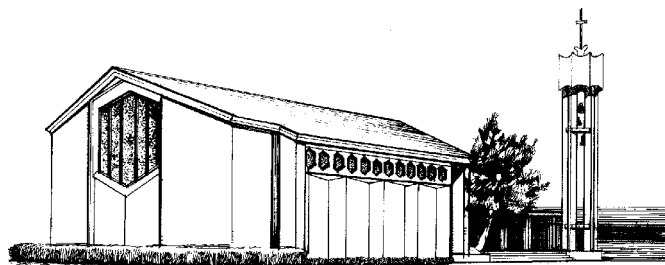


# Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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## "MAD" Camp enjoyed by all



### MAD Camp proves a delightful success

It was great! On Tuesday, we had a total (including adults, youth helpers and children) of 60 participants. Children, adult leaders, and youth helpers all had a wonderful time. Many children who had not previously participated in the children's program now plan on being in choir and bells. The families of several children have expressed their interest in visiting the various worship services of our church.



Children had a great time learning "music, arts, and drama" in Spring Valley's MAD Camp!

Classes for the children included piano, voice, improvisational acting, character development acting, handbells, and crafts relating to the theme of the day. The children learned about Noah as they presented "100% Chance of Rain" on Friday, August 6, at noon and on Sunday, August 8, in Common Ground worship service. There were 175 people in attendance at Common Ground!



### Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study, an intensive 32-34 week study of Holy Scripture in small covenant groups, will continue registration during August. Classes begin in early September. Options are being offered at various levels of this program. It is designed for anyone desiring a deeper understanding of faith through study of God's Holy Word and more connection to others on that journey. For information, contact Rev. Anna Hoseman-Butler, 972-233-7671, ext. 19.

## What's up for YOUTH

Sunday, August 15

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

6pm UMYF - Special Event!!! In the spirit of love, nurture, and

support, we are offering a hat shower for our sister in Christ. Please bring a soft, comfy, and cute hat for Ann Michele! She continues on to good health!

**Congrats to:** Jack Harries, who joined a select competitive soccer club!

**Your August newsletters** were sent with a registration form for Renewal Retreat 2004; aka, the Big Boat Ride Retreat. Sign up now!

**Attention, parents:** Snack Supper schedules have been sent out for the school year. Please watch your mailbox. As always, thank you very much for your support. We couldn't do this without you!

### Mark Your Calendars:

August 15 Special Event: Watch your mailbox.

August 27-29 Retreat! The Big Boat Ride.

September 12 Youth Ringers & Youth Singers renew rehearsals



## Noteworthy news

### Upcoming music

#### August 15

8:30 and 11:00, Lynn Mock - solo

11:00 Chancel Choir, *The Heavens Are Telling*

#### August 22

8:30, Men's Chorus, *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

8:30 and 11:00, Dave Jones and Rusty King, duet

11:00, Chancel Choir, *Keep Your Lamps*

#### August 29

8:30 & 11:00, Kellye McGuire, *Amazing Grace*

11:00, Chancel Choir, *If Ye Love Me*

#### September 5

8:30, Men's Choir, *Come as a Child*

11:00, Chancel Choir, *Tandi Tanga Jesus*



## Youth Singers' swim party on Sunday, August 22

Calling all 7th through 12th graders! If you want to be in Youth Singers as a member or as a tech helper in this year's musical, "Star," then join us at the DeFoes' house from 3:30 until 5:30. Youth with last name starting with "A-H" bring drinks. Youth with last name "I-P" bring chips and dip. Youth with last name "Q-Z" bring desserts. Our choir tour will take us to Houston, Port Aransas, Mustang Island, and Austin on June 10-17, 2005.

## "Second Helpings" dinners to start

"Second Helpings," a monthly time of dinner, fellowship and learning will resume on the second Wednesday of September, the 8th. Subsequent dates include Oct. 13, Nov. 10 (celebrating the Annual UMW Holiday Bazaar) and Dec. 8. Tentative educational offerings include: A Study of Islam; "Being Methodist in the Bible Belt," and a short course in December amidst the hectic holiday season on "Spending Christmas with God." Meal and fellowship, 5:30-6:30. Program, 6:30-7:30.

