

Behold!



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Mardi Gras Madness is finally here!

Attention: this just in...! We just received two footballs, signed by Hall of Famer Tony Dorsett, in the live auction!! Excitement is building! Reservations are going fast, but you still have until Sunday morning, Jan. 30, to get in on all the fun! We start at 4:30pm with dinner being served at 5pm in Wesley Hall. 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.

Invite all your friends and neighbors 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! Your proxy card needs to be in by Friday at noon, January 28.

An updated list of silent auction items will be on the website by Wednesday afternoon. You can preview all the great donations and start putting your "wish list" together! Questions? Call Laura LaFrano, 972-788-2004.

UMW notes for February

The daytime UMW group meets on Monday, February 14, at 11:30am in Asbury Hall. Kathy Betz, from C.C. Young, will tell us about volunteer opportunities. After the program, we will go to Wesley Hall to prepare for the Used Clothing and White Elephant Sale on February 18-19. Year 2005 officers for the daytime group are:

<i>Betty Hopper</i> , President	<i>Joyce Boyer</i> , Vice-president
<i>Jolene Harper</i> , Treasurer	<i>Georgia Goodrum</i> , Secretary
<i>Rozanna Hinsch</i> , Devotions	<i>Opal Peyron</i> , Book Chairperson
<i>Trish Smith</i> , Luncheon Coordinator	<i>Bobbie Detwiler</i> , Parkland Ministry
<i>Barbara Zoeller</i> , Craft group treasurer	<i>Elizabeth Kilgore</i> , Bazaar chairperson
<i>Gerry Broome</i> , chairperson for the UMW Bake Sale on March 13.	

The new evening UMW group will meet on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, at 2:15 in the small dining room. Debbie Shaw is chairperson for the February meeting, which will include a devotion and planning session for the March meeting, and end helping with the set-up for the Used Clothing and White Elephant Sale. Beginning in March, the meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday evening of each month. Call Debbie Shaw, 972-231-8833, or Barbara Zoeller, 972-239-9065, for details about the new evening UMW group.

Welcome, new members!

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Michael and
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For Spring Valley senior adults...

Have you retired from business, but not from life? Not ready for the rocking chair, and still ready to rock? Do you believe Spring Valley UMC can be the place that provides a meaningful ministry for senior adults? Then we need YOU!

Your Seniors Ministries Steering Committee has arranged an open-floor meeting for Thursday, February 10, at 9:30am in Asbury Hall. The Steering Committee has assembled a list of ideas, but we need your ideas, too. What kinds of things would you like Spring Valley UMC to offer in the way of fellowship, mission, and community for our older adults? Day trips? Lectures on art, gardening, or finance? Ballroom dancing? Yoga?

You are invited to share coffee, donuts, fellowship, and your ideas with us. We'll solicit your ideas, dreams, and suggestions, and we will share some news with you that you might find useful. See you there!

New Bible study starts in February

The Mayberry Bible study, a 4-week study connecting the Bible to contemporary culture, will be held on Thursday evenings in February. Dorothy and Rich Milner will facilitate. The Bible study uses the TV show "Mayberry RFD" to examine issues of life and faith. Topics include: pride, accountability, trouble, and teaching. For information call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, 972-233-7671.

What's Up For YOUTH

Sunday, January 30

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

Mardi Gras Madness is finally here this Sunday at 4:30pm in Wesley Hall! Feel the excitement of the live auction with vacations, jewelry, sports memorabilia, and art! Create your own strategy for the silent auction, full of gift certificates, services, and awesome merchandise. Taste the delicious cooking. Marvel at the wonderful entertainment! It's a remarkable and memorable event in the life of our congregation. Don't miss it!

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.

Congrats to Kate Butler, who made All-Region Band!

Mixed Mid-Winter Retreat is Feb 4-6 at Bridgeport. This is a conference-wide youth event, and is a great way to meet your peers from around North Texas. It's only \$67, and you can get info and registration forms at <http://www.ntcumc.org/YouthMin/calendar/midwinter.pdf>

Be sure to visit the church website for the January newsletter. The February newsletter is coming soon!

Mark your Calendars:

Jan. 30 - Mardi Gras Madness!! **Feb. 4-6** - Mixed Mid-Winter Retreat

Feb. 6 - Super Bowl Party! **Feb. 12** Genesis Women's Shelter,
6:30pm-8:30pm

Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat plans 12th Annual Walk-a-Thon

Habitat for Humanity will "step it up" on Saturday, Feb. 26, for the annual fundraiser in Richardson. Beginning in the parking lot of the University of Texas at Dallas, corner of Floyd Road & Lookout Dr., volunteers will have the opportunity to lighten their load (from their wallet) by registering from 8:30am-9am. Registration is \$10 per person and \$20 per family. All participants will receive a free RAIH T-shirt with registration. Then it's off to walk the beautiful Canyon Creek neighborhood on a well-marked route.

Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat has supported Dallas Habitat for Humanity since 1991 in building new homes or restoring existing homes for individual families with job stability and a desire to own their own home.

RAIH raises money for building houses through Walk-a-Thons, fundraisers, and donations from congregations and business organizations. Volunteers are recruited to spend 9-10 Saturdays building a specific house. Upon completion, the house is turned into a home by dedicating it to the family.

