

# Behold!



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## Guatemala mission trip volunteers need rides

This year's response to the Guatemala mission trip was large enough to accommodate two groups, with several missionaries staying the full two weeks. Week one is July 22-30, and drivers are needed to transport 17 people on Saturday, July 22, and to pick up fourteen people on the return trip Sunday, July 30. On week 2, 12 people will need transportation to DFW on Saturday, July 29, and 15 people will be returning on August 6.

Once again, we need to be at the airport bright and early (5:30am) on July 22 and July 29. Each missionary will have one or two large suitcases plus carry-on baggage. Return time for both trips is 6:45pm.

If you can help, please sign up in your Sunday School class or call Carol and Terry Baughn, 972.680.2434 or email at [cabaughn@yahoo.com](mailto:cabaughn@yahoo.com) or [t-baughn@raytheon.com](mailto:t-baughn@raytheon.com).

## Welcome, new members!

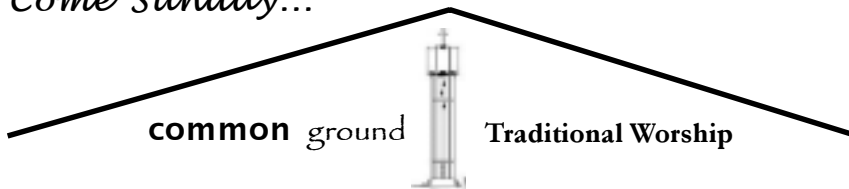


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## Summer- a time for fun and safety

Summer is a time of relaxation and fun, a time to "kick back." However, we are urged by the Dallas Police Department, and other safety experts, not to "kick back" when it comes to the well being of the members of our church and those in the surrounding community with whom we are in ministry. Lock your car doors. Be aware of your surroundings, particularly in large parking lots. Do not hesitate to call for help if necessary. Most importantly, report any unusual behavior to the authorities or call 911. Faithful ministry means loving and looking out for one another. Please be vigilant in this happy time of summer.

## Come Sunday...



### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 16

Genesis 33

*Faces of Grace: Jacob meets Esau*  
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

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Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 23

Genesis 37-50

*Faces of Grace: The Joseph Story*  
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Genesis 50: 15-26

Romans 12: 9-21  
Dr. Roberto Escamilla

## A Thompson Fund initiative...

Spring Valley will seek a new Evangelism Coordinator over the next few months, as the result of a generous bequest by Dick and Zoe Thompson.

We are seeking a bright, warm, energetic, spirit-filled leader to guide us in this area of ministry. For information, please contact Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, 972-233-7671, x19 or [abutler@svumc.org](mailto:abutler@svumc.org).

## Talents and Gifts surveys are here...

**"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."**

Please give the surveys your prayerful thought and consideration, and return all completed surveys to the church office to Paula Huffaker's attention. You may also go online to the church website – [www.svumc.org](http://www.svumc.org) – to complete your survey.

Thank you. *Paula Huffaker*

## What's up for **YOUth**...

Well, we are off again. The vans are in the parking lot, the trailer is ready to go..... Sound like my last email? That's because the case is the same! WOOHOO!! However, tomorrow morning we will be meeting at the church at **8:00 am**. 20 youth and 8 adults will be on their way to Letcher County, Kentucky! YAY!! For you all who will not be joining us, we will miss you and we hope you have a great week!

Here is the upcoming stuff,

**July 7-16** - ASP

**July 12** - Swim 'N Scripture! same time, same place.

**July 16** - UMYF downstairs from 6-7:30pm.

**July 17-21** - VBS! Come help with VBS! If you did not sign up in Sunday School last week, let Jan Hudgins know if you want to help. You can call her at the church (972-233-7671 ext 20) or email her at [jhudgins@svumc.org](mailto:jhudgins@svumc.org).

**July 17-26** - Kelly gone. I will be taking some recuperating time by going to and performing duties at a wedding. I will be home for the Swim 'N Scripture on July 26. So I'll see you there!

