

# Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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## Mardi Gras Madness - a great success!

There was screaming, and dancing, and singing. There was great food and amazing entertainment. There was fellowship and a coming together of the congregation.

Thanks to all who attended Mardi Gras Madness on Sunday evening. It was a PARTY! Your support is critical to the youth program at our church. The outpouring from the bidders and donors in the auction was truly unbelievable, with several donors (notably Anna Butler, Doug Sandstedt, Phil Wilmot, Rusty King, Nicholas, DeFoe, LaFrano, and Holburn) offering duplicates and even triplicates of their donated items to satisfy the demands of the buyers.

For the tireless work of the volunteers....thank you: Carol Nicholas and Nana Pat Johnston; Gina and Bruce Tucker; Kathy Watson; Mary Ellen and Phil Wilmot; Paco and Jacqui Otal; Bethann Defoe; Rita and Ben Dickerson; Karen Holburn; Nori Neuner; Cathy Cook; Deb Tucker; Nancy Watson. Thanks to Mark Solomon for putting on the parade. Special thanks to Laura LaFrano for her counsel and guidance in making this happen. Very special thanks to Doris Simonsen, who worked untold hours and acted as a buffer to keep angry mobs from lynching me.



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## Welcome, new member!

**Ted Hunt**

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Thanks to the clergy and staff, for publicly humiliating themselves for the sake of a good time. Thanks to Rusty for putting together a great program of entertainment. Thanks to the youth for their efforts in serving the food and adding to the excitement of the occasion. Thanks to the auctioneers, Bruce Tucker and Steve Ledbetter, for coaxing bids from the crowd. Thanks to Earl Barnette and Britt Adams for managing the lights and sound. Thanks to Tony Holiday for his spirit in helping the effort. Thanks to Jan Hudgins and Kelly Moon for their tireless work on the buttons this week.

Finally, thanks to an incredible group of young people who served and entertained. They were the reason we came together. Not only are they ministers in their own right today, they are the hope for the future and the dreams of tomorrow. They are keepers of the story of Christ and his love.

By supporting Mardi Gras Madness, you have fueled the vehicle that helps the church, the youth, the community, and indeed the world.

Thanks, Barry Carroll

Mardi Gras Madness Chair 2006

Come Sunday...

common ground



Traditional Worship

**Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

Matthew 6:5-13

*Sacred Spaces: The Jesus Room*  
"A solitary place in the race."

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Mark 2:1-12

*Life in Christ: Held Up*  
Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

**Sunday, February 26, Transfiguration Sunday**

Mark 9:2-9

*Sacred Space: Holy Ground*  
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Mark 9:2-9

*Life In Christ: Listeners*  
Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

## Habitat for Humanity

Grab your hammers! We've started building another Habitat house. Construction started Saturday, February 11 at 8 am. The house is located at 1804 Jack Casey Ct., which is the next street beyond the last Habitat house we built.

We are building the house for Mary Jackson and her two children. She has a college-age son and a daughter with special needs who will graduate from high school this year. Mary is employed with Baylor Healthcare Systems. She is an active volunteer for the Red Cross and the Celebrating Life Foundation which provides support and services to breast cancer survivors and their families. Come help build the house for this deserving family.

Don't forget, the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat Walk-A-Thon which will be held on February 25. We need walkers and pledges.

For more information about the house or the Walk-A-Thon, come by the Habitat display near the church offices or call Rhonda Huser at 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer at 972-661-2570.



## She's ba-a-c-c-k!

Susanne Kerley has returned to Spring Valley to serve as Interim Director of the Preschool through the end of the school year. Susanne was



here as Director of Children's Ministries from 1992-2000.

Susanne has been married to Clyde for 43 years and they have two grown children and three grandchildren. Since her retirement Susanne has been busy with many community activities in Frisco. Susanne is Secretary of the Heritage Association of Frisco and is a member of the Downtown Advisory Board. She is also a member of the Comprehensive Planning Commission that has designed plans for the build-out of Frisco to the year 2010. Clyde and Susanne live in one of the oldest homes in Frisco. The historic house keeps them busy with painting and yardwork and they enjoy it very much.

Please come by and welcome Susanne back, and be sure to ask to see her photos of her grandchildren!

## Dimes-a-Day is February 19

Each third Sunday of the month in worship, Spring Valley's Mission Core Process Group invites those worshiping to walk to the chancel rail and share a monetary Dimes-A-Day gift with an unknown "friend." This friend may be hungry, homeless, or ill. This friend may not know Jesus, or in any way feel God's love. Whatever the circumstances of our friend, Jesus taught us that we need to minister to these unknown friends.

