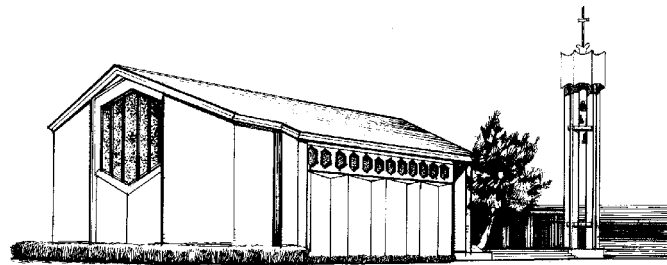


# Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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## SV members plan mission trip to Bolivia

Seven members of SVUMC are planning to participate in a United Methodist *Volunteers in Mission* trip to Bolivia this summer. They will be part of a mission team out of Boulder, Colorado during the week of June 24. The project is a rural hospital in a village called Mallco Rancho outside the city of Cochabamba.

The stated goals of the 22-member Mission Team are: to meet the people of Mallco Rancho, help them expand the hospital, provide health care, and learn about their culture. Members will also learn about the project's future needs and raise morale by providing monetary, personal and hands-on support.

A member from Boulder encouraged Jo Martens to help fill limited spots on the team for this summer. Most of the participating SVUMC members have previous mission experience in Guatemala.

Spring Valley UMC is an exciting, vibrant community of faith supporting varied missions and projects, both at home and abroad. God is continuing to offer opportunities for Spring Valley members to be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and to open doors of understanding between His people.

If you have any questions about the mission project, please contact any of the following members:

Pat & Paul Christley	972-690-0821	PChristley@flash.net
George & Nancie DeCourcy	972-380-6181	nanced@swbell.net
Jo & Roger Martens	972-387-3158	jomartens1223@sbcglobal.net
Betty Reichel	972-380-5838	betty@reichel.com

## Safety measures planned

To protect the church and its members, beginning April 18 the south entrance by Asbury Hall will be the only door open for after hours events and meetings. The safety of our members and staff is of utmost importance, and we believe we can minimize the entrance of unauthorized visitors by limiting the number of open doors in our facility.

We trust that you will forgive any imposition this change may present and thank you for your cooperation.

*The Trustees*

## Garage sale items needed

We are collecting items for our garage sale this Saturday, April 16. Please call the volunteer desk or Carlos, 972-239-9440 for information.

## Baptism of Andrew Rockwell Staton

Parents are:

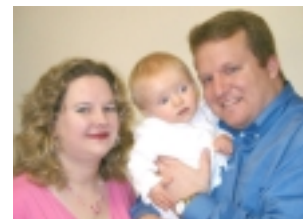
*Amy & Rocky Staton*

Grandparents are:

*Betty & Max Taylor*

and

*Ann & Robert Staton*



## United Methodism class continues

The United Methodism class, led by Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, meets at 9:45am on Sundays. It covers the organization of the Church, its history, missional activities and doctrine. The class meets through April in Room 210, and is sponsored by the "Friends" class. Anyone who is new to the Methodist tradition, or who would like to learn more about our common faith heritage is invited to attend.



## Thank you

Spring Valley has had several people working very hard behind the scenes for the past few weeks on out-of-the-ordinary projects to improve the quality of life at Spring Valley.

The first is Alice McElroy and crew, Rosemary Winters, Jackie Palmer, Sylvia Knox, Joyce Boyer, Jolene Harper, and Pat Chadsey, who have put in many "labor of love" hours working to get our library in order. They have been sorting, cataloging and organizing the many books that are located in our workroom. Within a few weeks, they will have the library open and ready for business.

The second is Ken Phillips and Tony Holiday who worked on installing and staining the beautiful chair rail that is in the upstairs hallway. Visit the upstairs adult education hallway to see how nice everything looks, and when you see these special volunteers, take a moment to thank them.

## What's up for YOUth...

**Saturday, April 16**

- 9am Youth arrive at Appletree Court
- 10am Perform "Star: A Musical of David"

**Sunday, April 17**

- 9:45am Youth Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- 2:30pm Youth Confirmation Class
- 3:30pm Youth Ringers
- 4:30pm Youth Singers
- 5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper

6-7:30pm UMYF: This will be a special time of youth work for all of us. We'll do some "fishbowl" discussions, put some handprints on the wall, and make some plans for summer.

