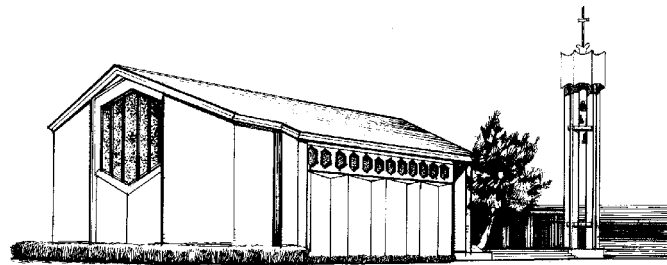


# Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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## Dear Mardi Gras Mamma...

I have just finished redecorating my house, thanks to the help of my girlfriends who are decorating divas. The house looks great and I want to thank them for all their assistance. Do you have any ideas for a thank you to them??

Signed, Wondering Wendy



Dear Wondering:

Sounds like a girl's night evening to me!!! What a better way to show them your appreciation than to buy a table for 10 at Mardi Gras Madness. You and your girlfriends can celebrate in style with wonderful food, entertainment, Mardi Gras parade and they can shop til they drop!! They may even find some things for your house or theirs. Plus they can help support our youth at MGM. By putting tips in the tip jars for those cute youth servers and buying items at the auction, all benefit our youth missions - it all goes to a great cause.

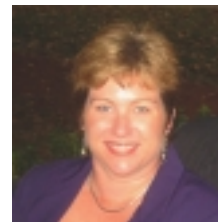
Tell your girlfriends that they can also invite neighbors, and co-workers to Mardi Gras - the more the merrier! And they can use checks, cash and credit cards to pay for their purchases.

So Wendy, reserve your table(s) now at the Mardi Gras Madness reservations table this Sunday - seats are going quickly so act now!! What if one of your friends can't attend but would like to contribute to our youth?? Mardi Gras Madness does accept cash donations too!

Momma

## January Second Helpings offers valuable program

Internet safety and the role of the Church in combating pornography in cyberspace will be the topic of February's *Second Helpings* event, rescheduled from Jan. 11 to February 8.



Dana Allison

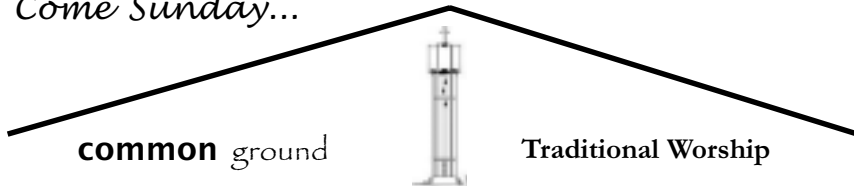
Dana Allison, Christian educator and children's advocacy expert, will be our guest speaker. For the first half of the evening beginning at 6:30pm, she will discuss how it is IMPERATIVE for us to learn about protecting our children, grandchildren, any children and ourselves from predators on the internet. At 7pm, she will focus her talk on how people of faith deal with internet pornography which affects millions of families and individuals every day. A tasty meal will be served at 5:30pm, and our program begins at 6:30. Childcare is available. Sign-up sheets for meal reservations are in the volunteer office AND in Common Ground AND at the volunteer desk. This is valuable information that will protect your family.

## Preschool registration begins

Preschool registration for the 2006-2007 begins on Feb. 1 at 8:30am for families of current students and church members. Registration opens to the community on Feb. 15. The preschool is a part-time program offering classes from 9am to noon for children 12 months and walking through Pre-K. Two, and three day classes are offered for children younger than Pre-K. Special tuition rates are offered to SVUMC member families. Please call the Preschool office, 972-233-2317, for information, or to have an enrollment packet mailed to you.



## Come Sunday...



common ground

Traditional Worship

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

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Children's Sabbath

Music with *Risen*

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Mark 1 :29-39

Life in Christ:

*The Unnecessary prayer*

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

## Habitat workers and walkers needed

On Saturday, February 11 Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) will begin construction on its 21<sup>st</sup> house. Located in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood, the address of the soon-to-be home is 1804 Jack Casey Drive (one block east from last fall's build). The build schedule will include 9 Saturdays, beginning on February 11 and ending April 22. No construction will be scheduled on February 25, the annual RAIH Walk-a-Thon and April 15, Easter weekend. With RAIH being the sole sponsor of this build and home, workers from all 11 RAIH congregations are greatly needed.

As mentioned above, RAIH will soon sponsor its annual fundraiser Walk-a-Thon. Walkers and generous sponsors of those walkers are needed to meet our financial commitments for the upcoming year. The walk will begin at the UTD parking lot at the corner of Floyd Road and Lookout Drive. Registration will be from 8:30am to 9am with T-shirts and refreshments available for all walkers.

Stop by the Habitat table near the church office to pick up information on the walk and build schedule or contact Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

## Mission BIG picture

Recently in the worship bulletin and in last week's *Behold*, you had the opportunity to review the Mission Core financial report. We thank you, the congregation, for your amazing support of Spring Valley's program. And while the numbers are most impressive, they don't tell the entire story. As Paul Harvey would say, here's the rest of the story!

Many in our congregation are doing "hands on" volunteer work with programs and agencies that we also support financially. In the coming weeks, we'll highlight some of these dedicated volunteers who provide time, talent, leadership, and in many cases also financial support of causes in which they believe.