Our missionaries, Bill and Jerri Savuto, have shared that, just like Texas, the area surrounding Maua Hospital in Kenya, has suffered severe drought. The poorest patients now have even fewer resources and no way to pay for their hospitalizations. While the expectation is that each patient will pay *something*, a fund exists to help support the cost of patients *totally* unable to pay.

Can we make a difference? Of course we can make a difference. Pray for healing, for the skill of the dedicated medical personnel serving in Maua Methodist Hospital, and for weather conditions to return to support a viable agricultural business to combat hunger and poverty. Fill the mission envelope found in your bulletin. The chancel rail awaits!

## Seekers Class to meet the troops

The Seekers Sunday School Class is going to DFW to greet the troops returning from duty in the Middle East on Friday, March 3. If you are interested in joining us, please call me at 9-235-6391 or email [denthyc@msn.com](mailto:denthyc@msn.com). We will probably leave from the church about 8:45am. It will depend on the time of the plane's arrival. Thank you very much, *Molly Schrader*

## Arts and Crafts group needs you

Come and join the Arts and Crafts group on Monday mornings at 10am to 2pm You will find the ladies busy at work making preparations for the Easter Bake Sale and the Mini Spring Bazaar which will be held from 9am to 12:30pm on March 26. You will probably see some little bunnies hopping around in the room.

Please be thinking what you can bake for the bake sale. We will be needing cookies, cakes, pies, cup cakes, breads, candies and etc. to sell. Hope to see you at the craft room. Please come with lots of ideas to share with the group!

### Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$ 156,325
Total received to date	137,019
Received Feb. 5	20,045
Attendance	466

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

## UMW Clothing and White elephant Sale, March 10 & 11

Start cleaning out your closet and cupboards! The annual UMW clothing and white elephant sale happens on March 10 and 11. Get rid of your clothes that have not been worn in 5 years! Clean out those drawers and cabinets, and reorganize your life! The UMW will begin accepting small house hold items, linens clothes, hats, handbags, jewelry, shoes, etc. on Sunday afternoon, March 5. **Please** - NO furniture or books. This is our main UMW money-making project for our mission programs. Plan now to be a part of this worthwhile event by donating, working and buying! It's better than E-Bay!



## New class offered for adults at SVUMC

Beginning in mid-March, Dr. Don Barnes will facilitate the new, shorter version of Disciple Bible study on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. Dr. Barnes will begin with a nine-week overview of the Old Testament, which follows the Disciple format but in shorter form. This is an excellent way for anyone to begin or continue the Bible Study. Reservations are required. For information, contact Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler, extension 19.

## New Bible study group formed

The church has started a new Bible study at Bill and Lou Wilkins' home. The *Neighbors Home Bible Study* meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm to 9pm at the Wilkin's home at 7740 El Pastel Drive. Please join us for this exciting study!

## Get your Behold quickly!

Call Paula Huffaker in the church office, 972-233-7671, x14, or by email, 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.

## 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.

## Join us for Sunday school

An updated list of all Sunday school classes is now available at the Visitors desk. Some current offerings include:

### Beacon Class

"The Ten Commandments in a Modern World"  
**Feb. 19** - No. Five: "Who Are My Family?"  
**Feb. 26** - No. Six: "Treating Life as Sacred"  
**Mar. 5** - No. Seven: "An Analysis of Adultery"  
**Mar. 12** - No. Eight: "Robbery"  
**Mar. 19** - No. Nine: "Telling the Truth"  
**Mar. 26** - No. Ten: "The Two Faces of Desire"

### Christian Parenting - Room 210

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

### Fellowship Bible Class

We are reading *The Passionate Church*, by Mike Breen & Walt Kallestad. Call Lou & Bill Wilkin, 972-392-1486, maestrak1234@yahoo.com.

### Quest Class

Join us as we study the book of Revelation.

### Seekers Class

**Feb. 19** - "Our Endangered Values," Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler reviews the best-selling book by former President Jimmy Carter.  
**Feb. 29** - Rev. Escamilla will give his "State of the Church" address. After 8 months at Spring Valley, what are his impressions of the church and its programs and his vision and ambitions for our future.

