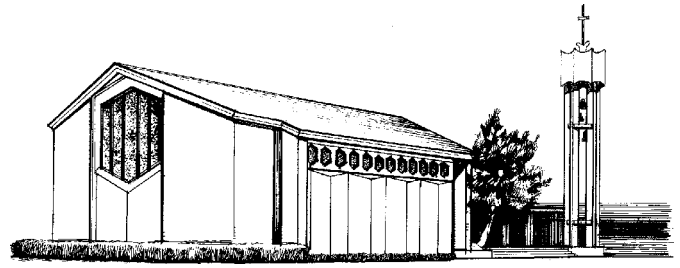


Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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Mardi Gras Madness is coming on Jan. 30!

Be sure to make reservations on Sunday, Jan. 23 and 30 for the big event! Adults are \$12 a person; children, 6 and under, with a paying adult are free. You can pay by cash or check (made out to SVUMC).

New this year at Mardi Gras:

- Credit cards can be used at auction check-out. We will accept VISA, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover.



Thanks to Lola Copeland's great suggestion, your friends can view the Live Auction brochure on line at http://svumc.org/mgm_auction.html. Give them this website to preview all the items. Invite them to join you, but if they can't attend Mardi Gras, we have a proxy bidding form, also on the website, that anyone can fill out and give to Brian Emslie in the church business office. He will handle the details; and our proxy bidder, David Armstrong and his helpers, will bid for you per your instructions on the proxy bidding card!

We need to know if you are coming so we can plan for the meal. Call Rachel Harries, 972-233-8591, to make reservations. Questions? Call Laura LaFrano, 972-788-2004, or Rusty King at the church.

Youth/parents meeting for Mardi Gras Madness – Tuesday, January 25, 7:00 Choir Room

All youth and parents are invited to this meeting. The purpose is to finalize last minute details for Mardi Gras Madness and continue work on choir activities including tour, tour payment (half is needed now), and schedule.

New Bible study starts in February

The Mayberry Bible study, a 4-week study connecting the Bible to contemporary culture, will be held on Thursdays in February. Dorothy and Rich Milner will facilitate. The Bible study uses episodes from the television show "Mayberry RFD" to examine issues of life and faith.

Topics include: pride, accountability, trouble, and teaching. For more information or to register call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, 972-233-7671.

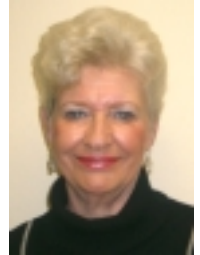
Guatemala mission project to have meeting

The first meeting for the 2005 Guatemala Mission Project will be held on Sun., Jan. 23, at noon in the dining room. Trip dates are August 13-August 21. Anyone interested in going and also the home-based support team are welcome. Call Elizabeth or Robert Gross, 214-341-1822, or e-mail at robt144@swbell.net, if you can attend. A light lunch will be served.

Welcome, new member!

Jo Hunter

7718 Village Trail
Dallas, TX 75254
972-385-8216



Kennedy Corene White

baptised on January 16

Jayson & Diana White,
parents

Tom & Linda Leedy,
grandparents

Robert & Jennifer Leedy, aunt and uncle



End result is greater than sum of parts

We find the principles in I Corinthians 12 in many musical groups. However, perhaps the most poignant example is a handbell choir. You may recall that Paul was telling the people in Corinth that there are many gifts that have been given, but there is one Spirit. He made the analogy that the church is like the body of Christ. He went further to warn that the head shouldn't say to the heart, I want to be the heart and the foot shouldn't say to the hand, I want to be the hand.

God made each part of the body to function in a different way. In a bell choir, the treble bells often play the melody and the bass bells could get jealous that they're not the center of attention. A ringer in the middle of the choir might be able to play at the difficulty level of that position, but might not be able to play a higher position where the number of bells for which one is responsible is double. An inexperienced bell ringer may have just joined an advanced group, and be given an assignment in the bass bells. *(continued on inside...)*

What's Up For YOUTH

Sunday, January 23, 2005

9:45am	Sunday School
11am	Worship
3:30pm	Youth Ringers
4:30pm	Youth Singers
5:30pm	\$3 Snack Supper
6-7:30pm	UMYF – It's a spiritual growth night! Melissa DeFoe & Caitlin Tucker will lead us in an examination of Angels!