**July 19** - Swim 'N Scripture! same time, same place.

**July 23** - UMYF downstairs from 6 - 7:30pm.

**July 26** - Swim 'N Scripture! same time, same place.

**JULY 28!!** - LOCK-IN!!!! downstairs. Details TBA.

**August 2** - Swim 'N Scripture! Same time, same place.

**August 6** - End of Summer PARTY PARTY PARTY!! Location: Wilmot house. Details TBA.

**August 9** - LAST SWIM 'N SCRIPTURE! Same time, same place.

Love, Kelly

## "Think Harvest Bazaar" .... in July?!

Sure! ... because many of you are already preparing our most popular items - summer canned goods: jams, jellies, berries, peaches, figs, pickles, beets, and numerous others. People love these and they sell well at the Bazaar each year. If you have any you would like to donate, we would be most grateful to have them. Thanks for your talents and time!

We meet each Monday morning between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Craft Room, to the right of the stairs and Coke machine facing the East exit of the center hall. Some ladies cannot stay the full time and join us as time allows. It is a fun, warm way to visit and share as you work and help our church in the process. We welcome your ideas for crafts! If you cannot attend, but would like to work on a project at home, we can provide a pattern, materials, and instructions you need for what you would like to work on.

There is a special need for people who have a sewing machine and sew, as well as those who hand sew items. If this is your talent, please contact us and let us know of your willingness to help.

**We have time to do great things together!** Thank you so much!

Betty Hopper



## Join us for Sunday school

An updated list of all Sunday school classes is available at the Visitors desk.

### Aldersgate Class

**July 16** - Join us to honor the 2006 SVUMC Guatemala Mission Teams, in a Sunday "Hallway Brunch" upstairs, outside Room 206-08. The Teams will be commissioned at the 11am traditional worship service.  
**July 23** - Jim Veach - "What is the Kingdom of God?"

### Beacon Class

New series dealing with the first century of the Church, "When the Church Was Young."  
**July 16** - Driven by Dreams

### Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying how to parent a willful child.

### 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).

### S.P.O.T. - Spiritual Parents of Teens,

We are reading *Parenting Teens with Love and Logic*.

### Quest Class - Room 204

We are studying the Parables of Jesus and how they relate to us. Please join us.

### Friends, fun and fellowship - attention all young professionals

*FRIENDS* is the young professionals fellowship of Spring Valley United Methodist Church...not simply a Sunday School class. We meet in Room 206.

**July 15** - Free Jazz concert, John Adams Quintet, in Addison Circle's Esplanade Park...picnic and cooler!

**July 16** - "Number Nine - Hope is Still Alive" from The Top 10 List for Christians.

**August 12** - Free concert by Dallas Wind Symphony, Addison Circle's Esplanade Park, picnic and coolers!

We'll also do a hands-on mission project, TBD. Join us for a fun and fellowship-filled summer! Call Betsy and David Willis, [willisbf@yahoo.com](mailto:willisbf@yahoo.com), or Cynthia Pharr Lee at 214-529-5555.

## Vacation Bible School

**July 17-21, 9am-Noon, Ages 3-completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

Come join the *Adventure of the Treasure Seekers* as we explore God's promises. Want to volunteer to be a part of sharing God's word and love with 150 children? Call Jan Hudgins today to explore how you can help.



### Can VBS borrow your "Indiana Jones" items?

In preparation for a great Treasure Seekers Vacation Bible School this year, July 17-21, we will be transforming SVUMC into an archaeological dig sites. You can help by lending us the following items:

Rope	Fake plastic boulders
Tiki torches	Fake campfires
Galvanized buckets, 10 quart size	Shovels and pick axes
Bags of sand	Wheelbarrows
Hiking boots	Open tents or cabanas
Fishing vests	Sandbox or kiddie swimming pool
Indiana Jones hats	Canvas tarps
Black or brown backpacks	Lanterns (without fuel)
Large floor-size "treasure chests"	

...and anything that looks like "Indiana Jones" to you! Label items to be returned with your name and bring them to Room 176 anytime between now and Wednesday, July 12. You can retrieve your items beginning Friday afternoon, July 21. Call Linda West, 972-866-9046, or [linda.west@eds.com](mailto:linda.west@eds.com). Thank you!

