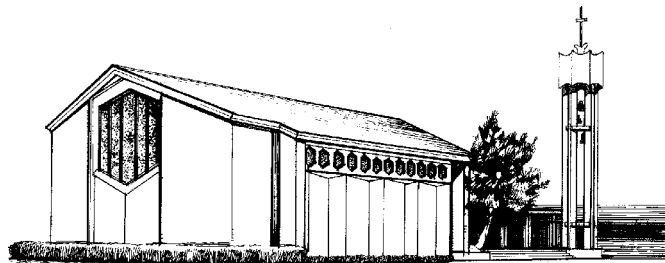


# Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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## Grateful congregation expresses appreciation

Spring Valley United Methodist Church is a faith community richly blessed with strong and committed lay leadership. With the end of 2003, the following persons have completed terms of service to our congregation, and we want to express our profound appreciation to each of them:

### Administrative Leadership

#### Administrative Board

Chair

*Frank Andersen*

Lay Leader

*Cynthia Pharr Lee*

Lay Members of Annual Conference

*Burt Copeland Will Tucker*

At-Large Class of 2003

*Earl Barnette Gerry Broome*

*Ben Dickerson Katy Hines*

*Paul Ledbetter Roger Martens*

*Gene Mundy Layton Pettigrew*

*Paula Tarver Steve Taylor*

*Fred Williams*

### Program Leadership

#### Age-Level Coordinators

Children's Ministries

*Rita Dickerson Nancy Purcell*

Youth Ministries

*Deb Tucker*

Coordinating Council Chair

*Burt Copeland*

#### Core Process Groups

Congregational Life

*Alice McElroy Dianne Cronenberg*

Missions

*Neil Williams*

Spiritual Nurture and Growth

*Tom Christian*

Welcome Ministry

*Joan Barnette*

### Support Committees

Finance: Class of 2003

*Jim Coffee Beth Copeland*

*Adam Wood*

Spring Valley Foundation

Chair

*Joyce Boyer*

Class of 2003

*Pat Axtell*

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Chair

*Dale Kesler*

Class of 2003

*Sundra Culver*

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Trustees: Class of 2003

*Lincoln Hinsch*

*Jane Hoffmann*

*Jerry Jetton*

Nominating Committee: Class of 2003

*Gene Harrell*

*Doug Sandstedt*

*Elizabeth Wood*

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## "Second Helping" event starts soon

Starting January 14 and continuing every second Wednesday of the month, a dinner will be served at 5:30pm for a nominal charge. Come and enjoy your second helping of food and fellowship, followed by an optional program. Please call or sign up at the church so that we'll know how much food to prepare.

## A Purpose-Driven Life

Learn why this book is a New York Times best-seller! Register for the Wednesday night six-week series 6:30pm, beginning January 14. Cynthia Pharr Lee will lead. Books are available at the church for \$11, at bookstores or online. For details, call Cynthia at 972-931-7576, ext. 24.

## Preparing for Grief series to begin

Spring Valley UMC is offering a series called "Preparing For Grief" starting Tuesday, January 20, at 7:30pm and continuing for five Tuesday evenings. There is a growing need among our congregation to understand why we grieve, why grief lasts, and what grief looks like. Its purpose is to help us prepare for our own grief experiences, to understand our own grief experiences, and also the experiences of others.

This class, led by Frank Rahm, is not specifically intended to be a support group, but it may naturally evolve into a group of mutual nurture. Anybody who has experienced loss or will experience loss is welcome.

## Rev. Bubba in charge, Austin Street Centre breakfast, January 18

The homeless are the unloved, the unwanted, and the down-on-their-luck, and even as a child, the Rev. Bubba Dailey knew God wanted her to serve them. This Episcopal priest is co-founder (1983) and executive director of Austin St. Centre, a downtown nighttime shelter. We are one of the churches who furnish and serve breakfast to the more than 350 persons seeking shelter.

Sign up on January 11 to help. Call Dana or Steve Taylor, 972-234-9867, for more information. Besides food, we also want to take warm clothing and over-the-counter cold medications.

