

# Behold!



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## Mardi Gras Madness proves a big success!



Good food, generous donations to bid on, great decorations and costumes, lots of fun, and a diligent planning committee led by Laura LaFrano helped to make Mardi Gras Madness a wonderful event this year!

## "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. Call the church office, 972-233-7671, for reservations.

## UMW events planned for February

Our daytime UMW group will meet on Monday, Feb. 14, at 11:30am in Asbury Hall. Kathy Betz, from C.C. Young, will speak on volunteer opportunities. Then, we will go to Wesley Hall to prepare for the Used Clothing & White Elephant Sale on February 18-19.

The evening UMW group will meet on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, at 2:15 in the small dining room. Debbie Shaw, chairperson for the February meeting, will have a devotion and planning session for the March meeting, followed by helping to set up for the Used Clothing & 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.



## 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.

## Would you like...

...to read the scripture in worship on Sunday morning, and do not know how to be included. If so, please contact Paula Huffaker in the church office. She schedules the lectors each Sunday, and would love to include you as part of the lector team. You can email Paula, [phuffaker@svumc.org](mailto:phuffaker@svumc.org), or call her at 972-233-7671, x14.

## Feb. 26, Habitat Walk

Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) needs your help to “step up” and walk so that one more house can be built and transformed into a home for a deserving family.

“Walk” to the sign-up table on Sunday, Feb. 6, and register (\$10/person, \$20/family). The walk begins at 9am on Feb. 26 at UTD, corner of Floyd Road and Lookout Dr., in the Canyon Creek area of Richardson. Pledge cards are available. For details, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

## Feb. 13, NETwork Food Drive

Is a trip to the grocery store a chore you’d just as soon do without? Are there better ways for you to spend your precious time? Do you wish the food would just magically appear on your pantry shelves without the drudgery of having to haul it in from the car?

What IF you had no money and couldn’t go to the store. The children are hungry and crying, and you know tomorrow won’t be any better than today.

It’s a privilege to choose how we spend our financial resources. The baskets in the hall are for your contribution of non-perishable food for NETwork of Community Ministries. For details, call Rev. Don Barnes, 972-818-2523, or Georgia Goodrum, 972-235-9855.

## Attention, Blood Donors!

Did you know you can donate blood every **56 days**? The next Carter blood drive will be at Spring Valley on Sunday, April 17. Please plan your schedule to donate BEFORE Feb. 19 to be eligible to participate in this important ministry in April. For more information, call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

## Habitat holds appreciation dinner

Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on January 28 and honored Fred Huser as one of seven special award recipients. Fred received the “Jack Casey Construction Award,” given to someone who is committed to Habitat and is willing to take on any job, no matter how large or small. Congratulations, Fred!

## Sweetheart soiree

King of Glory Lutheran Church, between Hillcrest & Preston Road on LBJ, is having a dance on Sat., February 12, from 8-11pm.

SVUMC and other churches are invited to participate. Take your special someone for an evening of dancing featuring the Celebration Orchestra. They will play old time songs, especially love songs, for your dancing pleasure.

Tickets, \$10 per person, can be purchased at the SVUMC volunteer’s desk until Feb. 8. There will be a dessert bar and refreshments.

This will be a special time for friends, you and your valentine. For details, call Gene Harrell, 972-235-7038, or Ned Startzel (KOG), 972-239-8855.



## Join us for Sunday school

### Friends - Room 216

**Feb. 6** - Proverbs & Parables - What kind of “lamp” are you carrying?

**Feb. 13** - Spiritual Gifts/Serving from the Heart - *Individuality* - a combined class with Parenting Class

**Feb. 20** - “Christ in the Psalms” - a discussion led by Cynthia Pharr Lee

**Feb. 27** - Habitat for Humanity - Sarah Squires, Assoc. Director of Development, Dallas Habitat

### 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

**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

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

**Feb. 13** - Lisa Bloecher, who visits hospitals and sings Christian hymns to patients, will share her music with us.

### Beacon Class

**Feb. 6** - “Hearing and DOING”

**Feb. 13** - “The Marks of Jesus”

**Feb. 20** - “The Man God Called a Fool”

**Feb. 27** - “The Servant’s Entrance”

**Mar. 6** - “Starlight, Sunlight, Lamplight”

**Mar. 13** - “A Moment of Glory”

Pre-Palm Sunday, Holy Week Message

**March 20** - Palm Sunday, “The Gospel According to Nicodemus”

**Mar. 27** - Easter Sunday, “The Two Faces of Easter”



## What's Up For YOUTH

### Sunday, February 6

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

2:30pm Youth Confirmation Class

3:30pm Youth Singers

5:15pm Super Bowl party at the Dickerson's home. A-R, bring snacks, S-Z bring a one-liter drink. The Dickersons live at 114 West Shore Dr. in Richardson. Their phone is 972-437-0345. We'll provide rides to the house after Youth Singers. Have your parents pick you up there.