### Want to help with VBS but work weekday mornings?

Don't think you can help with VBS because it happens while you're at work. There are still ways to get involved! We need helpers to decorate the church before VBS starts and also to show teacher appreciation through notes and gifts during VBS week. If you can participate on either of these teams, please contact Linda West at 972-866-9046 or [linda.west@eds.com](mailto:linda.west@eds.com).

### Recycled craft items needed for Vacation Bible School!

Please save your small plastic lids from butter, sour cream, or cottage cheese containers for VBS. You may leave them in Jan's mailbox in the workroom. Thanks for your help!

### Can you help provide snacks for VBS?

We are looking for donated baked goods or snacks to feed our VBS volunteers. Please help if you can and if not, we're also looking for fresh fruit. Please call if you have any questions, Jacqui Otal at 972-671-5744 or (cell)214-502-8961.



### Childcare workers needed

The Children's Ministry department is seeking additional paid nursery caregivers for Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know would be interested helping to make our nursery a welcoming and nurturing place for children, we want to talk to you! Please contact Jan Hudgins at 972-233-7671, ext. 20, or [jhudgins@svumc.org](mailto:jhudgins@svumc.org) for more information.

## Upcoming Music

### July 16

8:30, Beacon Sunday School Class  
*Are Ye Able*

8:30 and 11:00, Peggy West and Max Taylor, Duet  
*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

11:00, Chancel Choir, *He Leadeth Me*

### July 23

8:30, Seeker's Sunday School Class

11:00, Chancel Choir, *When We Are Living  
& Alleluia, Sing Praise*

### July 30

8:30 & 11:00, Young Adult Choir

*O Bless the Lord, & For the Beauty of the Earth*

11:00, Chancel Choir, *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*



## Graduation pictures wanted for Loggia display

Thank you to all those who participated in the wedding pictures display. We need your help again.

Your graduation pictures are wanted for the Foundation display cases in the loggia. They may be formal portraits or family snapshots - kindergarten and up. Photos need to be in stand-up frames no larger than 8x10-inches. You will need to include your name, school, and year of graduation. All pictures will be returned.

Please find your photos and bring them to church as soon as possible before August 1st. You may give them to Gloria Smith (Seekers class) or Rosemary Winters (Beacons class). For more information, call Gloria at 972-234-6483 or Rosemary at 972-231-8503.

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## MAD Camp 2006 teaches faith through Moses story

53 children participated in this summer's Music, Arts and Drama Camp averaging 45 per day with 15 workers – youth and adult. The rafters rang with the enthusiastic sound of the children and orchestra presenting the musical on Friday night, June 30 in Wesley Hall.

The musical, *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics* taught Biblical truths that anything is possible with God, that God has a plan and will help us find a way, that God's word can be believed, and that God has found a way. Here are pictures of the meaningful and memorable night.



## Dimes -a -Day offering is July 16

Spring Valley's financial support of mission programs is funded partially by Dimes-a-Day. Each third Sunday during worship we have an opportunity to share a gift in gratitude for all the blessings we enjoy. Many are not so fortunate.

Some of our Dimes-a-Day offerings support Bill and Jerri Savuto, Spring Valley's missionary couple. The following is a portion of a letter written by Jerri.

"Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher of the Illinois area was the preacher at the Texas Annual Conference. She talked about a growing disease in the church called "hardening of categories." This happens when we put other people into categories (i.e. conservative – liberal; rich – poor; bright – dull; successful – failure; good – bad; etc.) and then according to the categories they are put in, we can dismiss or throw away the people or their ideas. The interesting thing is that I have fit into every category above at sometime or other – okay, maybe not bright!"

"Hardening of the categories is as dangerous as hardening of the arteries because it causes heart failure – the failure 'to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.' Like hardening of the arteries, hardening of the categories requires exercise, good diet, and a new way to see our world and others. The exercise includes removing people from their categories and listening with our ears and our hearts to what they have to say and then looking at the whole person. The diet includes much more Bible reading – the Bible is so radical and when we honestly read it and then obey its commands, we will be on the road to health and healing."

Jerri continues...

"One of the best parts of growing older is the wisdom that comes from years of experience. I do believe that the important issue is not being right or wrong, but how we behave. If we are right but have no love, then our rightness really doesn't matter much. Spending too much time talking, thinking and acting on what is wrong with someone or something and putting people and organizations into categories is not loving. You'll want to read 1 Cor. 13 to check out love!"

