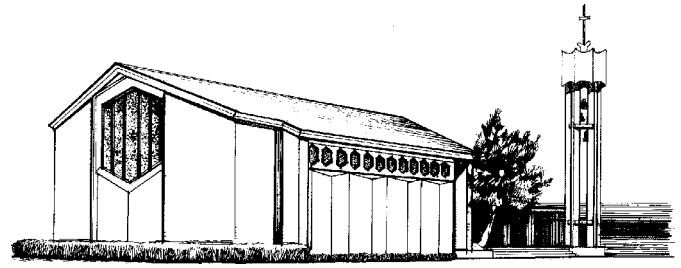


# Behold!

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## A musing from the mountain

It's one of those wonderfully interesting mountain phenomena - the way voices carry in the thin, clear mountain air.

Just down the mountain from our cabin in New Mexico, two young boys are getting ready to go fishing. Supposedly readying their rods and reels, they actually seem to be doing more playing than preparing; their laughter is a clue.

Their dad joins them on the porch and immediately asks, "What the heck is this?" his voice carrying up the hill, every syllable easily heard, as he teaches them how to thread the line.

Across the road two women have come out for a morning stroll. We don't know their names, haven't yet met the new owners of the Mooreheads' cabin. But as they walk up the steeply sloping mountainside among the tall grasses and blooming wildflowers, one exclaims to the other, "Look at this! I've never seen this flower before." The joy of discovery is in her voice, carrying across the road, every syllable clearly heard.

It's a wonderfully interesting mountain phenomena - the way voices carry in the thin, clear mountain air. But I wonder if perhaps our voices always carry more than we realize - voices of instruction, yes, and sometimes of discovery, too. Yet at other times, ours may be voices of disapproval or reproach. I wonder if our voices would be different if we understood how well they carry, not only into the ears but also into the hearts of others, whatever the altitude. Would there be more joy and less judgment, more invitation and less instruction, more grace and less grumbling?

The way our voices carry - what if it is more than just a mountain phenomenon?

*Larry*



## "Second Helpings" dinners to start

"Second Helpings," a monthly time of dinner, fellowship, and learning, will resume on September 8, the second Wednesday. Dinner will be from 5:30-6:30, and the program will be 6:30-7:30.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Abdul Hadi Khan, Immediate Past President of the Islamic Association of Collin County. Mr. Khan, a Frisco resident and owner of a tax and accounting firm, is a native of Pakistan, a naturalized U.S. citizen, and a founding member of the Plano Mosque. He will speak on Islamic faith history and the necessity of inter-faith dialogue as the key to understanding, peace, and tolerance in the world. A time for questions and answers will follow. Call the church office or use the Registration of Friendship during worship on Sunday to make reservations.

## Why are you thankful?

Even though it's early September, November will be upon us before we know it. With November comes



the time for Thanksgiving, and Congregational Life would like to know what you are thankful for this year. We would like for you to consider God's gifts in your life. If you are willing to share your thoughts, we will present them in the curio cabinets in the narthex during the month of November. You may write them down (approximately 100 words or less) and give them to Mickey George or Gerry Broome; or you may email Gerry Broome at [ggbroome@aol.com](mailto:ggbroome@aol.com). Submission deadline is October 15. Thank you for sharing your gratitude with our church family.

## "Grandparents" to be celebrated at ice cream social

You are invited to attend the Grandparents' Day Celebration Ice Cream Social, given by the children of SVUMC to honor our "grandparents in the church." Come for ice cream and fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 12, 3-4:30pm, in Wesley Hall. RSVP to Jan Hudgins, 972-233-7671, ext 20, by Thursday, Sept. 9, and come have fun with us!

## What's up for YOUth...

Sunday, September 5

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper

6 - 7:30 UMYF -Video Scavenger Hunt - The Autumn Version

**Just wait til you see the line up of classes** you may take this fall! 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.

**Thanks, everybody, for a terrific retreat!** Thanks to our adult volunteers: Lisa Phillips, Jackie Elliott, and Paco Ota! We couldn't have done it without you!

### 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
- September 15 6:30pm: Genesis Women's Shelter visit
- October 30-31 Fall Retreat at Sky Ranch!

## Please accept this open invitation...

for all 4- or 5-year-old children in kindergarten through 6th grade, to participate in Spring Valley's children's choirs. We meet on Wednesdays upstairs in the adult Sunday School wing, beginning with a gathering time from 6:15 to 6:30pm. We then break into different age groups and activities at 6:30.

Our Children's Choir year will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 8, with a special time for both children and parents, as parents move through the choir time with their children (if they want to stay) - which will include singing and ringing for everyone. This should be a fun time for all children, and a wonderful way to start the choir year.

We know that today's families are extremely busy, but we hope that you will consider children's choir, in spite of a hectic schedule. We strive to create a loving and supportive environment, where each child is given an opportunity to participate and have fun. We hope that our choir children will feel more confident and capable as the year progresses, all within the loving cocoon of the church.

So join us! We will present music in various worship services all year, a Christmas musical on Christmas Eve at 5pm, and a full musical in May.

Your directors, *Paula Huffaker, Nancy Guerra, and Michael McElroy*

## Acolyte meeting held on September 12

All 5th and 6th graders are invited to serve as acolytes for next year. A training meeting will be held Sunday, Sept. 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!



## Mark your calendars:

All-Church Round-Up

chili supper, melodrama Sept. 26

Aldersgate Charity Golf Tournament  
at Sherrill Park Oct. 7

## Excitement builds for Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study, a 32-34 week study of Holy Scripture in small groups, begins in early September. 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.

