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May 1 offers exciting program and dinner

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 Nomo, one of the local pastors working in Cameroon.



"My job will be to oversee the growth of the United Methodist Church in Cameroon through administrative leadership, training of pastors, spiritual guidance, and baptizing new disciples of Jesus Christ," Rev. Magruder explains. As a pastor, the most exciting part of ministry is when someone begins to respond to the call of God in his or her life.

I love being at a person's side when she decides to begin the ordination process, or when he signs up to go on a mission trip, or when she teaches a children's Sunday School class for the first time. The joy and excitement of being in service is contagious! I look forward to helping many people respond to their call in Cameroon." Wes was born in Dallas, Texas, and earned a Bachelor of Arts and Radio/TV/Film from Cal State Long Beach in Long Beach, California. In 1996 he earned his Masters of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and continued graduate studies at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. He received his Doctorate of Ministry in Homiletics in 2004. *(continued on next page)*

Welcome, new member!

Sarah Escamilla
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Come Sunday...

common ground

Traditional Worship

Third Sunday of Easter, April 30

Luke: 24:13-35
Touched by Christ
Youth Sunday

Luke 24:36-48
When joy meets disbelief...
Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7

Luke 9:57-62
Fitness Fundamentals
Rev. Carlos Nascimento

Matthew 11:28-30
The Hand of God
Dr. Georjean Blanton

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 present an informative program on "The Spirituality of Dreams." Dr. Reed has done extensive study in this field and promises to be most interesting. Sign-up sheets for both events are in the Church Volunteer office.

National Day of Prayer observed

The National Day of Prayer will be observed in Dallas with an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at The Cathedral of the Virgin de Guadalupe on Ross Ave., this Thursday, May 4, beginning at 7:30am. For information and reservations, call 214-969-1977.

Dimes-a-Day is April 30

The Dimes-a-Day offering for this month has been delayed because of Easter being the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Nothing else has changed. At each worship service, you are invited to bring your financial gift forward during the singing of the last hymn.

Part of your vow when you joined the United Methodist church is to share “gifts.” A wonderful way to demonstrate your love for God and your fellow person is a modest donation through Dimes-a-Day. For more information about Dimes-a-Day, call Betty Reichel, 972-233-7671.

What is Stephen Ministry?

Our congregation’s Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

A Stephen Minister is....

- A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting.
- A congregation member with gifts for caregiving, who was carefully selected to serve in this role.
- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care.
- A caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, encourages.
- Someone who will “be there” for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there’s a need.

Stephen Ministries in St. Louis supports Spring Valley’s Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministries is a not-for-profit Christian educational organization based in St. Louis, MO. Founded in 1975, Stephen Ministries provides training and resources to thousands of congregations and organizations worldwide.

For more information, call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, 972-233-7671, or Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435, or any of the active Stephen Ministers. To visit the national web site go to: www.stephenministries.org

Habitat does it again

Great news! We have finished work on the beautiful new home for Mary Jackson.

On Saturday, we put the finishing touches on the interior and exterior of the house. It really looks nice. With all the rain on Thursday and Friday, we didn’t get to do the landscaping, but Dallas Habitat will take care of that chore sometime this week.

You are invited to come to the dedication at 11 am on Saturday, May 6. Lunch will be provided after the dedication service. The address is 1804 Jack Casey Ct. Maps and driving directions are available at the Habitat display near the church offices. For more information, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

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.



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Dr. Magruder served in the Chislehurst Circuit of the British Methodist Church from 1996-1998. He has been senior pastor at Valley View UMC and Trailwood UMC, both in the North Texas Annual Conference. Wes’ local church membership is with First United Methodist Church in Allen, Texas of the North Texas Annual Conference.

Wes and wife Leah, also a commissioned missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries, are the parents of three children: Rachel Christine, born in 1994, Chloe Nicole, born in 1996, and Mallory Catherine, born in 1999.

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!!!



New Loggia displays coming

If you missed getting your wedding picture in the display case last time-now is your chance! Bring your picture (no larger than 8 x 10) anytime during May and leave it with Don Finnie in the business office, #136. Include your name, place and date of wedding, and your phone number.

Your Display Committee,

Rosemary Winters and Gloria Smith

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NOTEworthy news...

April 30

8:30 Ladies Ensemble, *He Lives*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *The Falconer*

11:00 Common Ground – led by *Risen*

May 7

8:30 & 11:00, *Risen* leads

8:30, Men's Choir

11:00 Chancel Choir *Sanctus* from *American Mass*

May 14

8:30 & 11:00, Guitar/Flutes, *Alla Danza & Allegro* from *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *The Gift of Love*



Showcase is Sunday, April 30, 6pm Chicken Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show
Tickets are \$4 per person. Youth Singers will present a variety of acts including a solo dance, a mystery act, singing, instrumental solos, and sharing anthems. This annual talent show is always enjoyable. Menu will be chicken spaghetti casserole, salad, Texas toast, and dessert.

MAD Camp is June 23-28

Children who are going into 1st - 6th grade are welcome to join our Music, Arts and Drama Camp on June 23-28 in the mornings. They will learn about the Bible, music, drama, and preparing a musical. We explore the Old Testament story in the musical – *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics*.

