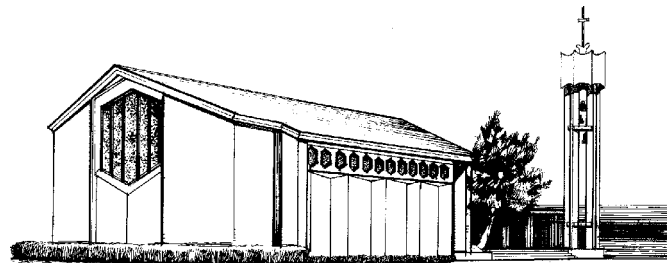


# Behold!



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## Christmas Around the World



Chancel Choir Cantata – Sunday, December 11, 8:30 & 11:00

Bonus Concert – December 18, 3:00

As the title suggests; you will experience a wide variety of styles from many countries that will enhance your Advent worship as we all “Wait for God.” Anticipation of the birth of the Christ child will be celebrated in congregational songs such as:

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Jacques Berthier

The community of Taizé, France

*The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy*

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Inviting friends to a service any Sunday is great. Invite them this Sunday for the special music and if they are not able to attend because of their own services, invite them for Sunday, December 18, at 3pm when we will present the music from worship in a concert setting in our sanctuary. There will be additional pieces added to the concert including a piece by the Carillon Ringers called *Las Campanas de la Navidad*. This piece will feature Kathryn Holburn on marimba and Paul Escamilla on classical guitar.

Anthems by the Chancel Choir include:

*Processional* Dave Brubeck

From *La Posada de la Navidad*, Mexico

*And the Glory*, from *Messiah* Handel, England

*Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*, Gardner

*Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* Saint-Saëns, France

From *Christmas Oratorio*:

*Away in a Manger* Germany

*Fum, Fum, Fum* Spain

*March of the Kings* France

From *The Many Moods of Christmas*

arr. Robert Shaw & Robert Russell Bennett

*Gloria* (III Movement), from *Christmas Cantata*  
Daniel Pinkham America

A special offertory will be shared by John Tarver accompanying Lori Joswiak on French Horn. The piece is entitled *Adoro Te Devoto* and the arrangement is by Charles Callahan.

For information on the text for the Chamber Singers anthem, *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*, see the music column inside this publication.

Come Sunday...

common ground



Traditional Worship

*Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2005*

*He will be known  
among the nations*

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

*Christmas Around the World;  
A Medley of Music and Carols*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2005*

*Lesson and Carols  
with Special music  
by the Praise Team*

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler



Luke 1:26-38

*angels unawares*

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

## Would you like to greet?

We need people to serve as greeters on Christmas Eve. If this appeals to you, please email Debbie McEnaney at [damcenaney@aol.com](mailto:damcenaney@aol.com), or call her at 972-385-3918. You may also sign the sheet located at the Welcome Desk in the Loggia and in Wesley Hall during Common Ground. This can be a wonderful opportunity to serve as a family if you are interested. Please indicate which service you will be attending and the number of people who in your family who would like to volunteer to be greeters. Being a greeter involves showing up 20-25 minutes before your service, wearing a smile and a name badge. At the conclusion of the services on Christmas Eve, Greeters will be handing out candycanes. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY — just your smile and warm heart.

## What's new with YOUTH...

Hey everybody! Thank you to everyone who went caroling Sunday night. I saw some tears from a couple of the people who heard us. What a difference just a few songs can make in someone's life. Also - a BIG thank you to those who played guitars for us. All of you are very talented and did a great job. Remember that December is very different because of the holidays, so be sure to check your email, the Behold!, bulletin and your December newsletter. Here is what's coming up in December...

### December

**11** - UMYF - Game night - Come and relax before finals! Bring your favorite board game.

**18** - Youth singers and ringers in 8:30 worship  
- UMYF - Family Christmas dinner

**24** - Youth singers led in Christmas eve service 8:00pm

**25** - CHRISTMAS - NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES and NO youth SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Mark Your Calendars!!!

IMPACT Florida this summer will be June 24 - July 2. IMPACT is open to all youth (Jr. and Sr. High).

Appalachia Service Project this summer will be July 7 - July 17. ASP is for Sr. High only.

### Reminders....

Snack Supper begins on Sunday nights at 5:30. Cost is \$3.