## Sunday School news...

### Aldersgate Class

**Sept. 5** - James Carroll tells his family story during the Vietnam War with a video, "Sacred Stories."  
**Sept. 12** - Gloria Smith and other long-time Spring Valley members go over the history of Spring Valley United Methodist Church.

### Christian Parenting

Mickey George, facilitator

**Sept. 5** - Fellowship brunch and more books, games, and creative thinking  
**Sept. 12** - "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families"

### Fellowship Bible Sunday School

**Sept. 5** - Frank Andersen will show his slides from the Guatemala mission trip.  
**Sept. 12** - 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus  
We always welcome new faces. Everyone is invited. Call Bill or Lou Wilkin at 972-392-1486.

### Friends

This new fellowship class for singles and couples, mid-20's - early 40's, meets 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.

### Wesleyan Class

**Sept. 5** Rev. Frank Rahm  
**Sept. 8** Luncheon, Southern Recipe Café  
**Sept. 12** Dan Kasten  
**Sept. 19, 26** Don Bowen



## Habitat to build Popes' home

The Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH), part of Habitat for Humanity, will focus its upcoming build on a home for Kendra Pope - a single mother with 3 daughters.

Since 1992, Spring Valley has been part of the 13 congregations that comprises RAIH. Together this faith-based, non-profit organization builds communities of hope, dignity and self-worth with boards and bricks, plaster and paint, and dedicated volunteers. That's where our congregation is needed.

Even for the most handy-challenged persons, there are knowledgeable volunteers to gently teach, guide, and nurture untapped talent. Bill Boyer and Rhonda Huser will be at the building site for the 7 Saturdays beginning September 18 to October 30. Both are experienced Habitat volunteers and will help each person when needed.

Spring Valley members will furnish food for the workers on Sept. 25. We encourage a big turnout on that day especially! To learn details about volunteering and to sign up to help with food, stop by the information table each Sunday in the hallway near the church offices. Maps and driving directions are available to 2615 Wilhurl in East Oak Cliff. Liability forms can be filled out early, saving time at the construction site.

Watch upcoming issues of *Behold* for progress reports on the Popes' home. And for more information about Habitat for Humanity, go to the web site; [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org), or call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

### **Second-Sunday food for Net**

In September we get back to our schedule after those sunny summer days. Put on your shopping list nonperishable items for the NETWORK of Community Ministries food pantry. Our next collection will be Sunday, September 12. For more information about NET services and volunteer opportunities, call Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435.

### **Blood drive is October 17**

Since 56 days are needed between donations, you are encouraged not to donate before October 17 in order that we may have a generous turnout on our collection date. For more information, call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

## Hurricane Charley devastates Pine Island

Pine Island, Florida, took a direct hit from Hurricane Charley; the majority of the island was left in complete shambles. Virtually all of the 6,000 inhabitants were affected, but the hardest hit were the field hands whose livelihood comes from picking fruit. Not only were their possessions wiped out, but they are now jobless, too, as the storm destroyed the fruit trees.

These families are in desperate need of many things; one of the ways we can help is with clothing. **Through Labor Day weekend**, we will be holding a clothing drive at the church. The following week, Re:Source SouthWest, Burt Copeland's company, will arrange for the shipping of the clothing to Florida. Thank you for your generous response to this emergency need.



## Noteworthy news

### Upcoming music

#### 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 is coming**

Centenary College Choir will sing on Sat., Nov. 20, at 7:30 in the sanctuary, and needs 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.

### **"Faith We Sing" hymnal dedication is Sunday, Oct. 17**

Our new hymnal supplements have arrived! We will use them starting Sept. 12 at our 8:30 and 11:00 traditional services. We will dedicate them in worship on Sunday, October 17.

### **"Spanish for travelers" class offered**

Spring Valley is offering a Spanish for Travelers class (adults only) on Thursdays, 7-9pm, starting September 7 and continuing through December 9. There is no textbook, but you will need a battery-operated tape recorder and a 3-ring notebook. Total cost for 13 classes is \$39, and all proceeds will benefit the "Salud y Paz" project in Guatemala. For details, call Jo Martens, 972-387-3158.

### **Day and evening meetings planned for United Methodist Women**

The United Methodist Women are starting an evening group for those who cannot attend daytime meetings. Please call Betty Hopper (972-386-4670) or Anna Hosemann-Butler to add your name to the list if you are interested in a night meeting.

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, who 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](mailto:dallasal@swbell.net) for any prayer concerns. These concerns will stay on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

### Hospitals

Andrew Staton  
Prissy Shaffer  
Bonnie Reed  
Jimmy Lockett

### Extended Church Family

Alice Cromwell's friend, Betsy Dyche  
David Willis' aunt  
Roger Horn's stepmother  
Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney  
Pam Reese's cousin, Brandon  
Beth Wiggins and family  
Jeannie James' grandchild  
Barbara & Frank Zoeller's son's friend and family  
Lois Murphy's friends, the Timothy Taylor family  
James Faulkinbury, friend of SVUMC  
Willdene Rowland's son, Randy  
Mark Wood's parents  
Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Ginny Nance  
Steve Cronenberg's parents  
Janet Robertson's friends, Tom & Stacy Preisser  
and Melinda & Randy Foster  
Lori Johnson's fiancé, Rueben Joswiak  
People of Sudan  
All persons serving in the military  
Our Missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church  
Those with ongoing concerns

### SVUMC Church Family

Georgie Ann Davis  
Vera Phillips  
Les Smith  
Ted Dumas  
Nancy Troth  
Gwen Watson  
June Lees  
Catharine Gebhardt  
Ginny Bitting  
Ann Michele King  
Homebound members

### Deepest sympathy to:

Nadine Haefs and family in the death  
of her mother-in-law, Jeanette Cogburn