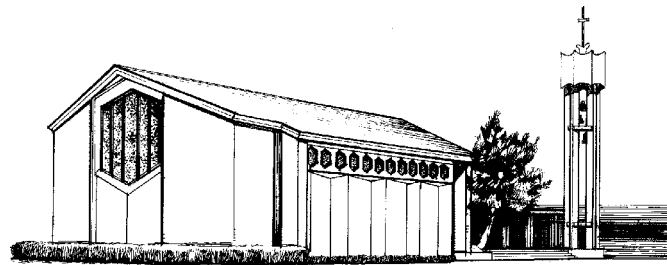


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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Coming soon - a joint mission effort of the SVUMC Mission Core Process Group and Youth!

We are having a collection drive to benefit Genesis Women's Shelter of Dallas. Sounds great, but what is Genesis Women's Shelter?

The Genesis Women's Shelter exists to provide quality safety and shelter to battered women and their children through crisis intervention. In their monthly visits to the shelter, Spring Valley Youth have noticed a need for the following items:

- * Summer toys and swimwear for children of all sizes from infant to teens
- * Clean, gently-used clothing and jewelry that women could wear to a job interview.

There will be a collection box in the church on April 25, May 2, and May 9.

The following fun toys are just some of the options available at Walmart at very reasonable prices. Of course, any new toy will be welcomed. Children's swimsuits are also available at Walmart, or any store close to you.

Hula hoops	88 cents to \$4.23	Sand shovel/pail	\$1.97
Playdoh 4-pack	\$1.42	Ketchit Ball	\$3.67
Sidewalk chalk	\$3.83	Basic Barbie	\$5.46
Matchbox Mighties		5" play ball	\$1.97
(soft toy cars for babies)	97 cents	Toy jewelry set	\$2.88
Hot wheels	94 cents	Cootie Game	\$5.96
Endless Bubbles	\$5.97	Yahtzee	\$5.96
Hot wheels five-pack	\$4.47	Splash bombs, 2 pack	\$1.92
Yo-Yo	\$1.97	Etch-a-sketch	\$9.47
Lincoln logs	\$12.67	Etch-a-sketch junior	\$6.96

Handbell concert and light lunch will be April 25

Adults, youth, and children will share the joy of music and their faith as they ring a concert for the congregation at noon in Asbury Hall. We will hear the Carillon Ringers, the Youth Ringers, Joyful Ringers, Carol Ringers and Cherub Ringers. There will be a light lunch served. Donations will be accepted at the door which will help to buy bell cases to replace our old worn ones.

Showcase and spaghetti dinner is May 2 at 6pm

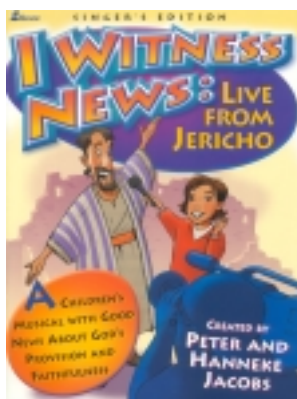
Make plans to come to Showcase and enjoy a good Italian meal and great entertainment on May 2.

Senior Recognition Sundays are coming in May

The graduating high school seniors of 2004 will be leading us in worship, including song, scripture, and sermon. Spring Valley UMC holds a very special place in the hearts of our seniors and this is one small way they would like to share their journey of faith with the entire congregation. Senior Sunday in Sanctuary worship is May 2 at both services, adding the Youth Singers at 11:00. Senior Sunday in Common Ground worship is May 16, with *Risen*, our Youth Praise Band.

There's still time...

...for all children, 4 years through 6th grade, to be a part of the children's spring musical, "I Witness News: Live from Jericho." Rehearsals are scheduled from 6:15 until 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings, and the musical will be presented on Sunday evening, May 9, at 6:30pm. For more information, contact either Paula Huffaker, x 14, or Nancy Guerra, x12, at the church: 972-233-7671.



UMW Spring Banquet is May 10

Mark your calendar for 6:30pm, Monday, May 10, for the United Methodist Women's Spring Banquet in Wesley Hall. Pat Crenshaw, Director of Music and Senior Adult Ministry at Kessler Park UMC, will entertain. A talented musician and performer "with hats and props in tow," she is "guaranteed to make you laugh out loud again and again." Tickets are \$10 and include dinner and entertainment. See Betty Hopper or Barbara Zoeller for tickets.

What's new for YOUTH...

