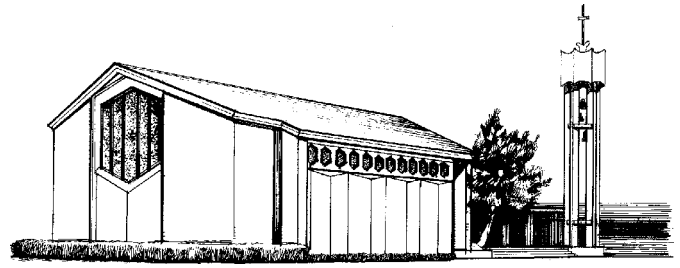


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Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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## Holy Week services schedule

*Maundy Thursday*, April 13

6:30 Foot Washing Service  
7:30 Service, Chancel Choir &  
Children's Choirs lead



*Holy Friday*, April 14

7:30, Service of Shadows  
Chancel Choir & Orchestra, *American Mass*

*Easter Sunday*, April 16

6:30 Youth Sunrise Service  
8:30 & 11:00 Traditional Services  
Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday school hour  
11:00 Common Ground Service



**Children's Easter Egg Hunt** during the

9:45am Sunday School hour

## LRP Committee gives presentation

The Friends and Christian Parenting Sunday School classes will be jointly sponsoring a presentation from the Long Range Planning Committee on April 23, open to anyone in the congregation. This will be in Room 210, upstairs in the East Wing. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone in the congregation who has not yet heard representatives from the LRP Committee to receive and give input regarding the future of Spring Valley UMC.

Presentations will also be made to the Beacons, Seekers, Friends, and Christian Parenting classes on Sunday, April 23 during Sunday school.

Another meeting is planned on April 18 at 10:30am in the Parlor. Please attend one of these meetings and learn about the current status and future direction of our great church. The Long Range Planning Committee needs your views concerning Spring Valley's future, so please plan to attend one of these meetings.

## Volunteers are needed...

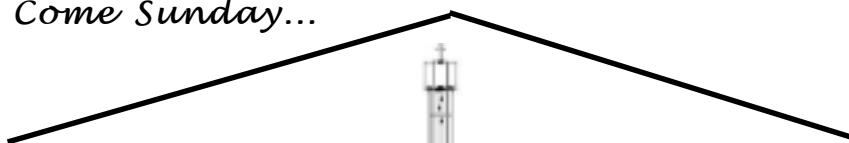
Welcome Desk volunteers are needed at the 8:30 service to provide information for visitors. For information, call John and Kay Hutchins, 972-712-3398. We also need extra greeters on Easter Sunday morning.

Also, the Welcome Ministry is asking anyone attending Easter morning and not bringing a visitor to please park on the East side of the building or in the North Texas Conference parking lot.

Bakers are needed to provide tasty baked goods for visitors on Easter morning at a 9:45am reception in the Parlor. For details call Debbie McEnaney, 972-385-3918, or [dmcenaney@aol.com](mailto:dmcenaney@aol.com).

Greeters are needed in the Loggia for June, Sept. and Dec. for the 8:30 service. If you or your Sunday School class would like to volunteer, please call Kay and John Hutchins 972-712-3398.

*Come Sunday...*



**common** ground

**Traditional Worship**



*Easter Sunday, April 16*

Mark 16:1-8

*"He is risen! He is risen, indeed!"*

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Mark 16:1-8

*Fear and resurrection*

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

*Second Sunday of Easter, April 23*

*Confirmation Sunday*

*Combined service in the Sanctuary*

Mark 16:1-8

*All that's left to say . . .*

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

## Dimes-a-Day is April 30

April 30 (delayed because of Easter) will be this month's Sunday collection for Mission's Dimes-a-Day "second mile offering" at the chancel rail for mission outreach. Through your generosity, we have financially supported ministries all around the world. We at Spring Valley truly are in direct mission work through Dimes-a-Day.

A portion of our offering goes to support the work of "our" missionaries, Bill and Jerri Savuto. Jerri wrote in a recent letter, "We appreciate more than we can ever fully express our gratitude to our supporting churches who have faithfully continued their support of us while we have served as Missionary Interpreters in Residence for the South Central Jurisdiction. We are thankful for the churches that have become supporting churches during our time in the United States."

