

Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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Congregation invited to town hall meeting on "Finance 101"

A church-wide, town-hall style meeting has been scheduled for 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 5, in Asbury Hall. All members of Spring Valley are encouraged to come and learn more about our church's financial situation - how we fund our missions and ministries, where and how the church's revenue is spent.

The meeting's agenda will include remarks from the senior pastor and chair of the Administrative Board, an overview of church financing by the chair of the Finance Committee, presentation of the revenue and expense statements of the church by the treasurer, as well as reports on the work of the Trustees, Stewardship Committee, and Spring Valley Foundation.

Presentations will be clear and concise in order to allow time for questions and answers. The purpose of "Finance 101" is to allow all Spring Valley members to have a clearer understanding of and greater appreciation for our church's finances.

Evening of celebration planned for bishop

The Episcopacy Committee of the North Texas Annual Conference invites all Spring Valley members to a very special evening honoring our retiring bishop, William B. Oden. The event will be held on Monday evening, June 7, at the Southfork Ranch. Dress is Texas attire, and cost is \$20. Gathering is at 6pm, with the dinner and celebration getting underway at 6:30.

Spring Valley has initially reserved a table for ten. Three seats are still available at that table, but additional tables can be reserved until May 1. (Open seating remains available until May 21.) Please contact Larry George as soon as possible if you would like to be a part of this evening of celebration.

It will be a special day...

...for mothers, grandmothers, sisters and aunts - even dads, brothers and uncles - as our Spring Valley Children's Choirs present their annual Mother's Day musical. Mark your calendars, and plan to join the children as they present the exciting story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho - seen through the more modern eyes of a news crew. Join the children that evening at 6:30pm in Wesley Hall, and receive a blessing, as they present "I Witness News: Live from Jericho."



Welcome, new members!

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Senior Recognition Sundays are May 2 and 16

The graduating high school seniors of 2004 will be leading us in worship, song, scripture, and sermon. 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.

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, May 2, 2004, Senior Recognition Sunday

- 9:45am Sunday School
11am Worship
12:15pm Banquet (Wesley Hall) for Seniors & their families.
All youth are invited.
3:30pm Youth Singers
6pm Showcase! & Spaghetti Supper

This Sunday is Senior Recognition Sunday 2004 (SRS '04). Not only will our graduating seniors be recognized at the 8:30 and 11:00 sanctuary worship services, they will be leading worship as well--from the call to worship, to the sermon, to the benediction. Youth Singers will join them in worship leadership at the 11am service. Our seniors are Kay Holstien, Stephanie Chapman, Danielle Williams, Kim Sumner, Anna Haney, and Travis Hughes.

All youth are invited to join the seniors and their families at our annual Graduation Banquet Sunday in Wesley Hall after 11am worship. There will be presentations, speeches, and of course the Senior Video.

Sunday evening is the return of a breathtaking Spring Valley UMC tradition: ***The Annual Showcase & Spaghetti Dinner.***

Our mission collection of summer toys and swimwear for the children at ***Genesis Women's Shelter*** is underway!! All youth are reminded to bring your gift this Sunday. We will also include a collection of gently-used and 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 Missions Core Process Group.

Congrats to: Tyler Stevenson, who took second place in District on the discus throw.

Best wishes to Ann Michele King, as she recovers from surgery.

Mark Your Calendars:

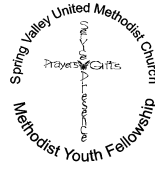
- May 2 Senior Recognition Sunday
May 15 Service Saturday: Deliver collected items to Genesis
July 9-18 Appalachia Service Project (registration form is on line)
July 31-Aug 6 Colorado Easter Seals Trip (registration form is on line)

New college class begins on May 16

If you have college-age children, college friends, or know somebody in that age group, spread the word: We are reigniting our college class, starting Sunday, May 16. This is an opportunity to reconnect with each other and Spring Valley UMC. They'll share their thoughts, feelings, and ideas about the world they are inheriting and how their faith will shape their world.

