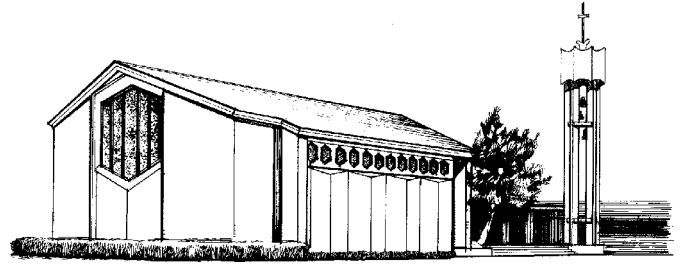


Behold!



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United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) offers help to victims of Hurricane Katrina

Financial donations to aid in disaster relief may be sent to the church or to the North Texas Conference Office. The UMCOR Advance number for Hurricane Relief is #982523 and should be marked on each check. To send checks to the North Texas Conference, note the number as Account #276. The Conference will forward the money to the appropriate UMCOR Account. Send checks to: Treasurer, North Texas Conference, P.O. Box 516069, Dallas, TX 75251-6069.

Click on http://gbgm-umc.org/global_news/pr.cfm?articleid=3428 to learn about the damage and the United Methodist Church's relief activities.

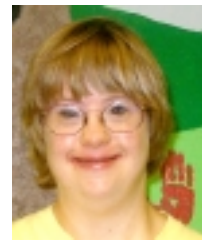
Welcome, new members!

Elaine Zuercher
5555 Spring Valley
#1102
Dallas, Texas 75254
972-661-9851




Congratulations...

... to Leanne Owens who earned 3 gold medals at the swim events of the Special Olympics on August 20. She earned a 1st place in the 25 meter backstroke, a 1st place in the 25 meter breaststroke, and a 1st place in the 50 meter freestyle. Way to go, Leanne!



Come Sunday...



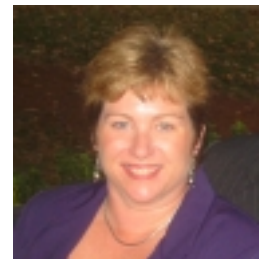
common ground	Traditional Worship
<p>Sept. 4 - Labor Day weekend Romans 13:8-14, "The trappings of our tasks" <i>Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler, preaching</i></p> <p>Sept. 11 - Sunday School Celebration Deuteronomy, 6:1-9 "Back to School, Back to Faith" <i>Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler, preaching</i></p>	<p>Sept. 4 - Labor Day weekend Matthew 13:24-30 "Labor and the long view" <i>Dr. Paul L. Escamilla, preaching</i></p> <p>Sept. 11 - Sunday School Celebration Deuteronomy 6:1-9 "Talking in our sleep" <i>Dr. Paul L. Escamilla, preaching</i></p> <p><i>* please check NOTEworthy news column for music offerings</i></p>

New opportunity to take Disciple I

An additional section of **Disciple I** Bible Study will be offered on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm, facilitated by Liz Gross. Disciple I is a comprehensive 34-week overview of the entire Bible, done in a small group setting and prepares participants for further study. George Reese will teach the other section of **Disciple I** on Thursdays from 7-9pm. Registration for these and other opportunities for study continues through Sept. 4 at the sign-up tables in the hallway, or on line at www.svumc.org.

"Second helpings" is Sept. 14

Dana Allison, Christian educator and children's activist, will be featured at the September "Second-Helpings" on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Her topic will be "Internet Safety For Children." Meal at 5:30; program 6:30-7:30. For details or reservations, call the church office.



Bag It 'n Bring It on Sept 11

Sept. 11 is our usual second-Sunday food drive for NETwork of Community Ministries. Their food pantry distributes non-perishable food items to eligible individuals and families. Ginger York, Exe. Dir., recently clarified the process. "NET-work does not help every person who comes into the office; rather we look for those who are seeking to help themselves. We must see evidence that the person will be able to meet their obligations in the future before we help them financially for the short term." NETwork volunteers are trained to be very resourceful, so that our gifts and donations are used in the best way possible!

Sack up beans, rice, peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruit, etc. and leave it in the barrels located in the halls. For more information about NETwork, visit their web site: www.thenetwork.org.

