 11:00am Youth Usher Worship
- 3:30pm Youth Ringers
- 4:30pm Youth Singers
- 5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper
- 6-7:30pm UMYF

Sunday, January 5

- 9:45am Common Ground Worship
- 11:00am Youth Sunday School
- 3:30pm Youth Ringers
- 4:30pm Youth Singers
- 5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper
- 6-7:45pm UMYF (note time change, today only)

MYF Info:

On Sunday, December 29, Katie Case, Emily Rahm, and Nicole Chapman will bring us a special program and discussion about "UnChristian Media." Please come to share fun and fellowship!!

On Sunday, January 5th, it's something we do every summer; but this time, we are trying it in the winter. Yes! It's the Video Scavenger Hunt! What kind of crazy items will be on the list for the winter? Will your team win? Will there actually be a prize for the winners this time? There's only one way to find out. Be sure to attend this outstanding event.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters:

Be sure to call your confirmand this week! Pray with them and for them. Make plans to get together. There are TWO events coming for the youth and CONFIRMATION class to do together.

First is Friday, December 27: For only \$5, we will go to The Rink in Addison for ice skating and "snow day." This will be an exciting event with lots of fun and fellowship.

Second is Sunday morning, December 29: The Confirmation Class will spend the Sunday School hour in singing and fellowship with the Youth! Please make plans to be there!

Sunday school news:

Youth Sunday school is at 9:45 on Sunday, December 29. We will welcome the Confirmation Class for a time of song and fellowship. Also, we usher at the 11am worship service.

On Sunday, January 5, Youth Sunday school is at 11am. We will start the new year with Sunday school lessons designed to help us all grow Godward!

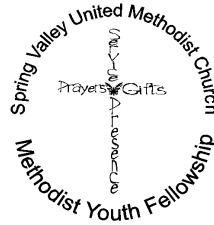
Mark Your Calendars!! Wow!! There's a lot going on!!

Friday, December 27, Ice Skating and Snow Day at The Rink in Addison. \$5. We'll leave the church at 12:30 p.m. and return about 3:00pm.

Friday, January 17, Youth Singers Pictures and Choreography

Sunday, January 26, Super Bowl Party!

Friday, January 31-Sunday, February 2 - Human Sexuality Retreat for Junior High and Senior High Youth.



"Thank you" to all for a successful Dobie Elementary toy drive!



Tony Holiday and Kay Reynolds



**Lola Copeland, Kay Reynolds,
Laura LaFrano, and Doug Sandstedt**

Many thanks to the Spring Valley UMC faith community for their generous cash and toy donations for the Dobie Elementary School Toy Drive. Dobie's principal, Kay Reynolds, was overwhelmed by the continual support of SVUMC to the Dobie community.

Doug Sandstedt, Lola Copeland and Laura LaFrano delivered over three hundred toys to the school on Monday, December 16. The teachers and staff sorted the toys to determine which toys would go to each family. The parents were invited to the school in the evening to receive the toys for their children.

Again, thank you to all who participated in helping this neighborhood school!!!

***Gifts to the Spring Valley Foundation
March to December, 2002***

In Honor of

John & Kay Hutchins' 50th Anniversary
Jack and Gerry Broome

In Honor of Sara Pair

Christian Believer Class

In Honor of Rev Don Barnes

Richard Arnett and Sarah Arnett

In Honor of Rev Don Benton

Richard Arnett and Sarah Arnett

In Memory Faye Lutz

Jean and Duncan Holt

In Memory of Anna Hiam, Randy Hiam's mother

Gloria Smith

Beth Copeland

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Joan and Jock Mirrey

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In Memory of Anne Broussard,

Barbara Zoeller's mother

B J and Sharon Hall

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Ted and Catharine Gebhardt

In Memory of Arch Smith

Pat Standlee

Kathy Bass

In Memory of David Brown,

Jack & Joanne Brown's son

Beth Copeland

Betty Hopper and Rocky Hopper

Oliver and Patricia Axtell

In Memory of Rev Bob Robertson

Beacon Class

Betty Hopper

Glenna Dodson

Joseph and June Lees

Rozanna and Lincoln Hinch

Ted and Catharine Gebhardt

Zoe Thompson

Bart and Ann Smith

In Memory of Gwen Collum

Beth Copeland

In Memory of Dick Arnett

Bill and Jeanne Hunter

Richard Arnett and Sarah Arnett

In Memory of Billy McDonald

Beth Copeland

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Betty Hopper and Rocky Hopper

Betty Peach

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Glynn Ledbetter

Jack and Joe McKinster

Frank and Jeanne Clements

Margie Phipps

Maxine Bryson

Ruth Moyer Gerald

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Wesleyan Class

In Memory of Scott Chadsey,

Pat Chadsey's son

Joseph and June Lees

Patricia Richardson

Beth Copeland

Betty Hopper and Rocky Hopper

In Memory of Dorothy Yancy,

Marty Yancy's mother

Beth Copeland

In Memory of James Clements,

Frank Clements' brother

Ted and Catharine Gebhardt

In Memory of Garrett David Sutherland

Ralph and Bobbie Detwiler

In Memory of Howard E Lee

Kathy Bass

In Memory of Jan Jergens

Pat and Mary Nell Carlisle

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Young

In Memory of Jimmy Bass,

Kathy Bass' brother

Beacon Class

Betty Hopper and Rocky Hopper

Joseph and June Lees

In Memory of Jo Dell Clark

Gloria Smith

Ralph and Bobbie Detwiler

In Memory of John Gordon

Betty Hopper

Gene and Mary Harrell

Glynn Ledbetter

J Woods and Dixie Wright

June and Joseph Lees

Wesleyan Class

Bill and Jeanne Hunter

Ted and Catharine Gebhardt

In Memory of Letha Weaner

Patricia Richardson

In Memory of Mabel Christian,

Tom Christian's mother

B J and Sharon Hall

Beth Copeland

Gloria Smith

In Memory of Rodney Kasten,

Dan Kasten's nephew

Beth Copeland

In Memory of Dr Dick Sims

Joyce Walker

In Memory of Delores Campbell

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In Memory of Marguerite Boyer,

Bill Boyer's mother

Beth Copeland

Betty Hopper and Rocky Hopper

Dan and Lola Winters

In Memory of Pat Morrow

B J and Sharon Hall
Beth Copeland
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Betty Portwood
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Fayrene Pospisil
Gene and Jane Hoffmann
Gloria Smith
Jack and Gerry Broome
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Bill and Jeanne Hunter

In Memory of Betty Herring

Jane and Steve Taylor
Ted and Catharine Gebhardt
Beth Copeland
Opal Gaither
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Zoe Thompson
Mrs F C Holmes
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Forest and Sue Cummings
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Land Rover of Dallas

In Memory of Jane Rupf, Fern Denton's sister

Beth Copeland

In Memory of Michael Cummings,

Forest & Sue Cummings' son

Beth Copeland
Charlotte and Fred McConnell
Sherry Schrimsher
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Forest and Sue Cummings
Pat Chadsey
Betty and Bob Redden
Scott and Linda Redden
Mark and Susan Redden
Marla and Taylor Gladwin

In Memory of Margaret Inez Escarre,

Bill Escarre's mother

Beth Copeland
The Chancel Choir

In Memory of Don Chadsey

Betty Portwood
Bruce and Betty Stahl
Bill and Jeanne Hunter
Carl and Bettie Fitzgerald
Carmen Copeland
David and Susan Smith
Ellen and Keith Hammons
Fayrene Pospisil
Forest and Sue Cummings
Gene and Mary Harrell
Mary Sadler and George Ouska
Gloria Smith
J A and Pat Pipkin
J Thomas and Joan Warner
Jack and Barbara Elliott
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June and Joseph Lees
Nancie Decourcy
Pat Pipkin
Patricia Richardson
Robert & Elizabeth Bux
Beth Copeland
Barbara & Frank Zoeller

In Memory of Tennie Ledbetter

Glynn Ledbetter

In Memory of Vera Crockett,

Bob Crockett's mother

B J and Sharon Hall

In Memory of G C Hopper

Betty Hopper and Family

In Memory of Harriet Dresback Carlson

Ted and Catharine Gebhardt

In Honor of the Bazaar Dinner Cooks

Larry and Mickey George

In Honor of the Seekers Class

James and Rachel Edwards
Gloria Smith

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Trustees***

In Memory of Mancel Dennis

Don and Mary Chancellor

In Memory of Don Chadsey

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In Memory of Billy McDonald

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Music Department***

In Memory of Don Chadsey

William and Belva Siard

Fern Denton

Ralph and Bobbie Detwiler

Beacon Class

Betty Hopper and Rocky Hopper

Mrs Don Tate



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
Marsha Lasater,
Medical City

SVUMC Church Family

Nancy Bryan
Charles McManus
Bob Hitch
Dottie Cheek
Jerry Rainey
Kay Kee
Susan Kasten

Extended Church Family

Eleanor South, former member
Paula Huffaker's neighbor, Bev Johnson
Beth Copeland's friend, Parkes Dibble
Lynna Frazer's father, Ayo Harris
Mark Smith's friend, Chris Robinson
Tracy Rahm's uncle, Vernon Hart
Adam Wood's father, Jack Wood
Jennifer Leedy's mother
W.L. Rowland
Georgie Ann Davis
Homebound members
Those with ongoing concerns
Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Sympathy to:

Family and friends of David Evans,
whose funeral was held December 24