

# Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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## John Hutchins DELIVERS

Each month you are asked to bring non-perishable food for Richardson NETwork of Community Ministries (NET) and place your contribution in a barrel. But then how does it get to the hungry persons?



Enter John Hutchins! On Monday, this gentle, big teddy bear with a heart of gold, drives from his Frisco home, scoops up sacks, boxes, cans, and bottles and places them in the bed of his pickup. He's been doing this monthly for three years. Ralph Detwiler kindly steps in to help when John is unavailable.

The volunteers at NET are always glad to see John drive up to the dock, for they know needed food items are just moments away from restocking the often bare shelves. (For confirmation, please talk to Old Mother Hubbard.)

All donated food is weighed for record keeping purposes. On this day, Spring Valley's donation was 168 pounds. Usually our contribution is 200 to 400 pounds. In 2005, we contributed a total of 3,650 pounds of non-perishable food. While those numbers are good, John Hutchins has a huge truck bed, mostly empty. We could make John's day by giving him more to load and deliver!

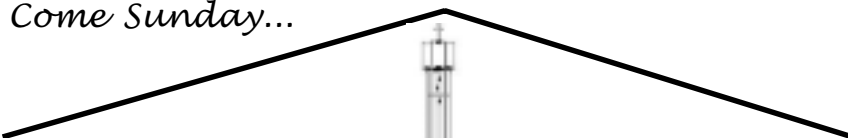
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John and wife, Kay, joined Spring Valley in 1965 and have sung in the choir almost since that time. They have served the church in many ways. About 5 years ago, they joined the Seekers Sunday School Class. A sly grin crosses John's face and without prompting, he admits he doesn't know why they waited SO long. They have certainly enriched the Seekers Class with their presence.

John also volunteers driving Meals on Wheels, teaming up with Bob Kennedy. He finds great satisfaction in this opportunity to serve the persons on their South Dallas route.

John is retired from Rockwell Collins Inc. and Kay is retired from the United Methodist Church where she worked as administrative assistant to the Central District Superintendent. They came from Tennessee and he represents his home state, the "Volunteer State," as well. So the next time you see John Hutchins, pause long enough to thank him. I'll bet you'll come away with a big bear hug and a smile.

*Come Sunday...*



**common** ground

**Traditional Worship**

*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

*Sunday, March 5, First Sunday in Lent,*

*Communion Sunday*

Mark 1:12-13

*Means of Grace: Fasting*

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Mark 1:12-13

*Lent Means Grace: Fasting*

Dr Paul L. Escamilla

## Baptism



*Emma Karen Goree*

Daughter of Kathleen and Richard Goree

Sister of Lauren Goree

Granddaughter of Mike and Kathy Taliaferro  
and Leon and Karen Sims

## 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.

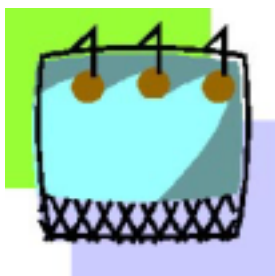


## Walking shoes in demand

Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) will give their hammers a rest on Saturday, February 25, as they don their walking shoes to raise money. The 13th Annual RAIH Walk-a-Thon begins at 9am with registration at 8:30 in the University of Texas of Dallas parking lot on the corner of Floyd Road and Lookout Drive in Richardson. Hope to see you at the walk with pledges in hand to raise funds for Habitat. Construction will resume on the Habitat build on Saturday, March 4. Questions regarding the build or the walk may be directed to Rhonda Huser at 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer at 972-661-2570.

## Sign changers needed

Our church marquee, the tall, lighted sign in front of our sanctuary on Spring Valley Road, is a very visible and important part of our church communications, both with our members as well as our community. The seemingly ever-changing message on the sign is revised, updated, and maintained by a small group of volunteers from among the members of our congregation. Each volunteer has responsibility for the sign on a recurring basis, depending on the number of members in the group. Right now, there are 5 members in the group, so each has sign duties recurring about every 4-6 weeks - less frequently when the sign does not need to be changed. Our volunteers' work schedule is very flexible, assigned on a volunteer basis depending on individual preferences.



The actual time required for changing letters and the message on the sign varies, depending on the length and complexity of the message, but rarely requires as much as an hour. The sign is normally updated on Monday, but could be done anytime during the week if that better fits the volunteer's individual schedule. So - if you have an hour you would be willing to contribute to this worthwhile effort every 4-6 weeks, and would like to help with this valuable and visible part of our church communication, please contact Paula Huffaker in the church office. She'll be happy to forward your name to the sign committee. If nothing else, it will do amazing things to improve your skills for "Wheel of Fortune!"

*B.J. Hall*

## March "Second Helpings" features Lenten program

March's *Second Helpings* program will be held Wed., Mar. 8 in Asbury Hall. Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler will present a program on "The Stations of the Cross," and will comprise an overview of this ancient Christian tradition of prayer and meditation for the Lenten season.

Dinner at 5:30. Program begins at 6:30. Sign-up for dinner reservations at the Welcome Desks both in the Loggia and Wesley Hall for Common Ground, and at the Volunteer Desk.