## Spring Valley Travelers trips

Sept. 4-12 *Wyoming Trails Tour*

Sept. 11 *Ride 7 Rails in Colorado*

Sept. 14-20 *Mt. Rushmore & Black Hills*

Sept. 27-Oct. 1 *Memphis and Tunica*

Oct. 16 *Oktober Fest*

Please call Chris Parton, 972-239-3369, for details on these and other trips this year.

## Stay safe at church

On August 3, a car was stolen from Preston Hollow United Methodist Church. A parent arrived at the church's day school to pick up her child. She left her car with her purse in it and the motor running. She was in the school only long enough to go to her child's classroom, get her child, and return to the car. By then, her car had been stolen. The church's driveway/parking area apparently had been watched for some time by a thief (or thieves) who noticed that parents sometimes leave their cars running during this hot weather. It only took a minute, and the car was gone. Unfortunately, it happens ... even at church. Please be careful and stay safe.

## Lancaster flood victims still need assistance

The Lancaster Outreach Center (LOC) is an agency of the Lancaster Ministerial Alliance and an out-growth of the ministries of First United Methodist Church of Lancaster. The LOC and FUMC are gathering the names of families who need help recovering from the recent floods in south Dallas County.

Immediate help is needed (1) for volunteer teams of about 10 people to "much and rip" as many as 12 homes in Lancaster -- cleaning out mud, removing carpets, and moving destroyed personal items to the curb, and (2) for automobile mechanics to get 107 flooded cars and pickups operational so that people can go back to work.

The next phase will be in 2-3 weeks when it is time for new dry wall, tape and bed, flooring, paint, refinishing, etc. More information is available through our SVUMC office and adult Sunday school classes.

## Blood drive is October 17

Since 56 days are needed between donations, you are encouraged not to donate after August 20 in order that we may have a generous turnout on our collection date. For more information, call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

## Missions cover many areas

Neighborhood Service Council, Inc., a non-profit, year-round program for children, is based at Spring Valley. Its director is our own Janis Reid Dumas. Our church is only one of many who contribute valuable volunteer resources. And yet the needs continue! Please prayerfully consider the following needs as summer transitions into the after school program; 50 children are expected to participate.



### **KEYS (Keeping Every Youth Safe) Training, Sept. 7, 9:30am-12**

Orientation and training is provided for volunteers who wish to give some time to NSCI programs. Volunteers have a positive affect on the lives of low-income and at-risk latchkey children. If you are interested, please call us.

### **2004-2005 Volunteer Round-Up on Sept. 9, 10am-noon**

**Adventure Time** after-school volunteers are dedicated and committed to serving this community. If you will be working with NSCI during the school year, please join us to find out what's new. We will be working with the brand new Carolyn Bukhair Elementary School.

Other needs include the following:

~*Volunteer van drivers* are needed Monday through Friday for after-school pickups, beginnings at 2:30. The van is insured and used for all program transportation. The van never rolls without a staff person in addition to the driver. Drivers must be at least 25 years of age with a safe driving record.

~*Tutoring* volunteers will participate in bringing up grades (B.U.G.) on Monday-Friday from 4:30-5pm.

~*Soccer Coaching* for the fall will kick off with Soccer Start Super Soccer sign-up on August 28, Saturday from 10am-2pm. We need people to staff this event and assist with soccer player sign-ups and coaches willing to make it happen.

### **Wish list includes supplies and scholarships**

Give the gift that keeps on giving -- invest in children. Check out the fall wish list. Last school year, over 135 children signed up with NSCI for the free after school program that serves area schools, low-income, at-risk latchkey children. Please contact Sandy Han or Janis Dumas at 972-239-3501.

### **Supply Needs for ADVENTURE TIME, the after school program:**

Healthy, dry, ready-to-eat snacks for active elementary-aged children.

