

Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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“Amahl and the Night Visitors” to be presented at Spring Valley

Tickets are on sale now for the Spring Valley Music Ministry’s Epiphany presentation of “Amahl and the Night Visitors” on January 6, 7, & 8 in Wesley Hall at 7:30pm. Second in popularity only to Handel’s “Messiah” as a Christmas musical offering, “Amahl and the Night Visitors” is a story about a crippled boy and his widowed mother who are visited by the three kings on their way to see the Christ child. It is sung in English and is about an hour in length.



Lynn Mock as the mother
and Jordan Graf as Amahl

Rusty King and John Tarver have personal connections to this wonderful music. Rusty’s father, a diaconal minister of music who introduced him to this beautiful and moving work, often would be cast as King Kaspar in the production. John recalls having seen the presentation for the first time as a fourth-grade student and being thoroughly captivated by it; he encourages “children of all ages” to be in attendance for this delightful experience. Spring Valley members and special guests will be part of the cast, orchestra, and production crews. The part of Amahl will be played by Jordan Graf, who has been a soloist three times this year with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra; and Lynn Mock, who holds a master’s degree in vocal performance, will play the mother.

General admission tickets (\$10/person with a \$35/family maximum) are available each Sunday morning in the loggia hallway. For more information, please log on to our website at <http://svumc.org/amahl.html>.

Celebrate the Sunday after Christmas, December 26

Bring your houseguests, family and friends — and your Christmas left-overs plus a breakfast dish, if you’d like — to the all-church brunch in Wesley Hall at 10am.

Then join us for all-church worship in the sanctuary at 11am.

The infant nursery will be open at 9:30, but Sunday school classes for all other ages will participate in the 10am brunch.

Welcome, new members!



Annette Davis
5916 Meadowcreek
Dallas, TX 75248
972-239-0641



Ken Link
6452 Barkwood Lane
Dallas, TX 75248
972-661-3469

Congratulations to...

Linda and Jeff Warren whose son, Jake Beckett Warren was baptized on December 19. Grandparents are John and Bobbie Hodge.



End-of-year gifts received through December 31

If you would like your year-end gifts for 2004 or your pre-paid gifts for 2005 recorded in this calendar year, please be sure that they are received in the church office or are postmarked by Dec. 31, 2004. And remember: There’s still time to make your pledge for the mission and ministry of Christ through Spring Valley United Methodist Church in the New Year. For further information, please contact Brian Emslie in the SVUMC business office, 972-233-7671, x11.



What's Up For YOUth

Sunday, December 26

- 10am Bring your family to the All-Church Christmas Brunch in Wesley Hall
11am Worship together in the Sanctuary
6pm UMYF: S'mores Party

Our December visit to Genesis Women's Shelter has been moved to Wednesday, December 29. We'll leave the church at 6:30 pm and we'll return at 8:30 pm. Please make plans to join us.

We pray for all of our youth and families this holiday season, especially if you are traveling. Be safe, go with God, and come home soon!

Sunday, January 2, 2005

- 9:45am Youth Sunday School
11am Worship
5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper
6pm UMYF – It's Bunko night!

Mark your Calendars:

- Dec 24 Youth Ringers & Youth Singers in the 8:00 pm worship service
Dec 29 Genesis Women's Shelter, 6:30 p.m.
Jan 12 Genesis Women's Shelter, 6:30 p.m.
Jan 21 Youth Singers rehearsal, choreography, ½ lock-in
Jan 30 Mardi Gras Madness!!
Feb 4-6 Mixed Mid-Winter Retreat
Feb 6 Super Bowl Party!

UMW events planned for 2005

Next year the first meeting of the UMW is on Monday, January 10. The morning group meets at 11:30 for lunch in Asbury Hall. The program begins at 12:15. Our speaker is Dorothy Botnick from Perkins School of Theology.

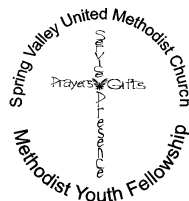
The new UMW evening group will also have their first meeting at 7pm on January 10. Watch the Behold for more details in January.

The UMW Used Clothing and White Elephant Sale is February 18-19 this year. As you clean up after this busy Christmas season, please remember to set your unwanted items aside for this sale. We will see you next year!

Two new adult Sunday school classes to begin

Rev. Don Barnes will teach a 10-week course by Philip Yancey entitled *What's so Amazing about Grace?* beginning on Sunday, Jan. 9, in the Dining Room and sponsored by the Wesleyan Class. Reservations are needed to have books for everyone.

On Sunday, Jan. 16, a new class for parents of youth will begin and is open to any parent of a teenager. It will be held in Room 192 on the first floor, down the hallway from the children's classrooms. Contact Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, ext. 19, for details or questions.



Join us for Sunday school

Fellowship Bible Class - Room 214

We always welcome new faces. Everyone is invited. Call Bill or Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486.

Prodigals Class - Room 212

(formerly the College Class) This class has begun a correspondence ministry with people on active military duty who are connected to Spring Valley. Please call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church, ext. 19, with contact information for additional personnel.

Seekers - Room 200

Jan. 2 - Traditional Seekers brunch, followed by a brief look at "church bulletin bloopers"

Jan. 9 - "Overcoming" - part one
Speaker, Jerry H. Hinnant, M.D.