Blood Drive, October 16

Because giving blood saves lives, the Mission Core is recruiting blood donors for the upcoming blood drive. Stop by the sign-up table beginning Sept.25.

Though there are a few restrictions to giving (often related to living in a foreign country), people taking medications are most often eligible. Recent surgery or an infection would temporarily disqualify a person from donating. Blood is desperately needed.

Giving at church on a Sunday morning as part of your worship experience is truly a communion experience. Jesus shed his blood for you. Can you share your blood with another whose life may depend on you?

For more information call blood chairperson Pat Hill, 972-669-3915, or visit the church web site: www.svumc.org and click on missions.

Habitat provides home ownership

"Homeownership is vital. There is self reliance; there is security; there is pride that comes in ownership; there is prosperity for the family; there is stability of neighborhoods, economic growth. There are benefits for children..." Donald Haurin, professor of economics, finance & public policy, Ohio State University

The Aundrae and Ruthie Blackmon family will soon experience these benefits plus more as they build and own their first home. You can help them achieve these benefits by volunteering your time during the Habitat build, which begins on September 10th and continues every Saturday through November 5. Stop by the Habitat table near the church office to learn more about participating as a volunteer, or call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

From Terry Crist, NETWORK of Community Ministries

The 8th Annual Billye Meyer Golf Tournament, *Church Challenge Division*

Why: To Benefit the NETWORK of Community Ministries

When: Friday, October 21, 2005

Where: Sherrill Park Golf Course, Richardson

How: Either as an individual, or on a church-sponsored team

Details: www.THENETWORK.org

Email: BILLYEMEYER@THENETWORK.org



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

Sept. 4 - Robert Gross, "How to study the Bible"

Sept. 11 and 18 - Don Bowen will talk about "Magic in the Bible."

Beacon Class

Sept. 4 - Bolivians: A Look at How They Live, presentation by Bolivia missionaries

Christian Parenting - Room 210

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

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

Sept. 4 - Jan Apthorp - the Death Penalty

Sept. 11 - Rev. Anna Hoseman-Butler - Abortion

Sept. 19 - Euthanasia - Rev. Don Renshaw

Sept. 25 - Rev. Renshaw - Prayer in Public Schools
Please join us at 9:45am (9:30-coffee & sweets) for discussion of these important and controversial subjects. Bill Hunter, 1-719-379-2558

Time to get your nametag

We still have many nametags left that people have not claimed. For those of you in the Common Ground service, please check the table in the Loggia and see if your nametag is there. Thank you for helping us to get this program working.

Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$660,918
Total received to date	618,318
Received August 28	13,321
Attendance for August 28	437

What's up for YOUth...

Hey Everyone!

We had a wonderful time on the BIG BOAT TRIP. All 42 of us made it back safely from a weekend full of excitement. We spent the weekend in numerous devotions and worship experiences, as well as a few hours on Lake 'o the Pines. We are very excited about the year ahead of us. We came up with over 50 discussion topics and over 75 special event ideas. That will keep us talking and playing for a long time. A special thank-you goes out to all the adults who helped on this trip, as well as all of the youth that engaged in open discussion and gave us so many great ideas!



Here is what is coming up for September:

4 - Snack Supper begins at 5:30
UMYF - Youth Council Elections. You must be present to run and to vote.
Check your email for details...

11 - Youth Music Rehearsals begin
UMYF - Movie night until 8:00pm

18 - UMYF - Faith and Growth night

25 - UMYF - Faith and Growth night

Snack Supper in September

4- Kathy Watson and Amy Gutmann

11- Karen Holburn and Laura LaFrano

October 15-16 is the Fall Retreat. Details coming soon.

Also coming in October is the start of small groups. We are looking for homes-possibly close to the church-to meet in, and we are looking for Adults willing to lead. Who do you know that feels called to this ministry? Keep your eyes and ears open for more details and sign-ups!

Youth Council Member Expectations

- 1) Regular attendance at all youth functions-UMYF, Sunday School, Worship
- 2) Attendance at all youth council meetings
- 3) A High standard of behavior (i.e. set the standard)
- 4) Be in a growing relationship with God through Christ

MTLBYAKY, Jared and Megan

Celebration cookbook planned

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Spring Valley United Methodist Church, publication of a cookbook is being planned. We hope that everyone will share a favorite recipe. If you have a great recipe of your own or of someone else, we would love to add all these recipes to this memorable cookbook.

