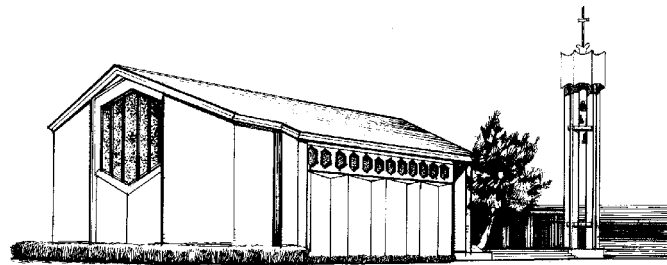


Behold!



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Mardi Gras Madness, 2005, is a huge success!!

It has been a pleasure to serve as Mardi Gras Madness Chair the last two years. Thanks to the entire Mardi Gras Committee for their dedication and hard work over the last four months. It takes many hands to put on an event of this proportion, and all your efforts are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Rusty and Frank for their continual guidance and assistance in getting things accomplished. A hearty thanks to Tony Holiday who is always willing to put in extra effort to make these events successful.



We especially thank our in-kind donors who graciously contributed to our event. Thanks to the many members of our Spring Valley faith community who contributed live and silent auction items, as well as cash donors who made Mardi Gras Madness a huge success.

Again, my thanks to the Mardi Gras Madness Committee for their efforts – the youth ministries at Spring Valley appreciate your commitment! Our wrap-up meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 28 at Macaroni Grill in Addison. Please plan to attend. *Laura LaFrano, Mardi Gras Madness Chair*

In-Kind Donations

Auction Source Software – *Sheri Bastie and Win Bell*

Live Auction Brochure Printing – anonymous

Macaroni Grill, Addison – chocolate cakes

Favors – *Mark Solomon*

Decorations – *Carol Nicholas*

Pizza – *Cindy Sumner and Kathy Cook*

2005 Mardi Gras Madness Committee

Food Director – *Pat Johnston*

Food Staff – *Kathy Watson, Lisa and Ken Phillips, Amy Gutmann, Ben Dickerson, Nori Neuner, Debbie Ledbetter, Alice McElroy, Jody Cox, Sarah Nicholas, Jo Hunter, Carol Nicholas, Harriet Carroll, Bethann DeFoe, Mark and Lynn Solomon, Kathy Cook, Paco Otal*

King Cakes – *Bethann and Steve DeFoe*

Desserts – *Pauline Greenwell and Macaroni Grill*

Dining Room Supervisors – *Bethann DeFoe and Lisa Phillips*

Reservations/Check-In - *Sherry Peart and Rachel Harries*

Decorations/Set-up coordinators – *Carol Nicholas and Pat Johnston*

Decorations Crew – *Dan Stevenson, Dave Cook, Todd Gutmann, Terri Chepregi, Deb and Will Tucker, Mark Wood, Kurt McEnaney, Ken Phillips, Jacqui and Paco Otal, Paul Ledbetter, Simon Harries* (Continued on inside...)

Baptism of Annika Cline



Annika Cline, daughter of Karen and Jim Cline, helps Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler during her baptism on Sunday, Feb. 6, in Common Ground worship.

Changes requested 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* will be printed on paper and mailed; while more copies will be 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.

Your electronic participation will save two kinds of "green" — trees and money — and will be an act of good stewardship. It will also ensure that as many persons as possible receive news from the church as quickly and thoroughly as possible. Thank you for cooperation.

Dimes-a-Day is February 20

February 20 will be our Sunday collection for Mission's Dimes-a-Day "second-mile offering" at the chancel rail for mission outreach. Through your generosity, we have financially supported ministries all around the world. We at Spring Valley truly are in direct mission work through Dimes-a-Day! Think of what it means to have a clean wash cloth and towel (health kits through UMCOR) to wash your face and hands if you have lost everything. We will soon be assembling additional health kits. Some health kits will go to victims of weather-related disasters. Others will go to refugees all around the world. A bar of soap, a toothbrush and toothpaste along with other items in a zip lock bag is one small way of reaching out to those who have lost so much. We have touched many lives with this simple gesture. When you place your offering at the chancel rail, stop and pray for peace in our world. We are more aware than ever of human suffering throughout the world. We CAN make a difference! Amen!!



Relief and rebuilding efforts continue

With deep gratitude for our congregation's generosity, the Missions Core Process Group announces that as of Feb. 7, Spring Valley has contributed \$11,930.95 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief for aid to persons tragically affected by the tsunami disaster. Administrative expenses for UMCOR are covered through other offerings and gifts, so that 100% of all designated funds go directly to relief and rebuilding efforts.

Habitat Walk-a-Thon helps you and others

The annual Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat Walk-a-Thon fund-raiser is scheduled for Feb. 26. The entire walk is 5 miles; short-cuts are acceptable, and the walk is monitored for those who may need a lift back. A sign-up table with information is in the hallway. Get a pledge form, gather support from friends, family, co-workers and fellow church members, and join us on Feb. 26, beginning at 8:30am.

Last year the Walk-a-Thon grossed over \$12,000. We hope to do better this year to insure enough funds to cover the cost of a Habitat house (\$55,000). We need you to make this fund-raiser a success. Success for Habitat and a heart-healthy activity for you; now that's a win-win experience! For information, contact Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-978-2019.



Children's choir sings in Common Ground service on Children's Sabbath

Interested in being a lector?

Would you like to read the scripture in worship on Sunday morning? If so, call Paula Huffaker in the church office or email her at phuffaker@svumc.org, and become a part of the lector team.

Join us for Sunday school

Parents of Teenagers - Room 192

All interested parents are invited to attend. This is NOT a parenting class, but rather a class designed to be a fellowship and support group for parents of teenagers.

Wesleyan Class - Dining Room

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

Feb. 9 - Monthly luncheon at Southern Recipe Cafe at 11:30am

Feb. 13 - Session 5: Skin-Deep

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

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

Feb. 13 - Lisa Bloecher, who visits hospitals and sings Christian hymns to patients, will share her music with us.

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

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

Beacon Class

Feb. 13 - "The Marks of Jesus"

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

March 20 - Palm Sunday, "The Gospel According to Nicodemus"

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

Friends - Room 216

Feb. 13 - Spiritual Gifts/Serving from the Heart - *Individuality* - combined with Parenting Class

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

What's Up For YOUTH

Sunday, February 13

- 9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
2:30 pm Youth Confirmation Class
2:30 pm Youth Singers: NOTE the time change. Those in the youth confirmation class are excused from Youth Singers during this time.
4:30 pm Get on the vans! Go to Group Dynamix! It's our annual time to share with the Sixth Grade Confirmation Class. Youth are asked to bring \$10, plus your usual \$3 for snack supper. We'll return to the church about 8:30 p.m.

Youth Confirmation Class meets on Sundays at 2:30pm in the Youth Room. We held our first class this past Sunday, and if this is of interest to you, we invite you to join us starting this Sunday February 13.

The February newsletter is now live on the website. It contains valuable information, news, photos, snack supper schedule, and the birthday list. Be sure to visit www.svumc.org/youth.html

BIG THANKS go to the Dickerson family for hosting our SuperBowl party this year! We had a great time in your home. Thank you for sharing with us. The Holburn's have already volunteered to host us next year! Thanks to the Holburn's also. We'll see you in 2006.

