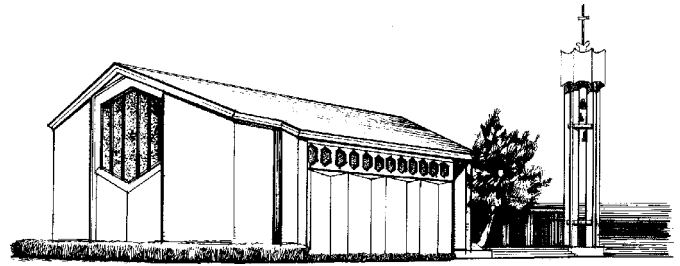


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



Vol. 9, No. 6 February 10, 2003

Thoughts on giving

Like each of our previous forty-some-odd years, 2003 offers a multitude of opportunities to Spring Valley United Methodist Church. This year we will continue to proclaim the message of redemption through Jesus Christ; we will continue to serve and love our neighbors through mission trips, local mission efforts, canned food collections, and other initiatives of servanthood. We will continue to visit the sick. We will continue to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. After all, it is what we are called to do.

We will be able to continue these ministries and grow in Christ only with the participation of all of us. We are all asked to give time and energy to the church and to its missions. Our ministries are enriched with the loving gift of children's and youth Sunday school teachers and youth sponsors. Our ministries are fulfilled through the active and present participation of our members on mission trips. Spring Valley needs and treasures your gifts of personal time and effort. We all have also heard the call for money, for increased pledges and financial gifts. The money taken in by the church allows the church to continue in the business sense, in the sense that bills are paid and missions are funded.

As members of the United Methodist Church, we pledge to support the church with prayers, presence, gifts and service. Notice what is first on that list. It was my honor to serve as preacher this past Sunday, and the emphasis was on prayer. We said that we are called to pray so that we may be healed, and so that we can then go about the healing of others. We said that before we do anything else, we are called to pray, and I would repeat that in this writing. Before we make a decision to give time, energy, and money, let us all pray and continue praying for Spring Valley United Methodist Church and its members and its staff, and for the continuing manifestations of God's grace upon it.

Frank Rahm



Lenten series

Dr. Scott Somers will be leading a Lenten Series every Wednesday during Lent, beginning March 12 and ending on April 9, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. We hope you will all make plans to attend this wonderful time of reflection, study, and fellowship. Watch the Behold for more details.

Welcome to our new member!



Emily Odemu
5555 Spring Valley Rd. #1112
Dallas, Texas 75254

214-405-0698



Help needed!

The UMW church-wide garage and used clothing sale will be held on February 28 & March 1, 2003. In addition to donations of items to sell, lots of help is needed to sort and arrange all the donations, beginning February 24th. The greatest need is for workers on Thursday, February 27th, and during the sale on Friday, February 28, and Saturday, March 1, 2003. If you can volunteer any time during this week, contact either Pat Axtell, 972-661-1571 or Elizabeth Kilgore, 972-231-8539.

What's new with YOUTH!

Sunday, February 16

9:45am Common Ground

11:00am Youth Sunday school, *What's Your Calling?*

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-6.

Noon Youth Council meeting, with lunch

3:30pm Youth Singers

5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper

6:00pm UMYF, The Dating Panel, ends at 7:30

The Dating Panel returns:

Here's how the Dating Panel works. Several adults, unknown to you and your family, have been invited to share their insights and responses to your dating questions. One married couple, one early-20's dating couple, and one single person are on the panel. This Valentine tradition has always proven very popular and helpful to everybody. So think of your questions and come!

Big thanks...

to our adult volunteers who helped with Mardi Gras Madness: Laura LaFrano, Diana & Jayson White, Carol & Greg Nicholas, Bethann & Steve DeFoe, Linda Leedy, Kay Hutchins, Jennifer & Robert Leedy, and Pat Johnston! Also thanks to everyone who donated auction services or items; and HUGE thanks to all who bid and purchased on the items. We couldn't have done it without you!

Bible study announcement:

Youth Bible study continues as part of the Tuesday evening Youth Singers *Godspell* rehearsals. Dinner, \$3, is at 6; Bible study, at 6:30; rehearsal, at 7. Mark your calendar for the following Tuesdays for these events: February 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25.

Mark your calendars! Wow! There's a lot going on!!

March 9 Group Dynamics, with Confirmation Class

March 15 Service Saturday for March

April 4-6 Spring Spiritual Retreat - planned and led by Srs. '03.

(Seniors planning and leading will become a new tradition at Spring Valley!)

April 26 Amigos Days (Service Saturday for April)

Spring Valley Travelers trips for 2003

April 17 - DART rail to the zoo

April 24 - Titanic, the Artifact Exhibit, Oklahoma City

September 27-October 5 - Niagara Falls and Toronto

November 5-7 - Ozark Fall Foliage

Call Chris Parton for details and information at 972-239-3369.



Children's Chatter!



Summer Camp 2003

Boys and girls, who have finished third through fifth grade, are invited to Bridgeport Elementary Camp, from July 22nd - 26th. Registration forms are outside Connie Miller's office door. You can also register by going to www.bridgeportcamp.com. There is an additional \$10 fee to cover on-line registration costs. Connie Miller will be going to this camp. If you are interested in your child's going and have questions, please phone Connie at (972) 233-7671, ext. 20. I can't say enough great things about camp. It is an awesome experience.

