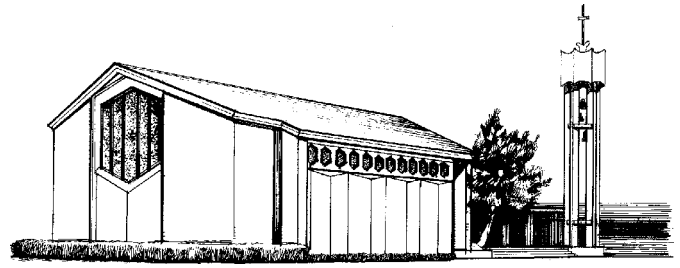


# Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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## Seniors 2005 recognition slated

You may have read recently in this same space that Spring Valley is a teaching church. With that same emphasis, I would like to remind you that we all renew our vows to be a part of that education process each time an infant is baptized, each time a young person is confirmed, and each time a new member joins the church.

Each year at this time, we see the fruit of our congregational ministry as we share the celebration of high school graduation with our seniors. Please join us for Common Ground worship on April 24 and for Sanctuary worship on May 1. On those occasions, the Spring Valley UMC Seniors of 2005 will lead us in worship, bringing us word and sacrament.

The Spring Valley Seniors '05 are Ann Michele King, Melissa DeFoe, Amanda Nicholas, Katie Ledbetter, Ashley Wilson, Johnathon Dickerson, James Wilkin, Chandler Knox, and Andrew Guerra. This group has shared their gifts and graces with their congregation, and it has been my pleasure to be their youth minister. Some of them were baptized here; some were confirmed here. All of them have been shaped by this congregation and by the various roles you played in their lives. Whether you taught them in Sunday school, VBS, or at UMYF, whether you sent them on mission trips by buying mission shares or going to Mardi Gras Madness, you have fulfilled your obligation to lead them in the way that leads to life eternal. They would like to thank you.

*Frank Rahm*

## Handbell Concert/Light Luncheon slated for Sunday, April 24, at noon

A handbell concert in Wesley Hall will follow the Sunday morning services. A complimentary light lunch of sandwiches, chips, fruit and dessert will be served. Donations will be accepted toward replacement of broken handbell tables. The bell choirs performing are:

- Carillon Ringers** 4 pieces
- Youth Ringers** *You Are My All in All & Phantom of the Opera*
- Joyful Ringers** *Bell Round & Holy Manna*
- Carol Ringers** *Michael, Row the Boat Ashore*
- Cherub Ringers**
- Ann Michele King** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, solo handbell piece

An African Drum Ensemble from Sun creek UMC will accompany the Carillon Ringers on one piece. Their director is the Rev. Kevin B. Holland.



## Welcome, new members!

### Rosemary Winters

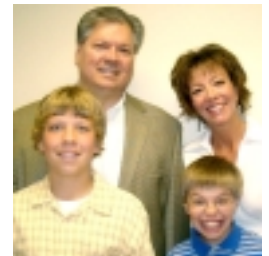
1225 Chippewa Drive  
Richardson, TX 75080  
972-231-8503



### Andy and Cindy Lewis

#### Nick and Chris

7715 Cliffbrook  
Dallas, TX 75254  
972-960-6446



## UMW spring banquet nearly here

Tickets are available now for the UMW Spring Banquet on Monday, May 9, at 6:30 in Wesley Hall. The program will be presented by Pat Crenshaw, who shares her perspective as an alto soloist, music teacher and church music director in parody and song. Last year Pat was a big hit at the UMW banquet with her songs and costumes, and we are pleased to have her entertain again this year. Plan to bring a guest and enjoy dinner and entertainment for only \$10 per person. To help with our planning, tickets must be purchased by May 4.



## Safety measures enacted

The south entrance by Asbury Hall will be the only door open after hours. 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 we thank you for your cooperation.

**The Trustees**

**What's up for YOUTH...**  
**Sunday, April 24**



9:45am Sunday School  
 11am Common Ground Worship: Youth Ringers, Youth Singers & Risen are singing. Graduating seniors are preaching.  
 1:30pm Youth Confirmation Field Trip  
 3:30pm Youth Singers  
 5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper  
 6-8pm **UMYF** (NOTE: Time Change) Oh YES!! It's time for Whirlyball! Please bring \$8 plus snack money for Whirlyball. If you've never played, you're in for a treat! We'll be back at the church at 8pm.

**Senior Recognition Sunday** is only a short time away! On Sunday, May 1, our graduating seniors will lead sanctuary worship at both 8:30 and 11am. We will celebrate with their families at a luncheon in Wesley Hall starting approximately 12:30pm. At the luncheon, we will share the famous senior video, and commemorate the event with gifts for the seniors. That evening, it's time for the annual Youth Showcase talent show. Get your acts ready!

