

Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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UMW used clothing & garage sale help needed!

The UMW church-wide garage & used clothing sale will be held on February 20-21. Lots of help is needed to sort and arrange all the donations, beginning February 16. The greatest need for workers is on Thursday, February 19, and during the sale on Friday and Saturday. If you can volunteer, please contact Elizabeth Kilgore, 972-231-8539, or Betty Hopper, 972-386-4670.

"Love & Logic" parenting series begins February 22

Mickey George will lead a 6-week series on *Parenting with Love and Logic* during the Sunday school hour. This highly successful parenting approach helps children learn through mistakes and teaches them accountability and responsibility. The focus of the class will be for parents of preschool and elementary children. Watch the *Behold* for more information.

Perkins School of Theology offers study for the laity

"Sustenance for the Mind and Soul" is the theme of this year's Perkins Theological School for the Laity, March 4 - 6, at SMU. The opening lecture will be offered by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School on the subject, "Jesus, Judaism, and Gender." Roy Heller, Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Perkins, will offer the closing lecture, "The DaVinci Code: Fact, Fiction, or Somewhere in Between?"

This event offers two course plans: two-day courses meet Thursday afternoon through Friday, March 4 - 5; one-day courses meet on Saturday, March 6. Cost ranges from \$200 for the entire weekend (lectures, courses, banquets, and luncheons) to \$35 for lecture/dinner only. Information about all of the courses, fees, etc., is available in the Spring Valley church office.

Director of Little Rock Scripture Study to speak at All Saints Catholic Church

Catherine Upchurch, director of the Little Rock Scripture Study, a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock, Arkansas, is responsible for the development of scripture study materials, video and audio tape lectures that are used by churches nationwide and in 54 additional countries.

Her Dallas presentations are called "The Bible has 'Mass' Appeal" (Thursday, Feb. 26, 7pm) and "Gospel Portraits of Jesus" (Friday, Feb. 27, 10am). Both talks will be in the sanctuary of All Saints Catholic Church, 5231 Meadowcreek at Arapaho.



Few tickets remain for Mardi Gras Madness

Ticket sales have been brisk for Mardi Gras Madness, which returns to Wesley Hall on Sunday, February 22nd at 4:30pm. Not only does Mardi Gras Madness benefit Youth Missions, but it is equally important as a fellowship event in the fabric of community life at Spring Valley.

Along with the wonderful food, colorful atmosphere, and unforgettable entertainment, there will be silent and live auctions with some terrific offerings. You can preview these auction items on the Spring Valley UMC website! Simply surf to www.svumc.org, then click on "events." The direct link is <http://www.svumc.org/Events/MGM/default.htm> (the link is case sensitive, so watch those capital letters!)

Tickets are available after worship in the loggia for only \$12, and they are going fast! Buy yours Sunday, and we'll see you at Mardi Gras Madness on the 22nd!

Savutos visit Spring Valley on February 22

The Mission Core Process Group is proud to host Bill and Jerri Savuto, as they come to Spring Valley to tell of their journey in Kenya as United Methodist missionaries. They will speak during worship services that morning. Be in church to hear them witness of Christ working in their lives. The financial support for their work is made possible through contributions of many churches like ours.



The Savutos will also make a more informal presentation to the Seekers Class at 9:45. You are invited to attend that class in Room 201.

Join us on February 22 for HAPPY DANCING all morning as we welcome Bill and Jerri, a vital part of our Spring Valley family!

Habitat for Humanity Walk-a-Thon on February 28

Are you looking for that perfect exercise opportunity? Is walking your thing? If so, come join us in the 11th annual Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat Walk-A-Thon on February 28. Registration is at 8:30am in the University of Texas of Dallas parking lot, located at the corner of Floyd Road and Lookout Drive in Richardson. The walk begins at 9am. Stop by the Habitat table near the church office during the next two Sundays for your pledge form or to sponsor an SVUMC walker. Join us in this worthwhile event to help Habitat for Humanity raise the necessary funds to build homes. For questions about the walk, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

Craft group financial report of disbursements

Monies from the Fall Bazaar were dispersed as follows:

Outreach	Bethlehem Center	\$250
	C.C. Young	\$250
	NSCI	\$500
	Parkland Outreach	\$500
	VNA (Meals on Wheels)	\$500
	Total Outreach	\$2,000
SVUMC gifts	Youth Mission Trip	\$500
	Youth Choir Tour	\$500
	General Church Budget	\$500
	Adult Handbell Robe Fund	\$500
	Kitchen Items	\$400 (approximate)
	Calculators for UMW	\$100 (approximate)
	Total SVUMC gifts	\$2,500
	Total Disbursements	\$4,500

SVUMC Foundation officers elected

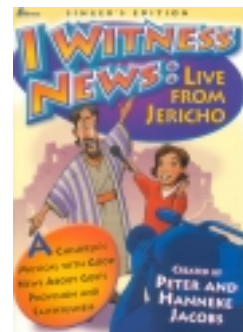
The Foundation met on January 14 and elected officers for 2004 as follows:

President, Jim Bryan Vice-President, Roger Martens
Secretary, Jeannie James

The Foundation disbursed \$2,602 on stage lights in Wesley Hall. The next meeting will be held on April 14.

Attention, all Spring Valley children!

Do you like to sing? To be in plays and musicals?



Then children's choir is just the place for you! This year's spring musical is "I Witness News: Live from Jericho," and tells the story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho. All Spring Valley children in 1st through 6th grades are welcome to be a part of this very special children's event. There is a part for everyone, and will also include our four and five year-old children as part of this lively story.

Auditions for children in grades 1 - 6 will be held on Wednesday, February 18, at 6:15pm, upstairs in the children's choir rooms. For more information, or for tapes or CD's, contact Paula Huffaker at the church, 972-233-7671, x14, or by email: Phuffaker@svumc.org.

Summer camp registration begins

North Texas Conference

Summer Camp brochures are now available. There is an early bird registration fee if you register by April 1.



Scholarships are available. You can register online at www.bridgeportcamp.com. Camp dates for children completing grades 3-5 are: June 22-26, July 27-31, and August 3-7. Children's Music and Arts Camp is June 1-5. All camps are at Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center, and staffed by church professionals and North Texas Conference volunteers. For information or registration forms, contact Jan Hudgins. If you register for a camp, please let Jan know!

Vacation Bible School is coming!

VBS 2004 is July 19-23, 9am-noon. At *Hero Quest: Powered by Faith*, children will learn how God's presence and their trust in God becomes the power that makes an ordinary person a hero. Registration begins Sunday, May 2. For information, call Elizabeth Wood, VBS Director, at 972-385-7601, or Jan Hudgins, ext. 20, at the church.

What's up for YOUTH...

Sunday, February 15, 2004

9:45am Youth Sunday School

11:00 Worship

12:15 Youth Council meeting with lunch

3:30pm Youth Singers

5:30 pm \$3 Snack Supper

6-7:30pm **UMYF-Guest Speaker, Amidie Shaw of Genesis Women's**

Shelter. Let's all be here to welcome Amidie. She'll share with us what happens at the Shelter, why the Shelter is necessary, what issues women and children face and how we can help. She'll also prepare us for our first spring service day, which is the following Saturday, the 21st.

All Youth are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday school each week. On Sunday, February 29, we begin our "Heart" classes. Four six-week classes are offered. Youth will register for their first two rotations on Feb.22. The four classes from which to choose are:

1. "Open your Heart," a study of prayer, the privilege we have in prayer, how prayer brings us closer to God, and how prayer changes lives.
2. "Reclaim Your Heart," a study of character. Many things God wants us to have in our lives been lost in modern culture. We'll talk about reclaiming our own courage, discipline, confidence, patience, endurance, and contentment.
3. "One Heart," a study of love, unity, and Christian community.
4. "A Heart Stopping Miracle," This class will see and discuss a video called "After the Fall." It's a wonderful story of recovery, faith, and inner strength.

Mark Your Calendars:

Feb. 15 Youth Council meeting with lunch

Feb. 15 UMYF Special Guest, Amidie Shaw from Genesis Women's Shelter

Feb. 21 Service Saturday, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Feb. 22 Mardi-Gras Madness!

Feb. 28 Youth Singers performance of "Joseph" at Appletree Court

Mar. 2 Youth Singers performance of "Joseph" at FUMC Allen

Noteworthy news

February 15

8:30 & 11:00 Peggy West, solo

11:00 Carillon Ringers,

The Gift of Love, and Trumpet Voluntary

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Here I Am, Lord*

February 22

8:30 and 11:00 Chancel Choir,

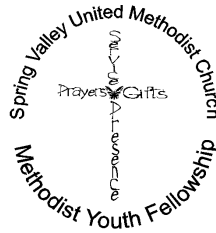
Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

8:30, 11:00 Chamber Singers,

Ain't That a Good News

Youth Singers supper, Bible study and rehearsal

Youth will have supper for \$3, and end with a full dress rehearsal on "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on February 17 at 6pm.



Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

February 15 - Bill Hunter will lead a discussion about the 2004 United Methodist General Conference. For the past four years, Bill chaired the conference committee on "Creating Congregations." Visitors are welcome.

February 22 - In keeping with Spring Valley's Mardi Gras Madness, our program will be a Mardi Gras theme. Mark Solomon will be our guide.

Beacon Class

February 15 - "Free to Love"

Galatians 5; Matthew 25:31-46

February 22 - "Climbing Sinai"

Exodus 3:1-6; Luke 17:20-21

February 29 - "Time, Tension, Then and Today"

Acts 17; Ephesians 2:14; Matthew 5-7

Seekers Class

February 15 - Bob Dorsey, *Volunteering! Why?*

February 22 - Bill & Jerry Savuto, SVUMC's African missionaries

February 29 - Jan Hudgins, SVUMC's Children's Minister

Fellowship Bible Class

Our Sunday School class men will provide dinner for the ladies on Sunday, February 15, at 11:30am after class. The men made reservations at the Blue Mesa Grill at the Village at the Parkway, between Montfort and the Tollway and between Spring Valley and Beltline. Our class has couples and singles 40+ years old. Come visit us. For reservations, call Bill and Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486.

Wesleyan Class

We have three superb speakers for the next 7 weeks.

February 15 & 29 - Rev. Dr. Scott Somers,

"Christian Stewardship" based on Jesus' parables

February 22 - Tom Christian, "Expectations"

Tom's topics are in preparation for Easter.

March 7 - Tom Christian, "Waiting."

March 14, 21, & 28 - Don Bowen, "Magic, Miracle, and Folklore."

Check it out!

<http://www.svumc.org/Events/MGM/default.htm>



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:

Tommi Ezell
Ellen Cain
Jerry Rainey
Sandra Guthrie

SVUMC Church Family

Hilda Beverly
Catharine Gebhardt
Keith Kacacek
Betty Williams
Jack McKinster
Beth Copeland
Bob and Rosemary McGuire
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Judy Coke
Jerry Hitt's father
Lola Copeland's friend, Scott Hudgins
Betty Hopper's friend, Jo Kay Gary
Jeanne Larrañaga's sister-in-law, Carla Moore
Jim & Rachel Edwards' daughter, Erin Dial
Mark Wood's friends, Dillan and Zack
Hamilton and Rhetta Wood
Susan Haney's mother, Yvonne Russell
Paula & Greg Huffaker's neighbor, Dave Johnson
Dan Malin's friend, Craig Christopher
Diana Miller's daughter, Jill
Jo Alice Patton's friend, Dora James and family

Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Deepest Sympathy to:

Marty Yancy and family in the death
of his father, Theo Yancy
Family and friends of Zoe Thompson, who
died on Monday, February 9

Congratulations to:

Troy Sumner, who graduated from
Air Force Tech School second in
his class