

Behold!



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UMW Bazaar contributes \$8,000 for mission outreach

At our Feb. 14 luncheon, the United Methodist Women approved an \$8,000 donation from the 2004 Harvest Bazaar for mission outreach. Thanks to everyone who worked to make the 2004 bazaar fun and successful, the following contributions will be made in the name of Spring Valley UMC from the UMW Bazaar group:

Bethlehem Center	\$1,500
C. C. Young	500
Golden Cross (Methodist Hospital)	1,000
Habitat for Humanity	1,000
Neighborhood Service Council	1,500
Richardson Network of Community Ministries	1,000
Wesley-Rankin	500
VNA (Meals on Wheels)	1,000

The daytime and evening groups of the UMW meet regularly on the second Monday of each month. See the following article for details about the spring bake sale and mini-bazaar.

Shop the Spring Bazaar & Bake Sale, March 13, 9-12:30

We want your delicious baked goodies for our bake sale to be held on Sunday, March 13, from 9am-12:30pm. Please bring your homemade pies, cakes, cookies, breads and candies to the Wesley kitchen at 8:30am on March 13, in nonreturnable containers. Remember, no refrigerated items, please. Your donations will be greatly appreciated! For questions, call Gerry Broome, 972-235-6638.



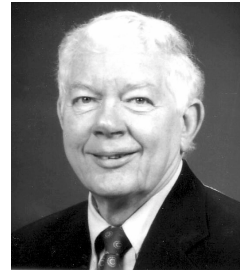
Prime Timers plan museum trip

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 the *Behold*. 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 plan more events and put a calendar together!



March "second helpings" event to highlight moral values

Dr. William McElvaney will speak at "Second Helpings" on Wed., 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.



Dr. McElvaney is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, the Perkins School of Theology, and Union Theological Seminary in New York. An ordained Elder in the North Texas Conference of the UMC, he served churches in Washington and Texas for 15 years. In 1973, Dr. McElvaney was called to serve as president of St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, a post he held for 12 years.

He retired in 1993 as the LeVan Professor Emeritus of Preaching and Worship at Perkins and has continued to be an active speaker, lecturer and teacher all over the world. He is on the board of directors for the Greater Dallas Community of Churches, the Pastoral Counseling and Education Center, IFLAG, Salud y Paz in Guatemala, and serves on advisory boards for the Wilkinson Center, the SMU McGuire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, and the Dallas Peace Center.

Recipient of a number of honorary degrees and awards, Dr. McElvaney's program at Spring Valley on March 9 will be based on moral/ethical values in scripture and on the United Methodist Church's Social Principles, as published in the Book of Discipline. For more details, call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church.

What's up for YOUth

Sunday, February 27

7:45am Youth Singers arrive for 8:30 worship service
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* - Scott Donovan, genetic scientist, will be our guest speaker. He has visited with us before, and it's always a great discussion. What is on your mind? Stem-cell research? Genetic engineering? Medicine research? Bring those questions to UMYF this week, and Scott will guide us through a discussion on those topics.

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. This Sunday, we'll start a short series on Lent. See you there!

Tuesday evening rehearsals of "Star" have begun. At 6pm, we share a snack supper. Bible study follows at 6:30, when we study the portion of scripture that is dramatized in the scenes we rehearse that same evening 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 6 Roller Skating for UMYF!
Mar 16 Genesis Women's Shelter, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Mar 27 Easter SonRise Service, led by the youth
April 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. Please place them in the basket outside Jan's office.

Mark your calendars:

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

Spring offers children's choir opportunity!

Join the children's choirs as they prepare to present their exciting spring musical, *Esther-Ordinary Faith!*, 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!



Noteworthy news

Upcoming Music

Feb. 27 - 8:30, Youth Singers
Prayer Litany and Psalm 51
11:00 Chancel Choir, *Shout Joyfully*
Mar. 6 - 8:30, Men's Choir, with Jan Apthorp, flute
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
Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God



Easter Lily sales start Sunday, March 6

Youth Singers will be taking orders starting on Mar. 6 for lilies to be placed in the sanctuary and Wesley Hall in honor or memory of loved ones on Easter, Mar. 27. The cost for each lily is \$10.

Extreme Make-Over – SVUMC style

On Saturday, March 19, come be part of the "make-over" team as we spruce up our grounds and facilities before Easter Sunday arrives. This is a great opportunity to perform a valuable service to the church and to enjoy fellowship with each other. Mark your calendars now. More details will follow.

Behold changes coming soon

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

All members with email addresses will be receiving the *Behold* electronically. If you have email but haven't notified the church office of your address, please do so ASAP. 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. It also ensures that as many persons as possible receive news from the church as quickly as possible. Thank you for helping to reduce costs for our church.

We're lost...

