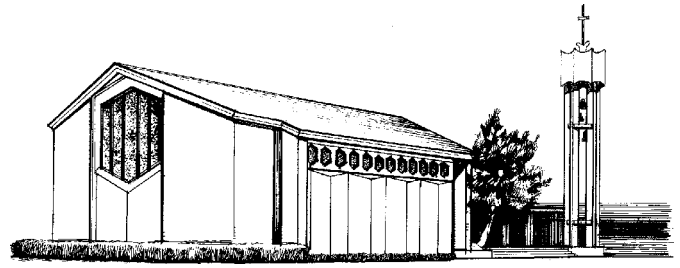


Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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Piercing the Darkness

Join us for these services of Holy Week and Easter, as we celebrate the victory of God's light and love in a world of darkness and uncertainty.

Thursday, April 8 - Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm, Wesley Hall

~ fellowship meal and a dramatic reenactment of the Last Supper, ending with Holy Communion

Friday, April 9 - Good Friday, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

~ a "Service of Shadows" (Tenebrae) featuring a choral offering of "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Chancel Choir and orchestra.

Sunday, April 11 - Easter Services

6:30 - SonRise in the Courtyard (Wesley Hall, if rain)

8:30 & 11:00 - Traditional "Darkness to Light" in Sanctuary

11:00 Contemporary Common Ground in Wesley Hall

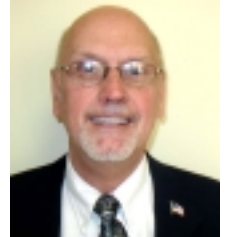
Welcome, new members!

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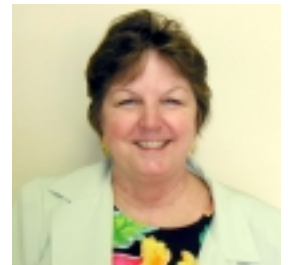


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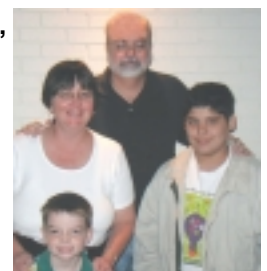
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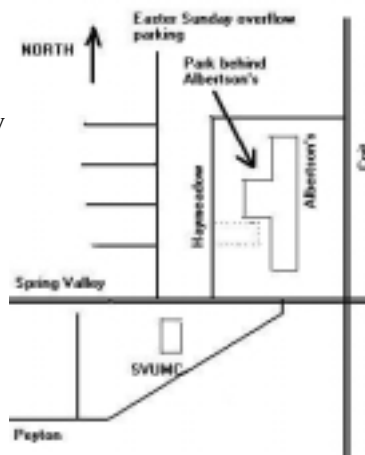
Special parking provided for Easter

During the past few weeks, more and more people have come through the doors of SVUMC to worship God and join in fellowship together. And we anticipate even more on Easter! So we need your help.

The Welcome Ministry has scheduled two people-mover busses to shuttle people from the Albertson's parking lot and has arranged for police officers to direct traffic on Spring Valley. In order to keep church property traffic lanes open for the busses, we will be designating an on-campus area for visitor parking. This area will be convenient to the sanctuary entrance. Members who need to use the church lot will be asked to park at the Wesley entrance.

We need:

1. Members to use our off-site parking at the north end of Albertson's parking lot on Coit Rd. Please thank Bill Crosley and his team at Albertson's when you shop there. We appreciate their assistance in making this possible.
2. Members, if at all possible, to drive one car per family on Easter.
3. Everyone to be unofficial greeters, welcoming and greeting visitors and members in the name of Christ.



What's new for YOUth...

Sunday, April 11, 2004

- 5:45am All Youth arrive for SonRise Service
- 6:30am Easter SonRise Service
- 8:30am Sanctuary Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00 Sanctuary or Common Ground Worship

On Sunday, April 11, the Youth will lead the congregation in an Easter morning SonRise celebration which starts at 6:30am. Youth are asked to arrive at 5:45am to begin preparations. Celebrating our risen Lord is worth getting up in the morning for!

Do you remember how much fun you had last April at the Spring Spiritual Retreat? Do you remember that it was so great that we couldn't stop talking about it for weeks afterward? Remember all the fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth we did? Want to do it again? Here's your chance!

Registration forms are On-Line! Forms needed for registration for Spring Spiritual Retreat 2004, ASP 2004, and Colorado 2004 are all available at the church website. (We are now filling the waiting list for ASP.) Go to www.svumc.org/Education/Youth.

In Sunday School, we have completed our first six-weeks in our "Heart" classes. The second section starts on April 25. On April 11, we'll have an informal Easter lesson. On April 18, while some of us are on retreat, there will be a terrific Sunday school lesson for those of us who stay in town that weekend.

Coming Soon: Collection of summer toys and swimwear for the children at Genesis Women's Shelter--a joint project of Youth and Missions Core Group.

Mark Your Calendars:

- April 11 Easter SonRise service
- April 16-18 Spring Spiritual Retreat (Registration form is on line.)
- April 21 Genesis Women's Shelter (It's a Wednesday evening.)
- May 2 Senior Recognition Sunday
- July 9-18 Appalachia Service Project (Registration form is on line.)
- July 31-Aug 6 Colorado Easter Seals Trip (Registration form is on line.)

We welcome Jana Kizova from the Czech Republic

Spring Valley Mission Core Process Group invites you to hear Jana Krizova at Christ United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch, on Wednesday, April 21. Dinner is at 6pm; program is at 7pm. RSVP to Neil Williams, 972-238-5608, by April 18.

Jana Kizova is the lay leader of the Annual Conference in the Czech Republic, home of our sister church in Slany. She and her son visited Spring Valley a few years ago. She will speak about progress in her annual conference and its relationship with the North Texas Annual Conference.

Also remember...

1. Second Sunday (April 11) food drive for Richardson NET
2. Austin Street Centre breakfast (April 18) sign up continues



Getaway offered to Puerto Rico

John and Jeanne Larranaga have just 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 de 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.

Summer internship available for high tech public relations coordinator

Neighborhood Service Council has received a grant from ExxonMobil for an eight-week (35 hours per week) internship, June 7 - August 1, 2004. Primary responsibility for this High Tech Public Relations Coordinator will be to heighten community awareness and develop informational recruitment and sponsorship materials for a hands-on, collaborative educational program. Duties include interaction with corporate, educational, and governmental groups.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in undergraduate school and returning to college full-time in the fall. **Deadline for application is April 14.** Call Janis Dumas, 972-239-3501, or email her at NSCI@sbcglobal.net for details.

April UMW meeting is after Easter

Our next UMW meeting is April 19. Our speaker is our Youth Director, Frank Rahm, who will talk about youth activities and youth mission projects. Lunch is at 11:30; the program will begin at 12:15.

At our February meeting, the women of the church were invited to a kitchen shower for Wesley Hall's kitchen. The response was wonderful! We now have new small appliances, pots and pans, new linens, and many new utensils. A great big thank you to our congregation who have helped us.

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 includes dinner and entertainment. See Betty Hopper or Barbara Zoeller for tickets.

Family picnic and egg hunt

Food, fun, and fellowship was enjoyed on Sunday at the family picnic and egg hunt! Thanks to the Children's Council and everyone else who cooked hot dogs, set up for lunch, and hid eggs. There were tons of eggs, thanks to the generosity of everyone who brought filled eggs and candy.



Rita Dickerson and Deb Tucker, Children's Council members, help with the hot dog and potluck buffet.



Lisa Phillips, Children's Council Chairperson, opens the door for the 3rd-6th graders to hunt eggs, as Lauren Sandstedt and Kellye McGuire take off.



Leah Wood, Allison Wood, Emma Hudgins, and Caroline Rahm show off the eggs they found on the playground.



Noteworthy news

Easter Sunday, April 11

6:30 Youth Singers

Hallelujah, Now Be Joyful
and *On The Third Day*

8:30 and 11:00, Chancel Choir, *Joy in the Morning*

8:30 and 11:00 Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Hallelujah Chorus

April 18

8:30 and 11:00, *I Am His Child*

Jo Martens, Alice McElroy & Patti Malone, trio
11:00 Chancel Choir, *Kyrie* by Dvorak from "New World Symphony"

"Seven Last Words of Christ," Good Friday

Theodore Dubois' powerful work will be presented by the choir, soloists, and orchestra. Soloists are Peggy West, soprano; Max Taylor, tenor; Dave Jones, baritone. Laura Logan, principal harpist with the Richardson Symphony, will play the offertory solo.

Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

April 11 - The Forty Days from Resurrection to Ascension - We will see how these events are relevant to the salvation of believers. Robert Gross will lead.

April 18 - Roger Boldt will talk about Spring Valley's Stephen Ministry.

Beacon Class

April 11 - Easter Sunday, "The Meaning of Easter"

Seekers Class

April 11 - Rev. Dr. John Ogden continues his Easter lessons.

April 18 - "The Unauthorized Bible," by Gary Holthaus, will be presented by Bill Hunter.

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 11-18 - Gene Harrell, The Resurrected Life - Understanding the Meaning of Easter

April 25 - Gene Harrell: To be determined

May 2 - Dan Kasten: To be determined

This month's luncheon is at Eduardo's at Arapaho and West Shore (SE corner) on Wednesday, April 14, at 11:30am.



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.

SVUMC Church Family

Keith Kakacek
Carmen Copeland
Catharine Gebhardt
Gerry Broome
Bob McGuire
Tommi Ezell
Randy Smith
Dillon Tucker
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Betty Hopper's friend, Jo Kay Gary
Les Reed's brother
Tricia Smith's friend, Josh DeVous
Terri Hartman's aunt, Esther
Elizabeth Woods' grandmother, Janet Wilkinson
Cynthia Lee's father, J.C. Ivy
Herb Lee's father, Ed Lee
Forest and Sue Cummings' friend, Patti Roberts
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Car Wash

Church Parking Lot
Every Wednesday, 10-4
Wash & Dry, \$6
Wash, Dry & Vacuum, \$20
Detail & Wax, \$49
Benefitting the
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Ministry Missions Projects
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