**11** - Nancy Watson and Elizabeth Escamilla

UMYF is on Sunday nights from 6pm (5:30 w/ supper) until 7:30. If there is a change, it will be noted.

Youth Music times are: 3:30 Ringers, 4:30 Singers.

We have a lot going on here at SVUMC. If you have any questions, call us or send us an email, and our door is always open.

MTLBYAKY, Jared and Megan



## Christmas schedule

**Christmas Eve:** Sanctuary services at 5, 8, 11pm

**Christmas Day:** Sanctuary, 11am. Children & Youth will not have Sunday school on Christmas Day.

Adults classes who wish to meet need to notify the office and provide their own refreshments and beverages. Thanks, *Anna Hosemann-Butler*

## Church holiday hours posted

**Monday, December 26:** Offices Closed

**Tuesday, December 27 through Friday, December 30,** offices open 9–12pm

**Monday, January 2:** Offices Closed

**Tuesday, January 3:** back to regular schedule

\*Contributions for 2005 tax year will be accepted until noon, January 6, '06



## NOTEworthy news...

### Worship & Music Offerings Upcoming Music

#### Chamber Singers anthem text

John Gardner has written a delightful arrangement of the music for *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*. If we heard and sang all new songs, we would forget our heritage. If we heard and sang all familiar songs, we would be guilty of vain repetition. For most people, this is a fresh new text that is written from the standpoint of the Christ child the day before he is to be born into the world to save us from our sins. To quote a line from *Welcome to our World*, another new song shared in worship recently, Jesus is coming to “rob our sin and make us holy.” The song is accompanied by organ, tambourine and hand drum. Read this text as a devotional and to prepare you for the Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata which can be heard the next two Sundays.

**Dec. 11,** 8:30 & 11:00 Chancel Choir,  
Seasonal Singers and Orchestra

#### Hymns

#220 *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

#2098 *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

#238 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Dec. 18,** 8:30 Youth Ringers

#### Carols of the Nativity

8:30 Youth Singers, *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

8:30 Youth Singers *Betelehemu*, with percussion

11:00 Carillon Ringers *Bring a Torch, Jeannette,*

*Isabella, & Night of Silence*

11:00 Chancel Choir & brass,

*Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*

#### Hymns

#209 *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

#216 *Lo, How A Rose*

#234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*



## Mardi Gras Madness 2006

Save the date – Sunday, February 12

Plan to be there for the fun and fellowship!

## SVUMC "historians" needed

Our church will celebrate its 50 year anniversary in 2007. We already have "The Spirit of Spring Valley," given by Bobby Detwiler, that gives us a history of the church to 1986; but we need volunteers to fill us in on what happened after 1986. We also need someone to go through old pictorial directories and pictures to document special events in the life of the church.

Our goal is to prepare a book and compact disk that tells the story of Spring Valley United Methodist Church from its beginning to present. In addition, we will prepare a PowerPoint presentation of pictures to show during the anniversary festivities. If you are interested, please contact Paula Huffaker at the church office 972-233-7671, e-mail [phuffaker@svumc.org](mailto:phuffaker@svumc.org).

## Celebration cookbook planned

We still need your recipes for our Spring Valley United Methodist Church cookbook! Please type or print your favorite recipe(s), sign your name, and turn it in ASAP. A basket is in the office to collect the recipes, or you can mail them to the coordinators listed below. The deadline is January 30, 2006.



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## Charge Conference postponed

Our annual Charge Conference has been postponed from November 21 to January 9, 2006. Please save that date for a special visit with Dr. Ron Henderson and a night of music with our youth band, *Risen!* Thank you.

## New pictorial directory planned

It is time once again to do a pictorial directory for the Spring Valley Faith family. Representatives from PCA, a nationally recognized photographic company, will be here for two weeks in late January to take pictures, which can be purchased if desired. SIGN-UPS for times are on tables in the Loggia and in Wesley Hall today and will be available through Dec. 11. Make your appointment now.



## Get your Behold quickly!

Call Paula Huffaker in the church office, 972-233-7671, x14, or by email, [Phuffaker@svumc.org](mailto:Phuffaker@svumc.org), to insure your receipt of the weekly *Behold* newsletter more quickly than ever. More and more members are receiving their *Behold* by email. Just tell Paula your email address and your newsletter will appear on your computer the day after it's published. We can save postage, time, and trees by delivering it this way. Thanks for your cooperation in this effort.