So, on "one hand" we need financial support, while on the "other hand" we need volunteer time, and when we put those two hands together, they make a strong bond. Put your two hands together and say a prayer for our brothers and sisters all around the world who need Spring Valley to stay focused on mission!

## 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.

## 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 call 972-239-3501.



## UMW 2006 officers recognized

The UMW 2006 officers were recognized at the December Banquet.

They are:

<i>Betty Hopper</i>	President
<i>Pat Currin</i>	Vice President, Prog. Chairperson
<i>Jackie Palmer</i>	Secretary
<i>Jolene Harper</i>	Treasurer
<i>Rozanna Hinsch</i>	Devotional Chairperson
<i>Opal Peyron</i>	Book Chairperson
<i>Barbara Zoeller</i>	Publicity/Membership
<i>Dorothy Pruden</i>	Missions Chairperson
<i>Joyce Boyer</i>	Luncheon Chairperson
<i>Betty Hopper</i>	Bethlehem Center Contact
<i>Bobbie Detwiler</i>	Parkland Outreach Contact

Our February luncheon/meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, at 11:30 in Asbury Hall. The speaker, Rev. Jackie Gause, will speak on "A Letter from Peter." You might want to read, in advance, II Peter and perhaps bring some questions and thoughts for discussion.

Jackie, an ordained clergy, was consecrated as Diaconal Minister in 1991 from Brite Divinity School at TCU. She is now semi-retired and living in Arlington, TX. Ladies, this sounds like a program that you don't want to miss! Come and bring a friend!

## 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 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. Call Bobbie Detwiler at 972-387-8779.



## 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.



## 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 <a href="mailto:svcookbook@sbcglobal.net">svcookbook@sbcglobal.net</a>	Barbara Zoeller 7652 La Verdura Dallas, TX75080 <a href="mailto:barbarazoe@sbcglobal.net">barbarazoe@sbcglobal.net</a>	Betty Hopper 13416 Mill Grove Dallas, Tx. 75248 <a href="mailto:ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net">ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net</a>
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## New Bible study group formed

The church has started a new Bible study at Bill and Lou Wilkins' home. The *Neighbors Home Bible Study* meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm to 9pm at the Wilkin's home at 7740 El Pastel Drive. Please join us for this exciting study!

## 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).

## 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. 29** - Classroom brunch! Have you been thinking about joining a Sunday school class? Come and check out Aldersgate. No program this time, just a social get-together in our classroom .... with food! We can answer any questions you may have. Please join us!

**Feb 5 & Feb 12** - Robert Gross will lead a study on "Life of Abraham, Man of Saving Faith."

### Beacon Class

"The Ten Commandments in a Modern World"

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

**Feb. 5** - No. Three: "Cursing His Name"

**Feb. 12** - No. Four: "Worthy Worship"

**Feb. 19** - No. Five: "Who Are My Family?"

**Feb. 26** - No. Six: "Treating Life as Sacred"

**Mar. 5** - No. Seven: "An Analysis of Adultery"

**Mar. 12** - No. Eight: "Robbery"

**Mar. 19** - No. Nine: "Telling the Truth"

**Mar. 26** - No. Ten: "The Two Faces of Desire"

### 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.

### Seekers Class

**Jan 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.

### Extending God's Path

YTD Budget: \$72,064

Total received to date 90,506

Received Jan. 22 20,605

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

## What's up for YOUTH...

### SVUMC Youth events

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

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*.

**Beginning Monday, January 23, I would very much like to send all correspondence regarding youth activities at Spring Valley via this newly-formed Yahoo group. Please subscribe to this group so that you will be able to stay updated on all the great activities going on with the youth at Spring Valley. You may be prompted to create a yahoo account, but you can choose to have the emails delivered to any email address. This is a "newsletter only" group, not a chat room of any kind. If you have any questions, you can email me at [nameier@yahoo.com](mailto:nameier@yahoo.com) or call my cell phone at 972-824-8348. Thanks! —Nancy Watson**

### 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@yahogroups.com](mailto:svumcyouth-subscribe@yahogroups.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 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, *There's Within my Heart a Melody*

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

#### Hymns

No.474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

No. 2197 *Lord of all Hopefulness*

### 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.

### Youth Ringers rehearsal time earlier

The Youth Ringers are playing *Lion King* at the Youth Handbell festival on February 4, so they will meet on Sunday, January 29, from 3:00 until 4:30 which is 30 minutes earlier. Please note time change!

### 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.



## Youth Singers Enjoy Extended Rehearsal

Members of Youth Singers spent Friday evening preparing *Celebrate Life* by learning choreography and rehearsing the whole musical straight through with orchestra. They ended the evening by playing a game.



## 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.



## 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  
Bob Muskopf  
Frances Dale

### SVUMC Church Family

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

Jim Arrington, father of Preschooler,  
Jett Arrington  
Dan Stevenson's dad, C.J.  
Kim Sumner's finance, Freddie  
Suellen Turner's friend, Patricia Hagenbuck  
Lamar Ozley's friend's son, Ed Jones  
Greg Haase  
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,  
Gary and Jacqui Hopper  
Camille Smith  
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson  
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:

Hester Morriss and family in the death  
of her husband, Bob