**Sign-Up NOW for Summer Mission trips:** All youth who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to sign up NOW for *Appalachia Service Project*. The trip is July 8-17. As a Christian ministry that builds homes "on the side," this is a tremendous mission trip. The cost to register for this trip is \$60 per youth.

All youth who have completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to sign up NOW for the *Colorado Easter Seals* trip. This is a fantastic opportunity to be in service to other teens who are blessed in alternative ways. The cost to register for this trip is \$95 per youth, which includes the price of your ticket to Six Flags in Denver. As always, scholarships for these trips are available, and please note: the DEADLINE to register for these trips is May 15.

**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 join with 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 mission team hopes to meet the people of Mallco Rancho, help them expand the hospital, provide health care, learn about their culture and the project's future needs, and raise morale by providing monetary, personal, and hands-on support.

Spring Valley UMC is an exciting, vibrant community of faith supporting varied missions and projects, both at home and abroad. 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           |

**Noteworthy news**



**Upcoming Music**

**April 24**

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

**May 1**

8:30 & 11am, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
 bell solo, Ann Michele King  
 8:30 Men's Choir

11:00 Youth Singers, *Song of Joy, Song of Praise*  
 8:30 Men's Choir,

*When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise*

11:00 Youth Singers, *Song of Joy, Song of Praise*

**May 8**

8:30, Choral Ensemble, *Gift of Love*  
 11:00 Chancel Choir, *Gift of Love*

**May 15**

Chancel Choir, *We Thank You, God, for Teachers*

**Youth Singers annual talent show and spaghetti dinner is coming**

Enjoy a delightful evening of talent, preceded by a delicious spaghetti dinner with salad and garlic bread on Sunday, May 1, 6:00 pm Wesley Hall.

**Children's news...**

**North Texas Conference camp is coming!**

If you've completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades you can attend Church Summer Camp at



Bridgeport! We will go

the week of June 21-25. To register, visit [www.bridgeportcamp.com](http://www.bridgeportcamp.com) for details. Call Jan and let her know you've registered for camp.

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

for children 18 months - 36 months (3 yrs). The class, taught by Katy Hines, Dana Taylor, and Jill Curbo, is 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!

**Wanted:**

**Adults and Youth Volunteers for Ranch House Kids, VBS 2005**

**July 18-22**

**9am - noon**

**Call Jan Hudgins at 972-233-7671.**

## Habitat - almost a home!

Clarence Johnson has waited all his adult life to own his own home. His 80 year-old mother and 100 year-old grandmother have waited with him. Soon the Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat volunteers will complete his new house. Mr. Johnson is completing 400 hours of "sweat equity" as well. He will also make monthly house payments as part of the Habitat agreement.

**Spring Valley volunteers will NOT be needed on April 23 and 30.** On May 7 our church will provide food for the volunteer builders. Plan to attend that day just for moral support and to see the tremendous progress.

Questions regarding this build may be directed to Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.



## Blood drive is a success

The Mission Core process group thanks the donors and volunteers who helped on April 17 with the twice-yearly Carter BloodCare drive. Thirty-seven precious units were collected!

If you were unavailable Sunday, there is still an opportunity to add to these numbers. You may donate anytime at Carter's Richardson location, 322 W. Campbell Rd., 972-437-4483. Spring Valley's "Life Plan" donor number is 020174.

Lastly, we want to thank the Beacon Class for moving so that we could use Asbury Hall.

*Pat Hill, Blood Chair*



*You are invited to Spring Valley United Methodist Preschool's OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, April 28, 2005.*

*Come and visit our classrooms between 6:30-8pm.  
Everyone is welcome!*

*Also, we continue to register for our JUNE SUMMER CAMP and 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR*

*If you would like further information, please call Beth at the school office, 972-233-2317.*

## 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.

## Join us for Sunday school

### Beacon Class

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

*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 is studying Dawn Billings' book, *Greatness and Children*,

### Fellowship Bible Class - Room 214

We will begin *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, on April 24. Come join us. Questions? Contact Bill and Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486.

### Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

Robert Gross is teaching each Sunday in April, using the theme of "The Life of Christ."

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

*May 1 - Speaker will be Jason Smith, "Life with the U.S. Army during the Iraq War, Images of Iraq Culture, Shrines & Mosques"*

### 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.

### "Golf for Growth" tournament scheduled

If you play golf, don't forget that the tournament benefiting

Northaven UMC building

and human development funds is Friday, April 29, at Tenison Highlands Golf Course in Dallas.

Checks have to be in by April 24 to Northaven UMC, 11211 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75230. For information, call Northaven at 214-363-2479.



## **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  
Catharine Gebhardt

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  
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

### **SVUMC Church Family**

Carson Tucker  
Homebound members

### **Extended Church Family**

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

### **Sympathy to:**

Beth Copeland and family in the death  
of her brother, Morgan Garrett