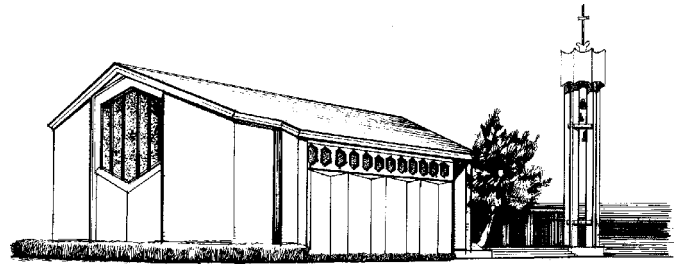


Behold!

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Good times abound in music



Charlotte Carroll, Kathryn Holburn, and Jenifer Otal



Ben Gutmann, Carson Tucker, Blake Hartgraves, and Caleb Hudgins

The folks in these photos all have something in common - they have learned the joy of serving God and one another through the gift of music. You can share this fellowship, too, by becoming a member of one or more of the musical groups at Spring Valley. Call Rusty King at the church, 972-233-7671, for more information about all the musical opportunities to enrich your life!



Ginny Newkirk, Alice McElroy, Bill Escarre, and Kay Hutchins

Excitement builds for Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study, an intensive 32-34 week study of Holy Scripture in small covenant groups, is continuing registration during August. Classes begin in early September. Options are being offered at various levels of this program, which 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.

"Grandparents" to be celebrated at ice cream social.

You are cordially invited to attend the Grandparents' Day Celebration Ice Cream Social!



It will be given by the children of Spring Valley UMC to honor our "grandparents in the church." Come for ice cream and fellowship on Sunday, September 12, from 3-4:30pm in Wesley Hall.

Please RSVP by Thursday, September 9, at the church office, at 972-233-7671. For questions, please call Jan Hudgins, ext. 20.

"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. Mr. Abdul Khan, Immediate Past President of the Islamic Association of Collin County, will be our guest speaker to discuss the history of Islam. A question-and-answer period will be included in his lecture. Food and fellowship begin at 5:30 in Wesley Hall, followed by Mr. Khan's program from 6:30-7:30. Make your reservations for dinner by calling the church office or using the Registration of Friendship during worship on Sunday.

What's up for YOUTH

August 29, 2004

9:45am Sunday School
 11am Worship
 4pm Youth Return from Retreat
 No UMYF today



Big thanks to the DeFoe family for hosting our Youth Singers' kick-off party at their home. It was a great time! Thanks also to Kathy Watson and Karen Holburn for providing hot dogs and burgers.

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.

Youth Council elections were held this past Sunday. All of the votes were very close, which shows just how much faith we all have in each member in the youth group. These are the leaders for the upcoming year:

President:	Melissa DeFoe	Vice President:	Amanda Nicholas
Worship:	Josh Wilson	Evangelism:	Emily Rahm
Missions:	John Sumner	Discipleship:	Tyler Stevenson
		Fellowship:	Carson Tucker

Mark Your Calendars:

September 8 Wednesday evening Bible Study resumes in Harkness Hall
 This fall, we'll walk through the Gospel of John.
 September 12 Youth Ringers & Youth Singers resume rehearsals

Mission Group will assemble health kits

The Mission Core Process Group will assemble 200 health kits for homeless persons as part of it's September 14 meeting. The personal hygiene kits are intended for short-term use by people who are displaced by human acts of aggression or natural disasters. Hundreds of kits were distributed from the United Methodist Committee on Relief Depot in Baldwin, LA, to victims of the recent hurricane in Florida. Now they are in short supply, so we will help replace kits to insure that future needs will not go unmet.



The kits contain the following:

1 hand towel	1 wash cloth	1 bar of soap	3 emory boards
1 toothbrush	1 toothpaste	6 bandaids	1 comb

You are invited on September 14, 7:30pm, to participate in the assembly process. For more information, call Betty Reichel, Mission Chairperson, 972-380-5838.

Guatemala mission trip is a success

Eighteen persons representing Spring Valley returned August 15 after an 8-day work experience in Guatemala. Medicines and other supplies were provided in part by Dimes-a-Day Funds. Congratulations, missionaries, for representing us SO well. For information on their trip, read their daily accounts provided on e-mail or attend a Sunday School class featuring a report of their work. For more information, contact Jo Martens, 972-387-3158, or Elizabeth Gross, 214-341-1822.

Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

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

Sept. 5 - We will see a video titled "Sacred Stories," in which James Carroll tells the story of his family during the Vietnam War.

Beacon Class

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

Sept. 5 - Fellowship brunch and more books, games, and creative thinking

Friends

This is a new fellowship class for singles and couples, mid-20's - early 40's. We meet at 9:45am in Room 216.

Sept 12 - Proverbs & Parables, *Let the Wise Listen*
Sept. 19 - view Peter Jennings' ABC-TV special, "Jesus and Paul"

Sept 26 - *Materialism and the Moral Yuppie*
 Call Betsy Willis, 972-380-8555, for details, or email her at willisbf@yahoo.com.

Seekers Class

August 29 - Report from Guatemala Mission Team

Wesleyan Class

August 29 - Jim Veach

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.

Children's news

All 5th and 6th graders are invited to serve as acolytes for next 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.



The Bible Bucks Store will be open September 5. We'll see you at 9:45 on Sunday!

Calling all children!

Remember to mark your calendars, remind Mom and Dad, and plan to be at the church on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30pm to be a part of the Children's Choirs (for all children ages 4 years through 6th grade). We will meet upstairs in the adult Sunday school wing. Watch for the direction signs, and plan to join us 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!

We have fun in children's choirs...



and...

handbells!



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.

Noteworthy news

Upcoming music



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 & 11:00, Melissa DeFoe, solo
Every Time I Feel the Spirit
8:30 & 11:00 Chancel Choir,
All Things Bright and Beautiful

Centenary College Choir visits on Nov. 20

We are blessed to be visited by the renowned Centenary College Choir on Saturday, November 20, at 7:30 in the sanctuary. They will present a varied program with something for everyone. We do need housing that evening for 60 people. If you could host a member in your home or help serve a prepared dinner for them at 6pm at the church, call Rusty at 972-233-7671, ext. 24.

Day and evening meetings planned for UMW

The United Methodist Women are organizing an evening group for those who would like to participate in UMW but cannot attend daytime meetings. We have a list of women who are interested and will be starting our evening meetings soon. Please call Betty Hopper (972-386-4670) or Anna Hosemann-Butler if you would like to add your name to this list.



Our daytime group meets for lunch and a program on the second Monday of every month. The speaker for September is Bill Bache, Coordinator for Volunteers in Mission for the North Texas Conference. He will speak on Missions, including missions in Cuba. Janis Dumas from Neighborhood Service Council will be our speaker in October.

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

SVUMC Church Family

Georgie Ann Davis

Vera Phillips

Maria Guerra

Ted Dumas

Nancy Troth

Gwen Watson

Irwin Covey

Beverly Whitley

Lois Murphy

Carol Robertson

June Lees

Catharine Gebhardt

Don Barnes

Ann Michele King

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney

Barb & Randy McAfee's cousin

Pam Reese's cousin, Brandon

Beth Wiggins and family

James Faulkinbury, friend of SVUMC

Willdene Rowland's son, Randy

Mark Wood's parents

B.J. Hall's mother

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Rachel Hartman's aunt, Esther Murdock

David Mendoza's uncle

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Ginny Nance

Max and Betty Taylor's grandson, Andrew

Steve Cronenberg's parents

Janet Robertson's friends,

Tom & Stacy Preisser and

Melinda & Randy Foster

Lori Johnson's fiancé, Rueben Joswiak

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

Congratulations to:

Johnathon Dickerson who is Brookhaven

Country Club's Junior Golf Champion, 2004