

Behold!

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Vacation Bible School 2004

July 19-23, from 9am-noon

SVUMC's 2004 Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! To date, we have over 90 children registered! We are looking forward to a terrific week, and know the children will enjoy the fun and be enriched by the learning that will take place. This year's VBS will be held Monday - Friday, July 19 - 23, from 9:00am to noon. This year's theme is "Hero Quest: Powered by Faith."

Our Hero Quest Recruits will gain an understanding of what makes an ordinary person a hero. They will also learn about heroes in the Bible who had such a deep faith in God that they had the power to be strong, courageous, determined, daring and loving heroes.

Each year, the children of VBS contribute to a mission project. This year we will again support our congregation's mission trip to Guatemala. We are asking the children of VBS to bring one or more of the following items:

- Monday - children's sunglasses
- Tuesday - children's toothbrushes (not battery-operated)
- Wednesday - children's multivitamins
- Thursday - children's acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Friday - pocket change (& dollars) to go towards other medication

Here are the Heroes:

Day 1: **Daniel**

Faith in God gives you the power to be strong.

Day 2: **Esther**

Faith in God gives you the power to be brave.

Day 3: **Four Friends**

Faith in God gives you the power to be determined.

Day 4: **The Widow**

Faith in God gives you the power to be daring.

Day 5: **Jesus**

Faith in God gives you the power to love one another -- like Jesus did.

Items needed for VBS: ribbon scraps, beads, buttons, plastic baby food jars & lids, margarine tubs, cake frosting tubs (or any others this size), aluminum flat pans, or frozen entree boxes. Please put them in the box outside Jan's office. Thank you!



*"Keep alert; stand firm in your faith."
I Corinthians 16:13.*

Welcome, new member!

We were delighted at the 11am sanctuary service on July 11 to welcome a new member into our Spring Valley faith community:

Fred Mollenhouer

1220 Dalhart Drive
Richardson, TX 75080
Phone: 972-235-0346

Youth receive "thank you"!

The City of Richardson came to the church's youth office and presented a certificate of appreciation for all the hard work that our volunteers have done over the past few summers during Mission-n-More. We all say thanks and congratulations to everyone who has participated in this effort. Spring Valley United Methodist Church is proud to have responsible and involved young people who make such a difference in Richardson, as well as other regions of the country. Way to go!

Music, Arts, and Drama Camp

August 2-6

The "MAD" camp is for ages Kindergarten - 5th grade. We will work on the musical "100% Chance of Rain." Camp will be held Mon. - Fri. from 9-noon. Call Rusty, 972-233-7671, for details.



Summer *Behold* schedule changes

The deadline for the next summer *Behold* is July 26. We will go back to a weekly schedule on August 9 when fall events start being planned. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles so they will reach our community of faith in a timely manner. We hope you are having a happy and safe summer!

What's up for YOUTH

Sundays, July 18 & 25, 2004

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 Worship
6:00 p.m. UMYF

On Sunday, July 25, join us for burgers, hot dogs, swimming, and fun at the home of Claire Neuner. It will be our "Farewell Party" for Elaine & Jessie Hutton, who are moving to California. The Neuner's address is 7409 Maplecrest, only a few blocks from the church. Their phone is 972-233-1419. We'll be there from 6-8pm.

Colorado Easter Seals participants are advised that there are two informational meetings upcoming. As usual, these meetings are duplicates, so you only need to attend one of the meetings, and a parent from each household is also asked to attend. The meetings are Tuesday, July 20, at 7pm, and Sunday, July 25, at 3pm.

Youth Sunday School is continuing to meet each Sunday, even if there is a trip that week. We would love to see you each Sunday morning at 9:45.

Don't forget: Vacation Bible School is coming up in Children's ministry! As is tradition at Spring Valley, all youth are invited to come here each day from 9am til noon that week to help out! The kids are counting on you!

Scripture-n-Swimming is each Wednesday at 7 at the Reeses'. It's a great time together to play and learn. See you there!

Mark Your Calendars:

July 19-23 VBS - Youth helpers are a SVUMC tradition!
July 25 Swim Party at Claire Neuner's house, 6:00 p.m.
July 29 Genesis Women's Shelter, leave church at 6:30 p.m.
July 31-Aug 6 Colorado Easter Seals Trip (registration form is on line)
August 15 Special Event: Watch your mailbox.
August 27-29 Retreat! The Big Boat Ride.

Spring Valley Travelers trips planned in 2004

Sept. 4-12 **Wyoming Trails Tour**, \$2,180 per person, dbl. occupancy
Sept. 11 **Ride 7 Rails in Colorado**, \$1,279 per person, dbl. occupancy
Sept. 14-20 **Mt. Rushmore & Black Hills**, \$834 per person, dbl occupancy
Sept. 27-Oct. 1 **Memphis and Tunica**, \$309 per person, dbl. occupancy
Oct. 16 **Oktober Fest**, \$48
Nov. 11 **Hawaii Cruise**, "Legends of the Seas" 10 nights
Balcony, \$2,099 Ocean View, \$1,499 Interior, \$1,299
(including airfare)
Dec. 30 **New Years at Sea** Senior Special! 11-night Panama Canal
Interior, \$930 Ocean View, \$1,460 Balcony, \$1,820

Please call Chris Parton for details, 972-239-3369.



Noteworthy news

Upcoming music

July 18 8:30 and 11:00, Max Taylor

8:30 Aldersgate Class

What a Friend We Have in Jesus and
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

11:00 Chancel Choir

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

July 25

8:30 Seekers Class, *In the Garden*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *His Peace Will Come*



"Terrific Tuesdays" continue for kindergartners through 5th grade

July 27 - Cinemark 17 to see "Stuart Little 2."