...from the UMW library shelves:
Mrs. Lincoln & Mrs. Keckly, After Anne, and 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

Remember to join us on Sat., Feb. 26, for the Richardson Area Interfaith Annual Walk-a-Thon. The monies you raise from your participation in the walk will help to purchase raw materials needed to build a family's first home. If you would like to make a contribution or join in the walk, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.



Next Habitat house construction begins March 5

Spring Valley UMC will participate in the construction of the 19th home that Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) has helped build. The 9-week construction schedule will begin March 5 through May 7 (no work on March 26, Easter week). The dedication is set for June 4. The home is located in the Dallas Fair Park area at 4311 Metropolitan. Jobs are plentiful and volunteers are needed on any or all Saturdays of construction – even for those that believe they are "handyman-challenged." We welcome all, whatever your skills may be!

For more details and volunteer opportunities, stop by the Habitat table in the hallway near the church office, starting February 27, where the construction schedule, maps, and driving directions to 4311 Metropolitan will be available. For questions, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

A note from our missionaries...

Bill and Jerri Savuto regularly communicate with churches like Spring Valley that have a covenant relationship with them. In a note received recently, Jerri writes:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank the many persons who have supported our wonderful children in our AIDS Orphans ministry (in Kenya, Africa) allowing us to continue to feed 430 AIDS orphans and educate 195. We have also built new homes for 22 of our AIDS orphans' families in the past year and have another grant to build another 30 next year. We and the children are indeed blessed as we serve God by feeding the hungry and clothing the needy children in our world. As the Lord says in Matthew 25, when we give our loving care to the most needy, we are caring for God himself.

The Savutos are working hard throughout the South Central Jurisdiction to tell the story of how we can be in ministry in a most meaningful way. We look forward to having Bill and Jerri at Spring Valley on April 3!

Thank you...

To all the women and men who helped with the clothing/garage sale, a very big thank you! The sale was a definite success. We raised \$3,500 for mission projects, gave the community an opportunity to buy clothes for a nominal sum, sent clothing to Peru, a local women's shelter, and Goodwill Industries.

Thank you to those who donated clothing and household items. And thanks again to those who worked many hours getting ready for the sale, feeding the workers, handling check-out, and cleaning up. *Alice McElroy*

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.

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.

Beacon Class

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"

Christian Parenting - Room 210

Feb. 27 - Habit #8 - Sharpen the Saw

Mar. 6 - Meet with Friends Class

Mar. 13 - Habit #8 (cont.)

Fellowship Bible Class - Room 214

We are using a Lenten devotional book, *Fellowship of Prayer*, by Fred B. Craddock, to read during the week and discuss on Sundays during Lent. Cokesbury Bookstore carries the book for only \$1.50. Call Bill or Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486 for details.

Friends - Room 216

Feb. 27 - Habitat for Humanity - Sarah Squires, Assoc. Dir., 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

Feb. 27 - Session 7: Grace Abuse

Mar. 6 - Session 8: The Church Backslides

Mar. 13 - Session 9: Dispensing Grace

Mar. 20 - Session 10: Counterforce

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

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

Mar. 6 - Chuck Dedmon, "The Lydia Patterson Institute"

Mar. 13 - Chuck Dedmon, "The Dedmons' mission trip to Honduras"

Mardi Gras wrap-up meeting on Monday, Feb. 28, at 7pm has been postponed to Monday, Mar. 14, same time. More details to follow. Call Laura LaFrano at 972-788-2004.

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

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

Joe & June Lees' neighbor, Abbie Burton

Gene Hoffmann

Ophelia Rosales, preschoolers' grandmother

Gene Harrell's sister, Audrey Ingram, and

Steve DeFoe's mother

brother-in-law, Fred Dietz and wife, Sharon

SVUMC Church Family

Emily King's friend, Casey Rea & family

All persons serving in the military

Tommi Ezell

Roger Horn's brother, Wayne

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Pat Chadsey

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandy Frank

Slany United Methodist Church

Connie Peterman

Jack Elliott's brother, Bruce W. Elliott

Those with ongoing concerns

Lois Murphy

Greg & Paula Huffaker's friend, Nancy Farra

Congratulations to:

Diana Zimring

Beverly Whitley's mother, Betty Hagul

Joan North and family on the birth of a

Marsha Aaron

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

grandson, Logan Edward Haw

Homebound members

Jesse Porter's nephew, Samuel Porter

Charlie and Chris Whisenand on the birth of a

Extended Church Family

John Dvorak's son and daughter-in-law,

great grandchild

Marci Armstrong's friend

Johnny & Lillian

Johnathon Dickerson on being named 1st Team

Dianne Cronenberg's mother

Jeannie James' sister-in-law,

All-American for the North Texas Junior

Kathleen Thibodeaux

Golf Association