

Behold!



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Charge Conference - a Celebration!



Debbie McEnaney, one of the featured speakers at SVUMC's annual Charge Conference, addresses Dr. Ron Henderson, Dallas Northeast District Superintendent, recounting the numerous miracles she and her family have seen and been a part of as new members of the congregation. The Conference was held on Monday, Jan. 9. See related photos, story inside.

There will be a reception honoring Megan and Jared Williams after the 11am services on January 15 in the Parlor

Guatemala mission team plans informational meeting

You are invited to the first meeting for the two 2006 Guatemala Mission trips. The dates are July 22 through July 30 and July 29 through Aug. 6. This meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15 at noon in the small dining room.

Dr. Phil Plunk has reserved a special project for Spring Valley which does not involve digging in the ground. Also, for the first time families with youth are encouraged to join our team. This is a great opportunity for our youth to experience a different culture in a controlled environment.

Your attendance at this meeting does not commit you to the Salud y Paz trip. So if you cannot travel but are interested in missions, you can still be part of our home support team.

The Jan. 15 organizational meeting will include a light lunch. If you plan to attend, please call Elizabeth Gross, 214-341-1822, or email for reservations at robt144@swbell.net. For more information, call Robert or Elizabeth Gross or any member of previous teams. We hope to see you there!

The January "Second Helpings" event, scheduled for Wed., Jan. 11 on Internet safety and combatting pornography, has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a future time.

Come Sunday...

common ground

Traditional Worship



Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me...

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Mark 1:14-20

Life In Christ: The Leap of Faith

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:14-20

Left behind

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

John 1:43-51

Life in Christ ... "Come and see ..."

Derrick Wright

Dimes-a-Day is January 15

We've been hearing about compassion fatigue or donor fatigue from non profit groups who are nervous about meeting their budgets since the Tsunami and especially since Katrina/Rita. Some agencies who provide ongoing day-to-day services have indeed felt the financial effect of the hurricanes.

At Spring Valley we have been able to keep our financial mission commitments, thanks to you and your generosity in giving to Dimes-A-Day. In 2005, over \$15,000 was donated to Dimes-A-Day. This does not include the over \$11,000 donated to Tsunami relief or all the donations for hurricane assistance. The Mission Core carefully and prayerfully and JOYFULLY donated those gifts to United Methodist related agencies and other agencies such as Habitat for Humanity and Meals on Wheels.

2006 is a new year and we have new goals for helping even more people. We need YOU. Won't you continue to be generous and fill those mission envelopes? On January 15, walk to the chancel rail and leave your gift and a prayer that someone will feel the love of God through YOU.

Austin St. Centre breakfast is January 15

Spring Valley will take breakfast for 350+ homeless men, women, and children. Call Dana or Steve Taylor, 972-234-9867, for more information about volunteering.

If you would like to know more about Austin Street Centre, go to their web page at: <http://www.austinst.org>.

Meals-on-Wheels needs drivers

We still need drivers for the 2006 Meals-on-Wheels schedule. The routes we need to cover are in East Richardson on Wednesdays (in week that has second Monday) every other month starting in February - six assignments per route takes the morning from about 9am until noon - team of two (driver and navigator). Call Dave Booth (after Jan 5) at 972-233-1195 or Myrna Ridings at 972-231-4435. This is a necessary and fulfilling mission activity.

Do you like to sew baby items?

The Spring Valley Parkland Infant Outreach Group can use your help. We sew newborn diaper shirts and gowns for babies born to needy families at Parkland Hospital. Last year over 17,000 babies were born there, about 85% from needy families. There are 22 volunteers now who crochet or knit baby caps, afghans, and booties. Some of the volunteers make quilts and others come to the meetings and cut out diaper shirts and gowns. We always have more cut-out diaper shirts and gowns than we have volunteers to sew them. If you have some time to sew this winter, there are babies waiting for your help.

The Parkland Infant Outreach Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday morning of each month in the small dining room outside of Wesley Hall from 10 to 11:30am. For more information, call Bobbie Detwiler at 972-387-8779.



Human Sexuality Workshop planned for 5th and 6th graders



A Human Sexuality Workshop for 5th and 6th graders will be held on March 2, 3, & 4, 2006. The curriculum used for this workshop is *Created By God* and is published by Cokesbury. The facilitator of the course will be Mary Bishop. Mary has been certified by the North Texas Conference to teach this course and is on staff at Highland Park United Methodist Church. The cost of the course is \$35 for each participant and includes a book and lunch on Saturday. God is at the center of the approach to this course. The course affirms the Creator who brought us into being and the creative process by which that has taken place is celebrated. By offering this course the church demonstrates its belief in the goodness of the 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 facilitate communication between the children and their parents and to provide a safe place to ask questions and share experiences.

Thursday evening is a parent meeting with Mary to give parents an overview of the program and an opportunity to ask questions. 5th and 6th graders meet together on Friday evening from 6-9pm and on Saturday from 9-4pm. Sign up forms will be provided in January. For information about the course or to preview the curriculum contact Jan Hudgins at 972-233-7671 x20.