Youth Confirmation Class will meet on Sundays at 2:30pm in the Youth Room, starting Sunday, February 6. Parents are invited to our first meeting for information, calendars, and curriculum review.

Prayers for Melissa DeFoe, who is ill.
Congrats to Chris Peart & Ellis Ozley, who both made All-State Choir!
Mixed Mid-Winter Retreat is Feb 4-6 at Bridgeport. This is a conference-wide youth event, a great way to meet your peers around North Texas. It's only \$67. You can get info and registration forms at <http://www.ntcumc.org/YouthMin/calendar/midwinter.pdf>. Visit the church website for the January newsletter.

Mardi Gras Madness is less than two weeks away! There is an important final meeting for parents and youth on Tues. evening, Jan. 25, at 7pm. Thanks to all parents who have helped and parents who have solicited donations for our silent auction from area businesses. We need even more help in this area. If you would like to join in this tremendous fun, please do not hesitate to contact Frank or Rusty at the church.

Youth Singers will rehearse and have a ½ lock-in this Friday evening from 7pm until 12:30. Rides home are available by calling or emailing Rusty or Frank in advance of the event. Please contact us by noon Friday.

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Youth and Confirmation class clean Children's area



During the first week of Christmas break, members of our Youth group and 6th grade class came to work in the Children's area. This terrific group of kids worked from 9am-noon to clean out, neaten, and organize the Drama Room, the Art/Cooking Room and the infamous Children's supply closet. After all the hard work, they were treated to pizza at Mr. Gatti's. Be sure to thank these kids for sharing their time and talent with Spring Valley.



Join us for Sunday school Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

Jan. 23 - Open class discussion on Aldersgate goals, priorities, and mission statement.

Jan. 30 - Classroom brunch! Thinking about joining a Sunday school class? Come and check us out.

Beacon Class

Jan. 23 - "Love Is Action."

Jan. 30 - "Take My Hands"

Feb. 6 - "Hearing and DOING"

Friends - Room 216

Jan. 23 - "Wealth Is Worthless" How are we investing our lives?

Jan. 30 - Lifestyles and Life Expectancy - A light-hearted self-exam led by Herb Lee.

Seekers - Room 200

Jan. 23 - "Overcoming" - part three
Speaker, Dr. Don Benton

Jan. 30 - Alice McElroy will present "Not All Who Wander Are Lost," the long-awaited account of her adventures on the Appalachian trail.

Wesleyan Class - Dining Room

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

Jan. 23 - Session 2: Letting Grace Soak In

Jan. 30 - Session 3: An Unnatural Act

Feb. 6 - Session 4: The Art of Forgiving

Feb. 13 - Session 5: Skin-Deep

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That person can flourish in the environment, especially if it is intentionally supportive, and can rise to the level of the other players at a speed at which everyone is amazed! They make a contribution to the group that is not at the advanced level but is equally important for all the music to be produced that the composer intended. Each player needs the other. If a player is absent without a sub, the effect is like trying to play the piano with keys missing.

Each person in the bell choir and in the body of Christ brings skills and abilities or, in theological terms, gifts and graces that by themselves would be sufficient. However, when the gifts and graces, divergent though they all be and to various degrees, are combined in a unified purpose, the final result is far greater than the sum of the parts. **Rusty King**

Noteworthy news

Upcoming Music

Jan. 23, 8:30 Youth Singers - *Sing to the Lord with Joy and Gladness*

8:30 Youth Ringers - *Little David, Play on Your Harp*

11:00 Chancel Choir - *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Jan. 30, 8:30 & 11:00 Chamber Singers

11:00 Chancel Choir - *With All I Am*

Youth Ringers to Attend Youth Bell Festival January 29

Our Youth Ringers will be at FUMC, Plano at an all-day festival on Saturday, January 29. There will be a 45 minute concert of 15 choirs, combined in a mass ring, playing four pieces, at 3:30. The public is invited.