## 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 [denthyyg@msn.com](mailto:denthyyg@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*

## Elementary Sunday School news

We have started a new unit! We'll spend the next 6 weeks (till the end of March) 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.

## 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!

### Extending God's Path

YTD Budget: \$ 165,838

Total received to date 160,630

Received Feb.19 9,995

Attendance 339

*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!



## 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. 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. 29** - Rev. Escamilla will give his "State of the Church" address. After 8 months here, what are his impressions of the church and its programs and his vision and ambitions for our future.  
**Mar. 5** - Rev. Bill Matthews, "Dallas Peace Center"  
**Mar. 12** - Pam Hiam, "What did they mean by that?"  
**Mar. 19** - "A Pioneer's Dilema" A true story by long time Seeker, Jerry Holmes  
**Mar. 26** - Rev. Don Coke, "My Story"

### 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.

### 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!

## 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 think what you can bake for the bake sale. We need 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!

## 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.

## Sexuality workshop is March 2, 3, and 4

The Human Sexuality Workshop for 5th & 6th graders will be held on March 2, 3, & 4. The curriculum is *Created By God*, published by Cokesbury, and facilitated by Mary Bishop, who is 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.

## What's up for YOUTH...

### SVUMC Youth events

**Wednesday nights** - small groups continue (except Cy's group, as he has a previous commitment). This is the last night for small groups for awhile due to Musical rehearsals which start up again next Tuesday.

In Sunday school on February 26, we will complete the current series for the month of February. Jim Veach has been sharing his insights about the Lord's Prayer. Pam Reese's group has been learning about "Measuring Success as Jesus Did." George Reese has been leading a group discussing "Living in Community as Jesus Did."

Youth Singers meet this Sunday at 3:30-5:30 so we can learn choreography. Tuesday night musical rehearsals begin again on February 28.

The Rockin' C Ranch Retreat is happening - March 3-5! Hope you all can come and invite a friend. Please contact Kelly Moon at the church if you're interested. Lots of fun things to do at the Rockin' C - ropes course (it's free), canoeing & kayaking, horseshoes, ping pong, basketball, tetherball. Horseback riding is available (it's not free) - we need at least 12 people to sign up now and it's \$5/person. Total cost of the weekend as well as other details are coming very soon! Hope you can join us!

**New SVUMC Youth mailing list from YAHOO GROUPS!** Send a blank email to [svumcyouth-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:svumcyouth-subscribe@yahoo.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.

## Preschool enrollment still underway

TURTLES, CRAYONS, MICE, PONIES, CLOWNS, LAMBS, BEARS, DUCKS! What do all of these have in common? These are the names of the classes of toddlers and young children at Spring Valley United Methodist Church Preschool. We have over 100 wonderful children in our program. Enrollment is now underway for the fall 2006 and for Preschool Summer Camp. There are still a few openings in these great programs. For information or a brochure call the Preschool at 972-233-2317.



## 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.



## NOTEworthy news...

### Upcoming music

Sunday, February 26

8:30 and 11:00, *This is my Son,*

*the Beloved*

11:00 Chancel Choir. *Come, O Come*

### Hymns

No. 173 *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

*Wait for the Lord*

No. 454 *Open My Eyes That I May See*

Sunday, March 5

8:30 Men's Choir *O, How He Love You and Me*

11:00 Chancel Choir *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



## 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 8:00 and continue on the subsequent Wednesdays at 7:30. The rehearsals last 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*. This work features the regular Latin text from the traditional mass and includes familiar songs interwoven in the work such as *Let Us Break Bread Together; Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing & Shall We Gather at the River*.

## 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.

# Faces of Mardi Gras Madness, 2006...



## 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

Dottie Cheek  
Mark Solomon  
Ruth Mendoza  
Bob Muskopf  
Tom Campbell  
James Rea  
Ruby Baker  
Beth Copeland  
Harriet Carroll  
Susan Kasten  
Terri Hawkins  
Ed Pierce  
Betty Carter  
Betty Lou Noble  
Bonnie Reed  
Luiz Santos  
Randy Smith  
Bill Darnall  
Homebound members

### 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  
Marsha Lasater's neighbor's mother,  
Sharon Valenta  
Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry  
Frances Dales' daughter and husband,  
Ann and Virgil Weisner  
Cynthia & Herb Lee's friend, Rich Flynn  
Greg Haase  
Camille Smith  
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,  
Gary and Jacqui Hopper  
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson  
Claudia Miller's friend, Beckie Dennis  
Lola Copeland's friend  
The Kakacek's neighbors  
Jerry Turecky's cousin's son, Doug Hall

Joyce Boyer's niece, Deanne Mills  
Donna Campbell's friend, Ashley Wilson  
All persons serving in the military  
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church  
Those with ongoing concerns

### Congratulations to:

Mike and Nichole Fiorentino on the birth of  
their son, Jake Thomas  
Mike and Lyn Davis on the birth of their  
grandson Michael Thomas Roger

### Sympathy to:

Ron Amberg and family in the death of his  
dad, Leon Amberg  
Family and friends of Frances Dale who died  
recently  
Guy Garrett and family in the death of his  
mother, Margaret Garrett