"We rejoice that we can work again at Maua Methodist Hospital. During our absence so many wonderful and amazing things have happened. We are so proud of the ministry and outreach of the hospital, the Brother's Keepers, and St. Joseph's Methodist Church. We are so grateful to the many teams from around the US who have continued to support the work by their labor of love for the hospital, the AIDS Orphan's, and the Bio-Intensive Training Center and Farm. We thank each of you who have sent money to the Advance Specials in Kenya to support the Service Fund, AIDS Orphan Project, Palliative Care program, Maternal and Child Health Program and the Bio-Intensive Agricultural Training Center."

We also provide financial support for *Habitat For Humanity* in order to assist families to have decent affordable housing.

As you place your offering, feel free to stop and pray for peace in our world. We are now more aware than ever of human suffering throughout the world. We CAN make a difference!

*The manner of giving is worth more than the gift..... Pierre Corneille*

## Habitat landscapes on April 22

Is gardening your thing? Then join us for a fun filled day of preparing ground, laying sod and planting trees and flowers on April 22 at the Habitat work site. While the Spring Valley UMC youth along with some parents are scheduled to help with the landscaping of Mary Jackson's home, we hope other congregation members will join in the fun.



If you can't join us on April 22, come see the dedication of Mary Jackson's home on Saturday, May 6 (details to follow). Questions regarding the build may be directed to Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

## Remember...

if you have no will, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary.



## Austin St. Centre breakfast is Apr. 16

Easter Sunday morning at 4:15am volunteers will gather at the church and caravan to the overnight shelter to serve breakfast. They will greet 350+ men, women, and children and serve them sandwiches, eggs, fruit, juice, and coffee.

What could be more meaningful than to celebrate the risen Christ by rising early and serving life sustaining basic food? You will be back at church in time to participate in all the church services! You are invited to dye your cooked eggs in pretty colors.

The sign up table is in the hall. All information is available there or by calling Dana or Steve Taylor, 972-234-9867.

## 6-Week grief workshop offered

*A Grief Shared* is a six-week grief support group for family and friends who have lost a loved one. The next one is scheduled for Tuesdays from 10am to 11:30am on April 18 to May 23. It will be held at Royal Lane Baptist Church, located at 6707 Royal Lane in Dallas.

The group is open to anyone in the community at no charge. It is sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association, a United Way Affiliate. For further information, call Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435. "He who lacks time to mourn, lacks time to mend." William Shakespeare

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### Extending God's Path

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|------------------------|------------|
| YTD Budget:            | \$ 322,061 |
| Total received to date | 321,316    |
| Received April 9       | 21,418     |

*Give God what's right, not what's left*

## NOTEworthy news...

### Sunday, April 16,

6:30 Youth Singers, *Carry Him Gently*,  
solo, Madeline Steiner

6:30 Youth Singers – *He is Alive*

8:30 and 11:00 Chancel Choir – *Hallelujah* from *Mount of Olives*  
Chancel Choir – *Hallelujah* from *Messiah*

8:30 and 11:00 Carillon Ringers – *Easter Dance*

8:30 and 11:00 John Tarver – *Tocatta* by Widor



### Sunday, April 23

8:30 Choral Ensemble, 11:00 Chancel Choir *He Never Failed Me, Yet*

### Sunday, April 30

8:30 Ladies Ensemble

11:00 Chancel Choir, *The Falconer*

## Young adult group holds 1st rehearsal, Easter, 9:30

Our newest music group met Palm Sunday at lunch and will have their first rehearsal on Sunday, April 16, at 9:30 in the Prodigal Sunday School classroom.

If you are a young adult or know one you could encourage, call Rusty King, 972-233-7671, ext.24, for information. We are planning a choir tour to Austin on Friday - Sunday, Aug. 4 - 6. The accompanist for this group is Paula Huffaker.

## Handbell concert/light lunch offered on May 7 at 12:30

Five bell choirs will ring on Sunday, May 7, in Wesley Hall. It will be a festive celebration of music, food, fun, and fellowship with adults, youth, and children all ringing. Carillon Ringers will play several pieces including Broadway. Youth Ringers are preparing a medley from Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Lion King*.

Sandwiches, chips, desserts, and fruit will be served for a donation at the door.