Recycle your Christmas cards

If you'd like to donate holiday greeting cards you received, bring them to the church and leave them in the volunteer office. During the year, a group will recycle them as greeting cards for Meals on Wheels recipients. For more information, call Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435.

Mardi Gras Madness information

Event: Mardi Gras Madness
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2006
Time: 4:30 – 7:30pm

Reservations begin on Sunday, Jan. 8; cost is \$12 per person; children under 6 with an adult will get 2 slices of pizza. Additional slices are \$1 each.

Description: Mardi Gras Madness is a fundraiser featuring dinner, entertainment, live & silent auction benefiting Spring Valley UMC youth(7th grade -12th grade) who participate in summer mission trips. All are welcome to attend.

The three trips are:

Youth Singers Choir Tour, June 9 – 15, to Houston and South Texas performing "Celebrate Life." Tour ends with two performances at Spring Valley on June 16 and 17.

IMPACT Florida, June 24 – July 2, to Central Florida, a work project open to all junior high and senior high youth.

Appalachia Service Project, July 7 - 17, Senior High youth go to Kentucky to repair homes in area. For details, Rusty King, 972-233-7671.

More recipes for cookbook needed

We got so many great recipes, but we need more. We want at least one from everyone in the church. You probably cooked or at least looked at some goodies over the holidays. Send them in! This is the S.V. church-wide cookbook for our 50th anniversary. We want you to be a part of this celebration, so send those recipes in before Jan.30!

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What's up for YOUTH...

January

15 - UMYF
22 - UMYF
29 - UMYF

February

5 - Super Bowl party @ LaFranos' home

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Mardi Gras Madness - February 12
Mixed Mid-Winter Retreat- February 17-19
Spring Retreat - March 3-5
IMPACT Florida this summer will be June 24 - July 2. IMPACT is open to all youth (Jr. and Sr. High).
Appalachia Service Project this summer will be July 7 - July 17. ASP is for Sr. High only.



Join us for Sunday school

An updated list of all Sunday school classes is now available at the Visitors desk. Some current offerings include:

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

Jan. 15 - Dr. Paul Escamilla, "How United Methodists Believe."

Jan. 22 - Ginny Bitting, Mission to Russian Orphanages

Beacon Class

"The Ten Commandments in a Modern World"

Jan. 15 - A Man Named Moses Climbs a Mountain

Jan. 22 - And God Spoke

Jan. 29 - Nos.1 & 2: Idolatry with a Capital "I"

Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying Dawn Billings' book, *Greatness and Children*.

Fellowship Bible Class

We will read and discuss *The Passionate Church*, by Mike Breen and Walt Kallestad. Get a copy and join us! Contact Lou & Bill Wilkin, 972-392-1486, maestrak1234@yahoo.com.

Quest Class

Join us as we study the book of Revelation.

Seekers Class

Jan. 15 - Windows to God, Martha Jacobson

Jan 22 & 29 - Forest of the Faith: Biblical

Summaries of Christianity, Matt Ridings

S.P.O.T. - Spiritual Parents of Teens,

formerly PARENTS OF TEENS - Room 192

We are reading *The Five Love Languages of Teenagers* by Gary Chapman.

Loggia display cases need you

Do you or your child have a special toy, book, or memento that is Bible or church-related? We would like to display it beginning in february. Please call Rosemary at 972-231-8503, or Gloria, 972-234-6483. Thanks!

Extending God's Path

YTD Budget: \$36,032

Total received to date 57,675

Received Dec. 24-31 44,169

Attendance: 481

Give God what's right, not what's left

Words of Wisdom from *Mardi Gras Momma*

Dear Mardi Gras Momma,

I am a new member to Spring Valley and I have heard about this Mardi Gras Madness thing and saw the signs in the hallway on Sunday.

What is this Mardi Gras Madness – is this a road trip to New Orleans?? Where do I sign up?

Confusedly, *Connie*

Dear Confused Connie,

You are talking to the right woman to 'de-confuse' you.

NO, Mardi Gras Madness is not a road trip to New Orleans, so stop packing your suitcase!

Mardi Gras Madness is the best fun you will ever have in Dallas to celebrate Mardi Gras. The youth and youth parents put on the best homemade dinner, live and silent auction parade that you can imagine! This is the major fundraiser for our youth to go on three mission trips this summer. The three trips are: the choir tour to S. Texas, Impact for all senior and junior high youth, and ASP (Appalachia Service Project) in Kentucky for the senior high youth.

The youth have the opportunity to work together and help others who are less fortunate and grow in the spirit of mission work. These trips make an incredible impact on young lives and those that they serve.

You, confused Connie, have the opportunity to come to a fun evening at the church and bid on live and silent auction items that will benefit the future of this church. These kids are going out as representatives of Spring Valley to spread the Word.

This is important work and we need you there. Sign up for reservations on Sunday morning. Reservations are \$12 per person, and kids 6 and under with a paying adult get pizza – what a deal! And girlfriend – bring your checkbook and credit cards! See you there - *Momma*



NOTEworthy news...

Upcoming Music



Sunday, January 15

8:30 Ladies Ensemble, *I Love to Tell the Story*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Awake my Heart*

Hymns

No. 154 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

No. 2025 *As the Deer*

No. 344 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*



Carillon Ringers perform at Old City Park

Our group played on Saturday, December 10, at Old City Park. In addition, Carillon Ringers performed two off-campus concerts in private residences earning money to pay for new bell choir robes (they have Velcro on the sleeves to keep the material away from the action of bell ringing). They played a concert at 10:30 on Christmas Eve and set a wonderful tone for the 11:00 service that followed.

Did you miss it?

Not yet! The Children's Music program will meet for the first time this week! Come and get a preview of our Spring Musical, *Nic at Night*, by Kathie Hill, and find out what other fun stuff is planned for the semester! Put May 21 on your calendars now as the date of *Nic at Night*. It is a play within a play about Nicodemus and his meeting with Jesus. This is open for children 4 years of age through 6th grade. 4 and 5 year-olds rehearse from 6-6:30, and 1st - 6th graders rehearse from 6:30-7:30 on Wednesday evenings. No preliminary registration required – just show up in the upstairs classroom hallway! Questions? Call Jeanne Larson at 972-233-7671.

Elementary Sunday School news

This rotation we're learning that you can't hide from God—even in a WHALE! That's what Jonah tried to do. Jonah didn't *catch* that God's message of Compassion, Mercy, and Grace is for EVERYONE! You can learn about compassion, mercy, grace and repentance through art, computer, puppets, science, writing, and video.



Check the new bulletin board outside the gathering room to what room your class is in each week. Come to Sunday School and *catch* an important message from God...for you and everyone.

Neighborhood Service Council plans annual meeting

Neighborhood Service Council cordially invites you to their 2006 annual meeting and luncheon on February 9, 2006 from 11:15-1pm at Spring Valley United Methodist Church. RSVP to nscli@nscikids.org or 972-239-3501.

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Ron Henderson delighted at Charge Conference

Our District Superintendent presided over Spring Valley's Charge Conference. Presentations were made by the senior pastor including the report of the nominations committee. That report was approved. Written reports were filed pertaining to the ministries of our church. Clergy salaries are set at this meeting. Ron had asked that we celebrate miracles of the year. Gene Hoffman commented on the synergy we have now.

Craig Kesler commented that a year ago, we were moping and now we are developing a vision that is moving us into the future with hope. Debbie McEnaney testified for God's work in her life and her family's life through the new extended family she has since they joined a year and a half ago.

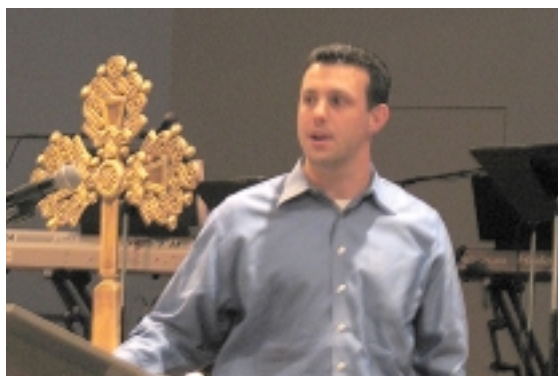
Ron challenged us, by next year, to have visions and dreams that are more extensive than what our church is presently capable of tackling! Pictures show that the Youth Praise Band, Risen, performed selections that were sprinkled throughout the celebration!



Ron Henderson speaking about Spring Valley.



Pastor Paul speaking at Charge Conference.



Craig Kesler at Charge Conference.



Ron Henderson speaking at Charge Conference.



Risen, with Ron watching, performing during the Conference.



Gene Hoffmann expressing some comments to Ron Henderson.

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.

Hospital

Ruth Mendoza
Dave Booth
Donna Campbell
Morris Arrington

SVUMC Church Family

Lenora Pitcher
Terri Hawkins
Ed Pierce
Betty Carter
Betty Lou Noble
Bonnie Reed
Luiz Santos
Randy Smith
Bill Darnall
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Rhonda Huser's friends, Kay and Gary Botti
Coach Locket and friend
Pat Johnston's friend, Barbara Hubbard
Virginia Thomas's nephew, David Trail
Eurea Johnson
Linda Christian's sister, Pat Jones
Greg Haase
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,
Gary and Jacqui Hopper
Camille Smith
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson

Lola Copeland's friend, Craig, Kathy, and
daughter, Sarah Grace
Joyce Boyer's sister, Donna, and friend,
Donna Miller
Donna Campbell's friend, Ashley Wilson
All persons serving in the military
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Jack and Joanne Brown and family in the
death of their cousin's wife, Esther Brown