**WOW!! What a terrific retreat!** Big thanks go to our seniors for their hard work and dedication. The Spring Spiritual Retreat 2005 was fantastic. Your seniors selected the topics, the theme, the t-shirts, the worship, the games, and even wrote the small group curriculum. They showed true leadership. Clearly, God is at work in the seniors '05!

**Mark Your Calendars**

**Wednesday, April 20** - 6:30-8:30pm, Genesis Women's Shelter

**Sunday, April 24** - Common Ground, Youth Singers, *Risen*, Seniors lead worship!

**Sunday, April 24** - UMYF WhirlyBall!!!

**Sunday, May 1** - Senior Recognition Sunday

## Children's news...

**North Texas Conference summer camp is coming!**

If you've completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades you are invited to attend Church Summer Camp at Bridgeport! We will go the week of June 21-25 to C1 camp. Visit [www.bridgeportcamp.com](http://www.bridgeportcamp.com) for details and to register. Please contact Jan and let her know you've registered for camp.



**We've begun a new class on Sunday mornings...**

for children 18 months through 36 months (3 years). The class is taught by Katy Hines, Dana Taylor, and Jill Curbo in Room 172 from 9:45am to 10:45am. The children learn about God's love through songs, stories, arts and crafts, and creative and dramatic play. Come join us!

**"Golf for Growth" tournament scheduled**

This tournament, benefiting Northaven UMC building and human development funds, is Friday, April 29, at Tenison Highlands Golf Course in Dallas. Your check has to be in by April 24 to Northaven UMC, 11211 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75230. There are three levels of entry fees: Corporate sponsor, \$800; individual sponsor, \$250; and individual entry, \$150. All entries include green fees and cart, range balls, box lunch, dinner, swing clinic, hole-in-one contest, long drive contest, and a goodie bag. For information, call Northaven at 214-363-2479.



## Noteworthy news Upcoming Music



**Apr. 17**

8:30, 11:00 Chamber Singers, *Go Out With Joy* and *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

8:30 Chamber Singers, 11:00 Chancel Choir

**April 24**

Ladies Ensemble, *When We All Get to Heaven*  
Chancel Choir, *I Hear Thy Welcome Voice*

## Youth Singers Annual Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner

"Showcase" is Sunday, May 1, at 6 pm in Wesley Hall. Enjoy a delightful evening of talent shared by the Youth Singers, its members and guests, and preceded by a delicious spaghetti dinner with salad and garlic bread.

## Handbell Concert, Sunday, April 24 at Noon

This concert is in Wesley Hall following the Common Ground service. A light, complimentary lunch of sandwiches, chips, fruit, and dessert will be served. Donations will be accepted to be used to replace broken handbell tables. The bell choirs performing are:

Carillon Ringers, Youth Ringers, Joyful Ringers  
Carol Ringers, Cherub Ringers

A special performance will be presented by the African Drum Ensemble from Sun Creek UMC, directed by Rev. Kevin B. Holland. They will play a solo selection and also accompany the Carillon Ringers.

## Seekers class organizes soldiers' welcome

The Seekers Sunday school class is organizing a trip to D-FW airport on Friday, April 29, to meet soldiers coming home for rest and relaxation furloughs after having served on active duty in Iraq. The welcome home program began several weeks ago and provides greeters for soldiers coming in each week. For more information contact Niki Williams, coordinator, 214-769-3200, or Molly Schrader, Seekers Class, 972-235-6391.