Calendar:

Homecoming Concerts, *Celebrate Life*, June 16 and 17, 7:30, \$5.00, Sanctuary, dessert served

Youth Singers will present their Homecoming Concerts on Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Some of the soloists are Nikki Chapman, Emily King, Madeline Steiner, Josh Wilson, Blake Hartgraves and Chris McEnaney.

Don't miss the next
Spring Valley Coffee House
◆ **June 23 at 7:00** ◆

Josh Wilson

Eric Folkert

Foto "Op" for Fiftieth

Spring Valley will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary as a church in March, 2007. Though that seems like a long way off, a committee is already working on making this occasion a meaningful celebration of our past and our future! Tom and Linda Christian, and Gail and Layton Pettigrew are the anniversary co-chairs.

To truly make the celebration a church-wide event, we need your help! Photos, memorabilia, and stories that are part of Spring Valley's past may be in your possession. Won't you share that information with your fellow church members?

You are invited to LOAN photos. There is a box in the volunteer's office for receiving photos and other memorabilia. Simply place the information in a brown envelope (provided in the box), label it with your name, phone number, etc. Please label the photos as well.

You may also transmit photos (in JPEG format), and stories, via e-mail to Dick and Myrna Ridings, ridings2@airmail.net. "Op" is your opportunity to participate!

Handbell concert/light lunch offered 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.

Neighbors Home Bible Study

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!

What's up for YOUTH...

SVUMC Youth events

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.

Kelly's News: Hey all! Here is Kelly's info for this week.

SUNDAYSCHOOL: GET READY FOR COMMON GROUND SERVICE!!! This is incredibly important and we need EVERYONE at Sunday School. Even if you do not currently have a specific role in the service, we need you there for support and we may just find something for you to do:) See you Sunday morning!

No UMYF this Sunday because of the Showcase. If you are not in Youth Singers, you still better BE THERE!!! I'll want people to sit with and there will be yummy spaghetti to eat:)

Reminders:

April 30th is a big day! It is Youth Sunday in Common Ground and it is also Youth Showcase!!

May 7 is a busy day too! The Handbell Concert is right after church and the ASP meeting is directly following the concert. UMYF will be bowling and the 6th graders (no longer confirmands at that point) will be joining us for an evening:)

IMPACT! It's not too late to sign up. Contact Kelly (kmoon@svumc.org) when (not if) you want to sign up or you have any questions.

From the Finance Committee

We are looking for 4-drawer fireproof locking file cabinets for the finance office to store documents. If anyone has 1 or 2 to donate, please contact Don Finnie, Deb Tucker or Greg Nicholas.



Members of Spring Valley Carillon Ringers eat lunch together after playing in the bell festival at Brookhaven College on April 1.



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.

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.

A memorable musical event at Spring Valley on April 27

The University of Texas at Arlington A Capella Choir and the UTA Chamber Singers, conducted by Jing Ling-Tam, will present a free concert in the sanctuary of Spring Valley UMC on Thurs., Apr. 27 at 7:30pm. With them will be the Dallas Sea/Sky Chinese Choir. Featured on the program is Mozart's "Requiem" presented by the UTA choirs, with John Tarver accompanying at the organ. Both choirs have performed here previously and have received high acclaim from all who have heard them. Don't miss this unique evening of music!



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.



Vacation Bible School

July 17-21, 9:00 am – Noon

Ages 3 - completed 5th grade

Come join the *Adventure of the Treasure Seekers* as we explore God's promises. Registration begins Sunday, May 7! Want to volunteer to be a part of sharing God's word and love with 150 children? Call Jan Hudgins today to explore how you can help.



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.

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.



Confirmation Class, '06



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. 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.

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

Seekers Class

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

May 7 - Rev. Dr. Scott Somers will teach the theology of **KARL BARTH**. Rev. Somers was formerly Associate Minister at Spring Valley and Director of Development for Perkins School of Theology.

May 14 - Rev. Dr. Robin Lovin will lead us in discussion of **REINHOLD NIEBUHR**. Dr. Lovin was formerly Dean of Perkins School of Theology at SMU and is now the Maguire University Professor of Ethics at Perkins.

May 21 - Dr. Joerg Rieger will speak to us about **PAUL TILLICH SCHLEIERMACHER**, and contemporary theology. Dr. Rieger is Professor of Systematic Theology at Perkins.

May 28 - Our former pastor, Rev. Dr. Don Renshaw, will provide insight in the theology of **DIETRICH BONHOFFER**. Dr. Renshaw is now partner in the firm of church Development and finance Associates.

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

We will conclude our study of *30 Days to Understanding the Bible* in May. If you have pre-teens, teenagers, or post-teens, come try us out! There is a SPOT for you in our class.

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
Bob Muskopf

SVUMC Church Family

Marsha Lasater
Pat Currin
Dick Ridings
Steve Harper
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,
and 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
Marcie Hitt's sister, Linda Wolfe
Jill Curbo's mother, Judy Howard
Lynette McHam's daughter, Allison Vencent
Suellen Turner's dad, Dick Donley

Billie Wolf's sister, Joyce Featherstone
Joe Cochran's father, Thomas
Christine Tobin
Carmen Tovar
John Tarver's former teacher, Hugh Thompson
Donna Campbell's friends, Ashley Wilson and
Larry Bryan
All persons serving in the military
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Deepest sympathy to:

Ray Reed and family in the death of Bonnie Reed

Congratulations to:

Amy and Patrick Dawson in the birth of their
daughter, Katherine Marie