**One more time, Mardi Gras Madness was a tremendous success!** Big thanks to Laura LaFrano who served as our chair this year. Thanks to all the parents for their hard work, patience, diligence, fellowship, and enthusiasm. Thanks also to the many other volunteers that helped us in the kitchen, with the live auction, or the silent auction. Next, thanks to every donor who selflessly gave valuable items to the auctions. Many thanks to the congregation for supporting this event by your prayers and your presence. Thanks also to you who participated in the auctions by placing those bids! Mostly, thanks to God for this congregation, for this body of Christ, for this collection of faithful disciples.

**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.

**Mixed Mid-Winter Retreat is Feb 4-6 at Bridgeport.** This is a conference-wide youth event and 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>

#### Mark your Calendars:

Feb. 4-6 Mixed Mid-Winter Retreat

Feb. 6 Super Bowl Party!

Feb. 8 Tuesday evening snack supper, Bible study, & rehearsal, 6-8:30 pm

Feb. 13 Group Dynamix with Sixth Grade Confirmation Class (please bring \$10 in addition to your usual \$3 for snack supper)

Feb. 23 Genesis Women's Shelter, 6:30pm-8:30pm

## Help plan our future

The Legacy Committee — formed to cast a vision as to how the gift from the A. H. "Dick" and Zoe Thompson estate might best benefit the long-term mission and ministry of Spring Valley — eagerly seeks your input. Through the Thompsons' generosity and love for Spring Valley, \$411,878 was received last fall, with a similar amount anticipated to be received this spring.

If you have not yet done so, please speak to members of the committee and share with them — or even better, give to them in writing — your ideas of what you see this gift doing in and through Spring Valley, not just now but also for the future. Committee members are Frank Andersen, Lola Copeland, Guy Garrett, Larry George, Bill Hunter, Cynthia Pharr Lee, Steve Taylor, and Will Tucker.



## Noteworthy news

### Upcoming Music

**Feb. 6 - 8:30, Men's Choir**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

8:30 and 11:00 Special Music:

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded & Gift of Love*

Paul Simonsen, Diana Zimring, Nicole Chapman, & Rusty King, guitars, Jan Aphthorp, flute

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*



## Building the Kingdom of God on earth, Mardi Gras Madness style

Spring Valley, as part of the body of Christ, worked as a team to help bring the Kingdom of God on earth by supporting youth ministries in our church on Sunday, Jan. 30.

We filled Wesley Hall to capacity and raised a tremendous amount of funds. We shared a meal together which is how Jesus spent the most intimate times he had with his disciples. We were served graciously by the youth in our church. Many parts of Christ's body came together to help the event achieve its success. We enjoyed fellowship, a variety of entertainment, and inspirational talks by the youth on an engaging video.

People from all parts of the church joined in to help. There are many people to thank. At this time, I will single one person out who was the chairperson and visionary-Laura LaFrano. She molded us into a complete team that achieved its goal of facilitating incredible ministry in the lives of our youth and in the lives of all the people that youth will reach on choir tour, Appalachia Service Project, Colorado Easter Seals Camp, Genesis Women's Shelter and more! Thanks to everyone who made it possible!

*Rusty King, Dir. of Music*

### Youth supper, Bible study and rehearsal

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, Youth Singers will have a snack supper (\$3), a Bible study, and a *Star* rehearsal. The Bible study will focus on the passages covered later in the rehearsal segment. This will enable the performers to have a deeper understanding in presenting the musical about David's life.

## Joys and concerns

Call Alice Cromwell, 972-239-7332, or email her at [dallasal@swbell.net](mailto: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

Fred Huser

Doug Kilgore

Fayrene Pospisil

Betty Hopper

The Maddison family

Rita Dickerson

Laura Gray

Homebound members

Chris & Lisa Newton's friends, Dianne  
and John & Candace McDowell

Carol Baughn's friend, Nancy

Alice Cromwell's cousin, Kelly Maxwell

Nancy Purcell's friend, Linda May

Suellen Turner's friend's nephew, J.D. Hurta

Gene Harrell's sister, Audrey Ingram

Elizabeth Woods' grandmother, Janet Wilkinson

Alan & Jeannie Moore's friend, Brook Runnels

Charles & Norma Warner's son-in-law,

Mason Malek, in Iraq

Dave & Pat Currin's son-in-law, Eli

John and Mary Huffhines' granddaughter,

Amy Williams

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley

Denyse Tabu's brother, Andelo

Mickey Starks' son, Terry Starks

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Steve & Jolene Harper's grandson, Harper

JoAnna Shampine's friends,

Maureen & Lyman Brown

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

### Extended Church Family

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

Barbara Crockett's brother

Martha Cannon's mother

Steve DeFoe's mother

Mike Davis' mother

### Sympathy to:

Jerry Holmes and family in the death  
of his mother, Buena