As Rev. Bubba has said, "*Listen to your heart, pray, and do what Jesus would have you do.*"



## "In Mission Together" requests partner prayers

The "In Mission Together" Partnership Program of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church has sent Spring Valley a note of appreciation for 2003 and a request that we continue to pray for our friends and sister churches in the Czech and Slovak Republics during this New Year. Our prayers are valued as an important shared ministry with these members of our extended family.

Our partner congregation, Slany UMC, is a small church near Prague; the Pastor is Pavel Kuchynika. Pastor Pavel has asked for prayers to undergird these programs: cultural activities in the church as a means of mission, new women in the Center for Mothers, building good and open relationships, Disciple Bible Study, young adult ministry, ministry to children through Bible reading, encouragement for evangelism through friendship and building discipleship in the church.

For more information about the "In Mission Together" Partnership Program, visit the web site: [www.inmissiontogether.com](http://www.inmissiontogether.com).

## 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders!

Mark your calendars! On Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7, we will have an overnight Bible Retreat here at Spring Valley! Make plans now to come and enjoy lots of fun activities to learn more about how to use your Bible as a tool to understanding God's plan for your life.



We will also have lots of food and games, too! More information will be on it's way soon so that you can sign up for this great new event.

For more information, or to help with this event, contact Jan Hudgins at 972-233-7671, ext. 20, or email [jhudgins@svumc.org](mailto:jhudgins@svumc.org).

## Noteworthy news



### January 11

8:30 & 11:00 solo, Susan Denzer

*Carol of the Epiphany*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Awake My Heart*

### January 18

8:30 & 11:00, Dave Jones and Rusty King

*Sound the Trumpet*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Ave Verum* by Mozart

### January 25

8:30 Chancel Choir, *Awake My Heart*

11:00 Youth Ringers, *Timbrel & Dance* and

*How Beautiful*

Youth Singers, *Sanctus* from "Gospel Mass"

### Youth Singers special rehearsal, Friday, Jan. 16

Youth Singers, technical crew, and orchestra will rehearse on "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" from 7-12:30. The cost is \$10.

### Youth Ringers attend festival Saturday, Jan. 24

Members of our Youth Ringers will attend a bell festival sponsored by the Greater Dallas Handbell Association on Saturday, January 24. In addition to the mass rung pieces, they will play a solo piece at the 3:30 concert. Everyone is invited to attend. Jane Anderson is the clinician. She has great enthusiasm and shares her love and knowledge of bells very effectively. Our youth will have a wonderful experience!

## Foundation meeting set

The SVUMC Foundation will meet Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at 7pm in the small dining room.



## Trustees elect officers for 2004

President *Ken Phillips*

Vice-President *Chuck Apthorp*

Secretary *Roger Martens*

Representatives to the Spring Valley Foundation

*Elizabeth Kilgore*

*Roger Martens*

*Deb Tucker*

## What's up for YOUTH...

Sunday, January 11, 2004

9:30am Sunday School

11:00 Worship

3:30pm Youth Ringers

4:30pm Youth Singers

5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper

6-8 pm UMYF - note, extended time this week

**The Winter Version of Video Scavenger Hunt** is this Sunday, January 11, at UMYF. This is a tremendously fun tradition of hide and seek and clues and competition. Don't miss it. It's too much fun and fellowship.

**Mixed Mid-Winter Retreat** is coming February 6-8 at Bridgeport Conference Center. This is an event for youth groups from United Methodist churches throughout the North Texas Conference. It's only \$67, plus \$10 for a t-shirt; and registration forms, which are due January 30, are available in the youth office. This retreat is co-directed by Chris Everson, Youth Minister at FUMC Gainesville, and Frank Rahm of Spring Valley UMC.

At UMYF on January 18, we have a special guest speaker. Brian Hardesty-Crouch will bring us a special program entitled, "Address Your Stress."

**All Youth are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday school each week.**

In Sunday school, we learn about God's grace and love, our spiritual lives, and how God is working in our lives right now.

