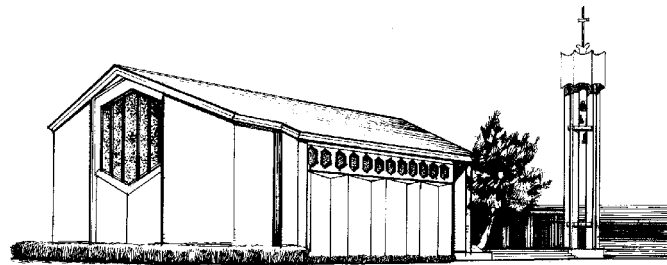
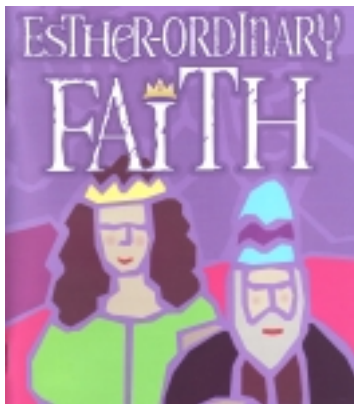


# Behold!



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## Hey kids, looking for an exciting spring opportunity?

If so, join the children's choirs, as they prepare to present their exciting spring musical, *Esther-Ordinary Faith!* In this year's musical, the choirs will share the story of Esther and her story of faith in a difficult situation

All children of the church are welcome to participate – even if you have not been in children's choir before. Our musical will be

presented in Wesley Hall on Sunday, May 15 at 6:30pm, and we rehearse each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm upstairs in the adult education wing. *There are parts for everyone* – with many speaking parts and singing solos. Come join us!

## Help plan our future

The Legacy Committee, formed to cast a vision as to how the gift from the A. H. "Dick" and Zoe Thompson estate might best benefit the long-term mission and ministry of Spring Valley, eagerly seeks your input. Through the Thompsons' generosity and love for Spring Valley, \$411,878 was received last fall, with a similar amount anticipated to be received this spring.

Please either speak with or write to members of the committee about your ideas of what this gift could do for Spring Valley, not just now, but also for the future. Committee members are Frank Andersen, Lola Copeland, Guy Garrett, Larry George, Bill Hunter, Cynthia Pharr Lee, Steve Taylor, and Will Tucker.

## Prime Timers plan museum trip

*Spring Valley Prime Timers* is the name by which our ministry with senior adults will be known. Keep your eyes peeled for periodic information in this space. Our next event is a group outing on Thursday, March 3, to the Dallas Museum of Art to see the China exhibit. We have partnered with Custer Road UMC and Christ UMC in Plano for this event. Group rate tickets are \$13, transportation is extra, and details for transport are still being finalized. It promises to be a great time. For details, please call Frank Rahm at the church office, 972-233-7671, ext. 18. Your leadership council is planning to meet soon to put some events and a calendar together!



## Welcome, new member!

Helen McEnaney  
6738 Mossvine Place  
Dallas, TX 75254

972-385-3918



## Changes are happening for distribution of the *Behold*

In an effort to be good stewards of both the earth's and the church's resources, fewer copies of the weekly *Behold* are being printed on paper and mailed; while more copies are being distributed electronically.

All members with email addresses will soon be receiving the *Behold* electronically.

And you can help in two ways:

(1) If you have email but have not notified the church office of your address, please do so as soon as possible. (2) Or, if your email address has changed, please update the church's records. All email information should be sent to Paula Huffaker at [Phuffaker@svumc.org](mailto:Phuffaker@svumc.org).

Your electronic participation in helping to save two kinds of "green" — trees and money — is an act of good stewardship. It also ensures that as many persons as possible receive news from the church as quickly and thoroughly as possible.

## UMW Clothing/Garage Sale

Friday, Feb. 18	9am-5pm
Saturday, Feb. 19	9am-1pm

## What's Up for YOUTH?

Sunday, February 20

- 9:45am Sunday School  
11am Worship  
2:30pm Youth Confirmation Class  
3:30pm Youth Singers  
5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper  
6-7:30pm UMYF: Spiritual Growth Night. We will share some time learning and discussing Lent. What's it all about? Why do we give something up for Lent?

Be sure to join us for **Sunday school** this week, and every Sunday morning at 9:45. It's a great time to spend together, to grow Godward, and to experience fellowship in Jesus' name.

**Tuesday evening rehearsals** of "Star" have begun. At 6 pm, we will share a snack supper. Bible study follows at 6:30pm, during which we will study the portion of scripture that is dramatized in the scenes that are rehearsed from 7-8:30. These evenings are open to all youth, so please come.

