

Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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Palm Sunday Celebration Planned

"They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'" ~ Mark 11:7-10

This Sunday, April 13, we will celebrate Palm Sunday in all three of our morning services. There will be a children's palm procession at both 9:45 and 11:00. (The children will line up in front of the sanctuary to begin the procession.) Following the palm parade, the children's choirs will offer the opening songs of praise as we begin our worship; they will then go to the Gathering Room to continue their Palm Sunday celebration.

We'll see you Sunday as we shout our "Hosannas" together. And remember: The Parlor is open for coffee at 10:30 and again at 12noon to welcome our guests. Be sure to extend an invitation.



Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 16, 17, 18 ~ 6:30pm

Holy is the week...

Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...

*We move from hosannas to horror
with the predictable ease*

of those who know not what they do.

Our hosannas sung,

our palms waved,

let us go with passion into this week.

Holy Wednesday Taizé Service

The Spirit Choir will lead this meditative, candlelight service in the sanctuary as we reflect on God's love, made uniquely and eternally known through the sacrifice of Jesus.

It is a time for preparation...

*The time to give thanks and break
bread is upon us.*

*The time to give thanks and drink of the cup
is imminent.*

Eat, drink, remember:

*On this night of nights, each one must ask,
as we dip our bread in the wine, "Is it I?"*

Maundy Thursday Last Supper

As Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples, so, too, we will gather in Wesley Hall for a meal, followed by a reenactment of the Last Supper. We will close the service by sharing Holy Communion.

The only road to Easter morning

is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.

Only then will the alleluias be sung;

only then will the dancing begin.

Good Friday Tenebrae "Service of Shadows"

Using scripture readings interspersed with songs and hymns, the Chancel Choir will lead the congregation in "Behold the Darkness," as candles and lights are extinguished; the altar, draped in black.



Everyone is invited!

Children, parents,
grandparents, and neighbors

to the SVUMC

Easter Egg Hunt and
Carnival!

Saturday April 19 10-noon

There will be a petting zoo, bounce houses, face painting, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, and clowns with balloons.

Have your picture made with the Easter Bunny!

What's new with YOUTH...

Sunday, April 13

9:45am	Common Ground Worship Service
11am	Youth Sunday School
3:30pm	Youth Ringers
4:30pm	Youth Singers
5:30pm	Snack Supper \$3
6pm	UMYF until 7:30 p.m.



Sunday School: This Sunday, we continue our series on The Trinity. We will discuss that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have eternally acted together and are active in our lives. Read Psalm 139: 13-18.

UMYF: Please join us as Heather Sumner, Emily King, & Sarah Darnall give a program on violence. **This will be our last MYF for two weeks, because there is no MYF on Easter Sunday.**

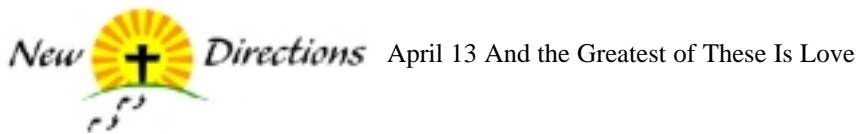
Retreat Report: We had a great time on our Spring Spiritual Retreat 2003. Thanks to our seniors who planned and led this wonderful retreat: Lauren Parrish, Katie Case, Andrew Hartgraves, and Jonathan Andersen. Great Job! We talked about justification, that we are "Made Right to Do Right". And we'll never forget the time we had on the HIGH ropes course!

Best wishes to: Katie Ledbetter, who has a band trip and competition this week; Stephanie Chapman, who has swimming & also sprained her wrist; and Drew Hartgraves, who was in a car accident Sunday, but uninjured!

Youth Singers are selling Easter Lilies only one more Sunday.