"Don't trash people and organizations, ideas and dreams because they aren't just like yours. We've all slipped and fallen; we all have sod on our clothes now and then. Let's help our neighbor up and remember that the sinless can hurl the first stone. Diversity is truly a gift, not a curse. Welcome it, celebrate it, and you'll find yourself much richer, much wiser, and much more loving."

Bill and Jerri will worship with us on September 10 as they prepare to return to Kenya.

## Opportunities for teaching and study

St. Andrew UMC is offering support meetings for victims of domestic abuse on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:30, Room 131. For information, contact the Pastoral Care office, 972-380-8001, or Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler.

## Calling all "seniors"...

We're having a *Bingo Extravaganza* on Thursday, July 13, at 11am! Bring your sack lunch and join us in Wesley Hall for some fun.



## Starry Starry Night is July 29

*Starry Starry Night* is a great opportunity for the Community to support NETWORK. The members of Spring Valley are invited to attend *Starry Starry Night*, an enjoyable evening of friendship, dining, dancing, entertainment, and of course shopping! In the spirit of making this event a success, you are most welcome to spread the word about *Starry Starry Night* through your friends and family.

The gala is a lot of fun and it seems everyone always sees someone they know at the event. And, there are always many items (from as low as \$25 on up) to bid on in support of Network. Other ways to support the gala include auction item donations and sponsorships.

The gala will be held on Saturday, July 29, \$50 per person, at the Richardson Radisson Hotel, 75 Central at Campbell Road. Time is from 6pm to midnight and includes dinner, dancing, and silent auction. Inquiries on reservations, donations or sponsorships can be directed to Bobbi Klein at 972-907-1048. Thanks in advance if you can help out. For details on NETWORK of Community Ministries, visit their website at [www.thenetwork.org](http://www.thenetwork.org).

## Loan your "part" for the celebration

Spring Valley will celebrate its 50th anniversary in March, 2007. Tom and Linda Christian, and Gail and Layton Pettigrew are the anniversary co-chairs. To truly make it a church-wide event, we need photos, stories, or memorabilia that are part of Spring Valley's past that may be in your possession.

If you are willing to loan your photos, etc., place them in a brown envelope provided in the box in the volunteer's office and label it with your name, phone number, etc. Please label the photos as well. You may also transmit photos (in JPEG format), and stories, via e-mail to Dick and Myrna Ridings, [ridings2@airmail.net](mailto:ridings2@airmail.net).

## Neighborhood Home Bible Study

We are studying *Psalms*. We have a 12-week study book selected costing \$7. Call Elizabeth Escamilla to get a copy. The Bible Study is open to everyone. We start at 7pm and finish at 8:30pm at the Wilkin home, 972-392-1486.

**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.

**Hospital**

Vicki Roberts

**SVUMC Church Family**

Fern Denton

Frank Rahm

Wray Lawley

Carmen Copeland

Gerry Broome

Susan Kasten

Norma Booth

Marlene Nascimento

Edna Dorman

Ann Michele King

Freda Clark

Bronson Balzac

Georgia Goodrum

Joyce Covey

David Armstrong

Dorthy Wilhite

Bob & Charlotte Muskopf

Steve Harper

James Rea

Ed Pierce

Betty Carter

Betty Lou Noble

Luiz Santos

Randy Smith

Bill Darnall

Homebound members

**Extended Church Family**

Virginia Kassel's daughter, Kathy Whipple

Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry

Adam Wood's father

Steve Cronenberg's father, Jim Cronenberg

Tommi Ezell's friend, Alice Byrd

Chris & Lisa Newton's friends,

Jo Bob & Sandy Clenden

Denyse Tabu Ngandi-Manzanza's relative,

Fulvia Ngandi, and also peace in the Congo

Josh Wilson's Dad, Bryan Wilson

Joyce Covey's son's father-in-law, Milton Kelley

Paul Escamilla's cousin, Rachel Escamilla

Lola Copeland's father, Norm Hinman

SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

All persons serving in the military

Those with ongoing concerns

**Congratulations to:**

Darren and Julia McGuire on the birth of their son,  
Jackson Tate