UMW garage sale & clothing drive

It's time again to clean out your closets! The UMW will be accepting gently-used clothing, accessories, linens, dishes and other household items (no books or furniture please). You may bring donations to the church starting Sunday, February 13-Wednesday, February 16. The sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19. Proceeds will support various mission projects.



Please let us borrow your bread baskets for Mardi Gras Madness! Put your name on the bottom so we can return them to you. Email Pat Johnston, Agnana1876@aol.com if you can help.

What's going on at NSCI in January, 2005

February 10 is NSCI's annual meeting and luncheon at noon. To make reservations to attend, or to help with the luncheon, call Ana, 972 239-3501. To get details about volunteer opportunities, please call the same number.

Volunteer needs

~Soccer coaches for the 8-week spring season from Feb. 26-Apr. 23

~Adventure Time after-school camp needs people to work with Cub Scouts

~Tutoring volunteers to help Kindergarten-6th graders on weekdays, 4-6pm

~Van drivers & subs for Tues., Wed. & Fri. for after-school pickup at 2:40pm

~Family Nite, Feb. 1, free sessions with valuable information for parents and children. Volunteers are needed for Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, and in May.

Orientation sessions for new volunteers

KEYS (Keeping Every Youth Safe) Orientation - March 3, 4-6p.m.

This is an excellent place for individuals to volunteer and help children.

Summer jobs for college students

Attention college students: we will be hiring for *My Time* summer teen camp soon. For information, call Jessie at 972-239-3501.

Sponsors needed for NSCI 5k run

NSCI needs sponsors for a 5K Walk/Run in April at the following levels:

\$10,000 *Master* \$5,000 *Presenting* \$ 2,500 *Platinum*

\$ 1,000 *Gold* \$ 500 *Silver* \$ 50 *Friends*

Call Mary McElvany, 972-380-6269, for a sponsor packet. Thank you for making Neighborhood Service Council, Inc. possible through your efforts.



Thanks to Spring Valley from VNA...

The Board of Directors and staff of the Visiting Nurse Association want to take this opportunity to thank SVUMC for allowing VNA the use of Wesley Hall and your kitchen facilities for the Holiday Gift Wrap Party.

Thank you for recognizing the value of our programs and the importance of every dollar in our non-profit budget. With your gift-in-kind, we are able to stretch our limited budget to the maximum. The caring heart, compassionate spirit and the helping hand of people like you make a world of difference to the homebound patients we serve.

Sincerely, Robert Carpenter, President

...from Austin Street Centre

Thank you to all of those who donated food and winter clothing, as well as those who served at the Austin Street Centre last Sunday morning! With temperatures below freezing, it was a very chilly morning and the Centre sheltered 495 persons that night. Spring Valley members' generosity not only allowed all to be served a nutritious meal, but also for many to return for "seconds." Members' timely donations of winter clothing will be put to good use by the occupants, who unfortunately spend a great deal of time exposed to the elements. We are proud of Spring Valley's longstanding and heartfelt support of Austin Street's ministry. If you would like to participate, our next meal will be served on Sunday, April 17. Thank you for putting Spring Valley's faith into action!

and from Gulf Breeze UMC...

Dear Friends of Spring Valley UMC:

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity expressed through your gift toward relief for the victims of Hurricane Ivan in our area. Our estimation is that nearly 20-25 of our church members had their homes completely destroyed or made not liveable. Add to this the countless others who have lost their homes, and it is very apparent that the destruction is widespread. In the midst of this devastation, we continue to see on a daily basis, a spirit of community, strength, and faith. Again, please accept our gratitude for your contribution. May God bless you in the wonderful way you have blessed us. Sincerely, Jack Strange, Pastor

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

Fred Huser

SVUMC Church Family

Lenora Pitcher

Freda Clark

Fayrene Pospisil

Betty Hopper

The Maddison family

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Connie Bah's nephew, Abu

Rodney Arrington's grandmothers, and
five other family members

Mark Wood's mother, Henrietta Wood

Dillon, a 10-year old

John and Mary Huffhines' granddaughter,
Amy Williams

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Frances Dale's friend, Frances Granger

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney

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

Johnny & Lillian

All persons serving in the military

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Dottie Cheek and family in the death of her
nephew, Jimmy Moore