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

April 20	Youth Lead SonRise Service on Easter Sunday
April 26	Amigos Days (Service Saturday for April)
April 27	WhirlyBall for MYF!!!
May 4	Senior Recognition Sunday 2003, (SRS 03)
May 4	Showcase



Seeker class programs

April 13 - Dr. William Lawrence, the newly appointed Dean of Perkins School of Theology, will tell us about his plans and hopes for Perkins.

April 20 - Continuation of Rev. Don Barnes study, *The Jesus I Never Knew*

April 27 - Review of Vision 2020 progress and accomplishments compared to goals, presented by Bill Hunter, Chairman of Conference Creating Congregations Team

Aldersgate class program

April 13 - Robert Gross presents "An Easter Message."

April 20 - Easter, no Sunday school

April 27 - Mark Solomon leads session 11 of *30 Days to Understanding the Bible in 15 Minutes a Day!*

Noteworthy news...

April 13 last Sunday to order Easter lilies

Youth Singers will be taking orders for only one more Sunday. They are \$10 and can be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one, or be given to the glory of God.

Sunday, April 13

8:30 and 11:00, *The Holy City*, Jeanne Larrañaga

8:30 and 11:00, Carillon Ensemble

How Majestic Is Your Name

and *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

9:30 and 11:00, Children's Choirs, *Lo, He Comes*

Youth Singers thank you for your prayers last week as they presented the musical, *Godspell*.

Their choir tour is June 6-13. The first homecoming concert is a 2:30 matinee, \$6, with no meal.

The second is at 6:30, \$10, and will feature barbeque from "Red Hot and Blue."

Handbell Concert, Lunch, April 27, Noon

Our six handbell choirs will play a concert the Sunday after Easter. There will be a light lunch in Wesley following the 11:00 service. It's a fundraiser for new big bass cases.

One selection will be *Praise Him with Cymbals and Drums*. It will be played by Carillon Ringers and Youth Ringers together, along with percussion. Another piece played by two choirs, Carillon Ringers and Carillon Ensemble, is the lovely organ piece arranged by Michael Burkhardt and transcribed by Martha Lynn Thompson, *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*. Youth Ringers will play Hart Morris' arrangement of *Dry Bones* which is a very fun piece.

"Still Like That Old Time Rock-N-Roll"?

Friday, May 30th is a date for you to put your dancing shoes on!

Beacon class programs

"The Beginnings" led by John Dvorak

April 13 - "Jacob's Vision" - Genesis 28

April 20 - "Jacob at the Jabbok" - Genesis 29-33

April 27 - "The Joseph Story" - Genesis 37-50

Visitors are welcome, Asbury Hall, 9:30-10:45am





Habitat for Humanity

On April 5th, SVUMC provided breakfast and lunch to the Habitat volunteers at the construction site. A special thanks to the F.A.I.T.H. and Beacon Sunday school classes for their participation in providing much of the food. SVUMC had great representation that day with 12 hard-working volunteers. Thank you to all who helped on April 5th.

Construction continues on the Habitat home through May. If you would like to join in the work effort, you can sign up at the Habitat table near the church office on Sunday (no work will occur on Saturday, April 19th). For information regarding the construction, call Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570, or Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288.

Dimes a day offering, April 20

Austin Street Centre

We will serve breakfast to the 350 persons at Austin St. Centre on April 20, Easter morning. We meet at the church at 4:15am, carpool to the shelter, serve breakfast, and return to the church by 6:30am. That's plenty of time to participate fully in Easter worship. Living out the gospel by feeding the hungry is one way of making Christ REAL on the holiest day for Christians!

Since eggs are part of the breakfast, let's color all the eggs in traditional Easter fashion. We can help all the guests at breakfast recall the "kid" in themselves! Sign up or call Steve or Dana Taylor, 972-234-9867.

Annual Conference mission project

The Volunteer-in-Mission (VIM) Team will collect school supplies for Mexico for the 2003 Annual Conference mission project.