Step One is to "walk" to the sign-up table in the church hall on Jan. 30. Pledge cards will be available in Sunday School classes, too. For information, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.



Join us for Sunday school

Beacon Class

Jan. 30 - "Take My Hands"

Feb. 6 - "Hearing and DOING"

Friends - Room 216

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

Seekers - Room 200

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

Parents of Teenagers - Room 192

All interested parents are invited to attend. This is NOT a parenting class, but rather a class designed to be a fellowship and support group for parents of teenagers.

Wesleyan Class - Dining Room

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

Jan. 30 - Session 3: An Unnatural Act

Feb. 6 - Session 4: The Art of Forgiving

Feb. 9 - Monthly luncheon at Southern Recipe Cafe at 11:30am

Feb. 13 - Session 5: Skin-Deep

Feb. 20 - Session 6: Grace Put to the Test

Feb. 27 - Session 7: Grace Abuse

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

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

Feb. 6 - Stacy Ellis, executive director of the Wesley-Rankin Community Center, will tell the class about the Center's programs.

Prodigals Class - Room 212

(formerly the College Class) This class continues its correspondence ministry with people on active military duty who are connected to Spring Valley. Call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church, ext. 19, with contact information.

Fellowship Bible Class - Room 214

We always welcome new faces. Everyone is invited. Call Bill or Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486.

Christian Parenting - Room 210

Noteworthy news

Upcoming Music

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

11:00 Chancel Choir – *With All I Am*

Feb. 6 8:30 Men's Choir, *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *O How Amiable*

Feb. 13 8:30 Ladies Ensemble, *Lord I Want to be a Christian*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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.

"Second Helpings" slated for February 9

The February "Second Helpings" event will be a special Lenten meal immediately prior to the Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

All are invited to come and share a light soup and salad before attending the very poignant liturgy which marks the beginning of Lent. Dinner will be served at 5:30 in Wesley Hall. \$4.50 person/\$12 family maximum. Reservations can be made by calling the church at 972-233-7671.

Sweetheart soiree

The King of Glory Lutheran Church, located on the LBJ westbound access road between Hillcrest and Preston Road, is having a dance on Saturday, February 12, from 8-11pm.

Through their graciousness, they are inviting SVUMC and other churches to participate. Take your special someone for an evening of dancing featuring the Celebration Orchestra. Yes, a big band will be playing old time songs, especially love songs, for your dancing pleasure.

Tickets are \$10 per person, which you may purchase at the SVUMC volunteer's desk until Feb. 8. There will be a dessert bar and refreshments.

The dance is in the Activity Center (Gym) at King of Glory Lutheran Church. This will be a special time for special friends – bring your valentine and enjoy the sounds of the old songs, won't you? Should you need additional information, please call Gene Harrell, 972-235-7038, or Ned Startzel (KOG), 972-239-8855.

Do you love to read? Do you love to organize?

If so, then we have a job for you. We are in desperate need for someone to oversee the church library, located in the workroom. If this interests you, please call Paula Huffaker in the church office at 972-233-7671, x14, or Phuffaker@svumc.org.



Children's news

Mark your calendar:

Ranch House Kids

VBS, 2005!

July 18-22 from 9-Noon

All children, ages 3 years-6th grade

Everybody's welcome, so round up your friends and come to the Circle G Ranch, where God is at the center and the love never ends. Kids at the Circle G Ranch will:

*know God's door is always open

*discover an open Bible is an open door to God

*encounter the love of Jesus

*share God's open door with others

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Matthew 7:7 (NIV) Registration begins Sunday, May 1.

Wanna go to camp?

Registration is starting for the North Texas Conference Church Summer Camps. Camp is a life-changing event! Each day is filled with Christian fellowship, creative worship, dynamic music, family group study, fun games, team-building activities, arts and crafts, and outdoor recreation! You will have an incredible week having fun, making life-long friends, and growing in your faith in Christ.

This year Ms. Jan will go to camp with you! Children who have completed grades 3-5 can attend camp at Bridgeport Camp and Conference the week of June 21-25. Cost is only \$180, and full or partial scholarships are available. For details and to register go to www.bridgeportcamp.com or call Jan Hudgins at church, 972-233-7671, #20.

Can you spare a bread basket?

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.

Neighborhood Service Council plans annual meeting

NSCI invites everyone to the annual meeting and luncheon on February 10. Sign-in starts at 11:30am and the meeting and lunch is from 12 noon until 2pm. Please RSVP to 972-239-3501 or nsci@nscikids.org.



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.

SVUMC Church Family

Lenora Pitcher	Steve & Jolene Harper's grandson, Harper
Fred Huser	Dave & Pat Currin's son-in-law, Eli
Doug Kilgore	Jerry Holmes' mother, Buena
Fayrene Pospisil	Mickey Starks' son, Terry Starks
Betty Hopper	Alice Cromwell's cousin, Kelly Maxwell
The Maddison family	Connie Bah's nephew, Abu
Homebound members	John and Mary Huffhines' granddaughter, Amy Williams

Extended Church Family

Betty Hopper's son, Gary	Tom & Donna Campbell's friend, Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley
Barbara Crockett's brother	Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon
Martha Cannon's mother	Frances Dale's friend, Frances Granger

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:

Mary, Andrew and Stephanie Brinker on
the death of their husband and father,
Dr. Karl Brinker on January 22.