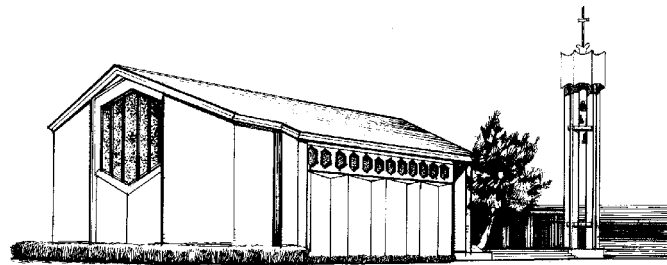


Behold!



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Extreme Make-Over – SVUMC style

On Saturday, March 19, come and 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.



NTC Senior adult retreat at Prothro Center is April 27-28

All NTC senior adults are invited to a "Faith Alive" retreat at Prothro Center on Lake Texoma, April 27-28.

Rev. Ken Dickson, NTC Retired clergy, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker. Rev. Dickson served on the staff of Highland Park UMC, Dallas, for 41 years. He and his wife, Mary Jane, will share their gifts in ministry with those at the retreat.

Accommodations at the Prothro Center include handicap accessibility, and all rooms have private baths. The cost is \$60 per person for double occupancy and \$110 for single. Registration deadline is April 11.

For more information, please call Rev. Tamara Bullard, 214-523-2249, or email: bullard@hpumc.org.

UMW meetings planned for March

The March meetings of the UMW are scheduled for Monday, March 14. The daytime group meets at 11:30 for lunch in Asbury Hall. Jerri Savuto, one of the missionaries that our church is supporting, will be the speaker. She and her husband, Bill, are living in Plano until April, 2006, when they will return to the mission field. They most recently served at the Maua Methodist Hospital in Maua, Kenya. Jerri has inspired many of us in her previous visits to Spring Valley, and we look forward to hearing her again.

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

We need 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 in nonreturnable containers to the Wesley kitchen by 8:30am on March 13. Remember, no refrigerated items, please. Your donations will be greatly appreciated! For questions, call Gerry Broome, 972-235-6638.



Welcome, new member!

Steve Marchand
6504 Longbranch Court
Sachse, Texas 75048
972-475-0571

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. 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.

For more details, call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church.

What's Up For YOUth?

Sunday, March 6

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
2:30pm Youth Confirmation Class
3:30pm Youth Singers
5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper

6-7:30pm **UMYF: Spiritual Growth Night** - Theology in the Movies, part 2. We'll look at some various Hollywood representations of scripture. When you read scripture, how do you picture the scene? Do movie makers picture it the same way you do?

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 continue our series on Lent.

What are you doing on Tuesday evenings March 1, March 8, & March 29?

Please join us!! All youth are invited for Tuesday evening rehearsals of *Star*. At 6pm, we share a snack supper, followed by Bible study at 6:30pm, where we study the scripture that is dramatized in the scenes we will rehearse that evening from 7-8:30.

Mark your Calendars:

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



Noteworthy news Upcoming Music

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

Mar. 20 - 8:30 & 11:00 Chamber Singers,

God So Loved the World, Sanctus

8:30 Chamber Singers 11:00 Chancel Choir

11:00 Childrens Choirs

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.



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!



Planning for 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, has begun meeting to consider all of the input from the congregation. The committee is looking at ways to honor the past, engage and enhance the present, and plan for the future.

Committee members are Frank Andersen, Lola Copeland, Guy Garrett, Larry George, Bill Hunter, Cynthia Pharr Lee, Steve Taylor, and Will Tucker, Chair.

Income generated from Steak & Ale dining

Our church has partnered with Steak & Ale restaurants to generate funds for our budget any time you dine there. We have an account at the LBJ, between Greenville & Abrams, and at the Belt Line Road, Addison, locations. You do not need to mention SVUMC - just bring your guest receipt to the church and put it in the Steak & Ale envelope in the volunteer office. Please be sure to bring the receipt that *itemizes* your purchase. A charge receipt is unacceptable. The receipts are taken to the specific locations, and a check is then sent to SVUMC for 10% of the net amount on the receipts. Tell your friends that we are participating in this program and ask them to save receipts for you. If you have questions, call Betty or Neil Williams, 972-238-5608. Thank you for your participation, and enjoy your

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.