Jan. 16 - "Overcoming" - part two
Speaker, Bob Langford, PhD

Jan. 23 - "Overcoming" - part three
Speaker, Dr. Don Benton

Jan. 30 - Alice McElroy will present "Not all who wander are lost," the long-awaited account of her adventures on the Appalachian trail.

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

During January, Jim Veach will teach on basic Christian theological topics-Theology 101.

Jan. 2 - "Doing theology - Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask."

Jan. 9 - "Let's start with God. Just what kind of God is out there?" Questions on God's nature or being, what we can know, what we cannot know, does it matter?

Friends - Room 216

Beacon Class - Asbury Hall

Christian Parenting - Room 210

Wesleyan Class - Dining Room



All Classes: Remember the all-church Christmas Brunch in Wesley Hall at 10am on December 26.

'Twas the night before Christmas....

...and the Meals-on-Wheels volunteers had delivered 2,700 special holiday meals along with gift bags to each elderly shut-in or disabled person unable to prepare their own meals.

Thank you to Spring Valley for the use of Wesley Hall and to you, members and friends, who came to donate, wrap, and assemble all those gift bags of personal care items for the Visiting Nurse Association's (VNA) Holiday Project. For 17 years, Spring Valley has hosted this event, which grows each year! It is a wonderful mission contribution to the community and to some of our most vulnerable citizens.

For more information about this project or services of VNA, call Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435.



"Second Helping" event slated

On Wednesday, January 12, Todd Whitthorne, Dallas television personality, President/CEO of Cooper Concepts, will talk about nutrition and wellness.



Todd Whitthorne

Todd Whitthorne has been in the public eye for more than 20 years. He is currently the president and chief operating officer of Cooper Concepts, Inc., a division of The Cooper Aerobics Center in Dallas. He serves as the host and executive producer of "Healthy Living Radio with Dr. Ken Cooper," a two-hour weekly radio program based in Dallas and syndicated from Los Angeles to Boston. Todd is also a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Physical Fitness.

After graduating from UCLA with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in exercise physiology, Whitthorne began a career that would take him to various stops from Washington, D.C., to Phoenix and Dallas. He won an Emmy and a Katie award as co-host of "Good Morning Texas" on WFAA-TV, the Dallas ABC affiliate.

An accomplished and frequent speaker to large and small corporate groups, schools, and nonprofit organizations, Whitthorne is well versed in a variety of wellness topics.

"Second Helpings" is a monthly time of food, fellowship, and learning on the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year. A tasty meal is served at 5:30, followed by a topical speaker at 6:30. Childcare is provided, and reservations are required for the meal, which is \$4.50/person, maximum \$15/family. For details, call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, and ext. 19.

Church family enjoys Christmas dinner



On the Sunday evening before Christmas, Spring Valley family and friends filled Wesley Hall for a delicious dinner and delightful music. Special thanks to Mickey George for preparing the meal for 165, to Tony Holiday for setting up the room, to the staff for serving dinner and offering last-minute kitchen help, to the musicians and technicians for providing the great program, and to all who came to share the joy of the season.

Mardi Gras Madness restaurant survey update

You can go to the church's web page and click on this web address - http://www.svumc.org/mgm_poll.html. There you will find a survey of area restaurants. We are trying to get information about the restaurants that our members frequent, so that when we solicit these establishments for gift certificates for the silent auction, the managers will know that Spring Valley supports their restaurants. Just go to the web page and follow the directions. We appreciate your help in advance.



Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, Jan. 30th at 4:30** for our annual Mardi Gras Madness celebration! Tickets will go on sale in early Jan., so get together with friends and make plans to attend. Proceeds from this event benefit our total youth program.

Attention CPA's & Auditors

The Finance Committee is looking for an individual or a small firm to audit the SVUMC financial statements for 2003 and 2004.

If you know anyone, call either Will Tucker, Finance Committee Chair, 972-980-2313, or Kim Kesler, Spring Valley Treasurer, 214-707-6099.

This is the last *Behold* of the year! The deadline for the next *Behold* is Monday, January 3.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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:

Sandra Guthrie

SVUMC Church Family

Fayrene Pospisil

Tommi Ezell

The Maddison family

Prissy Shaffer

Alex Huffaker

The Hartman Family

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Jan Hudgins' cousin's daughter, Haley Packer

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney

Hartman family's nephew, Scott Bailey,

and cousin's son, Jamey O'Connor

Alan & Jeanne Moore's friend, Judy Moore

Becky Hydrick's friends, Amanda, Tammie,

George, John and Brett

Sally and Carmen Kilgore's relatives,

Daniel Kilgore and Bianca Kilgore

Elise Stark's friend, Robert Bennett

Buz La Frano's mother, Sue La Frano

Barbara Crockett's brother, Emil Nesuda

Dana Taylor's mother, Caren Dumler

Kathy and Glenn Watson's neighbors,

and Kathy's father, Bill Derden

Roger Horn's stepmother, Minnie Horn

Brooks Haney's friend, Dr. Dan Stewart

Don Barnes' cousin, Elizabeth Moore

John Dvorak's son and daughter-in-law,

Johnny and Lillian

Jerry and Patti Malone's son-in-law

All persons serving in the military

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns