

Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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Dimes-a-Day offerings share

God's love

Five years and 676,490 dimes later, thousands of vulnerable persons world-wide have felt the touch of Spring Valley reaching its caring arms in the name of God to help hold them afloat in a stormy sea. Yes, we generously support UM agencies through our conference apportionments as part of our covenant as a United Methodist congregation. Dimes-a-Day is our "second-mile" mission offering which each of us can personally deliver to the chancel rail on the third Sunday of the month for causes important to Spring Valley. In 2003, the following donations were made using our Dimes offerings:

Planned Projects:

Toward our covenant with missionaries Bill and Jerri Savuto	\$ 500
Disaster health kits	\$1,411
Covenant with our sister church, Slany, in the Czech Republic	\$3,600
Maua Methodist Hospital indigent care (Kenya)	\$1,725
Richardson Area Habitat for Humanity	\$1,815
Total	\$9,051

Unplanned Projects:

Tornado Relief	\$ 951
Backpacks for Central American children	\$ 76
Guatemala Mission Team medical supplies	\$4,375
Total	\$5,402

Total amount paid out in 2003 was \$14,453.

Drawing on its success in their previous church, Neil and Betty Williams were inspired to bring Dimes-a-Day to Spring Valley in 1999. If you have a dream, just as they did, it can be realized through the cooperation and hard work of many. Together a program can be born. Said another way, here are the numbers making it possible for us to be in Kenya, Czech Republic and Guatemala, building houses in Dallas, and filling personal hygiene bags for the world:

1999:	\$ 7,362 (began in May)
2000:	\$14,837
2001:	\$18,811
2002:	\$11,890
2003:	\$14,749
Total	\$67,649

Neil Williams served as Mission Chair for 2001, 2002, and 2003.

Mardi Gras Madness ticket sales start on Sunday, February 1

Tickets are \$12 for adults and youth. The menu is chicken fricassee, red beans and rice, salad and dessert. Children, age 6 and under, can receive a ticket (with the purchase of a regular ticket) for a free piece of pizza (additional slices may be purchased at the event). T. J. Hartman has sold 3½ tables already, and we say thanks to her! We encourage classes and groups to consider buying tables which seat 8. Invite your friends!



There will be live entertainment and a Mardi Gras parade, with beads thrown by persons in full regalia! There are live and silent auctions. Proceeds from the live auction go toward the youth choir tour and youth mission trips to the Appalachia Service Project and the Colorado Easter Seals Camp.

New "Love and Logic" Parenting Series begins February 22

Mickey George will be leading a 6-week series on *Parenting with Love and Logic* during the Sunday school hour. This highly successful parenting approach helps children learn through mistakes and teaches them accountability and responsibility. The focus of the class will be for parents of preschool and elementary children. Watch the *Behold* for more information.

Habitat for Humanity Walk-a-Thon

Spring Valley United Methodist Church, a member of the Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH), will participate in the 11th annual Walk-a-Thon benefiting Habitat for Humanity. This year's walk is February 28, beginning at 9am. Registration starts at 8:30am in the University of Texas of Dallas parking lot on the corner of Floyd Road and Lookout Drive in Richardson. Please stop by the Habitat table near the church office during the next four Sundays to pick up your pledge form and further detail of the walk, or to learn about sponsoring one of the SVUMC walkers. Come and join RAIH in this worthwhile event to help raise funds for building future homes. For information, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.



2004 mission trip to Guatemala

Are you interested in being a member of Spring Valley's mission team and traveling to Guatemala this year? If you are 15 years or older, you can experience a week's work of construction/repair on the clinics in Quetzaltenango (urban) or Camanchaj (rural) at the Salud y Paz clinic in the western highlands of Guatemala. Medical/dental professionals are encouraged to join us to work hands-on with the indigenous Maya people.

The work week begins Monday, August 9. Cost per person is approximately \$1,000. For more information, or to sign up for an orientation meeting, call Jo Martens, 972-387-3158, jomartens@juno.com, or Betty Reichel, Mission chair, 972-380-5838, Betty@reichel.com.

NETwork food collection update

For about three years the Mission Core has asked for non-perishable food on the second Sunday of each month for donation to Richardson NETwork of Community Ministries. And guess what? It's that time again!

Did you ever wonder how the food gets from our church to the pantry at NET? One of the nicest persons in our congregation volunteers to take it over there. John Hutchins loads the food in his pick up, drives it over, unloads it and has it weighed (for record keeping purposes).

Let's challenge John to work EXTRA hard by bringing so much food, his truck is overflowing! Betcha, he'll be smiling ALL the way.....and so will the hungry clients at NET. We recently donated 673 lbs. of food to NET, thanks to a resource through Janis Dumas of NSCI. Frank Zoeller, Dick and Myrna Ridings all helped with the delivery of that food to NET. We appreciate all of you!

"Second Helping" event continues on February 11!

Every second Wednesday of the month, a dinner is served in Wesley Hall at 5:30-6:30pm for a nominal charge (\$4/adults, \$2/children, \$10/family max). Come and enjoy your "second helping" of food and fellowship, followed by an optional program. Mark your calendar for February 11!

Check it out!

<http://www.svumc.org/Events/MGM/default.htm>

Noteworthy news

February 1

8:30 & 11:00 "Risen," *Forever*

8:30 & 11:00 "Risen," *Come, Now Is*

the Time to Worship and *Heart of Worship*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Set Me as a Seal*

February 8

8:30 Men's Choir, *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

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

Youth Singers supper, Bible study and rehearsal

On Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00, youth will have supper for \$3, have Bible Study and conclude with a rehearsal on "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Like to sew?

The Spring Valley Parkland Outreach Group needs your help. We sew newborn infant gowns for the babies born to needy families at Parkland

Hospital. These flannelette gowns are easy to sew with pre-cut pieces. If you have some time to sew this winter, there are babies waiting for you to help. Call Bobbie Detwiler, 972-387-8779, for information.



UMW Used Clothing & Garage Sale!

Friday, February 20 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 21, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Spring Valley Methodist Church
Clean your closet. . .

But please, no furniture or books.

Help raise money for missions.

Spread the work to friends and neighbors.

Bring your donations beginning at noon
on February 15th.

UMW meeting on February 9

Our speaker will be Prissy Shafer, former Assistant to the Food Editor of the Dallas Morning News. Her favorite part of the job was judging chocolate cakes with Julia Child at the State Fair of Texas, a job she still has every fall.

In honor of Valentine's Day, Prissy will talk about - what else?...CHOCOLATE. Lunch is at 11:30, and the program starts at 12:15. Please join us!



What's up for YOUTH...

Sunday, February 1, 2004

9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School
11:00 Worship
3:30 p.m. Youth Singers
5:00 p.m. Super Bowl Party...

...at Caitlin Tucker's house. A-L bring 2-liter drink; M-Z bring a favorite snack or dessert. The Tucker's address is 6946 Delmeta Drive, Dallas. Phone 972-980-2313. Big thanks to the Tuckers for hosting us!

Service Saturdays: As previously reported...The Youth Council's decision to enter into a relationship with a local shelter is coming to fruition! Starting February 21, we will spend a few hours one Saturday per month at the Genesis Women's Shelter with the children there. It's a great way to serve God, serve our neighbors, and to earn community service hours. Amidie Shaw is the Director of Volunteers at Genesis, and she will be our special guest speaker for UMYF on February 15. She will help us understand today's issues for women, their children, why Genesis has become necessary, and what we can do to help.

Sunday School: All youth are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday school each week as we learn about God's grace and love, our spiritual lives, and how God is working in our lives right now.

Hang in There to: Rachel Hartman, who is still recovering from her broken leg. We're with you all the way, Rachel!

Mark Your Calendars:

Feb 6-8 Mixed Mid-winter Retreat, all-conference event, \$67
Feb 21 Service Saturday
Feb 22 Mardi Gras Madness!
Feb 28 Youth Singers performance of "Joseph" at Appletree Court
Mar 2 Youth Singers performance of "Joseph" at FUMC Allen

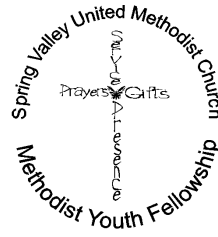
Attention, kids!

North Texas Conference Summer Camp information and brochures are now available. You can register online at www.bridgeportcamp.com. There is an early bird registration fee if you register by April 1. We have scholarship funds available. Camp dates for children completing grades 3-5 are: June 22-26, July 27-31, and August 3-7. Children's Music and Arts Camp is June 1-5. All camps are held at Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center, and are staffed by church professionals and volunteers from the North Texas Conference. If you would like more information or a registration form, contact Jan Hudgins. If you register for a camp, please let Jan know!



Bible Quest

This overnight Bible retreat for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be Friday, February 6. The registration deadline is Monday, February 2. Please contact Jan Hudgins if you need an information packet or more information.



Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

February 1 - Don Barnes will talk about Network of Community Ministries.

February 8 - Janis Dumas, Executive Director of Neighborhood Service Council, Inc., will discuss the volunteer outreach opportunities in the North Dallas/Richardson area.

Beacon Class

February 1 - "Who is Dives & Where is Lazarus?"
Luke 16:19-31

February 8 - "Growing Pains" Matthew 13:24-33

February 15 - "Free to Love"
Galatians 5; Matthew 25:31-46

February 22 - "Climbing Sinai"
Exodus 3:1-6; Luke 17:20-21

February 29 - "Time, Tension, Then and Today"
Acts 17; Ephesians 2:14; Matthew 5-7

Seekers Class

February 1 - Panel discussion with Georgie Ann Davis, Gail Pettigrew, Myrna Ridings, on "What Is Success in Life."

February 8 - Bob Dorsey, "Volunteerism & Etc."
February 15 - Bob Crockett, "Pilate's Perplexing Question"

February 22 - "What's Happening in the Methodist Church," Reference person is Tom Christian.

Wesleyan Class

The next two weeks Dick Matthews will discuss "In the Beginning" and how that applies to our faith. We hope to see you Sunday. For additional information, please contact Gene Harrell at 972-235-7038.

We also hope to see you for lunch on Wednesday, February 11, at 11:30am at Southern Recipe.

Preschool registration begins

Registration for the 2004-2005 preschool year opens to church members and current students on Monday, February 2, at 8:30am.

If you would like a brochure in advance of registration, please call Beth at the school office, 972-233-2317.



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:

Connie Redus
George McVay

SVUMC Church Family

Jack McKinster
Sandy Bell
Keith Kakacek
Tommi Ezell
Susan Kasten
Roselyn Douglas
Connie Peterman
Beth Copeland
Bob and Rosemary McGuire
Wanda Bettis
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Pam Hiam's father
Bill Wilkins' friend
Barbara Clark's sister, Muriel Heideman
Neil & Betty Williams' son's boss
Karen Sumner's daughter-in-law, Carrie
Greg & Paula Huffaker's friend,
Rebecca Berry
Dottie Cheek's sister-in-law, Pat Cheek
Jim & Rachel Edwards' daughter, Erin Dial
Forest and Sue Cummings' friend,
Patti Roberts
Mark Wood's friends, Dillan Hamilton
and Rhetta Wood
Cynthia PharrLee's father, J.C. Ivy
Susan Haney's mother, Yvonne Russell

Sylvia Knox's daughter's father-in-law,
Everett Stevens

Kathy Brunson, former member
John Tarver's aunt and cousin
Marty Yancy's father, Theo
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations:

to Jeanne and Bill Hunter on the birth of their
granddaughter, Alexandria Grace McConnell

Deepest Sympathy:

to Terri and Paul Hartman in the death of their
brother-in-law, Don Bailey