### Mark your Calendars:

- Feb. 23 Genesis Women's Shelter, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Mar. 16 Genesis Women's Shelter, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Mar. 27 Easter SonRise Service, led by the youth  
Apr. 8-10 Spring Spiritual Retreat, led by Seniors '05 (who rock, by the way)

## Children's ministry news

The Children's Council is collecting packages of individually wrapped candy and empty plastic eggs for this year's Easter Egg Hunt, as well as 6-count and 12-count egg cartons for a Sunday School project during Lent.

If you could save these items, we'd love to have them! Please place them in the basket outside Jan's office.

The Missions Core Process Group and our children are collecting items (and money donations) to assemble UMCOR Health Kits. If you would like to participate, please bring your donations to the collection box in the Children's Gathering room on Feb. 13 & 20:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")      1 washcloth  
1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket sized)      1 large tube of toothpaste  
6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages      1 bath-size bar of soap, 3oz.+  
1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper)  
1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

### Mark your calendars:

- Sun., Feb. 27 - Confirmation Celebration with the Bishop  
Sun., Mar. 20 - Egg Hunt and Picnic



## Noteworthy news

### Upcoming Music

- Feb. 20** - 8:30 and 11:00,  
Chamber Singers and,  
Jan Aphorpe, flute  
*Sing a New Song & Love Everlasting*  
8:30 Chamber Singers, 11:00 Chancel Choir  
**Feb. 27** - 8:30, Youth Singers  
*Prayer Litany and Psalm 51*  
11:00 Chancel Choir, *Shout Joyfully*  
**Mar. 6** - 8:30, Men's Choir  
*Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ*  
11:00 Chancel Choir, *Servants of Peace*  
**Mar. 13** - 8:30 and 11:00  
Duet, Peggy West and Susan Denzer  
Instrumental special at 8:30 and 11:00  
11:00 Chancel Choir, *I Hear Thy Welcome Voice*



## February happenings in Common Ground contemporary worship

**Feb. 20** - Sermon entitled "Born Again," based on the Gospel of St. John 3:1-17.

**Feb. 27** - The youth praise band, "Risen," will provide music for the service under the direction of Rev. Rusty King.

## March "second helpings" event to highlight moral values

Dr. William McElvaney, retired professor of homiletics and biblical studies at Perkins School of Theology, will speak at "Second Helpings" on Wednesday, March 9, on the pertinent topic of moral values and their meaning in light of the witness of Scripture. The meal and fellowship begin at 5:30pm. Dr. McElvaney will speak at 6:30. A time for questions and discussion will follow. For more details, call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church.

## We're lost...

From the UMW library shelves:

- Mrs. Lincoln & Mrs. Keckly*  
*After Anne*  
*The Virtues of Aging*

If you have any of these books at home, please return to the church library. Thank you.

## Habitat Walk-A-Thon

February 26 is the Richardson Area Interfaith fundraiser for the next Habitat house. Each monetary contribution becomes bricks and boards, shingles and siding. Dedicated volunteers turn those raw materials into someone's first ever home. Won't you and your family come out from your comfortable home and walk to enable a deserving family to walk into their new home?

*Get Sponsors to pledge!* Get your friends, business associates, neighbors, relatives, co-workers, and/or church members to sponsor you for this important event. Ask your company or other companies if they will **match** your pledge amount. Use the pledge form available at the sign up table in the hall by the church offices.

*Collect Your Pledges!* Pledges or donations collected in advance of the walk can be turned in at registration time at the Walk-a-Thon. Checks should be made payable to: 'Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity' with 'Richardson Area Interfaith' noted on the memo line. Pledges collected after completing the walk can be mailed to: Bill Boyer, 13405 Spring Grove, Dallas, Texas 75240.

### **Register and Walk!**

Registration begins at 8:30am, Feb. 26 at corner of Floyd Rd. and Lookout Dr., in Richardson. Parking is available in the UTD parking lot. For more information, call Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570, or Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288.

## Come cruise with us!

The Network of Community Ministries' third annual fundraising cruise, Autumn Leaves, from New York to Nova Scotia on Oct. 1-8, 2005, is now booking. Space is limited and will be closed by mid-April. Have a great trip and see some gorgeous fall foliage while supporting a wonderful cause.



Call Ton or Pat Winnubst, 214-544-8800, for more information.

## Potato Drop planned for Feb. 27

The Society of St. Andrew and FUMC Richardson Men's Ministry will have a Potato Drop on the FUMC parking lot, 12 noon-3pm on Feb. 27.