Tickets are only \$1, plus extra money for concessions.



Help wanted for Common Ground service

Our Contemporary Service teams need additional persons with:

- an interest in preparing video presentation material for the 11am Common Ground services, and/or
- an interest in operating the sound system and lighting during this service. These positions offer an opportunity to join a creative group of people that develop themes and ideas for contemporary worship and participate in the services in a unique way. Assignments are rotated within the team so no one is required to participate weekly. Call Rev. Anna Butler at 972-233-7671, ext. 19.

Have you lost...

a piece of jewelry? In the recent remodeling and moves, a ring was found. If you have lost or misplaced a part of a ring, contact Brian Emslie, 972-233-7671, ext. 11, to identify and retrieve it.

Austin Street Centre needs volunteers

This is our Sunday - July 18 - to serve breakfast to the 350+ homeless persons at the Austin Street Centre.

Call Steve and Dana Taylor for details, 972-234-9867.

NETwork is sponsoring a "Starry, Starry Night Gala" fundraiser on July 31. For more information, call 972-234-8919, or visit the website: www.thenetwork.org.

Dimes-a-Day collection is July 18

You are invited to come to the chancel rail with your "second-mile" offering for mission outreach during worship. Through your generosity, we have collected more than \$70,000 since 1999, all of which has been designated for ministries all around the world. We at Spring Valley truly are in direct mission work through Dimes-a-Day!

We have assembled nearly 800 health kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) at a cost of \$6,000. Think of the lives we have touched in this simple gesture. The reality today is that thousands of innocent people are without basic necessities, having been driven from their homes by war, drought and famine, or other disasters. Though it's been ten years since the war officially ended in Bosnia, some citizens continue to need help. These health/personal hygiene kits are a small gesture to help these unfortunate persons.

But the work is NOT done and we need to continue to remember prayerfully the pain and suffering of our brothers and sisters. As you join others at the chancel rail, know that you are making a significant difference.

Meals on Wheels needs you

The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) prepares about 2,500 meals, 5 days a week, for persons who are homebound, elderly, and/or disabled in Dallas County. The need for volunteers to drive routes continues. It takes about 2 1/2 hours to deliver one route in teams of two persons. Spring Valley drives two routes which are delivered mid-morning to persons living alone:

1. One week, 5 days per month, volunteers working in pairs deliver meals in East Richardson on Route 08. The meals are picked up at Northway Christian Church, 7202 W. Northwest Highway. Additionally, this route is also driven by Spring Valley volunteers in months that have a 5th week.
2. Each Thursday volunteers drive Route 506 in South Dallas. Meals are picked up at St. Phillip's School, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Additional volunteers are needed. For more information about volunteering, call Dave Booth, 972-233-1195. For information about eligibility to receive Meals on Wheels, call VNA.

Good news!

The Guatemala mission team has all the rides covered to and from DFW airport. Thank you for volunteering to help and for your continued support of this valuable mission project.



Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

July 18 - Nancy Kruh, a Dallas author and former staff writer for the Dallas Morning News, will talk about her book, *The Disciple Story*.

July 25 - Wesley and Leah Magruder, the new missionaries to the Cameroon, will tell us about their upcoming ministry as they prepare to go to the field in Western Africa.

August 1 - We will have a classroom brunch to honor the SVUMC Guatemala Mission Team. The Team will be commissioned at the 11am worship service.

Beacon Class

"Majestic Messages from the Mountain"

The Beacon Class will study the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). You are invited to hear John Dvorak present these messages.

July 18 - "The Power and Practice of Prayer"

July 25 - "Whence Comes the Power"

Aug. 1 - "The Strength & Splendor of Stewardship"

Aug. 8 - "The Promise and the Price"

Christian Parenting

Mickey George, facilitator

July 18 - Handling your negative feelings in a positive way

July 25 - Helping your children deal with their anger

Quest class

Mary Hill is moving to St. Louis, MO. on August 4. Mary is looking forward to spending more time with daughters, Julie & Amy, their husbands and five grandchildren. Mary has been a member of Spring Valley United Methodist since the mid 70's and will be missed. Please join us on August 1 after the 11am services for punch & cookies, and to wish her well.

Seekers Class

July 18 - Annette Davis,

"Looking Back, Thinking Hard"

July 25 - Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, speaker

Wesleyan Class

July 18 - Oliver Axtell

July 25 - Tom Christian

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.

Hospital

Mary Brown
Catharine Gebhardt

SVUMC Church Family

Roberta Tipton
Betty Williams
Don Barnes
Bob & Hester Morriss
Carolyn Vead
Ann Michele King
Tommi Ezell
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Jody Cox's aunt, Onnolee Mosher
David & Pat Currin's son-in-law, Elden Hoffman
Cindy Stamps' grandson, Justin Davis
Jan Hudgins' cousin, Jeremy Lewis
Joyce Kemp's mother
Nancy & Tom Purcell's friend, Barbara Dickson
Elizabeth Wood's father and grandmother
Suellen Turner's father
Lori Johnson's fiance, Rueben Joswiak
Rusty King's cousin, Mary Lynn
All persons serving in the military
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Jean Beler in the death of her husband, Joe, on July 10; services were held at Restland on Monday, July 12.

Congratulations to:

Amy and Rocky Staton on the birth of a son, Andrew Rockwell, on Sunday, July 11, weighing 6 lbs., 9 oz. Proud grandparents are Max and Betty Taylor.

Thank you...

for all the cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy in the death of my daughter, Linda. They were appreciated more than you know.

Sincerely, *Mary Campbell*