

Behold!



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Habitat FRAMES Chuck Apthorp

And he loves every minute of it! After reading about Habitat in the *Behold*, Chuck inquired about helping. After all, he reasoned they said no experience necessary, so how hard could it be?

Shortly after he started, with Bill Boyer's help, he found his way to the "shop." And that's how Habitat framed him! The shop is where all of the offsite work is done for each Habitat home. Chuck began working in the shop a couple of days a week putting together wooden frames that become walls for a house. It didn't take long to appreciate his leadership skills and he quickly became a supervisor, and then Senior Crew Chief in April, 2005.

"This isn't work for me...this is FUN!" And that's a good thing, for Chuck is volunteering about 40 hours. Yes, that's volunteer, non-paid time. He urges the other volunteers to have fun while working at the shop. He was quick to add that safety first is the priority, but the work should not be tedious. Chuck found that he wasn't so interested in construction aspects of roofing, flooring, or painting, but connects totally in realizing that without the basic frame, nothing else on the house could happen.

"This is God's work," he emphasizes. "We have an impact on people's lives." Each family who is approved for a new home must put in 400 hours of "sweat equity." Some of that time is done in the shop, so Chuck gets to know them as warm, loving people who are grateful for an opportunity to have their own home. In preparation for the upcoming Habitat building blitz, Chuck and his crew have already completed 13 house frames, with 7 more to go.

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In a typical day, he supervises 10-15 other volunteers, including men from the minimum security prison in Hutchins. Each house



frame may take more than one day to complete, depending how many volunteers are working. Additional volunteers would be helpful, and Chuck hopes that others reading the *Behold* will answer the call. Remember the part about no experience needed! A few hours each week would make a difference to a family waiting for their home.

Chuck Apthorp's commitment is remarkable in the 40 hours/week he volunteers and in the passion he obviously feels about the work of Habitat.

Chuck is married to Jan, a flutist in Spring Valley's orchestra. They are members of the Seekers Sunday school class.

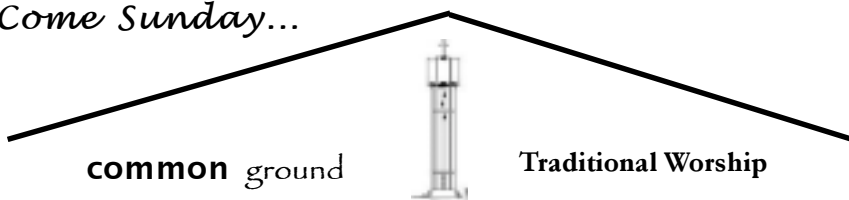
LRP Committee gives presentation

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.

The Long Range Planning Committee needs your views concerning Spring Valley's future, so please plan to attend one of these meetings.

Come Sunday...



common ground

Traditional Worship

Second Sunday of Easter, April 23

Confirmation Sunday

Combined service in the Sanctuary

Third Sunday of Easter, April 30

Luke: 24:13-35

Youth Sunday

Luke 24:36-48

When joy meets disbelief...

Dr. Paul L. Escamillia

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

Bring your gardening gloves, shovel, and planting tools, and 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 and some parents are scheduled to help landscape Mary Jackson's home, we hope other congregational members will join in the fun.

If you aren't able to join us on April 22, mark your calendars for Mary Jackson's home dedication 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.

Volunteers are needed...

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.



Listen for the bells

The Carr Memorial Tower Carillon will be tolling after the 11 o'clock service for the next few weeks, recognizing those members who have become "Benefactors" in Spring Valley's "Timeless Giving Wills Program." The ringing of the Carillon will represent a continuation of the SVUMC tradition of our Founders who invested for our future.



You can join them by agreeing to add a gift to the SVUMC Foundation in your will or final estate plan. Contact Jim Bryan for a codicil or answers to any questions.

We believe this is an easy way to insure the role Spring Valley will play in the lives of those members following in our footsteps.

UMW Spring Banquet is May 8

The annual Spring Banquet for the Spring Valley Women will be held on Monday, May 8. This will be a catered dinner, and tickets must be purchased by May 1, so we can have a count for the caterer. The program will be "A Sentimental Journey" led by Rusty King, so you know you will not want to miss this event! Tickets are \$12.00 and will be on sale beginning Monday, April 10. Banquet will be held in Wesley Hall at 6:30 PM, so come and bring a friend, ladies!!!



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Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$338,864
Total received to date	342,710
Received April 16	12,438
Attendance	890

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

NOTEworthy news...

Sunday, April 23

8:30 Choral Ensemble, 11:00 Chancel Choir

He Never Failed Me, Yet

Soloist – Janet Williams with Praise Band

8:30 & 11:00, Blake Denzer & Praise Band, *I Could Only Imagine*

11:00, Praise Band, *Agnus Dei, Light the Fire, & Alle*

Hymn, *Lift High the Cross*

Sunday, April 30

8:30 Ladies Ensemble, *He Lives*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *The Falconer*

11:00 Common Ground – let by *Risen*

Young Adult Music Group Held 1st Rehearsal – 11 in attendance!

Our newest music group met on Easter Sunday, April 16, at 9:30 in the Prodigal Sunday School classroom upstairs. It was a joyful time of reunion and new beginnings. If you are a young adult or know one you could encourage, please call Rusty King, 972-233-7671, ext. 24. We are planning a choir tour to Austin on Friday through Sunday, August 4 – 6. Our accompanist is Paula Huffaker.

