

Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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Spring Valley receives gift of love

At the August 16 meeting of the Administrative Board, the great good news was shared that Spring Valley United Methodist Church was lovingly named in the wills of A.H. and Zoe Thompson as a primary beneficiary of their trust estate.

The first fifty percent of funds have now been distributed from the estate, with the remainder to be distributed around the end of the year when all remaining documents have been filed and taxes paid. Our Trustees have gratefully received the initial gift of \$411,878.17.

Over the next few months, the administrative and pastoral leaders of our congregation will be developing recommendations for the use of this wonderfully generous gift, in accordance with the Thompsons' only request -- that the funds be used "to enhance the physical facilities of the church and further the mission and operation of the church."

What an amazing gift of love and faith and trust we have been given! Let us thank God for the vision and generosity of Zoe and Dick Thompson.

"I'll take 'Mileage' for two-hundred, Alex."

"The answer is "6,340." Now the question: "How many miles did Spring Valley United Methodist Youth travel in mission during summer 2004?"

While Ken Jennings of Salt Lake City was spending 38 consecutive days on the television quiz show "Jeopardy," SVUMC youth were criss-crossing the country, spreading the gospel of the risen Christ in both word and deed.

The Youth Singers spread the Good News in Mississippi, Florida, and Georgia, bringing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" to several United Methodist congregations and one home for adults who are developmentally challenged. Not only did the audience at each stop hear again the message of God's grace and desire for relationship with us, God's children, but they also observed our youth representing their home church in the highest possible fashion, bringing only credibility and good news to these new friends met along the way.

In July, SVUMC youth hit the road again for the Appalachia Service Project. This year, SVUMC was assigned to the community of Newport/Del Rio Tennessee, east of Knoxville. Once again, the youth made their home church proud as they worked to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for the winter. Spring Valley partnered with a sister UM congregation in the Dallas

area, providing four work crews for ASP. One work crew finished a roof and bathroom; another added a bedroom for the children; a third built a new roof over a trailer, and the fourth installed a swing set, built bunk beds, and finished some interior dry-wall work. In the course of their work at each of these work sites, Spring Valley youth did "unto the least of these," answering Jesus Christ's call to discipleship.

In early August, it was once more "back on the bus." Our annual trip to Rocky Mountain Village, the Easter Seals camp of Colorado, proved to be

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Relationships and memories are made at Easter Seals.



The walls for a new bedroom go up at ASP.

What's up for YOUTH

Sunday, August 22

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

3:30pm Youth Singers swim party (all youth welcome!)

6pm UMYF: Youth council elections.



During summer, 2004, Spring Valley youth traveled 6,340 miles in mission and ministry. From Texas to Florida, Georgia, through Mississippi, into Tennessee, and Colorado, we spread the good news of the risen Christ through word and deed. We could not have accomplished so much without the loving support of the entire congregation. Spring Valley UMC, we thank you!

All Youth are invited to a **Youth Singers kick-off swim party** at the DeFoe's house on Sunday, August 22, starting at 3:30pm. If you want to be in Youth Singers as a member or as a tech helper in this year's musical, this is the place to be! Last name A-H bring drinks; I-P bring chips and dip; Q-Z bring desserts. The DeFoe's address is 7819 Pencross Lane, Dallas. Their phone is 972-392-1482.

We would love to see you each **Sunday morning at 9:45** for Youth Sunday School. It's almost time to hold our registration Sunday for another round of University-Style Sunday School.

Don't forget to register for **Renewal Retreat 2004**; aka, the Big Boat Ride Retreat. Sign up now! Forms have been mailed home, but additional forms are available in the youth office.

Mark Your Calendars:

August 27-29 Retreat! The Big Boat Ride.

September 12 Youth Ringers & Youth Singers renew rehearsals

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one more example of Spring Valley youth sharing of themselves. The camp is for children with various physical and/or developmental challenges, ranging from cerebral palsy to Down's syndrome to autism, with most campers experiencing more than one. Spring Valley youth helped these campers achieve independence and integrity by encouraging them to accomplish things they normally would not have the chance to even attempt. Perhaps more on this trip than on the other two, Spring Valley youth tangibly saw and understood justice and equality.