Easter egg hunt and family picnic is March 20

Make plans to come to our annual egg hunt on Sunday, March 20, from 3:30pm-6pm at Cottonwood Park in Richardson. The Children's Council will provide hot dogs, so all we need is for everyone to bring a side dish to share. We'll have separate hunting areas by age group and will stagger the start times, beginning at 3:45pm. This promises to be a great time of fun and fellowship. So mark your calendars - invite your friends, neighbors, and grandchildren - and join us!



SVUMC Foundation welcomes Easter gifts

As a part of our celebration of God's victorious love this Easter, the Spring Valley United Methodist Church Foundation is offering a simple and sacred way to honor a friend or loved one, or otherwise express our joy. Special offering envelopes for Easter gifts to the Foundation will be available in the worship bulletins on Sunday, March 13; or you may make a designated offering through the church office.



Habitat construction begins March 5

Hammers will be swinging and saws humming at 4311 Metropolitan in the Fair Park area of Dallas. Construction will occur every Sat., except Easter weekend, through Apr. 30. Jobs are plentiful and volunteers are needed on any or all Saturdays. We welcome you no matter what your skill level may be!



To learn more, stop by the Habitat table located in the hallway near the church office. Maps, driving directions, and construction schedules for the Habitat site will be available. Questions regarding the build may be directed to Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

Habitat Walk-a-Thon is a big success

Thanks, Spring Valley, for your participation in the 2005 Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) Walk-a-Thon. Spring Valley was well represented with 19 walkers and many contributors! This year's Walk-a-Thon was the best yet, with over 120 walkers and contributions exceeding \$14,000. RAIH thanks Spring Valley for their help in making this year's walk such a big success.

Network food drive is March 13

NETWORK is a nonprofit, charitable organization supported by businesses, religious, civic and social organizations, and individuals primarily in RISD. It responds to human need by offering short-term assistance designed to achieve long-term independence.



One of the ways Spring Valley helps NETWORK is with our Second Sunday food drive. Please bring cans, boxes, or bags of appropriate food as you come for worship on March 13.

Some suggestions are: small sizes of items, non-perishable foods, baby diapers, food, formula, laundry products, and personal-care items which are not available with food stamps

On average, more than 40,000 pounds of food are distributed monthly! For information about NETWORK, call Rev. Don Barnes, 972-818-2523, or Georgia Goodrum, 972-235-9855.

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.

Christian Parenting - Room 210

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 weekly 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

Mar. 6 - "Spiritual Gifts - Dreams - How can You Make a Difference for the Lord?" - a combined class with Christian Parenting

Mar. 13 - "Northern Ireland - Past of Trouble,

Future of Hope" presented by Suellen Turner

Mar. 20 - Proverbs & Parables - group discussion

Mar. 27 - No class

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

Mar. 6 - Session 8: The Church Backslides

Mar. 13 - Session 9: Dispensing Grace

Mar. 20 - Session 10: Counterforce

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

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

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

Beacon Class

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"

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

Gene Hoffmann

SVUMC Church Family

Ted & Catharine Gebhardt

Tommi Ezell

Connie Peterman

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Dianne Cronenberg's mother

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

Steve DeFoe's mother

Roger Horn's brother, Wayne

Jesse Porter's nephew,

Samuel Porter

Gene & Jane Hoffmann's granddaughter, Lauren

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and daughter, Ashley

Ophelia Rosales, preschoolers' grandmother

Jeannie James' sister-in-law,

Kathleen Thibodeaux

Gene Harrell's sister, Audrey Ingram,

and his sister-in-law, Sharon Dietz

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandy Frank

Jack Elliott's brother, Bruce W. Elliott

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

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

Johnny & Lillian

Joe & June Lees' neighbor, Abbie Buxton

All persons serving in the military

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to:

Joan North and family on the birth of a

grandson, Logan Edward Hay

Sympathy to:

Beverly Whitley and family in the death

of her mother, Betty Hagul

David & Pat Currin and family in the

death of their sister-in-law, Charlotte

Alan & Jeanie Moore, family and friends

of Pat Annett who died on Feb. 24