## 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

**Dec. 11** - Rosemary Rumbley, lecturer, author, columnist, experienced actress, and teacher will delight us in her own unique style. Please join us to hear this master storyteller of life. You will be sure to leave with a smile!

**Dec. 18** - Jim Veach will present the program, "An exegesis of Matthew's birth of Christ."

### Beacon Class

*"The Journey Into Christmas"*

Lessons are based on the four Advent Candles: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

**Dec. 11** - Joy

**Dec. 18** - Love

**Dec. 25** - No Class

### Christian Parenting - Room 210

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

### Friends Class

**Dec. 11** - *Let Us Go Over to Bethlehem*

**Dec. 18** - *Let Us Go Over to Bethlehem*

### Quest Class

Join us as we study the book of Revelation.

### Seekers Class

**Dec. 11** - The Music of Christmas, Paula Huffaker

**Dec. 18** - The Three Kings , Part II, Don Bowen

**Dec. 25** - Christmas Day, No Sunday school

### S.P.O.T. - Spiritual Parents of Teens,

formerly PARENTS OF TEENS - Room 192

We are reading *The Five Love Languages of Teenagers* by Gary Chapman.

### Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$928,053
Total received to date	897,177
Received Nov. 13	20,310
Attendance	463

*Give God what's right, not what's left*

## Turkeys For NETwork and NSCI

Network Of Community Ministries and Neighborhood Service Council will gladly accept turkeys through December.

You may deliver your bird...

...to the church to NSCI

...to the SVUMC kitchen freezer (next to Wesley Hall). Please label for NETwork for Community Ministries.

...directly to NETwork at 741 S. Sherman St., Richardson (just north of Spring Valley, east of Central Expy)



## Soap and socks and a whole lot more!

Meals-on-Wheels clients and Hospice patients will have a brighter holiday because people like you care! 3,000 special gift bags will be distributed to each elderly shut-in or disabled person unable to prepare their own meals, and those who are terminally ill.

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 18 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.

## NETwork food collection is Sunday, Dec. 11

Christmas is about the birth of a special baby born in a manger. Sadly, today some babies arrive in this world to parents who can't provide for them. We can honor our Savior, Jesus Christ, by remembering these little "today" babies with a donation of baby food and diapers to NETwork. Especially needed is baby food #1, #2, #3 and Similac formula with and without iron. Of course, any non-perishable food is greatly appreciated. A monetary donation can be dropped in the collection plate or left in the business office.

What an opportunity we have not only to drop a sack of food in the boxes, but to do so with love and concern for those who are in need. Say a little prayer that the family who receives your food will indeed know they are loved.

## Third Sunday Dimes-a-Day

December 18 will be our last Dimes offering for this year. With your help, we've made a difference in our local community with Richardson NETwork and Habitat, and in our world with support for our missionaries, our mission trip to Guatemala, and our relationship with our sister church in the Czech Republic. We ask your support for these and the other mission programs Spring Valley supports.

## UMW Christmas banquet planned for December 12

The Spring Valley United Methodist Women invite the women of the church and their guests for a special evening on December 12. Our distinguished guest is the Reverend Dr. John Thornburg, who will present a program on "The Music of Christmas."

John Thornburg is the son, grandson, and great grandson of Methodist ministers. He was the song leader of the North Texas Annual Conference for ten years. John is a published hymn poet whose hymn texts appear in six different hymnals.

Our evening begins at 6:30 with a dinner of roasted pork loin and all the trimmings. Tickets are \$10 and are available now. Please call Gail Pettigrew if you have any questions.



## Thank you for gifts of warmth

With cooler temperatures comes the need for items of warmth, such as jackets, mittens and hats, as well as blankets for sleeping. We want to thank Chita Baladad, Lori Joswiak, Dee Yates and Joanna Shampine, for devoting some of their holiday time to sewing fleece blankets for people displaced by Hurricane Katrina.



## Katrina evacuees get new blankets

Many thanks to Ted Butler for donating the fleece material, Nadine Haefs for finding the blanket sizes, and Joanna Shampine, Chita Baladad, Shirley Barnes, Lori Joswiak, and Delores (Dee) Yates for turning the fleece into 15 blankets for the Katrina evacuees.