## Blood drive is April 17

This mission program potentially affects you and everyone you love, for there is NO substitute for blood in illness or injury. Please schedule a time on Sunday to donate. If you can't personally donate, try and recruit someone who can! The hours are 9am-2pm. Volunteers are also needed to help on April 17. Additional information is available at the sign up table or call Pat Hill for more information, 972-669-3915. Website is <http://www.carterbloodcare.org>



## Austin Street Centre service is April 17

Our church provides breakfast to this overnight homeless shelter once a quarter. Breakfast consists of sandwiches, fruit, juice, and hard cooked eggs. Just as Christ taught us, we are putting scripture into action by sharing what we have with the homeless. Steve and Dana Taylor are the Spring Valley leaders and can answer your questions. Stop by the sign up table in the hall on Sunday or call 972-234-9867. For more details: <http://www.austinst.org>

## Meet our Habitat family

Do you remember purchasing your first home? That excitement and pride of ownership that one feels when they finally have a home of their own. Clarence Johnson will soon experience



that joy. Not only will he be purchasing his first home at 4311 Metropolitan in Fair Park, but he will continue to put in many hours of labor in the construction of his home. As an introduction to our Habitat homeowner, Mr. Clarence Johnson served as an army medic in Viet Nam. With the medical experience he gained during the war, he spent 35 years providing home nursing care to the elderly and handicapped before retiring. Mr. Johnson will be sharing his first home with his 80 year old mother, Dorothy Mae Johnson, and his 100 year old grandmother. We hope you will come and join us in the construction of his home and take the wonderful opportunity to meet and visit with this kind man.

Questions may be directed to Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570. *Volunteers will NOT work on April 23.*

## Third Sunday Dimes-a-day offering collected April 17

Spring Valley members have many opportunities to see our mission program "in action". We recently heard riveting stories that Bill and Jerri Savuto told about their work in Kenya. We can't imagine what poor really means in a third world country unless we have "been there." Through people like Bill and Jerri, we CAN be there to help, through our Dimes-A-Day offering. We can't all travel to the mission field, but we CAN travel to the chancel rail during worship to share an offering.

## Join us for Sunday school

### Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

Robert Gross will teach each Sunday in April using the theme of "The Life of Christ."

*Apr. 17* - The Second Coming

*Apr. 24* - Where Jesus Walked - A Photo Tour of the Holy Land

### Beacon Class

"Living the Resurrection Life in a Post-Easter World"

*Apr. 17* - "Ye Shall be My Witness..."

*Apr. 24* - "The Church, Sent to Seek"

*May 1* - "God's Ownership and Man's Obedience"

*May 8* - "God's Gifts and Man's Gratitude"

*May 15* - "How to Get the Most out of Church"

*May 22* - "Sheep...or Gnats?"

*May 29* - "For This I Was Born"

### Christian Parenting - Room 210

This class will begin a study of Dawn Billings' book, *Greatness and Children*, on April 10. The study will continue through April 24.

### Parents of Teenagers - Room 192

All interested parents are invited to attend. This class is designed to be a fellowship and support group for parents of teenagers.

### Wesleyan Class - Dining Room

*Apr. 13* - Lunch at Dos Rios at 11:30am

*Apr. 17* - Don Bowen - "Paul's Lists"

April 17 is the last class meeting. Although classes have life cycles, this is a sad time because the Wesleyan Class was the charter adult Sunday school class at SVUMC. Its members will be visiting other Sunday school classes after April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Common Ground worship slated

**11am, Sundays in Wesley Hall**

*Sunday, April 17* - Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler preaches on the book of Acts 2:27-42. The sermon title is "Learning to Live Together."

*Sunday, April 24* - Common Ground will celebrate the gifts and lives of Spring Valley UMC's graduating high school seniors. Special music will be provided by *Risen*, the Youth Praise Band, and the bell choirs.

## Joys and concerns

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

These concerns will stay on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

### Hospitals

Mildred Eubanks

Carson Tucker

### SVUMC Church Family

The Maddison family

Ted & Catharine Gebhardt

Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

Steve Baxter's brother, Scott

Bethann & Steve DeFoe's mothers

Gerry Broome's father,

George Gordon

Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley

John Dvorak's son and daughter-in-law,

Johnny & Lillian

Kathy Watson's friends, Sheila & David Heal,

and their daughter, Kathryn Hostetler Heal

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandy Frank

Betty Reichel's son, the Bielling family

All persons serving in the military

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

### Sympathy to:

Family and friends of Bob Hallmark, a

long-time member of Spring Valley

Larry George and family in the death of

Larry's maternal uncle, Charles Goens

Carol Baughn and family in the death of

her uncle, Odie Johnson

### Congratulations to:

Chris and Lisa Newton on the birth of a

nephew, Gage Maddox