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

formerly **PARENTS OF TEENS** - Room 192  
Come check us out - there's a "SPOT" for you in our class. We are reading *The Five Love Languages of Teenagers* by Gary Chapman. In March we will read *30 Days to Understanding the Bible*, by Max Anders.

## What's up for YOUTH...

### SVUMC Youth events

**Mardi Gras Madness** was once again a HUGE success, thanks in large part to the enthusiasm of the youth who participated.

This event goes beyond being simply a fund-raiser. It is a fellowship event and great time for our church and is part of the fabric of Spring Valley. Approximately 250 people were in attendance, in addition to the youth! With Monday's donations, themselves totaling over \$1,600, we brought in around \$27,000! Tips are included in this total, and they are the best yet - \$574, topping last year's total by over \$60.

Way to go kids!!!!

### Small groups continue on Wednesday night.

**Mixed Mid-winter Retreat:** We have 20 Youths and 4 Adults attending the Mixed Mid-Winter Retreat at Bridgeport this coming weekend, which is awesome. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they take a break from the daily routine of school and studies.

**NOTE:** NO Choir or UMYF on Sunday due to the retreat.

Looking ahead to the summer...

**Youth Choir Tour - June 9 - 15** (Homecoming concerts June 16 & 17)

**Vacation Bible School** (all youth encouraged to help!) - June 19-23

**IMPACT Florida** - June 24-July 1

**Appalachia Service Project** - If you are interested in going to Kentucky to work on the Appalachia Service Project, please make sure that you notify either Kelly or Paco, as soon as possible. The dates for 2006 ASP are July 7 - July 17, 2006.

Currently, we have room for 20 youths (those entering the 10th grade, 11th grade or 12th grade, as well as those who will graduate this May). So far, we know of 12-13 who have said that they would be going on ASP 2006.

If we need to increase the number of participants over the 20 that we have already made reservation for, we will do it. But we need to do it before March 20, if we want to have a chance to increase the limit. The final decision will be with ASP and based on the numbers of the other groups attending that week (07/09/06 - 07/14/06).

We plan to have a meeting of ASP participants some time in April to discuss the trip in detail and what you need to bring with you.

**New SVUMC Youth mailing list from YAHOO GROUPS!** Send a blank email to [svumcyouth-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:svumcyouth-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). If you haven't joined this group, you may be prompted to set up a yahoo account, but you can still choose the address you'd like the emails delivered to. This email group will really help with communication for the foreseeable future, so don't be out of the loop! Email [nwatson@pisd.edu](mailto:nwatson@pisd.edu) if you have any questions.



## Sexuality workshop is nearly here



The Human Sexuality

Workshop for 5th & 6th

graders will be held on March 2, 3, & 4, 2006. The curriculum is *Created By God*, published by Cokesbury. The facilitator will be Mary Bishop, who has been certified by the North Texas Conference to teach this course and is on staff at Highland Park United Methodist Church. The cost for the course is \$35 each and includes a book and lunch on Saturday. God is at the center of the approach to this course which affirms the Creator who brought us into being. By offering this course the church demonstrates its belief in the goodness of human creation and speaks directly to the issues of moral responsibility. The lessons draw on biblical stories and passages that affirm growth and change as part of God's plan for life; recognizing and celebrating sexuality as a good gift of God; suggest guidelines of love-filled relationships; challenge young people to assume responsibility for making careful choices; and lift up a God who is infinite in love and forgiveness. The course also seeks to open communication between the children and parents and provide a safe place to ask questions and share experiences.

Contact Jan Hudgins at 972-233-7671 x20.

### Elementary Sunday School News

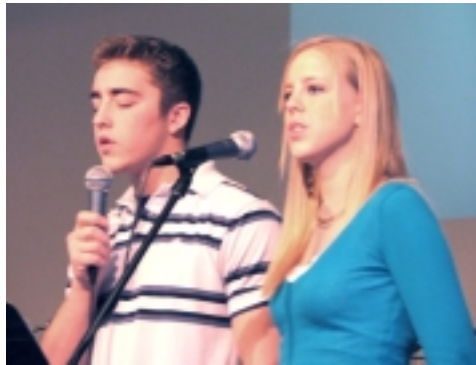
We are starting a new unit on Feb. 19! We'll spend the next 6 weeks learning about Elijah. He was a prophet, who like Jonah, gave others messages from God. Elijah even performed a miracle! By learning about Elijah we'll learn what it means to put our trust in God and to be faithful to God. It's not too late to sign up to teach Sunday School on a team. Contact Jan Hudgins today!