Boys and girls who have finished sixth through twelfth grade are invited to Music and Arts Camp from June 16th - 21st. Our own Rusty King will be directing this camp.

Another camp at Bridgeport for sixth through eighth graders will be held June 30th - July 5th.

Camp is a life-changing event. Each day is filled with Christian fellowship, creative worship, dynamic music, fun games, team building activities, arts and crafts, family groups, and outdoor recreation. Children and youth will have an incredible fun-filled week, making life-long friends, and growing in their faith in Christ.

What's Going On In Sunday School

Three and four year olds

This age is learning how Jesus called people to be his disciples to learn from him and teach others. Children will see what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, to witness to the Good News that Jesus brought, and to share Jesus' story with others. *Rotation Model (Elementary Age)*

The new Computer Center is open! Boys and girls are becoming familiar with the story of Jesus' baptism by hearing and seeing it, by playing games and by researching the story.

Confirmation (Sixth Grade)

Sixth graders are learning about Jesus and what he did. Boys and girls are also learning about salvation. Come join the fun in Sunday School!



Mardi Gras Noteworthy news . . . Madness report

Preliminary figures show a profit of \$5,500!! All the parents worked so hard on their jobs. We are grateful to Bethann DeFoe for coordinating the food and youth serving jobs. The youth did an awesome job. The breathtaking decorations were coordinated by Carol Nicholas and her mother, Pat Johnston, with youth help. Our chairpersons are to be commended on their efforts - Linda Leedy and Kay Hutchins don't even have any youth in the program. Laura LaFrano did a yeoman's job of ticket sales. Her husband, Buz, together with Anne Strong and others, worked in the check-out phase of the auction at the end of the event. Diana White organized and listed the auction items in the program. Several people helped, including her husband, Jayson, along with Robert and Jennifer Leedy. All assisted with set-up, decorations, and anything else that was needed. As always, Roger Martens and Herb Lee were great auctioneers. All youth are to be commended on their jobs as servers, as well as their work on the silent auction items by collecting a gift certificate, offering a service, or creating something personal such as a cake or baby blanket. We thank Dick and Myrna Ridings, Herb and Cynthia Pharr-Lee, and Mark and Lynne Solomon for their contributions of major auction items.

To all who attended, we say thanks. This event succeeded because of all who purchased auction items. The outstanding entertainment, provided by Jazz INC from Custer Road UMC, also added to the success. Is there any interest out there for Spring Valley to have them back again? They are willing to play on Sunday mornings!



Schubert's Mass in G

This is the Lenten cantata. Chancel Choir, Youth Singers, and orchestra will present this Witness to the Word on Sunday, February 23, at 8:30 and 11:00. Soloists are Jeanne Larranaga, Michael Sheehan, Max Taylor, Jon Andersen, and Ellis Ozley. The choirs and orchestra will also give a performance at Gardens of Richardson the day before, February 22, at 2pm. This lovely work highlights praise and fits beautifully at the beginning of Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday on March 5.

Habitat for Humanity Walk-a-Thon

The Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat Walk-a-Thon will be Saturday, February 22. Also, we will start building another home for Habitat on March 1. There will be sign-up tables in the hallway by the church office. Call Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570, for details on both of these events.



Spring Valley United Methodist Preschool & Kindergarten

invites you to our
Annual Silent Auction

Thursday, February 20th

Bidding is open from 2pm-7pm in Wesley Hall. Free catered snacks & fellowship are from 6-7pm.

Please RSVP to tell Beth you plan to attend. She can also provide more detailed information. Proceeds will be used to remodel the girls' and boys' restrooms in the preschool wing.

Come and help support our fantastic preschool and kindergarten, accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Aldersgate class

February 16 - Dr. Connie Smith, local dentist, and her husband, Guy Smith, will share their experiences from a family mission trip to the Amazon. The Smiths and their four children worked in medical, dental, evangelism, women's ministries, optometry, and VBS ministries. They will share how God richly blessed them by working to bring the message of Christ to others.

Sunday, February 23 - Margaret Zaho, Ph.D, will present "Renaissance Art in the Old Testament." She is an art historian, lectures at area universities, and studies frequently in Europe, notably Italy. Visitors are welcome to enjoy this visual, lively lecture as Margaret explains how artists preserved Bible stories and brought scriptures to life!

Seeker class programs

Feb. 16 - Patriarchs of the Old Testament, continued, Isaac and Jacob.

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

Audrey Hines, Medical City

SVUMC Church Family

Zoe Thompson

Carmen Copeland

Molly Schrader

Gene Mundy

Sandra Guthrie

Ellen Mei

Florence Campbell

Georgie Ann Davis

W.L. Rowland

Extended Church Family

Glenna Dodson's grandson, Tanner Wylie

Max and Betty Taylor's son, Jeff

Paula Huffaker's neighbor, Bev Johnson

Margaret & Randy Smith's daughter-in-law, Carrie

Chase LaFrano's grandfather, Chuck LaFrano

Karen Somer's dad, Jim Dennis

Karen Sumner's sister and nephews, Carol, Jerrod, and Jordan

Homebound members

Those with ongoing concerns

Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Sympathy to:

Cindy Stamps and family in the death
of her mother, Lee Henslee

Jeanie Moore and family in the death
of her father, Roscoe Gillean