Special Thanks to Chancel Choir, Seasonal Singers, Orchestra, Carillon Ringers, Children's Choirs, Guitar/Flute Group, Praise Band and Youth Singers

Holy Week including Palm Sunday, Wednesday concert, Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service of Tenebrae with *American Mass*, Easter Sunday with youth at 6:30 and choir, bells and orchestra at 8:30 and 11:00 were very meaningful and memorable. Members of these groups dedicated themselves fully to rehearsals and to making the services a priority. We say thanks to each member for your leadership this past week.

Introducing the 2006 Confirmation Class

Confirmand

Blake William Carroll
Dylan Hunt Carroll
Justin Alexander Cook
Emily Kathleen Cromwell
Dagin Faulkner
Daniel Preston Gutmann
Felicity Lillian Cooper Harries
Allison Jane Hawkins
Ryan Andrew Holstien
Trenton Kohl LaFrano
Jeffrey Robert McEnaney
Emerson Henry Macauley
Kendall Leigh Neuner
Paulina Marie Platten
John Wraymon Joseph Puetz
Matthew Thomason Stephens
Dillon George Tucker

Parents

Barry & Harriet Carroll
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Dave & Kathy Cook
David & Alice Cromwell
Archimedes & Josephine Faulkner
Todd & Amy Gutmann
Simon & Rachel Harries
Skylar & Terri Hawkins
Ed & Linda Holstien
Charles & Laura LaFrano
Kurt & Debbie McEnaney
Samuel & Harriet Macauley
Ken & Nori Nuener
David & Babs Platten
Wrayan Puetz
Lisa Phillips & Chris Stephens
Bruce & Gina Tucker



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 our SVUMC sanctuary on Thurs., April 27, at 7:30pm. Featured will be 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 before, receiving high acclaim from all who have heard them. This will be a memorable evening – don't miss it!

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.

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*

What's up for YOUTH...

SVUMC Youth events

YOUTH SUNDAY!! April 30th 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 8th) 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 11th 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!



Children's Fellowship Group

Kindergarteners through 5th 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 for a mission project. Call Jan at the church for more information, 972-233-7671.



Summer is coming...are you ready?

Spring Valley United Methodist Church Preschool is currently registering young preschoolers for SUMMER CAMP. JUNE is SUMMER CAMP month. Children may come one, two, three or all four weeks of June from 9am to 12 noon. Arts, crafts, recreation, and outdoor fun will be the theme. For more information or to register, call 972-233-2317.



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 6th grade.

Upcoming family fellowship meals and programming

On Monday, May 1, the SVUMC Missions Committee is sponsoring a special dinner at 6:30 with Dr. Wes Magruder, the North Texas Conference's missionary to Cameroon. Dr. Magruder, no stranger to Spring Valley, will talk about the work he and his wife, Leah, are doing in establishing a full Methodist presence in the West African nation. A fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be provided by the Missions Committee at no charge. All proceeds and donations will go to support the Cameroon Mission. Dr. Magruder will also be accompanied by Rev. Simeon, one of the local pastors working in Cameroon.

Second Helpings dinner & program set for Wed, May 10.

Dinner at 5:30, with program following at 6:30. Reknown psychologist Dr. Mary Ann Reed will be presenting a very informative program on "The Spirituality of Dreams." Dr. Reed has done extensive study in this field and promises to be most informative. Sign-up sheets for both events are in the Church Volunteer office.

Garland Summer Musicals presents "Singin' in the Rain"

Sunday, June 18 - 2pm Discounted Tickets - \$21

This June event is sponsored by the SVUMC PrimeTimers but open to everyone. The sign-up sheet is on the volunteer's desk. **Sunday, April 30** is the deadline to sign up for tickets.

This is a hilarious Hollywood story filled with brilliant music and dance! Songs include: *You Are My Lucky Star*; *You Stepped Out of a Dream*; *You Were Meant For Me*; the title song, *Singin' In The Rain*; and more. The theater is comfortable with wide aisles for plenty of foot and leg room. You will be called when tickets are available. Directions to the theater will be attached to your ticket. For information, call Bobbie Detwiler, 972-387-8779.



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. 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

May 7 - Please join us for a classroom brunch while you check out Aldersgate.

Seekers Class

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!

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

Bronson Balzac

SVUMC Church Family

Bob Muskopf

Steve Harper

David Armstrong

Troy Sumner

Georgia Goodrum

James Rea

Ed Pierce

Betty Carter

Betty Lou Noble

Luiz Santos

Randy Smith

Bill Darnall

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Former member, Sarah Arnett

Gail Pettigrew's friend, Ruth Pallor

Riss Christensen's father

Don Finnie's son, Buddy

Sharon Robinson's friends, Jean Beler,

Mary Jane O'Malley

Sue Cummings's friend, Jenny Hearn

Joyce Covey's son, Tom

Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry

Frances Dales' daughter and husband,

Ann and Virgil Weisner

Cynthia & Herb Lee's friend, Rich Flynn

Marci Hitt's sister, Linda Wolfe

Jill Curbo's mother, Judy Howard

Lynette McHam's daughter, Allison Vencent

Suellen Turner's dad, Dick Donley

Joe Cochran's father, Thomas

Christine Tobin

Carmen Tovar

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