Surplus potatoes which would have gone to waste from West Texas will be brought to FUMCR for bagging and distribution to area feeding agencies. We need to: bag the potatoes, deliver them to agencies, load potatoes into agency vehicles, and help provide lunch for all of the volunteers. Each pound of bagged potatoes will provide three servings of nutritious food for people in the Richardson/Plano/Garland/North Dallas area.

For details, call or email Todd Bristow, todd.bristow@eds.com, 214-325-6263. Financial donations to help defray the costs of freight can be made to FUMCRichardson Men's Ministry, or the Society of St. Andrew, P.O. Box 58348, Dallas, TX.

## Interested in being a lector?

If you would like to read the scripture in worship on Sunday morning, call Paula Huffaker in the church office or email her at [phuffaker@svumc.org](mailto:phuffaker@svumc.org).



## Join us for Sunday school

### **Parents of Teenagers - Room 192**

All interested parents are invited to attend. This class is designed to be a fellowship and support group for parents of teenagers.

### **Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08**

*Feb. 20* - Dan Kasten, "Numbering our Days"

*Feb. 27* - Dan Kasten, "Pearls of Great Price"

### **Beacon Class**

*Feb. 20* - "The Man God Called a Fool"

*Feb. 27* - "The Servant's Entrance"

*Mar. 6* - "Starlight, Sunlight, Lamplight"

*Mar. 13* - "A Moment of Glory"

Pre-Palm Sunday, Holy Week Message

*Mar. 20* - Palm Sunday, "The Gospel According to Nicodemus"

*Mar. 27* - Easter Sunday, "The Two Faces of Easter"

### **Fellowship Bible Class - Room 214**

This class has chosen a Lenten devotional book, *Fellowship of Prayer*, by Fred B. Craddock, to read during the week and discuss on Sundays during Lent. This book's format is a journey to Jerusalem based on the Gospel of Luke. Cokesbury Bookstore carries the book for only \$1.50. Please join us for these Lenten discussions on Sunday mornings. Call Bill or Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486 for details.

### **Friends - Room 216**

*Feb. 20* - "Christ in the Psalms" - a discussion led by Cynthia Pharr Lee

*Feb. 27* - Habitat for Humanity - Sarah Squires, Assoc. Director of Development, Dallas Habitat

### **Seekers - Room 200**

*Mar. 6* - Dan Kasten, "Proverbial Wisdom"

*Mar. 13* - Dr. Cindy Pladziewis, "How Beliefs and Attitudes Affect Us Physically"

*Mar. 20* - Bob Crockett, "The Incredible Story of Harry"

*Mar. 27* - Bob Crockett, "Wil's Bones"

### **Wesleyan Class - Dining Room**

Rev. Dr. Don Barnes - "What's So Amazing about Grace?" - a study of Philip Yancey's book

*Feb. 20* - Session 6: Grace Put to the Test

*Feb. 27* - Session 7: Grace Abuse

*Mar. 6* - Session 8: The Church Backslides

*Mar. 13* - Session 9: Dispensing Grace

*Mar. 20* - Session 10: Counterforce

## 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

Ted Gebhardt  
Tommi Ezell

Jack Elliott's brother, Bruce W. Elliott  
Paula Huffaker's friend, Nancy Farra  
Mark and Melody Reese's friend, Don Garrow  
Audry Rozelle's nephew, Willard Keelin  
Beverly Whitley's mother, Betty Hagul  
John Dvorak's son and daughter-in-law,  
Johnny & Lillian  
Suellen Turner's friend's nephew, J.D. Hurta  
Gene Harrell's sister, Audrey Ingram, and  
brother-in-law, Fred Dietz

Nueva Vida members and families  
All persons serving in the military  
Our missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church  
Those with ongoing concerns

### SVUMC Church Family

Connie Peterman  
Lois Murphy  
Diana Zimring  
Marsha Aaron  
Fayrene Pospisil  
Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Betty Hopper's son, Gary  
Steve DeFoe's mother  
Roger Horn's brother, Wayne  
Jo Alice Patton's friend,  
Sandy Frank

Alan & Jeannie Moore's daughter-in-law's  
father, Bob Hogberg  
Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,  
Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley  
Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

### Congratulations to:

Laura LaFrano and family in the birth  
of a nephew, Carter Lawrence Donoho

### Sympathy to:

Helen and Kurt McEnaney and family in the  
death of their husband and father, Dan  
Family and friends of former member, Patti  
Westbrook Richardson who died Feb. 13