**Get-well wishes** to Rachel Hartman, who broke her leg while on vacation

**Sympathies** to George & Pam Reese, on the death of George's cousin after a long illness

### Mark Your Calendars:

Jan 16 Youth Singers ½ lock-in, choreography, photography

Feb 1 Super Bowl Party

Feb 6-8 Mixed Mid-winter Retreat, all-conference event, \$67

## Parking lot panhandling

Recently a young person, who said he was hungry, approached church members for money as they walked to their cars after church. The youth and his companion were invited to step inside to pick up containers of non-perishable food. Instead, they just approached other persons asking for money.

Please do not give money to these persons. Our church has a system for addressing such needs. In addition to immediate food available, a church staff member will evaluate the needs and make the proper referral. One resource is Richardson NET, which can help with food and vouchers for other services as appropriate. If you have questions or concerns about this policy, please feel free to discuss them with any staff person.

## Spring Valley Travelers trips

All trips are now full. More information about future trips will appear in the **Behold** as they are planned. Call Chris Parton for info at 972-239-3369.



## Beacon class

Challenges for our New Year - 2004

*How I can Become a Better Me*

These messages will focus on individual and world challenges that we face in the year 2004. The sub-title, "*How I can Become A Better Me*," puts the emphasis on the individual. World-change must begin with individual change. "If people are right, the world will be right." You are invited to Asbury Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:45am to hear these messages presented by John Dvorak.

**January 11** - "*Golden Apples in a Silver Setting*"

Proverbs 25:11; James 3:1-12

**January 18** - "*A New Look at Sin & Forgiveness*"

Romans 7; I John 1:5-9

**January 25** - "*No Saints Suddenly*" Luke 2:39-52

## Aldersgate class

**January 11** - Pat Christley will present an inspiring New Year's devotion, followed by John Clark hosting an Aldersgate class meeting and discussion on ideas and goals for 2004.

**January 18** - Jim Veach will present a program on Islam, covering the history of Islam, Islam's basic principles, and its relationship with the West. Jim is an attorney and also has a Master of Theology degree from Perkins.

## Seekers class

**January 11** - Dan Kasten will speak on "*The Bible as History*." Part I

**January 18** - Dan continues with Part II

**January 25** - Susan Kasten, "*Back to the Future*."

## Mardi Gras Madness, Sunday, February 22, 5pm

Live auction! Wonderful Food! Awesome Entertainment! Silent Auction! All this and more are a part of the fun, while all the time helping the youth of our church on their three summer trips – choir tour, Appalachia Service Project and Easter Seals Camp in Colorado! Mark your calendars and save the date!

## 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

Roselyn Douglas

Caleb Hudgins

Rachel Hartman

Connie Peterman

Beth Copeland

Bob McGuire

Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Gwen Watson's mother

Marty Yancy's father, Theo

Paul Christley's mother

Patti Malone's aunt,

Margaret Atkinson,

and also Patti and Jerry's son

Bill Escarre's brother, Jim

John Tarver's aunt and cousin

Leah Wood's grandmother

Mark Wood's friends, Dillan Hamilton  
and Rhetta Wood

Cynthia Pharr-Lee's father, J.C. Ivy

Betty Hopper's friend, Jo Kay Gary

Emily Rahm's friend, Kelsey Wood

Linda Ledbetter's mother

Joan Barnette's daughter's father-in-law

Former member, Kathy Brunson

Greg & Paula Huffaker's friend, Rebecca

Berry, and also their neighbor, Bev Johnson

Mildred Eubanks' granddaughter, Cari

Susan Haney's mother, Yvonne Russell

Anna Haney's friend, Tyler Archibald

Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

### Congratulations to:

Asha and Prakash George on the birth of  
their daughter, Leah, on December 24

Mary Hill on the birth of her grandson,  
William Coit, on December 30

Mark and Lynn Solomon on the birth of their  
granddaughter, Annika Noel, on December 16

### Deepest sympathy to:

Floy Naugle in the death of her husband, Russ  
The Ed and Cecilia Wilhelm family in

the death of Cecilia

Ann Shoffstall in the death of her father,  
Grover Tunnell

The Belsley family, friends of Jim Veach,  
in the death of their son, Evan

Nancy Meier in the death of her stepfather

George Reese in the death of his cousin