Sunday, April 25

9:45am Sunday School

11am Sanctuary or Common Ground Worship

12noon Youth Ringers

4:30pm Youth Singers

5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper

6-8pm **UMYF, This week** - Try your skill at WhirlyBall! You won't want to miss the fun and games at Whirlyball. What is WhirlyBall? Is it bumper cars? Is it Lacrosse? Is it basketball? It's all three - and it's a blast! Don't miss it!! Bring \$10-20.

Registration forms are On-Line! Registration forms for ASP 2004 and Colorado 2004 are available at the church website. Go to www.svumc.org/Education/Youth. We are now filling the "waiting list" for ASP.

Youth Sunday School News: This Sunday is our first Sunday in our new classes, which run through Sunday, May 30. Even if you have not yet chosen which class to take, you are encouraged and invited to join us on any Sunday. The four choices are: Prayer, Unity, Character, & One Miracle. Also our mission collection of summer toys and swimwear for the children at Genesis Women's Shelter starts this Sunday!! All youth are reminded to bring your gift this Sunday. We will also include a collection of gently used & cleaned clothes, shoes, and jewelry suitable for the women to wear to job interviews and to their new jobs. This is a joint project of Youth and the Missions Core Process Group.

Mark Your Calendars:

May 2 Senior Recognition Sunday

May 15 Service Saturday: Deliver collected items to Genesis

July 9-18 Appalachia Service Project (registration form is on line)

July 31-Aug 6 Colorado Easter Seals Trip (registration form is on line)

Metroplex breakfast dialogues (formerly the Interfaith Bible Study) meets Friday, May 14, 8am

The program for May 14 is Zoltan Zsohar's book, *Surviving Through Faith*. During WWII, the Zsohars fled Hungary through war-torn Europe, eventually to be resettled in Waxahachie. Mother Elizabeth's story was told to her son, Zoltan. He published these memories and will share them with us.

Join us at 8am at Canyon Creek Country Club, 625 Lookout Drive, Richardson. Breakfast is \$8 (tax and tip included). Please RSVP to Dick Matthews, 972-387-3863, by May 12. Spring Valley used to have great attendance at these meetings, so think about becoming involved again.

Car Wash

Church Parking Lot on every Wednesday, 10-4

Wash & Dry, \$6 Wash, Dry, & Vacuum, \$20 Detail & Wax, \$49

Benefitting the SVUMC Hispanic Ministry Missions Projects

972-239-9440



Getaway offered to Puerto Rico

There's still a chance for you to go to the Caribbean!

John and Jeanne

Larranaga have made available to Spring Valley a wonderful week's getaway to Puerto Rico!

The 3-bedroom, 2-bath island condo also has a queen sleeper sofa in the living room, providing accommodations for 8. Central air conditioning, cable TV, balcony, telephone, and furnished kitchen are all part of the condo's amenities.

"The Mediterranean-style villas of Club Cala del Palmas are set on the southeast coast of the island, overlooking the Caribbean. Nestled within a resort community, facilities include two championship golf courses, a multiplex tennis center, swimming pools, a fitness center, jogging trails, boat marina, riding stables, three miles of beach, shopping, salons, and numerous restaurants and lounges. It is just a 45-minute ride from San Juan."

This wonderful Caribbean getaway is available from Saturday to Saturday, May 15-22. If you would like to make a gift to the church and enjoy a wonderful week in Puerto Rico, please contact Larry George for details.



Adult Day Center plans open house Tuesday, May 25, at 7pm

C.C. Young invites everyone to join them for an informational presentation to learn about the benefits of their adult day program. You can meet the staff, learn about the activities offered, and tour the facility. The flexibility of the program makes it ideal for the working caregiver, or anyone who needs a little extra help in caring for a loved one. Additional information will be available on Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, and respite programs. C.C. Young is located at 4829 W. Lawther Dr., Dallas, 75214. For more information, contact Heather Waggoner, Director of the Adult Day Center, at 214-841-2908.

Guatemala mission team plans 2004 trip

The 2004 Guatemala mission team has eighteen SVUMC men and women, plus other Dallas-based support personnel, who will travel to Guatemala. By doubling the number of traveling missionaries from last year, we can provide even greater medical and construction assistance at the Camanchaj medical/dental clinic founded and managed by an American dentist, Dr. Phil Plunk, and wife JoAn Dwyer, who are full-time, unpaid volunteers in Guatemala.

Having endured centuries of slavery, poverty, and relentless discrimination, the Mayan people remain in extreme need. Therefore, the 2004 mission team requests the congregation's prayers, financial support and donations as in 2003. Last year the Dimes-a-Day offering enabled the team to deliver \$36,000 of medications to the clinic pharmacy.

