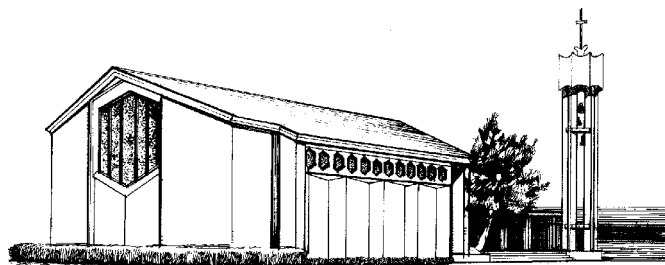


# Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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**Merry  
Christmas  
from your  
church  
staff!**



**Children's Musical,  
Light of the World,  
December 21, 2003**



## Joseph and Mary also sought shelter

### Breakfast Jan. 18 at Austin St. Centre

The third Sunday in January is Spring Valley's regular time to provide breakfast for approximately 350 men, women, and yes, even children who come at night seeking shelter. Just as Joseph and Mary were seeking shelter in Bethlehem, these persons want a respite from the cold night, knowing that at 6am they'll have to be back on the street.

There will be a sign-up table on Jan 4 and 11 for sandwiches, fruit, and cooked eggs. Individuals and families are needed to go to the downtown shelter to help serve breakfast.

Additionally, our congregation would like to bring coats, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves (either new or gently used) to pass out to those most in need. Warm underwear is needed, as well as all kinds of "over-the-counter" cold medications. Obtain more details about donations at the sign-up table or call Dana Taylor, 972-234-9867. We can pick up items at your home if you'll call.

We could not help Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem; but in Jesus' name, we CAN help in downtown Dallas on January 18, 2004.



## Poinsettia donations

### Given by:

Jack, Gerry, & Lee Broome  
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Eva Dawkins & family  
T.J. Hartman & family  
Tryna & Kevin Knox  
John & Sherry Peart

### In loving memory of:

Jack's mother, Sara Broome Smith  
Jack's stepfather, Brantley Smith  
Jack's father, Stanley Broome  
Duane Dawkins  
Earl C. Hartman  
Tiare Herring  
Earl C. Hartman



### Given by:

David & Pat Currin  
Jane & Gene Hoffman  
Tryna & Kevin Knox

### In honor of:

Seekers Sunday School Class members  
Our grandchildren  
Our kids, Chandler, Griffin, Graham, Alexa

## A Purpose-Driven Life

Come and learn why this book is a New York Times best-seller! Register now for the six-week discussion series on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, beginning January 14. Cynthia Pharr Lee will facilitate. Books may be purchased at the church for \$20, at bookstores or online. For more details, call Cynthia at 972-931-7576, ext. 24.

## Spring Valley Travelers trips

**August 31, 2004** - Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 23 days \$3,478  
**September 26, 2004** - Leisurely National Parks, 8 days \$1,699  
Call Chris Parton for details at 972-239-3369.

## Noteworthy news

Sunday, December 28

8:30 Charlie and Chris Whisenand,  
*The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Wondrous Night*

Sunday, January 4

8:30 Men's Choir, *As the Deer*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *As the Deer*



## Christmas Eve pre-service concert by Carillon Ringers, 10:30pm

*White Christmas*

*Jingle Bells*

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Christmas Suite*

*Advent Carol*

*An English Carol*

## Mardi Gras Madness

### Sunday, February 22, 5pm

Live auction! Wonderful Food! Awesome Entertainment! Silent Auction! All this and more are a part of the fun, while all the time helping the youth of our church on their three summer trips – choir tour, Appalachia Service Project and Easter Seals Camp in Colorado! Mark your calendars and save the date!

## Preparing for Grief series to begin

Spring Valley UMC is offering a short series called "Preparing For Grief" starting Tuesday, January 20, at 7:30pm and continuing for five Tuesday evenings. It is being offered in response to a growing need among our congregation to understand why we grieve, why grief lasts, and what grief looks like. Its purpose is to help us prepare for our own grief experiences, to understand our own grief experiences, and also the experiences of others.

While this class is not specifically intended to be a support group, it may naturally evolve into a group of mutual nurture. Anybody who has already experienced loss or will experience loss is welcome. *Preparing for Grief* will be led by Frank Rahm.

## What's up for YOUTH...

**Sunday, December 28**

- 9:30am Youth Sunday School  
11am Worship  
5:30pm Snack Supper  
6-7:30pm UMYF - a surprise is in store

**UMYF this week** is going to be a surprise for everybody there. Be sure to attend this Sunday evening for fun and fellowship with your youth group.