Please type or print a favorite recipe(s) on a card or paper, sign your name, and turn it in as soon as possible. A basket has been placed in the office for the recipes, or you can mail them to the coordinators listed below.

The deadline is January 30, 2006. Please hurry!!!

Prissy Shaffer	Barbara Zoeller	Betty Hopper
709 Hyde Park	7652 La Verdura	13416 Mill Grove
Richardson, Tx. 75080	Dallas, Tx. 75248	Dallas, Tx. 75240-5536

dallaspas@aol.com barbarazoe@msn.com ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net

NOTEworthy news...

Worship & Music Offerings

Sunday, Sept. 4

8:30 & 11:00, Jeanne Larrañaga

It Is Well With My Soul

8:30 & 11:00 Instrumental Duet

Jan Apthorp, flute & Rusty King, guitar

8:30 Men's Choir, *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Hymns #145 - *Morning Has Broken*

#546 - *The Church's One Foundation*

Sunday, Sept. 11

8:30 and 11:00, Men's Chorus, *Majesty*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *With a Voice of Singing*

Hymns #57 - *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#2130 - *The Summons*

#578 - *God of Love and God of Power*

Children's Choir first rehearsal, Sept. 7, 6:30

Join us in Choir and Bells! We have lots of fun plans and want to include you! Children meet upstairs in Room 206.

Youth Singers' first rehearsal is Sept. 11, 4:30

Youth Singers are for all youth 7th-12th grade. We lead in worship, prepare musicals, and go on choir tour. Our first parents/youth meeting for choir tour is Tues., Sept. 27 at 7pm in the choir room.

Auditions for the musical, *Celebrate Life*, are Sun., Oct. 2 from 1:30-5:30.

Choir kick-off dates

Children's Music, Wed., Sept. 7, 6:30, Rm. 206

Youth Ringers, Sun., Sept. 11, 3:30, Choir Rm.

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Carillon Ringers, adults, Sun., Sept. 11, 6pm, Ch. Rm.

Risen, Youth Praise Band, Mon., Sept. 19, 7pm, Ch. Rm.

Prime Timers want you!

We had 32 Prime Timers enjoying Ben Dickerson's delicious Hopkins County



Stew at our August luncheon! Ben's

cousin-in-law, Joe France, a native of Sulphur

Springs, spoke to us about the history of Hopkins

County Stew and all the events we can expect to see at the Fair.

We will go to Sulphur Springs for food and fun on **Sept. 17**. We will meet in the back parking lot at **7:30am**, and transportation will be available. We do need a count, so please sign up at the Volunteer desk. Please come-I hear there will be ice cream.

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

Marsha Aaron

Bill Darnall

Frances Dale

Jean Bragg

Betty Carter

Ann Michele King

Mildred Eubanks

Catharine and Ted Gebhardt

Homebound members

Carol Baughn's friend's grandson

Suellen Turner's father, Dick Donley

Robert and Elizabeth Gross' niece, Camille Smith

Dorothy Pruden's friend, Jon Newman

Joyce Covey's grandson, Shawn Roberts

Alice Cromwell's aunt, Lou Maxwell

John and Kay Hutchins' daughter, Libby

Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson,
and friend, Dwain Warren

Roger and Jo Martens' daughter, Molly

Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,
Gary and Jacqui Hopper

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandi Frank

Joyce Boyer's brother-in-law, Jack Hale

Louise Wilson from the Conference Center

The Simonsen's friend, Jill Cantu & daughter

Gail & Layton Pettigrew's daughter, Kimberly

All persons serving in the military

SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to

Jackie Palmer and family on the birth of
a grandson, Raymond Miller Palmer,
born August 11. Parents are Scott and
Kathleen Palmer.

Wally and Leann Balzac on the birth of a son,
Bennett Noble Charles Balzac

Sympathy to

Friends of Chris and Lisa Newton, the Ramsay
family in the death of their adult son, Chance

Extended Church Family

Jim Yates

Martha Cannon and family

SVUMV friend, Greg Haase

John Tarver's friend

Nadine Haef's husband, Dan

Janis Davis' sister, Mary Curtis