Support group is formed for widows, widowers

A support group for those who have lost a spouse to death has been formed for people under the age of 55. Whether your loss is new or years ago, all are welcome. It will be held at First United Methodist Church in Irving on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-830pm. Free childcare will be available. For details, call Paula Huffaker at 972-233-7671, ext. 14.



This is your opportunity to honor a very special person in your life with a tribute gift to **The Spring Valley UMC Foundation** commemorating

Mother's Day, 2004

What better way to remember a loved one!
Mother's Day ~ May 9

A personalized acknowledgment card will be sent in advance of her Special Day (if the gift is an honorarium) or to you (if the gift is a memorial). Your gift ensures Spring Valley's continuing efforts to provide a place and programs for ministry and mission in Christ's name.

My Mother's Day Tribute

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Please send acknowledgement card to:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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.

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 2

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.

NETwork has Mother's Day food drive

Can you imagine how it feels to be a mother with hungry children and no food to feed them? Hopefully, none of us can relate to that experience, but it is happening every day. Pay the rent or feed the kids. Pay the electricity bill or feed the kids. Buy needed medicine or feed the kids.



Thank goodness there's an emergency safety "net" for persons living in RISD. Thanks to the leadership of hundreds of volunteers, the generosity of churches, corporations, and individuals, we have Richardson NETwork of Community Ministries. We are part of the solution for those needy Moms who are looking for help for themselves and for their children.

Bringing non-perishable food on May 9 is another way of saying "Happy Mother's Day." Collection boxes are in the hall. Monetary gifts may be dropped in the collection plate or left in the business office.

Remember all the special mothers in your life, but don't forget those unknown moms who are struggling.

Seekers Class celebrates 40 years

The Seekers 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.

Noteworthy news

May 2

8:30 Men's Choir

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

11:00 Youth Singers, *Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts*

May 9

8:30 Choral Ens., *The Greatest of These Is Love*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *The Greatest of These Is Love*

Jan Aphthorp, flute

Showcase & Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 2, at 6:00 in Wesley

Want to enjoy some great entertainment, eat Italian cuisine, and support the youth of our church? Our youth talent show will feature individual and group selections from Youth Singers and Youth Ringers. Dinner tickets are \$4 each, with a \$15 maximum for a family.



Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

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

May 9 - John Clark continues the second lesson.

Beacon Class

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

May 2 - Seekers' 40th anniversary speaker, Dr. Don Benton

May 9 - Bob Crockett, *Arts in the Church*

May 16 - Jan Aphthorp, *Music in the Church*

May 23 - TBA

May 29 - Carlos Nascimento

Updating Hispanic Ministry

Wesleyan Class

May 2 - Dan Kasten

May 9-16 - Tom Christian

May 23-30 - Gene Harrell: Jesus, The New Way
~Startling Surprises ~Longing for a King

May 12 - Class luncheon, Mary Ellen's Tea Room
11:30am, 138 Spring Creek Village, NW corner at Coit/Beltline

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

Ann Michele King

SVUMC Church Family

Keith Kakacek

Elaine Shook

Sylvia Knox

Darlene Twiss

Kay Hutchins

Joe Lees

Lou Ellen Wood

Troy Sumner

Catharine Gebhardt

Bob McGuire

Tommi Ezell

Bryan Purcell

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Cindy Stamps' grandson, Justin Davis

Lori Johnson's fiancé, Reuben

Alan Moore's friend, Malcolm Miller

Buz LaFrano's stepmother, Sue LaFrano

Lola & Burt Copeland's friend, Clyde Davis

Rachel Harries' friend, Kellye Samuelson

Sally and Carmen Kilgore's family members,

Bianca and Daniel

Jeff Martin and his friends, Jessie and Crawford

Herb Lee's father, Ed Lee

Chris Ozley's brother, Dan Colbert

All service men and women serving in

Afghanistan and Iraq

Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Deepest sympathy to:

Mary Hill and family on the death of her father, Richard Coit

Hazel Matthews and family, on the death of her brother-in-law, Stan

Janice Davis, long-time SV member, on the death of her mother and brother

Congratulations to:

Howard and Jo Ellis who celebrated their 55th anniversary on April 23