Space limits our reporting of the local missions the youth have done this spring and summer in addition to these three trips. "Mission-n-More" provides yard work for elderly and shut-in persons. Spring Valley youth mowed and trimmed more than ten yards this summer. The youth also continued their relationship with Genesis Women's shelter with one work day and one play day at the shelter this summer.

Spring Valley youth and the entire congregation will be able to look back on these three trips, and the local "Mission-n-More" days and trips to Genesis Women's shelter and say, "Missions Accomplished!"

Noteworthy news

Upcoming music



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*

September 12

8:30 and 11:00, Melissa DeFoe, solo
11:00 Chancel Choir, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Welcome, new members!

Ted Butler

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Lancaster flood victims need help

The Lancaster Outreach Center, an agency of the Lancaster Ministerial Alliance and an out-growth of the ministries of First United Methodist Church of Lancaster, are gathering the names of families who need help recovering from the recent floods.

Immediate help is needed for volunteer teams of about 10 people to "muck 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 to install new dry wall, tape and bed, flooring, paint, refinishing, etc. More information is available through our SVUMC office and adult Sunday school classes.

Children, are you ready?

Just a reminder that Children's Choirs for all children ages 4 years through 6th grade will be starting their 2004-2005 choir year on Wednesday, September 8, from 6:30 to 7:30pm upstairs in the adult Sunday school wing. Mark your calendars, and plan to be there as we start a new year that is sure to be great fun as we praise God with our hearts and voices. See you there!

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 is set for June 10-17 of next summer.

"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.



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.

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.

Spring Valley Travelers trips planned in 2004

Sept. 25 *Ride 7 Rails in Colorado*, \$1,279 per person, dbl. occupancy
Oct. 16 *Oktober Fest*, \$48
Nov. 11 *Hawaii Cruise*, "Legends of the Seas" 10 nights
Balcony, \$2,099 Ocean View, \$1,499 Interior, \$1,299
(including airfare)
Dec. 30 *New Years at Sea* Senior Special! 11-night Panama Canal
Interior, \$930 Ocean View, \$1,460 Balcony, \$1,820

Please call Chris Parton for details, 972-239-3369.

Children's news

It's back-to-Sunday-school time! For the next three weeks we'll continue our study of the Good Samaritan.



You won't want to miss making a quilt in the Art Workshop, exploring the "Good Sam, the Samaritan" computer game in the Computer Lab, and using your hands and feet to serve others with compassion in the Dance Workshop. The Bible Bucks Store will be open August 22 and September 5. We'll see you at 9:45 on Sunday!

All 5th and 6th graders are invited to serve as acolytes for the upcoming year. A training meeting will be held Sunday, September 12, at Mr. Gatti's Pizza and Games. Sign up or get more information by calling Jan Hudgins, 972-233-7671 ext. 20.

Sunday School news... Aldersgate Class

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

August 22 - "A Thing Called Life" This message is based on 1 Corinthians 6:17-20, a perspective on how the Christian should respond to the gift of life.

August 29 - "Shoes on His Feet" This message blends together the story of the Prodigal Son and the Rich Young Ruler with Paul's great theme in 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.

Christian Parenting

Mickey George, facilitator

August 22 - "What Is Failure?" & "What Is Success?"

August 28 - Developing God's gift of creative thinking in our children

Seekers Class

August 22 - Hymnfest with John Tarver

August 29 - Report from Guatemala Mission Team

Wesleyan Class

August 22 & 29 Jim Veach

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

Irwin Covey
Beverly Whitley
Lois Murphy
Carol Robertson
June Lees
Catharine Gebhardt
Don Barnes
Ann Michele King
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Joyce Covey's sister, June Buchanan
Barb & Randy McAfee's cousin
Elizabeth Wood's father
Pam Reese's cousin, Brandon
James Faulkinbury, friend of SVUMC
Willdene Rowland's son, Randy
Mark Wood's parents
John & Ruth Dvorak's son and
daughter-in-law, Johnny and Lillian
B.J. Hall's mother
Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon
Rachel Hartman's aunt, Esther Murdock
David Mendoza's uncle

Paula Tarver's mother, Martha Miller
Max and Betty Taylor's grandson, Andrew
Nadine Haefs' mother-in-law, Jeanette Cogburn
People of Sudan
All persons serving in the military
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Maxine Bryson and family in the death of
her son-in-law, Bill Stewart