You can again support this ministry by:

- * Praying for the people of Guatemala and the mission team
- * Giving generously to the Dimes-a-Day offering
- * Donating large suitcases, children's and adult sunglasses, tooth brushes, vitamins, adult reading glasses, and film canisters.

Please prayerfully consider how you would like to help the Mayan people this year. Look for the display and collection basket in the loggia.

Seeker Class celebrates 40 years

The Seeker's Class is planning a birthday party on May 1 & 2 to celebrate 40 years together as a "Family of Friends." All former Seekers and former Spring Valley pastors and wives are also invited to this reunion. If you were ever a member of the class, you are invited. Planned activities are:

May 1, Saturday, 6pm - Dinner (on your own) at Spring Creek Barbeque in a private room.

May 2, Sunday, 9am - Fellowship will begin as we gather in Seeker Room 201. Class begins at 9:45am; Dr. Don Benton will teach that day. We will attend worship at 11am; a block of seats will be reserved. At 12 noon, there will be a catered luncheon in Asbury Hall.

For information and reservations, call Joyce Boyer, 972-661-2570, or Jolene Harper, 972-235-6154. *Reservations are needed by April 25.*

Coming in May...

Elementary Rotation Sunday School will begin a 6-week unit titled *Joseph: Living In A Land of Many Colors*. Children will explore Joseph's experiences and see how he develops his faith in God. Through multiple examples, children will learn to make the best of a bad situation using faith and a God-like attitude. They will also learn of God's good intentions and love for all of us.



Hero Quest VBS Registration Begins May 2nd.

You won't want to miss out, so sign up early to attend and to volunteer for VBS 2004! This year, VBS will be July 19-23, from 9am-noon. For more information, call VBS Director Elizabeth Wood, 972-382-7601, or Jan Hudgins, Director of Children and Family Ministries, jhudgins@svumc.org.



Noteworthy news

Sunday, April 25

8:30&11:00, Chamber Singers, *Sanctus*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *O Lord Most Holy*

Sunday, May 2

8:30 Men's Choir

11:00 Youth Singers, *Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts*
soloists, Nikki Chapman and Melissa DeFoe



Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

April 25 - Jim Veach, "Origin of the Gospels"

May 2 - Betty Reichel will present the first of six lessons on Philippians, taken from the book *Joy under Pressure*, by Tim Stafford.

Beacon Class

Beacon Class Series, April 18 - May 30

April 25 - "Revolutionaries, Reactionaries, and Reconcilers"

May 2 - "Houses or Homes"

May 9 - "The Inner Light & the Outer Glow"

May 16 - "The People of God"

May 23 - "Faith: Form or Force"

May 30 - "Great Religion and a New Pentecost"

Seekers Class

April 25 - Dr. James Caswell, VP of Student Affairs at SMU, will speak on current students' interests, concerns, and the administration's coping.

Wesleyan Class

April 25 - Gene Harrell: Jesus, The New Way - Getting the Kingdom Started

May 2 - Dan Kasten: To be determined

May 9-June 6 - Gene Harrell: Jesus, The New Way

~Startling Surprises ~Longing for a King

~Why Did Jesus Die? ~Who Was Jesus?

~The New Claim

New college class begins on May 16

If you have children in college, or friends in college, or you know somebody in that age group, please spread the word: we are reigniting our college class starting Sunday, May 16. This is an opportunity for our young people to reconnect with each other and Spring Valley UMC. In this class, they'll be invited to share their thoughts, feelings, and ideas about the world they are inheriting and how their faith might shape their world.

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.

Hospital

Elaine Shook

SVUMC Church Family

Sylvia Knox

Ann Michele King

Michael Simonsen

Catharine Gebhardt

Bob McGuire

Tommi Ezell

Bryan Purcell

Randy Smith

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Buz LaFrano's stepmother, Sue LaFrano

Paul & Debbie Ledbetter's niece, Amy Downing

Terri Hawkins' friends, Paula, Lynn & Zeb

Lola & Burt Copeland's friends, Lucas Raney
and family, and Clyde Davis

Rachel Harries' friend, Kellye Samuelson

Sally and Carmen Kilgore's

family members, Bianca and Daniel

Elizabeth Kilgore's mother, Lou Ellen Wood

Jeff Martin and his friends,

Jesse and

Crawford

Lori Johnson's fiancé

Herb Lee's father, Ed Lee

Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns