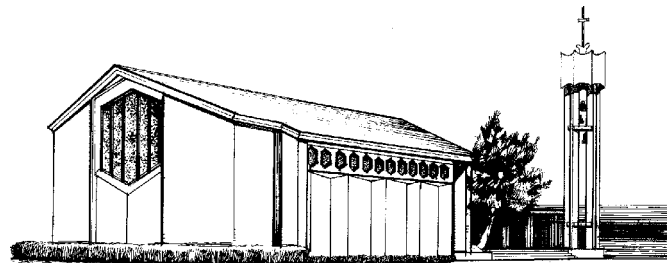


# Behold!



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## Dear Mardi Gras Mamma...

I have been thinkin' about invitin' out Bobbie Soo on a date. Can you tell me where to take her so she will really have the time of her life?

Baffled Burton



Dear Baffled,  
Have I got a deal for you!!! Bring your sweetie Bobbie Soo to Mardi Gras Madness for good eats and entertainment galore! We'll be serving the best darn chicken fricasse, red beans and rice, salad, dessert, iced tea and all this for only \$12 per person!

You can dance in the aisles with the Mardi Gras paraders, and then listen to the fine voices of the Men's Quartet singin' *Darkness Over the Delta*, and also Bubba Blake Denzer singin' a solo. The Youth Choir will also be singin' some other toe tappin' songs and there will be lots more fun. You can even buy her something real special at the live or silent auctions to remember the night by, so Bobbie Soo will be your own true love by the time the evening is over. If all this fails, you're on your own.

Signed, Mardi Gras Mamma, advisor to the lovelorn.

## Rev. Derrick Wright to preach on Jan. 22

SVUMC welcomes Rev. Derrick Wright as guest preacher in the Sanctuary this Sunday, Jan. 22, at both services.

Wright is on the staff of the North Texas Conference as Associate Director for African-American Ministries and Church Revitalization. He has served the Conference as an ordained Elder for over 20 year, pastoring both large and small congregations.

Most recently, he served as pastor of Hamilton Park UMC and prior to that appointment, was the District Superintendent for the Paris-Sulfur Springs District. He will preach on the first chapter of the Gospel of St. John, vs. 43-51. All are invited to this dynamic, Spirit-filled worship.

## Pictorial directory well underway

Representatives from PCA International will be at Spring Valley UMC from Jan. 17 through Jan. 28 to take photos for the upcoming pictorial directory, expected to be available by May.

Don't miss your appointment to take advantage of this service and to share the gift of your presence, via the directory to all members of the congregation. For information about scheduling call: 1-800-438-0894, ext. 4314.

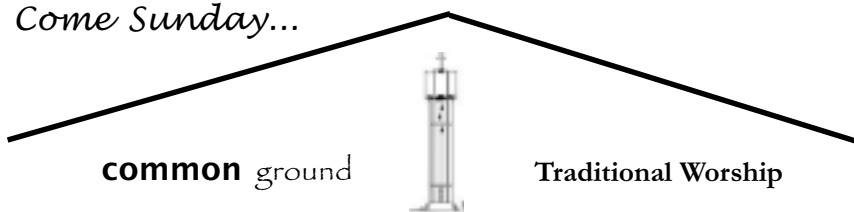
## Loggia display cases need you

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!

## Arts and Crafts to start up again

The Arts and Crafts group will be meeting on Monday, January 23, at 10am. come and bring your sack lunch and share your talents and ideas as we begin again in the New Year.

## Come Sunday...



### 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

### Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Mark 1:21-28  
*Fame*  
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Mark 1:21-28  
*Life in Christ: Coming Clean*  
Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

## Habitat opportunities abound

Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) will provide several opportunities to serve your church and community through volunteerism and fundraising. With construction and funding of two Habitat houses, one in the spring and fall, your skills of swinging a hammer or using a paintbrush will be of great service to RAIH. If you can't swing a hammer, we hope you will don your walking shoes and walk in the annual RAIH walk-a-thon fundraiser or sponsor an individual who does walk.

Your first opportunity to volunteer is Sat., Feb. 11, as construction on the 21st RAIH home will begin and will continue on most Saturdays through mid-April. As the sole sponsor of this home, volunteers will be needed from all of the 11 active RAIH congregations so this is a successful build.

On Sat., Feb. 25, we take a day off from the build and walk to raise funds for Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat. We looking for walkers, AND sponsors. Look for details of both the Walk-a-Thon and the upcoming build over the next few weeks in the *Behold* or at the Habitat table in the church hallway.



## ¡Un Feliz y prospero Año Nuevo!

What an exciting year it has been for our Nueva Vida congregation! Among the many blessings we have received this past year was the arrival of Dr. Paul Escamilla, Elizabeth and family. "Hermano Pablo," as we call him, not only speaks our language, but understands our culture and loves us. In return, every one in our congregation already learned to admire him and love him back. Everyone loves when Paul comes and preaches to us!

Nueva Vida presently has members from eleven different nations and this makes us a strong and joyful congregation. Members come as far as Corinth, Lewisville, Garland, and Seagoville. Like our Lord, we serve our Latino community with a holistic approach, ministering to the body, mind and soul. Our ministry is supported by a weekly prayer meeting, seven weekly home Bible studies and an exciting ministry to children, youth and adults through Sunday School classes and special activities.

The center of our activities, though, is our alive worship service where Sunday after Sunday we experience God's presence and transforming miracles through our wonderful music ministry, testimonies and the proclamation of the Word of God. Nueva Vida ministries is also extended through annual mission trips to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Monclova, Ciudad Victoria, Monterrey and Matamoros in Mexico.

Please pray for our Hispanic ministry and come by one Sunday afternoon to practice your Spanish! For more information, call Pr. Carlos at 972-239-9440.

## Human Sexuality Workshop offered

A Human Sexuality Workshop for 5th and 6th graders will be held on March 2, 3, & 4. The curriculum is *Created By God* and is published by Cokesbury. For information or to preview the curriculum, contact Jan Hudgins, 972-233-7671.

## Recycle your Christmas cards

Bring your donated holiday cards to the church 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.

### Mission Core Process Group's Year-End 2005 Financial Report

#### Incoming:

Dimes-a-Day Collection	\$ 17,149.13
Network Community Ministries	\$ 1,235.00
UMCOR*	\$ 37,354.6
Church Mission Budget	\$ 1,000.00
Guatemala Mission	\$ 5,982.31
Savutos Aids Orphans	\$ 15.00
Habitat	\$ 10.00
Hurricane Relief (Arrington Family)	\$ 10,137.50
Dobie Elementary	\$ 580.00
Meals on Wheels	\$ 200.00
Neighborhood Service Council	\$ 75.00
<b>Total funds collected</b>	<b>\$ 73,738.54</b>

Network of Community Ministries	
(2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday food collection)	3,650 pounds of food
Volunteer service	2,204 hours

#### Outgoing:

Missionaries (Jerri & Bill Savuto)	\$ 2,500.00
Network Community Services	\$ 1,290.00
Slany United Methodist Church	\$ 3,600.00
Emergency Food Boxes	\$ 103.02
UMCOR*	\$ 39,429.13
Arrington Family	\$ 8,830.46
Neighborhood Service Council	\$ 825.00
Habitat	\$ 3,999.90
Mission Envelopes	\$ 45.55
Dobie Elementary	\$ 780.00
Meals on Wheels	\$ 200.00
Guatemala Mission Trip	\$ 9,632.31
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$71,035.37</b>

#### Obligations Not Yet Funded:

Meals-on-Wheels \$200.00 (funded in January 2006)

\*UMCOR-United Methodist Committee on Relief (Tsuami, Katrina, & Health Kits)

## 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(7<sup>th</sup> grade -12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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. 22** - Ginny Bitting and Leona Wynne will give a report on their November 2005 mission trip to St. Petersburg, Russia for Buckner Orphan Care International.

