

Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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Bible classes start for fall

Registration for Fall adult Bible studies starts August 14 and continues through Sept. 4. There are several offerings including:

~**Disciple I**, a comprehensive 34-week overview of the entire Bible.

George Reese facilitates on Thursday evenings from 7-9:30.

~**Disciple II**, an intensive study of Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts. John Dvorak facilitates on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

~**Disciple IV**, a focused study on the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation. There will be two sections: Richard Milner facilitates on Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30; Liz Gross facilitates a class on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30.

~**Christian Believer**, a theological study of the Christian faith based on the Apostles' Creed. Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler facilitates on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30.

~**Companions in Christ**, a 28-week study in Spiritual Formation led by SVUMC staff member Jan Hudgins, Tuesday evenings 7-9. Serving

~**From the Heart**, a study to help identify one's spiritual gifts, led by Cynthia Pharr-Lee. It will begin on Sunday, Sept. 11, and conclude on Sunday, Sept. 16, and meet from 9:45-10:45 during the Sunday School hour.

~**Also, Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler** will lead a 5-week seminar examining the recently-published book, *God's Politics*, by Jim Wallis. Registration will begin in Sept. for classes to be held on Wednesday evenings in October. On Wednesday, Sept. 14, a special "Second Helpings" of fellowship and learning will focus on a program designed by Christian educator Dana Allison about Internet safety for Children.

Welcome, new members!

**Dr. & Mrs. Dan
(& Kathy) Penick**
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Dallas 75206
214-987-9388

Robert Smalling
5541 Richard Avenue
Dallas 75206
972-681-5982

Baptism

**Cassidy Vincent
Pierre Kevorkian,**

baptized on July 3, 2005.

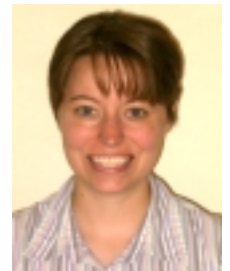
Parents are Michelle &
Antoine Kevorkian of
Grenoble, France; and

grandparents are Rosemary & Paul Mielly of
Dallas, Texas.



Welcome, Jeanne Larson

Jeanne is the newest member of the SVUMC staff, the children's choir director, and music secretary as of Aug. 3. She is a Masters of Sacred Music student at Perkins in her second year in the program, and is a candidate for deacon in the United Methodist Church. Jeanne hails from Cookeville, Tennessee. Her love of children, and her experience and training have prepared her for the two jobs she will have here.



The Music Man - colorful, fun, and entertaining!



Susan Denzer

Hammerin' away for Habitat

In the same way the little boy on the beach was "saving one starfish at a time" for the sake of the starfish, Habitat for Humanity is "building one house at a time" for the sake of a family. With a little bit of hammerin' and a whole lot of givin,' Habitat provides quality, affordable housing for families and aids in building communities of hope, dignity, and self worth.

Our own Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) has 13 churches, including SVUMC, dedicated to helping build homes in the Dallas area. Bill Boyer and Rhonda Huser represent SVUMC on the RAIH board of directors. There are 19 very grateful families now living in homes built with our RAIH monetary gifts and our volunteer time spent hammerin.'

Building on the 20th house begins Sept. 10 in the Pleasant Grove area in far East Dallas. More information will be available at the Habitat table where you can sign up as a volunteer. You need no previous experience.

On Aug. 21, Rhonda Huser will speak about Habitat in worship. Monies collected from our Dimes-a-Day offerings support the mission goals of our church. One of our goals for 2005 is to contribute \$4,000 to RAIH to help build Habitat houses. For details, call Rhonda Huser at 972-788-1288 or visit Spring Valley's web site: www.svumc.org and click on missions.

Dimes-a-Day offering is August 21

Minute For Mission during worship services is a keyhole peek at a SVUMC outreach program. You'll see and hear just a bit, and hopefully you'll decide you want to really open that door and see the complete picture!

Habitat would love for you to first help by being generous with your Dimes-a-Day offering on August 21. Secondly, they hope you'll sign up to actually help hang that door you helped open! You'll be volunteering right along beside the family, who will be moving into that house on December 3, 2005. Kind of makes that gift more personal, doesn't it?

Blood drive is October 16

Just a reminder that **August 21** is the last day to donate blood before the 56 day "rest" between donations for our church blood drive. Any donation before that time can be given at the Carter BloodCare Campbell Road location and still designated for our church account, number 020174. For more information, call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

Common Ground Contemporary Worship news

Aug. 21 - Dr. Paul Escamilla will preach a sermon entitled "Crossroads" on the Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20.

Aug. 28 - Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler will preach on the Gospel of Matthew, a sermon entitled "Stumbling Blocks" based on Matthew 16:21-28.

Sept. 4 - Labor Day weekend, Dr. Hosemann-Butler will preach on Romans 13:8-14, a sermon entitled "The trappings of our tasks."

Sept. 11 - Sunday School Celebration Sunday, Dr. Hosemann-Butler preaches on the Book of Deuteronomy, 6:1-9, a sermon entitled "Back to School, Back to Faith."



Join us for Sunday school

An updated list of all Sunday school classes is now available at the Visitors desk. Some current offerings include:

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

Aug. 21 - Jim Veach will cover the topic of Jacob - liar, thief, God's chosen one.

Beacon Class

Aug. 21 - Zechariah, Visions of An Intervening God

Aug. 28 - Joel, and the Dreams of God

Sept. 11 - Malachi, When Faith Grows Weary

Coming: A series on The Apostles' Creed - "A New

Look at an Old Creed," starting Sept. 18.

Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying Dawn Billings' book, *Greatness and Children*.

Come As You Are Class

Aug. 21 - Charles Spurgeon

Aug. 28 - Watchman Nee

All lessons are located in the *Devotional Classics* book.

Friends Class

All young adults, 20s-40s, married and single, are invited to join us for the video series, *That the World May Know*, by Ray Vander Laan. This is a history of the Old Testament and its applicability to the New Testament and our lives today.

Parents of Teenagers - Room 192

We are studying a book called *Making Love Last a Lifetime*, by Adam Hamilton. We will go to lunch following church, so we hope you can join us.

Seekers

Aug. 21 - Nancy Ferrell from the Pastoral Counseling Center will speak on *Mediations*.

Aug. 28 - Tom Christian - *Institutional Church*.

Sunday, September 11, is Sunday School Celebration day

Sunday School teachers of all ages will be recognized and their ministry celebrated, both in class and in worship services that day. There will be other special events planned for the morning as well. Mark that day on your calendar as we approach the fall season of study and fellowship.

What's up for YOUTH...

Aug 21 - 3:30-5:30pm Youth Singers swim party.

~5-6pm PARENTS MEETING. We would like to meet with every parent. This meeting is about the upcoming year(s).

~6-7:30pm UMYF is Group Discussion Night. Remember, snack supper starts in September!

~Aug 26-28 - BIG BOAT TRIP - This is a planning retreat for the upcoming year. We will have planning sessions, spend Saturday on the lake, and worship together. Cost is \$20 and DUE NO LATER THAN 6pm on August 21. We will have two different groups leaving for those with Friday night responsibilities. One group will leave Friday night @ 7pm, and the other will leave Saturday morning @ 7am. We **must** have a medical form on file from THIS YEAR (MAY) for you to go on the Big Boat Trip. We have them in the youth office or you can pick one up on Sunday. Bring any snacks or drinks that you want in addition to the provided meals. There will NOT be UMYF on Aug 28 Have a great week. MTLBYAKY, Jared and Megan



The Music Man, a rousing success!

Cast, crew, and orchestra combined to present a wonderfully entertaining show. It provided a door for two new musicians, a singer and a clarinetist into Spring Valley. It will provide the impetus for music in worship as the quartet plans to stay together. At the cottage meetings there was a need expressed for intergenerational activities which the show fulfilled. It was a great way for kids, youth and adults to get to know each other better.