## Youth Showcase/Spaghetti Dinner – April 30, 6pm

The annual talent show by our youth is held in Wesley Hall. There are musical acts of all varieties including vocal and instrumental. You will enjoy a spaghetti dinner with salad and garlic bread. More details later..

## Free concert planned at Spring Valley on April 27

The University of Texas at Arlington A Capella Choir, the UTA Chamber Singers, and the SeaSky Richardson Chinese Choir will present a free concert in the sanctuary of Spring Valley United Methodist on Thursday, April 27 at 7:30pm. Featured on the program is Mozart's "Requiem" presented by the UTA choirs, with John Tarver accompanying at the organ. Also programmed are folk songs from around the world, including several from China, sung by the SeaSky choir. Both choirs have performed here previously, and have received high acclaim from all who have heard them. This will be a memorable evening – don't miss it!

## Many thanks to all who helped us raise \$2,400 for United Methodist Committee on Relief

Audience and musicians alike shared a magical evening last Friday, March 31. Members of the audience were given the opportunity to contribute to mission in the world through our organization called UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Relief. They gave \$2400! Many people worked hard to make the success it was. There were 250 in attendance. *(See next column.)*

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It was a packed house. Here are the persons who worked for this event:

Earl Barnette - sound engineer

Britt Adams - sound assistant

Labib Basta - sound assistant

Paul Chepregi - spotlight

Sheri Hodde, PowerPoint

Sam Hodde, pictures

Mark McElroy - video

Doug Kilgore - video

Debbie McEnaney - desserts, coffee

Members of Sunday School classes - desserts

Eiland Coffee - donated our coffee

SET UP - Earl Barnett, Jan Aphthorp, Elaine Zuercher,

Mike Sheehan, Britt Adams

Tony Holiday - set up

Pat Johnston - decorations

Carol Nicholas - decorations

Ken Link - advertising, Donated albums

Anna Hosemann-Butler - PR work

Jo Ellis - washing the table linens

Meyerson - dessert donations

For more pictures, go online to:

[www.ericfolkerth.com](http://www.ericfolkerth.com) to Eric's blog

## 21 Musicians who Played in the Fogelberg Concert

Eric Folkerth – guitar, vocals

Paul Escamilla – guitar, vocals

John Fleming – guitar, vocals

Terry Jones – vocals, electric guitar

Paul Simonsen – bass guitar

Michael Simonsen - double bass

Michael Sheehan – drums, vocals

Ann Willet – vocals, keyboard

Rusty King – guitar, vocals, piano

Frank Rahm – piano

Cornell Kinderknecht – wooden flutes, etc.

Kevin Holland - percussion

Jan Aphthorp – flute, percussion

Phil West – saxophone

Fred Wratishlaw – saxophone, electric guitar, vocals

Elaine Zuercher – clarinet, transcriptions

Diana Zimring - violin

Fred Zimring - violin

Barbara Clark - trumpet

Lori Joswiak – french horn

Barry Carroll - steel guitar, banjo

## What's up for YOUth...

### SVUMC Youth events

**EASTER SONRISE SERVICE!!!** 6:30am! Youth Singers are meeting at 5:30 (a.m.!!!), but if you are not in Youth Singers, please meet Kelly in the loggia at 6:00. There will be things to do and get ready for. See you then!

**YOUTH SUNDAY!!** April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Common Ground Service. Sunday school has been dedicated to getting this service planned and we want to make sure every youth has a part. There were about 30 youth last Sunday morning making plans and volunteering for roles. There are still things left to do so make sure you come and be a part of this service!

**IMPACT!!!** June 24 – July 2 and this is for everyone 12 years old and higher. Cost is \$150 and scholarships are available. Tell Kelly that you are going because we want you to be there!!!

**ASP meeting** for youth, parents and adults is on May 7 directly following the handbell concert. This should be around 1:45. If you are not able to be there, there will be another meeting the next night (Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00. Locations are TBA.

**APRIL 23** – Craig, Kim and Kelly will all be out of town, SO we need adults to be in UMYF. It will be a discussion on other religions. Please contact Kelly if you can volunteer. THANKS!