In an elementary student backpack, please include four #2 pencils, 1 box of 16 crayons, small pencil sharpener, 4 blue or black ballpoint pens, 1 pink eraser, 1 pkg 500 sheets wide-ruled notebook paper, 2 yellow legal pads, and 1 ruler scaled with metric markings. These supplies, as well as monetary donations, will be collected all through May. For additional info, call Neil Williams, 972-238-5608.

All-church flea market - May 16-17



The Aldersgate class is having an all-church flea market on Friday and Saturday, May 16-17. They will have 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). Receipts for donations will be available. Please: **Save** your spring cleaning "throw-aways" for this event, and **tell** your neighbors and ask them to donate their items. Warehouse space is available. For questions and information concerning this event, please call Donna Campbell, 972-661-1855, or Earl Barnette, 972-233-3129.

Children's Chatter



Teacher Appreciation Sunday

On Sunday, April 27, we will honor the "cream of the crop" at Spring Valley. All special persons who have worked with children will be honored with refreshments and recognized in the worship service. They have given their time, love, and energy to our children; and we want to show them how much they are appreciated. Remember to tell your child's Sunday morning leader how much you appreciate them here at Spring Valley.

Confirmation

Our sixteen confirmation students are busy now preparing for Confirmation Sunday, May 16th. They are learning what it means to be a Christian and how God offers new life to everyone through Jesus. Richard and Dorothy Milner have taught an awesome confirmation program for many years. We are very blessed to have them leading this extremely important year of a sixth grader's growth in faith. We all look forward to Confirmation Sunday to witness this class publicly announce their commitment to Christ's holy church.



United Methodist Women April 14

Bobbie Boger will talk about her return trip to Haiti in February. Lunch is at 11:30, and our program is at 12:15.

Bazaar thanks!

Thanks to everyone who lent a helping hand with the spring bazaar and bake sale. Everyone's participation (including those busy hands who crafted, helped set up, baked goodies, worked and shopped the sale, and many others) contributed to the spirit of fellowship and the success of the sale. You are appreciated!

Spring Valley Travelers trips, 2003

- April 23 - DART rail to the zoo \$ 10
 - July 4 - Trinity Fest fireworks, *Beauty & the Beast*, dinner and transportation \$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.

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

Dale Kesler, Baylor Dallas

Sandra Guthrie
Georgie Ann Davis
Homebound members

SVUMC Church Family

Lynna Fraser
Jerry Jetton
Ray Smith
Stephen & Yvonne Wilder
Carmen Copeland
Gene Mundy
Susan Kasten
Lorraine Reese
Bob & Darlene Twiss
Bob Hitch
Gwen Watson
Kay Kee
Dottie Cheek

Extended Church Family

Paul Ledbetter's friend, Steve Kauzlaric
Melody Grantham's friend, Ellen Diltz
Molly Schrader's friend, Evelyn Hallenback
Tricia Smith's friends, Dean McCauley & Will Nannay
Betty Hopper's granddaughter, Robin
and Betty's friend, Jo Kay Gary
George & Barbara McVay's friends,
Karl Young and Ed Buford
Kathy Watson's grandmother, Minnie Sigler
Barbara Cornelius's friend, John Blankenship
Judy Hitch's friends, Bill and Delores Burch
Carlos Nascimento's father, Joaquin Nascimento

Alan Moore's cousin's husband, Rick Ellis
Mildred Eubanks' friend, Mary Zamyon
Paula Tarver's sister, Marty Land
Liz Gross' aunt, Cleo Philpot
Paula Huffaker's neighbor, Bev Johnson
Max and Betty Taylor's son, Jeff
T.J. Hartman's daughter, Jena
The Geymuller family
Elizabeth Wood's grandmother's friend
Those with ongoing concerns
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church

Our Military family in the Middle East

Tom and Nancy Purcell's son, Bryan
Marci Armstrong's cousin, John Austin Nite
Gary Stephen's son-in-law, John Patterson
Coalition Servicemen and Women