Mark your Calendars:

- Feb. 13 Group Dynamix with Sixth Grade Confirmation Class
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

We are collecting 6-count and 12-count egg cartons for a Sunday School project during Lent. If you could save some, 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:

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| 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. 13 - Confirmation Class outing to Group Dynamix with the Youth
Sun., Feb. 27 - Confirmation Celebration with the Bishop
Sun., Mar. 20 - Egg Hunt and Picnic

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- Buttons – *Cindy Sumner*
MGM Parade – *Mark Solomon and family*
Silent Auction Chair – *Karen Holburn*
Silent Auction Solicitations Coordinator – *Gina Tucker*
Silent Auction Set-up – *Karen and Terry Holburn, Jan Andersen, Doris Simonsen, Paco Otal*
Silent Auction Cataloging Input /Brochure – *Nancy Meier, Doris Simonsen, Laura LaFrano*
Silent Auction Brochure Design/Printing – *Doris Simonsen/Jo Alice Patton*
Live Auction Catalog Design/Print Coordination – *Karen and Jim Cline*
Live Auction Monitors – *Pauline and David Greenwell, Cara and Gary Sheroke, Ken Phillips, Gail Stevenson, Steve DeFoe, Lisa Phillips, Kathy Cook*
Auctioneers – *Roger Martens and Steve Ledbetter*
Live Auction Proxy Bidder – *Marci Armstrong*
Auction Follow-up – *Pat Williams, Doris Simonsen, Laura LaFrano*
Auction Check-out Coordinators – *Pat and Fred Williams*
Auction Check-out Cashiers – *Stephanie King, Deb Tucker, Buz LaFrano, Harriet Carroll*
Entertainment – *Rusty King*
Posters/Fact Sheets/Press Releases – *Mark and Dana Wood*
Label Printing – *David Greenwell*
Press Releases – *Cynthia Pharr Lee*
Website Coordination – *Pam Hiam*
Sound – *Earl Barnette and Frank Rahm*
Video/Power Point – *Bruce Tucker and Frank Rahm*
Stage Set-up – *Rusty King and Paul Simonsen*
Photography – *Frank Rahm*
Custodial – *Tony Holiday*

UMW used clothing & garage sale

Feb. 18, 9am-5pm, & Feb. 19, 9am-1pm

Donations will be accepted Sun., Feb. 13, after noon through Thurs., Feb. 17, before noon. We need helpers for Sunday-Saturday. Clean out your closets and join us as we work together on this mission project. Call Alice McElroy, 972-644-5841, or 214-529-8062.

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

Mark and Melody Reese's friend, Don Garrow
Audry Rozelle's nephew, Willard Keelin

John Dvorak's son and daughter-in-law,
Johnny & Lillian

SVUMC Church Family

Diana Zimring
Marsha Aaron
Lenora Pitcher
Fred Huser
Fayrene Pospisil
Betty Hopper
The Maddison family
Rita Dickerson
Laura Gray
Homebound members

Beverly Whitley's mother, Betty Hagul
Denyse Tabu's brother, Andelo
Jo Alice's friend, Sandy Frank
Chris & Lisa Newton's friends, Dianne
and John & Candace McDowell
Suellen Turner's friend's nephew, J.D. Hurta
and Suellen's father, Dick Donley
Gene Harrell's sister, Audrey Ingram
Elizabeth Woods' grandmother, Janet Wilkinson
Alan & Jeannie Moore's friend, Brook Runnels,
and the Moore's daughter-in-law's father, Bob
Charles & Norma Warner's son-in-law, Mason Malek

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

Extended Church Family

Betty Hopper's son, Gary
Steve DeFoe's mother
Mike Davis' mother
Carol Baughn's friend, Nancy
Roger Horn's brother, Wayne

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,
Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley
Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon
Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney
JoAnna Shampine's friends,
Maureen & Lyman Brown

Congratulations to:

Ed & Linda Holstien, whose grandson, Logan
Thomas Holstien, was baptized on Jan. 30.
Dick and Myrna Ridings on the birth of
their grandson, Owen Elijah Ridings, on
Feb. 4

Sympathy to:

The Reverend Jack Gibson in the death of his
wife, Clara, on Feb. 2. Jack was the founding
pastor of Spring Valley.
Paco Otal and family in the death of his uncle
Jack Broome and family in the death of his niece