This article could be titled "Ask and You Shall Receive," because the members of this congregation are always ready and willing to help others. What a great church we have!

## Advent workshop proves a stellar success!

The Advent Workshop was held on Sunday, Dec. 4, with approximately 125 guests in attendance!! Children's Council chair, Lisa Phillips and Jan Hudgins, Director of Children and Family Ministries led the council in developing fun and tasty crafts for preschoolers through elementary-age children.



Thanks to the many volunteers who worked at the craft tables with the children and their parents: Rosemary Winters, Joyce Boyer, Betty Reichel, Elizabeth Gross, Nancie DeCourcy, David Armstrong, Charlotte Carroll, Pam Hiam, Betsy Willis, Linda Holstein, Nancy Purcell, Mark and Kristin McElroy, Betsy and Leanne Owens, Elizabeth Kilgore, Janis Dumas, Debbie McEnaney, Joan Barnette, Becky Hydrick, Gloria Smith, Sue Cummings, Dorothy Milner, Pat and Oliver Axtell, Gail Stevenson, Kathy Cook, Dolly Oakerstrom, Alice Cromwell, Steve & Dianne Cronenberg, Joanna Shampine, Virginia Thomas, Lisa Newton, Gina and Bruce Tucker, Kasi Pollock, Doris Simonsen, Nancy Watson, Emily Meier, Brittany Fryar, Anna Hosemann-Butler, and Laura LaFrano.

Extra thanks to Tony Holiday in assisting in the set up for the event along with all the members of the Children's Council. Thanks to Paul Escamilla for leading the children in song and worship and to Lisa Phillips for playing Christmas music on the piano while all the crafting was done.

Special thanks to Lisa for serving as Children's Council chair for the past two years. Lisa was presented with a gift of thanks from the Council members in appreciation for her years of service. Debbie McGuire will be assuming the chair position in January. See picture of workshop in next column.

## Dobie Elementary toy drive is Nov 20 - Dec. 11

Give the gift of education in a toy. Place new, unwrapped educational toys and games in the collection boxes. All donations go to Dobie Elementary for the 600 students, ages 3, 4, and 5 in furthering the educational process at home. Cash donations may be made out to Spring Valley UMC marked for Dobie Toy Drive, too.



*Suggested items are:*

**Games:** Candyland, Chutes & Ladders, memory games, matching games, easy card games, jump ropes, small balls (football, soccer size 3 or 4, nerf balls) puzzles

**Simple Toys:** Mr. Potato Head, trucks, dolls, stuffed animals, Play-dough,

**Art Supplies:** crayons, markers, tablets, coloring books

*Please, no weapon toys.*

**Delivery elves needed!** We will need some large vehicles and SVUMC elves to deliver the toys. Please call David and Betsy Willis, 972-380-8555, or willisbf@yahoo.com, if you can help deliver the toys on Mon., Dec. 12.

## Adults and children both enjoy the crafts at the workshop



Charlotte Carroll helps Brayden Newton thread jingle bells on a chenille stem to make a wreath ornament.



Leann, Brennan, and Bronson Balzac working hard making footprint angels.



Lauren, Ryan, and Megan Earl finish their photo ornaments.

## 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

Donna Campbell  
Terri Hawkins  
Ed Pierce  
Betty Carter  
Bob Morriss  
Betty Lou Noble  
Bonnie Reed  
Luiz Santos  
Randy Smith  
Bill Darnall  
Ann Michele King  
Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Barbara Zoeller's brother, James Broussard  
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,  
    Gary and Jacqui Hopper  
Camille Smith  
Martinez family friend's new baby, Regan Smiddy  
Jack Brown's cousin's wife, Esther Brown  
Marita Malek's relative, Jason Malek  
Paula Huffaker's brother-in-law's father,  
    Howard Kliver  
Gene Harrell's sister, Audie Ingram  
Joyce Covey's grandson, Shawn Roberts  
Jackie Palmer's son, Scott Palmer

Alice Cromwell's aunt, Lou Maxwell  
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson  
All persons serving in the military  
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church  
Those with ongoing concerns

### Sympathy to:

Glynn Ledbetter and family in the death  
    of her brother, Chad Sneed