**Kelly's News:** This coming Sunday, I'm flying to South Carolina to be with my brother and sister-in-law (Rory & Carol) when they have their baby girl (Chloe Sierra Moon). I will return on April 29. This is something that I have been planning on since I found out they were having a baby and when I came here to Spring Valley. I will have my phone, laptop and email attached to my hip so I can stay in contact with you all and do all that I can. I hope you all are starting off your weeks well and I'll see you Sunday! Love, Kelly

### Wow! A great mission trip opportunity

Would you like to experience what it feels like to help someone? If you have finished the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, you may participate in a weekend mission trip to the Gulf Coast.

The trip cost is only \$80 and Highland Park and St. Andrew UMC provide all the paper work and travel arrangements. The next trip is the weekend of April 28-30. The plans are to do roof work in Sabine pass. If you are interested, please call Ted Butler, 972-517-8151, or Betty Reichel, 972-380-5838.

### New Loggia displays coming

A sincere thank you to all who share their personal treasures, keepsakes, etc. by allowing them to be displayed in the loggia.

For those of you who missed getting your wedding pictures in the last time-now is your chance! You may bring your picture (no larger than 8 x 10) anytime during May and leave it with Don Finnie in the business office, #136. Please include your name, place and date of wedding, and your phone number.

Later in the summer, we will want your graduation pictures, college, high school, kindergarten, so start looking for them soon. Again, thanks for sharing. Your Display Committee, *Rosemary Winters* and *Gloria Smith*



## What happens when 4 grown men refuse to give up on their dreams? Why, *Heartsong*, of course!

See them on Saturday, June 24, here at Spring Valley

**Philip Casselton** (Lead), a local small business owner, literally grew up singing gospel music with his family. His youth and energy provide a spark in the music.

**Stan Wheeler** (Bass) an engineer by trade has been actively involved with Gospel music for more than 20 years and brings a refreshing blend of confidence and humility to the stage.

**Larry Speed** (Tenor) works at a local defense contractor as an Information Technology Specialist. He possesses a wealth of musical talent vocally, instrumentally and as a writer. Larry also brings a lifetime of practical Christian experience that becomes readily apparent in his contagious smile.

**Joe Knight** (Baritone and keyboards), the latest addition to the quartet, comes with an extensive background in gospel music. He has several songs to his credit and currently arranges and orchestrates all the quartet's music. Joe Knight is the Music Pastor for the Family Fellowship of Greenville where all are actively involved in the Worship Ministry. He is also a certified Texas peace officer and law enforcement Chaplain. His experience and true life stories bring a unique touch of reality and spirit of Worship to the concert.

An evening with *Heartsong* is an evening of Southern gospel and Inspirational music presented professionally with an emphasis on intimate worship. It is more than music, it is a time of celebration and reflection. It has been said that the difference between old men and young men is found in their ability to dream. These four men have never lost the ability. Come dream with them on Saturday, June 24 at 6pm in Wesley Hall!



## Sharing Holy Week with Children

As children enter elementary school they become less focused on themselves and begin to look at world around them. Their brains are able to categorize and store increasing amounts of factual information. Because of this growth and development younger elementary age children are ready to begin to understand more of the Passion story. For these children the heart of the Easter message is that God is always with us.

The words Lent, Holy Week, Crucifixion, and Resurrection are introduced and can be explained more fully. Lenten disciplines and practices in the home are very meaningful for children this age because they are now fully aware that Lent and Holy Week are observances of the entire congregation. Friendships are very important in the lives of elementary age children and they can understand and relate to the Biblical stories of Peter's denial of Jesus and Mary at the empty tomb. They also begin to formulate an understanding of why Jesus was killed and just who it was that was angry with him. Children this age won't fully appreciate the message of forgiveness in Jesus' death until they are in their later elementary years, but these themes are important and should be introduced at this age. Good books to share at this age are, *The Easter Story*, retold and illustrated by Carol Heyer, and *The Family Story Bible* by Ralph Milton. The Resurrection Egg kit that retells the Easter stories by opening plastic eggs to reveal a symbol is a good activity for both younger and older elementary age children.

Older Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders) children are challenged to put all the Holy Week stories they've learned in chronological order and to explore the significance of the details in the stories, and to clarify their interpretation of the stories. The heart of the Easter message for this age child is that God forgives us. Children this age are ready to embrace the message that through death and resurrection God offers us the ultimate forgiveness and that in turn we are to share that forgiveness with others.

A new piece of the Biblical story that should be introduced to children this age is the story of Thomas. They understand and can appreciate Thomas' need to see the risen Jesus for himself and find that it is okay for them to ask questions too. This is an important part in every child's development as the parents of any teen will tell you—they question everything! Good books to share at this age are *The Children's Illustrated Bible*, retold by Selina Hastings, *The Tale of Three Trees*, retold by Angela Elwell Hunt and *They Followed a Bright Star*, by Joan Alavedra.

## Children's Fellowship Group

Kindergarteners through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to be a part of this fun new program. We'll meet on Sunday, April 30 following 11:00 worship for lunch, songs and games. Then we'll divide into 2 groups to work on a mission project. Look for more information in the mail or contact Jan at the church, 972-233-7671.

## Attention: parents of preschool & elementary children!

There will be a short meeting for parents on April 30 after church to discuss the future of the Children's Music Program. This meeting is for all parents of children turning 3 year-olds in the fall through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.



## Join us for Sunday school

An updated list of all Sunday school classes is now available at the Visitors desk. Some current offerings include:

### Aldersgate Class

**Apr. 16** - Ken Link, "What's So Amazing About Grace?" - Part 2

**Apr. 23** - Dr. Sid Chapman, PhD, Richland College - The Abrahamic Religions, Part 1

**Apr. 30** - Dr. Sid Chapman, PhD, Richland College - The Abrahamic Religions, Part 2

### Seekers Class

**Apr 16** - *Easter, a Fundamental Reality*, Dan Kasten

**Apr 23** - Discussion of SVUMC Long-Range Planning

**Apr 30** - *From Christianity to Islam – A Convert's Story*, Erik Meek

### Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying *Living with the Mind of Christ*, a Lenten study. Following Easter, we will begin studying how to parent a willful child.

### Fellowship Bible Class

We are reading *The Passionate Church*, by Mike Breen & Walt Kallestad. Call Lou & Bill Wilkin, 972-392-1486, maestrak1234@yahoo.com.

### Quest Class

This class is presently joining Don Barnes in his Disciple I, Old Testament study in Room 204

### S.P.O.T. - Spiritual Parents of Teens,

formerly **PARENTS OF TEENS** - Room 192  
Come check us out - there's a "SPOT" for you in our class. In March we are reading *30 Days to Understanding the Bible*, by Max Anders.

### Neighbors Home Bible Study formed

This group meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm-9pm at the Bill & Lou Wilkin's home at 7740 El Pastel Drive. Join us for this exciting study!

### Ramp access available on Peyton side only

We are painting the exterior of the church and bell tower which will block the entrance ramp for several weeks. Ramp access to the Wesley Hall entrance will remain available, and additional disabled parking spaces have been designated near the Wesley Hall entrance. *The Trustees*

## Joys and concerns

Call Alice Cromwell, 972-239-7332, or email her at [dallasal@swbell.net](mailto:dallasal@swbell.net) for any prayer concerns. These concerns will stay on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

### Hospitals

Bob Muskopf  
Bronson Balzac

### SVUMC Church Family

David Cromwell  
Steve Harper  
David Armstrong  
Troy Sumner  
Georgia Goodrum  
James Rea  
Ed Pierce  
Betty Carter  
Betty Lou Noble  
Bonnie Reed  
Luiz Santos  
Randy Smith  
Bill Darnall  
Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Sue Cummings's friend, Jenny Hearn  
Lola Copeland's father, Norm  
Joyce Covey's son, Tom  
Steve Cronenberg's mother, Helen  
Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry  
Frances Dales' daughter and husband,  
Ann and Virgil Weisner  
Cynthia & Herb Lee's friend, Rich Flynn  
Camille Smith  
Marci Hitt's sister, Linda Wolfe  
Jill Curbo's mother, Judy Howard  
Lynette McHam's daughter, Allison Vencent  
Suellen Turner's dad, Dick Donley  
Kim Sumner's friends, Jessica and Mitch

John Tarver's former teacher, Hugh Thompson  
Donna Campbell's friend, Ashley Wilson  
All persons serving in the military  
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church  
Those with ongoing concerns

### Deepest sympathy to:

Betty Hopper, Rocky and family in the  
death of her son and his brother, Gary  
Jill Curbo and family in the death of her  
grandmother, Hettye DeBard