**All Youth are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday school** each week. In Sunday school, we learn about God's grace and love, our spiritual lives, and how God is working in our lives right now.

**Note: There is no Bible Study on Wednesday Dec 31.**

### Mark Your Calendars:

- Jan. 16, 2004 Youth Singers ½ lock-in, choreography, photography  
Feb. 1, 2004 Super Bowl Party  
Feb. 6-8, 2004 Mixed Mid-winter Retreat, All-conference event, \$68

## Mardi Gras Madness donations for February 22

For the first time, all youth mission trip fundraising will be packed into one night of fun! Come and find a bargain vacation, honeymoon weekend or free airline tickets. Look'em over and plan for a great evening for \$12. We have about 45 minutes to raise \$12,000 in the Live Auction. Let's not leave any of our youth behind.

Below is a list of Auction items that "we'd kill for." If you spot something you could donate, or know someone who might help, please contact Gene Hoffmann, 972-386-5129, or ghffmnn@mindspring.com.

*Premium Church Parking Space, A Year of Sundays*

*Royal Caribbean Cruise for 2 - Four Nights*

**\*committed\*** *Beach Cottage* - Florida sleeps 6 for a week

*Colorado Condo* sleeps 6 for a week **\*committed\***

*Worldwide Timeshare* fantasy locations sleeps 4 for a week

*Padre Island Condo* sleeps 4 for a week

*Bijon or Black Lab puppy*, including shots

*4 seats to a Texas Rangers or Dallas Stars game*, including parking

**\*committed\*** *Planting by Professional Landscaper*- 30 flats Spring Flowers

**\*committed\*** *Formal Tea* for 15 in classic N. Dallas home

*Two Prime Seats and parking for a Mavericks Game*

*Dinner for 2 at The Palm*

*2 RT Airline tickets* or Equivalent Frequent Flyer Miles

*Ultimate Golf Outing for 4* at local CC - incl.green fees and carts

**\*committed\*** *Marriott Honeymoon Weekend 2 night, Sunday Brunch for two*

*Ice Hockey Clinic for 2* under 12

*Under-counter ice maker or trash compactor*. incl normal installation.

More items will be listed in following Behold newsletters. For more information, call Gene Hoffman, 972-386-5129, or ghffmnn@mindspring.com.



## Stewardship corner

Spring Valley is blessed with a congregation that loves to give joyfully to the Lord. The leadership of Spring Valley, both clergy and laity, anticipates that 2004 will be another great year, as God's Spirit leads us in new and directions for mission and ministry.



Your Stewardship Committee would like to remind you that there is a special advantage at year-end in giving away appreciated property, such as stock. You can deduct the current

value of the stock rather than what you originally paid for it, thus avoiding the tax on the profit that built up while you owned the asset.

For the easy coordination of stock transfers, or to investigate other gift possibilities, please contact Brian Emslie in the SVUMC Finance Office, 972-233-7671 x11.

Contributions postmarked or received in the church office by the close of business on 12/31/03 will be credited to your 2003 giving. Gifts received or postmarked after 12/31/03 will be credited to 2004.

## Aldersgate class

*December 28* - "You Must Be Born Again to See the Kingdom of God." Why did Jesus say this, and what does it mean? Robert Gross will facilitate the lesson.

*January 4* - Cynthia Pharr Lee will hold a Town Hall long-range planning meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Visitors are welcome. Come and help plan the future of our dynamic church serving the people.

## Seekers class

*December 28* - Our annual Seekers' brunch!

## Delicious tamales!

The Hispanic ministry is selling their pork and chicken tamales for \$8 a dozen! Call Carlos, 972-239-9440, or the church office, 972-233-7671, to order. Pick-up on Mondays, 10am-4pm.

## 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

Dave Booth  
Roselyn Douglas

### SVUMC Church Family

Beth Copeland  
Gene Mundy  
Bob McGuire  
Marlyn Redd,  
former member  
Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

B.J. and Sharon Hall's daughter, Jenifer Welsh  
Georgie Ann Davis's friend, Charlie Norwood  
Dick and Myrna Ridings' Texas grandfather,  
Howard Bradley  
Betty Hopper's friend, Jo Kay Gary  
Anna Haney's friend, Tyler Archibald  
Sue and Forest Cummings' friends, the Roberts  
Debbie Dustin's friends, Kathy Weingarten  
and family

Marty Yancy's father

Greg and Paula Huffaker's friend, Bev Johnson  
Those with ongoing concerns  
Our Missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church

### Deepest sympathy to:

Rudy Guerra and family in the death of his  
grandmother