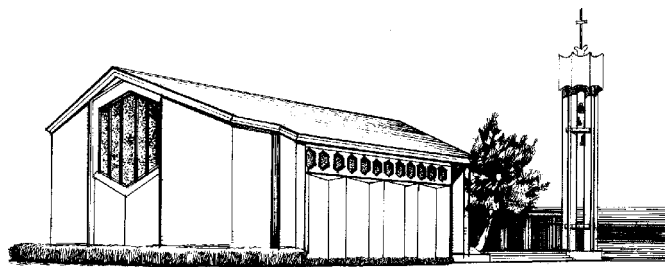


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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A special Mother's Day event...



The Children's Choirs of Spring Valley United Methodist Church, plus some of our Sunday school children, are busily preparing for their annual musical - "**Kings, Dreams, and Schemes.**" This exciting musical is the story of Daniel and his experiences with some Old Testament kings - King Nebuchadnezzar, King Belshazzar, and King Darius (alias, Larry George), their dreams, and some lions.

All members of the church, mothers and otherwise, are invited to

come and be a part of our children's exciting program on May 11th - Mother's Day - at 6:30pm in Wesley Hall.

What better place could you plan to be than at Spring Valley, listening to its children, on Mother's Day evening. See you there!

Welcome, new members!



Chuck Apthorp

Jan Apthorp (already a member)
11338 Ferndale Rd.
Dallas, TX 75238

214-349-3804



Dave Orvis

(pictured with his mother and grandmother)
280 W. Renner #5522
Richardson, TX 75080

972-690-1699

Easter carnival update

Saturday, April 19, 10 till noon, Spring Valley United Methodist Church welcomed over 300 children for an Easter carnival. Children came streaming in the door to hunt Easter eggs, touch the petting zoo animals, have their pictures made with the Easter Bunny, get their faces painted, and eat lots of popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. Older children heard the Easter story in Wesley Hall while younger ones participated in fun songs and stories.

Weather conditions caused some events to be moved inside the church. Two billy goats, a lamb, a rabbit, and a rooster were in Harkness Hall on astroturf. Seventy church volunteers manned the events and helped children have a good time.

Several families picked up brochures about the church at the information table, so remember to look for new faces and extend an energetic welcome to anyone you may not know.

What's new with **YOUth**...

Youth Mission Shares sales have begun! For the past two years, the congregation's support of Youth Ministries have enabled us to "do unto the least of these" in Colorado, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Texas.

This Sunday, May 4, is Senior Recognition Sunday at Spring Valley. It is a special time for our youth as we acknowledge the love and leadership shown by our seniors over the years. As seniors, they will graduate and move to college. We can be a part of this celebration of their life of faith here at Spring Valley. Since 7th grade, they have been looking forward to Senior Sunday as they lead worship, present their "Senior Video," and take part in the showcase. This is a meaningful day in the youth year, and all youth are strongly encouraged to make all arrangements to attend.

Sunday, May 4 - Senior Recognition Sunday

- 9:45am Youth Sunday School
- 10:30am Youth Singers to Choir Room
- 11:00am Seniors & Youth Singers lead Sanctuary Worship
- 12:15pm Luncheon for Seniors & their families; all youth invited to the showing of traditional "Senior Video" presentations
- 3:30 p.m. Showcase preparations begin
- 6:00 p.m. Showcase, Wesley Hall

Youth Sunday School this Sunday, May 4, is at 9:45. We will continue studying The Trinity. This series of lessons is very important to our spiritual growth. Please come and be a part of this exciting time.

UMYF Announcement: All youth should come and be part of or watch the Showcase. It's a lot of fun and an important event in the youth year. Please make plans to be there.

Congrats to: *Emily King* who earned 1st Lieutenant for next year on the Williams High School Drill Team

Caitlin Tucker & Maureen Kumar, who won the RISD Tennis 8th Grade Doubles Championship

Emily Rahm, who is portraying Ann Frank

Jonathan Andersen, who has been accepted at The State University of New York at Purchase

Katie Case, who has been accepted at Baylor University

Lauren Parrish, who has been accepted at The University of Oklahoma

Andrew Hartgraves, who has been accepted at TSTC at Sweetwater

Amy Schneckner, who has been accepted at University of Texas at Arlington

Best Wishes to: Everybody who is taking the TAKS test this week!

Sympathy to: George & Pam Reese, from the Youth Group, on the death of George's mother, Loraine.

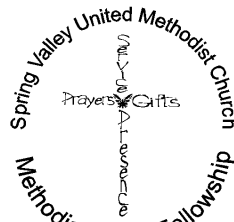
Mark Your Calendars!! Wow!! There's a lot going on!!

May 4, Senior Recognition Sunday 2003, (Srs. '03) **and** Showcase

June 5, First Mission-n-More, (it's now called "Hearts-n-Helpers")

July 4-July 13, ASP

July 26-August 3, Colorado Easter Seals



Noteworthy news...

Thanks to all who made the bell concert a success! All members of our ringing choirs thank everyone who attended our recent bell concert. We raised \$303 toward a new bass bell case. Thanks to all of the ringers for a great job and dedication to attendance that is so necessary in having a good bell choir. Thanks to Michael McElroy who directed the two elementary children's bell choirs. Thanks to Jody Cox and Alice Cromwell for assisting him during the year. Thanks to everyone who brought food. This was a fantastic way to end the year!



Upcoming Music

Sunday, May 4

8:30 Men's Choir, *Gather Us In*

11:00 Youth Singers, *O Bless the Lord*

Kay Holstien, soloist

For the Beauty of the Earth,

Youth Singers and liturgical dancers

Sunday, May 11

8:30 Ladies Ensemble, *A Mother Lined a Basket*

11:00 Chancel Choir,

All Things Bright and Beautiful

This Sunday, May 4, Youth Singers will sing John Rutter's *For the Beauty of the Earth*. During their singing, liturgical dancers will interpret the text. Carla Jett, drill team instructor at Williams High School, will direct. The dancers are Carla, Emily Rahm, Amanda Nicholas, Melissa DeFoe, Emily King and Ann Michele King.

Youth Showcase & Dinner - May 4, 6pm, in Wesley Hall

Weekday Preschool News

It is hard to believe that this school year is winding down. Summer Camp for children 18 months through kindergarten begins June 2-30. We still have spaces in some classes, so call Beth at the school office, 972-233-2317, for a brochure.

Our website is full of pictures of happy, bright children. Check it out at www.svump.com.



All-church flea market, May 16-17



An all-church flea market is coming! There will be clothing, (especially spring and summer), household items, furniture, children's toys, sporting equipment, lawn and garden equipment in good working order, hand tools, ladders, etc., and large appliances (on selective basis). Proceeds go to Children's and Youth projects.

Receipts for donations will be available. Please save your cleaning

"throw-aways," *tell* your neighbors, and ask them to donate their items. Warehouse space and pick-up service is available. For more information, please call Donna Campbell, 972-661-1855, or Earl Barnette, 972-233-3129.



Annual Conference mission project

The Volunteer-in-Mission Team's 2003 Annual Conference mission project is to collect school supplies before May 18 for Mexico, Guatemala, & Honduras.

Collection boxes will be in the hall. Each set of supplies will be placed in a backpack for an elementary child. Please bring the supplies in a plastic or paper sack. It is important to include **ALL** the items on the list.

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| 4 #2 pencils | 1 pkg. 500 sheets wide-ruled notebook paper |
| 1 box of 16 crayons | 1 ruler scaled with metric markings |
| 1 small pencil sharpener | 4 blue or black ballpoint pens |
| 2 yellow legal pads | 1 pink eraser |

These supplies and/or monetary donations for backpacks will be collected by the SVUMC Mission Process Core Group. For more information, call Neil Williams, 972-238-5608.

Thank you...

to all who donated food and/or served at the Austin Street Center on Easter Sunday morning! Our creative volunteers prepared a festive table of brightly colored eggs, Easter candy, and an Easter basket with balloons. Spring Valley served 395 shelter occupants. As we returned to the church at sunrise, I think all of us came away with not only a great appreciation of our many material blessings, but also the great hope we have in our risen Savior!

Steve and Dana Taylor

Spring Valley Travelers trips, 2003

July 4 - Trinity Fest fireworks, <i>Beauty & the Beast</i> , dinner, commute	\$139
Sept. 27-October 5 - Niagara Falls, Toronto	\$609
November 5-7 - Ozark Fall Foliage	\$419

Call Chris Parton for details at 972-239-3369.

UMW Spring Banquet

Monday May 12 6:30pm \$8
Weslev Hall

Door prizes
Music
Food and fun



Come and bring a friend!

Sunday, May 4, is the last day to buy tickets at church. For reservations, call Barbara Zoeller, 972-239-9065, until May 7.

Aldersgate class program

Sunday, May 4 - Bill Hunter, Chairman of the North Texas Methodist Conference Creating Congregations Team, will review the *Vision 2020* program.

Sunday, May 11 - Cynthia Pharr will lead the final session of *30 Days to Understanding the Bible in 15 Minutes a Day!* We will cover chapters 28, 29, and 30.

Beacon class programs

All class sessions are led by John Dvorak.

May 4 - *The Secret and Significance of Joseph*, Genesis 37-50

May 11 - A four session series on *The Good News*, dealing with four defining moments in the life of Jesus. *The Good News in a Manger*, Luke 1 & 2, Matthew 2.

May 18 - *The Good News at a River*, Mark 1.

May 25 - *The Good News on a Cross*, Luke 13, John 19, Matthew 26 & 27.

June 1 - *The Good News from a Tomb*, Matthew 28, Luke 24

Wesleyan class

April 27 John Wesley Sermons Dr. Scott Somers

May 4 John Wesley Sermons Dr. Scott Somers

Powerpoint volunteers needed!

Call Linda West, 972-866-9046, for details.

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

Les Smith, Plano Rehab
Dale Kesler, Baylor

SVUMC Church Family

Gail Stevenson
Bill Darnall
Audrey Rozelle
Bob McGuire
Wanda Bettis
Jerry Jetton
Carmen Copeland
Bob & Darlene Twiss
Bob Hitch
Gwen Watson
Dottie Check
Sandra Guthrie
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

John Marsh
Duane and Pat Standlee's son-in-law,
Robert Rankin
Buz LaFrano's stepmother
Louise Miller's mother
Paul Ledbetter's friend, Steve Kauzlaric
Marty Yancy's father, Theo
Molly Schrader and her friends,
the Creery family
Betty Hopper's granddaughter, Robin
Barbara Cornelius's friend, John Blankenship
Floy Naugle's husband, Russell
Suellen Turner's friends,
the Rodriguez family
Paula Huffaker's neighbor, Bev Johnson
Max and Betty Taylor's son, Jeff

Elizabeth Wood's grandmother
and Freeman family
Those with ongoing concerns
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church

Deepest sympathy to:

George & Pam Reese and family on the death
of George's mother, Loraine

Congratulations to:

Elizabeth and Doug Kilgore on the birth of a
grandson, Collin Stuart
Jim and Rachel Edwards on the birth of a
granddaughter, Linnea Corinne