### Confirmation News:

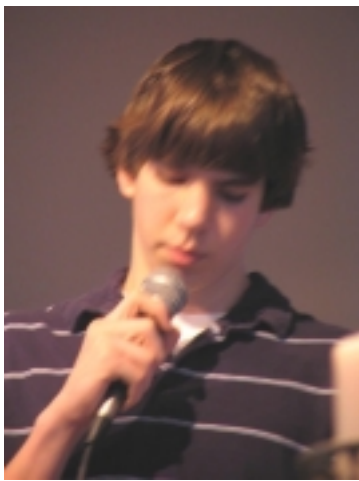
On Sunday, Feb. 26, after lunch the Confirmands and mentors will travel to Highland Park UMC for the annual Confirmation Celebration with the Bishop. This event offers an opportunity for worship and fellowship with other confirmands in the conference as well as a Q&A with the Bishop. Make plans to attend. RSVP to Jan as soon as possible.

## Children's Sabbath, February 12, in Common Ground

Children's Choirs and *Risen* provided musical leadership in this service. Below are some of the members of *Risen*.



Josh Wilson and Emily King



Chris McEnaney



Blake Hartgraves

### Joyful Singers, Carol Choir, and Cherub Choir



## NOTEworthy news...



### Upcoming music

Sunday, February 19

8:30 Ladies Ensemble, *Gather Us In*

11:00 Chancel Choir & Children's Choirs, *O Blessed Church*

Sunday, February 26

8:30 & 11:00 Chancel Choir, *Come, O Come*

### Seasonal Singers needed for Good Friday/ Easter Music

Chancel Choir invites all singers who can join us on Wednesday nights for the 6 weeks of Lent. We start on March 1, Ash Wednesday, at 8pm and continue on the subsequent Wednesdays at 7:30. The rehearsals are 40 minutes. Good Friday is April 14 and Easter is April 16. The Lenten work we will share as a Witness to the Word on Good Friday is a work by a new composer, Ron Kean, entitled *American Mass*.

### Coffeehouse Friday, March 31, 7pm, Wesley Hall

Dan Fogelberg: *A Living Legacy*

We have a special event planned in the form of a coffeehouse on Friday, March 31. We are renaming Wesley Hall to Wesley House temporarily. It will feature the music of Dan Fogelberg. He wrote and performed such songs as *Longer*, *Leader of the Band*, *Run for the Roses*, *Missing You* & *Power of Gold*. There will be 20 musicians, some from within the church and some from outside. There will not be a charge for admission. However, we will be accepting donations to be used for UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief.

### Youth Spring Spiritual Retreat!!

Spring Spiritual Retreat is almost here! This retreat is planned by the seniors and is guaranteed to be a fun and spiritual retreat.

WHO: All Youth

WHEN: March 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

WHERE: Rockin' C Ranch

This is coming up real fast so SAVE THIS DATE!!

More info will be getting to you soon!

## 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.

### Hospital

Ruth Mendoza  
Bob Muskopf  
Tom Campbell

Randy Smith  
Bill Darnall  
Homebound members

Jerry Malone's boss, and also two of their friends  
The Grottola family  
Greg Haase  
Camille Smith

Sue Cummings' sister, Betty Redden  
Don Finnie's father-in-law, Clements Wijtulewic  
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,  
Gary and Jacqui Hopper  
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson  
Donna Campbell's friend, Ashley Wilson  
All persons serving in the military  
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church  
Those with ongoing concerns

### SVUMC Church Family

James Rea  
Ruby Baker  
Beth Copeland  
Frances Dale  
Harriet Carroll  
Susan Kasten  
Terri Hawkins  
Ed Pierce  
Betty Carter  
Betty Lou Noble  
Bonnie Reed  
Luiz Santos

### Extended Church Family

Tommi Ezell's niece's son, Zach Reynolds  
Joyce Covey's son, Tom  
Steve Cronenberg's mother, Helen  
Paula Huffaker's friend, Kerry Tate  
Ron Amberg's Dad, Leon Amberg  
Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry  
Guy Garrett's mother  
Frances Dales' daughter and husband,  
Ann and Virgil Weisner  
Jim Arrington, father of preschooler,  
Jett Arrington  
Jane Thomas, former member  
Cynthia & Herb Lee's friend, Rich Flynn

### Sympathy to:

The Duwayne Matthew/Felita Adams families  
in the death of Alphonse Taylor