School supplies, including pencils.

Please call Sandy Han or Janis Dumas, 972-239-3501, for more information.

### **Dimes-a-Day offering**

August 15 is our third-Sunday, second-mile offering for missions. Your financial support is needed for Spring Valley to be in ministry worldwide. This offering is collected during worship at the close of each service.

This month we're especially thinking of our Spring Valley team who went to Guatemala on August 7 and will return on August 15. Dimes-a-Day is funding part of the medications and supplies cost. Please pray for a successful and meaningful mission experience for each of our missionaries!

## Children's news

Sign up to be an acolyte! Acolytes have an important job help in worship services.



Acolyte's light and extinguish the altar candles, receive the offering from the ushers, as well as help with baptisms and communion. All 5th and 6th graders are invited to participate in this important program. If you'd like more information or want to sign up call Jan Hudgins at 972-233-7671 ext. 20. Training for acolytes will be on Sunday, September 12 at noon and will include lunch.

## **Sunday School news...**

### **Aldersgate Class**

**August 15** - Joanna Shampine will teach the fourth lesson on Philippians in the *Joy Under Pressure* study series book, by Tim Stafford.

**August 22** - Our speaker is Susan Kasten. The topic is "A Question of Grammar."

**August 29** - Susan Kasten will speak on "Worship Musings."

### **Beacon Class**

#### **"Majestic Messages from the Mountain"**

The Beacon Class is studying the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). You are invited to hear John Dvorak present these messages.

### **Christian Parenting**

Mickey George, facilitator

~ A Study of Attitude 101 by John Maxwell

**August 15** - "Can an Attitude Be Changed?" and "Can Obstacles Actually Enhance?"

**August 22** - "What Is Failure?" and "What Is Success?"

### **Seekers Class**

**August 15** - Carol Summers Clark, chaplain at Methodist Hospital

**August 22** - Hymnfest with John Tarver

**August 29** - Report from Guatemala Mission Team

### **Wesleyan Class**

**August 15** - Don Bowen

**August 11** - Lunch at Dos Rios, 11:30am, Belt Line Road 1 block east of Coit Road.

**August 22 & 29** Jim Veach

## Joys and concerns

Call Alice Cromwell, 972-239-7332, or email her at [dallasal@swbell.net](mailto:dallasal@swbell.net) for any prayer concerns. These concerns will stay on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

### Hospital

Beverly Whitley

### SVUMC Church Family

Irwin Covey

Georgie Ann Davis

Barbara McVay

Lois Murphy

Lamar Ozley

Carol Robertson

June Lees

Sandra Guthrie

Catharine Gebhardt

Roberta Tipton

Don Barnes

Ted Dumas

Barbara Snelling

Carolyn Vead

Ann Michele King

Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Joyce Covey's sister, June Buchanan

Steve Harper's mother

Barb & Randy McAfee's cousin

Elizabeth Wood's father

Suellen Turner's father

James Faulkinbury, friend of SVUMC

Willdene Rowland's son, Randy

Mark Wood's parents

Dorothy Strait

John & Ruth Dvorak's son and

daughter-in-law, Johnny and Lillian

Ann & Ross Sanders' friend, Rick Aubrey

Elizabeth Earl's niece, GiGi Helme

Hilda Beverly's twin great-grandsons

Jimmy and Judy Mays' friends,

the Thomasons, and Kay Moore

Pam Reese's dad, Don Webb

Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney

John Tarver's brother, Joe Tarver

Nadine Haefs' mother-in-law, Jeanette Cogburn

Lori Johnson's fiance, Rueben Joswiak

People of Sudan

All persons serving in the military

Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

### Sympathy to:

Beth Copeland and family in the death of  
her brother, Leonard Garrett

### Congratulations to:

Dorothy and Rich Milner on the birth of their  
10th grandchild, Landon Matthew Robertson  
Jerry and Patti Malone whose son is due home  
from Iraq