**Jan. 29** - Please join us for a classroom brunch while you check out Aldersgate.

### Beacon Class

"The Ten Commandments in a Modern World"

**Jan. 22** - And God Spoke

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

## 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!



Prissy Shaffer 709 Hyde Park Richardson, Tx.75080	Barbara Zoeller 7652 La Verdura Dallas, TX75080	Betty Hopper 13416 Mill Grove Dallas, Tx. 75248
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## Christian Parenting - Room 210

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

## Fellowship Bible Class

We are reading *The Passionate Church*, by Mike Breen & Walt Kallestad. Call Lou & Bill Wilkin, 972-392-1486, [maestrak1234@yahoo.com](mailto:maestrak1234@yahoo.com).

## Quest Class

Join us as we study the book of Revelation.

## SVUMC "historians" needed

Our church will celebrate its 50 year anniversary in 2007. We already have "The Spirit of Spring Valley," given by Bobby Detwiler, that gives us a history of the church to 1986; but we need volunteers to fill us in on what happened after 1986. We also need someone to go through old pictorial directories and pictures to document special events in the life of the church.

Our goal is to prepare a book and compact disk that tells the story of Spring Valley United Methodist Church from its beginning to present. In addition, we will prepare a PowerPoint presentation of pictures to show during the anniversary festivities. If you are interested, please contact Paula Huffaker at the church office 972-233-7671, e-mail [phuffaker@svumc.org](mailto:phuffaker@svumc.org).

## Seekers Class

**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.

## What's up for YOUTH...

### SVUMC Youth events

Wednesday night small groups are postponed until February due to the Tuesday night musical rehearsals.

**Friday, Jan. 20:** 7pm-1am - Youth Musical rehearsal. Come learn choreography, eat dinner, play games, and have fun. Ends at 1am; youth will have a ride home so parents can stay asleep. Questions? Call Rusty at the church - 972-233-7671, ext. 24.

**In Sunday school during the month of January,** Pam Reese is teaching *Giving of Yourself Like Jesus*, a short study to teach how we can each be more like Jesus in very simple ways; Jim Veach is leading a class on *The Lord's Prayer*; and Elizabeth Escamilla is leading a class on *Daniel*.

**Sunday, January 22** is the Big Boat Trip II planning session. It will be just like the last one, without the boat & the lake! We will fill in the spring semester calendar with fun and meaningful activities to do for the next several months, so be sure to come so we will have your input. We want to know what you'd like to see happening at UMYF. Be there for snack supper @ 5:30; ends at 7:30pm. Next week's email will have a list of the upcoming activities.

### Mark your calendars for the future:

**Jan. 30:** Youth choir & parents' meeting, 6:30 (note time change from original calendar). Half of the total cost (\$425) for the choir trip will be due at this meeting. Your attendance is extremely important as we will be discussing Mardi Gras Madness responsibilities. Also, choir tour updates will be discussed. After the choir meeting, there will be an update on the search for a youth pastor and discussion of youth group concerns.

### February 12 - MARDI GRAS MADNESS!

**Feb. 17-19:** Annual mixed (Jr. high & Sr. high) mid-winter retreat at Bridgeport Conference Center. Cost is \$68 a person, but the cost should not be a factor in your decision to attend; call Paco if you need any assistance. This year's theme is **J.....MOBILE: GET MORE FROM LIFE**. Pick up a copy of the registration form at any SVUMC youth event. Be sure to turn in this form at UMYF or Sunday School by Sunday, February 5. Questions about the retreat? Call Paco, 972-671-5744 or [pacojacjen@aol.com](mailto:pacojacjen@aol.com)

**The Appalachia Service Project (ASP)** is July 7-July 17. It is designed for youths in the 10th - 12th grade. Those entering 10th grade (current 9th graders) should consider signing up for this rewarding mission trip. Those students graduating this year are also invited to participate. We will be working in Letcher County in Kentucky. More detailed information to follow.

If you want to go to ASP 2006, please send Paco an e-mail indicating your interest ([pacojacjen@aol.com](mailto:pacojacjen@aol.com)). Paco has to give a count to ASP by Feb. 1. We need your help to make ASP a successful mission trip!

**New SVUMC Youth mailing list from YAHOO GROUPS!** please send a blank email to [svumcyouth-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:svumcyouth-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). If you have not already joined this group, You may be prompted to set up a yahoo account, but you can still choose the address you'd like the emails delivered to. This email group will really help with communication for the foreseeable future, so don't be out of the loop! Email [nwatson@pisd.edu](mailto:nwatson@pisd.edu) if you have any questions.



## NOTEworthy news...

### Upcoming Music

#### Sunday, January 22

8:30 Chamber Singers

11:00 Chancel Choir, *As the Hart Longs*

#### Hymns

No. 133 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

No. 569 *We've a Story to tell to the Nations*

No. 159 *Lift High the Cross*

#### Sunday, January 29

8:30 Chancel Choir & Risen, *Great is the Lord*

8:30 Carillon Ringers, *Berceuse* and

*Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

11:00 Youth Singers, *Praise His Holy Name*

11:00 Youth Ringers, *Dona Nobis Pacem*

#### Hymns

No. 368 *My Hope is Built*

No. 263 *When Jesus the Healer*

No. 572 *Pass It On*

#### Sunday, February 5

8:30 Men's Choir, *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Blessed be the Name of the Lord*

### Mardi Gras Madness meeting for Parents/Youth January 30

Half of your trip deposit is due at the meeting on Monday, January 30. Presently, we project the cost of choir tour is \$425. We will discuss Mardi Gras Madness assignment of tasks, choir tour itinerary and matters relating to youth group. The time is changed from 7pm to 6:30. Please make a note of this change on the calendar.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. 4 and 5 year-olds rehearse from 6-6:30, and 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Confirmation Class mentors

Confirmation is an opportunity for the church to help make firm the roots of faith in our youth. Confirmation mentors play an important role in nurturing a young person to grow a healthy relationship with God, with others, and with self. Mentors are adult friends and guides on the confirmation journey.

Recently, this year's mentors met for training and then for a "get to know you" mixer with the confirmation class. Each year the confirmands and mentors design the t-shirt for their class. This year it was especially hard to decide on the best design. We have quite a few artists among us!

As the mentors begin their work, please keep them in your prayers, that God might use them in great and wonderful ways.

Mentors for 2006 are:

Alice Cromwell	Carla Jett	Pam Reese
Bethann Defoe	Florence Lewis	Mark Solomon
Blake Denzer	Sherry Peart	Dana Taylor
Carl Fitzgerald	Babs Platten	Phil West
Lincoln Hinsch	Tom Purcell	Mary Ellen Wilmot
Jan Hudgins	George Reese	



Allison Hawkins  
with mentor,  
Alice Cromwell



Felicity Harries  
with mentor,  
Sherry Peart



Emily Cromwell  
with mentor,  
Dana Taylor

## 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 EVERY-ONE! 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 [nsci@nscikids.org](mailto:nsci@nscikids.org) or 972-239-3501.

## 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.

## 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

### SVUMC Church Family

Troy Sumner

Dave Booth

Donna Campbell

Morris Arrington

Lenora Pitcher

Terri Hawkins

Ed Pierce

Betty Carter

Betty Lou Noble

Bonnie Reed

Luiz Santos

Randy Smith

Bill Darnall

Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Kim Sumner's finance, Freddie

Suellen Turner's friend, Patricia Hagenbuck

Lamar Ozley's friend's son, Ed Jones

Rhonda Huser's friends, Kay and Gary Botti

Virginia Thomas's nephew, David Trail

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

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:

Dick Matthews and family in the death

of his brother-in-law, Hobbert Berry

Joanna Shampine and family in the death

of her brother, Tom Thomason

Virginia Thomas in the death of her mother,

Lora Mae Campbell