Some of the main people to thank are:

Mark McElroy - drama director

Earl Barnette - tech chairperson

John Tarver - accompanist

Ann Michele King - choreographer

Marita Strange & Jody Cox - costume workers

Britt Adams - sound tech and artist coordinator

Charles McManus - set construction chair

Virginia Kassel - orchestra accompanist

Barbara Clark - instrumental coordinator

The list goes on and on, but the performers are to be congratulated on providing 3 delightful evenings. The attendance was 145, 165 and 195. We will realize a profit from the show.

Attention, parents of Youth Singers

Mark your calendars! Sunday, August 21

5-6pm - Youth Parents meet with Jared & Megan Williams

6-6:30pm - Youth Singers Parents meet with Rusty

...to submit a budget for Youth Singers Choir tour to the Finance Committee for Administrative Board by Sept. 1. Our first meeting for youth and parents to plan choir tour is Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7pm. That is too late for Finance Committee deadline, so we've added this earlier meeting. Let us know if you are able to attend this meeting to draft a proposed budget on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 6pm, after the youth parents meeting with Jared and Megan. Thanks, Rusty

A thank-you from London

On Sunday, July 24, just a few days after the second bombing attempts in the city of London, the gracious book of condolences was delivered to the congregation at Wesley's Chapel there. This is the text of their thank-you note to the people of Spring Valley UMC, written by the pastor there.

Dear Colleague,

I was so sorry not to have been able to respond more adequately to your lovely gesture in giving us the Book of condolences. We were very touched to receive it. Please convey our gratitude to the fine people of Spring Valley and tell them we are in good heart and getting on with life.

Sincerely, The congregation of Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, London, UK

Prime Timers want you!

August 24 - Ben Dickerson will cook his famous chicken stew for lunch. We will then hear a talk about the Hopkins County Stew Cook-off and Fair.



September 17 - We will go to the Hopkins County Fair in Sulphur Springs. We'll leave early to sample the stew entries. Transportation will be available, but we will need a count, so sign up at the volunteer's desk. Contact Ben or Sundra Culver for information.

Youth Singers Choir kick-off party

Youth Singers and Ringers have a kick-off party Sunday, Aug. 21, 3:30-5:30 at the home of Caitlin and Carson Tucker, 6946 Delmeta. Their phone is 972-980-2313. This is for all youth interested in participating in Youth Singers and/or Ringers for 2005-2006. We will serve hamburgers at 4:45 and then bring everyone back to the church by 5:45 for UMYF at 6pm. You may invite a friend!

Youth Singers and Ringers start on Sunday, Sept. 11. Please register Sunday, Aug. 21, at the choir registration booth and meet Jeanne Larson, the new children's choir director and music

Extending God's Path

Total received to date \$606,529

Received August 14 13,380

Attendance for August 14 417

Give God what's right, not what's left

secretary

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

Jim Yates

SVUMC Church Family

Frances Dale
Jo Ellis
the Bill Darnall family
Charlyne Gary
Susan Kasten
Audrey Rozelle
Jan Apthorp
Ann Michele King
Prissy Shafer
Mildred Eubanks
Catharine and Ted Gebhardt
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

SVUMV friend, Greg Haase
Gertrude Brocke's friends,
 Salome and Betrice Boyefio
David Willis' grandmother
Jan Hudgins' cousin
Jo Hunter's daughter's father-in-law,
 Larry Shedenhelm
Charles Hudgins' mother
Gene Harrell's sister, Marilyn Spence,
 and niece, Lori Pollard
Alice Cromwell's friends, the Puga family
Jo Hunter's friend, Larry Shedenhelm
Kathy Watson's grandmother, Minnie Sigler
 and friend, Bill Sallee
Frank and Barbara Zoeller's son, Mark
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson,
 and friend, Dwain Warren
Shirley Hughes' friends, Nathan McCormack,
 and his mother, Sarah Nuche

Marsha Aaron's friend, Kristi Hart
David Armstrong's father, Paul
Frank Andersen's mother
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,
 Gary and Jacqui Hopper
Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandi Frank
Janis & Jack Davis's daughter, Jennifer
Nadine Haef's husband, Dan
All persons serving in the military
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Thank you to:

Pat and Paul Christley and Betty Reichel for letting us display the treasures in the loggia that they brought back from their mission trip to Bolivia this summer. And thanks to all the missionaries to Bolivia and Guatamala.