

Behold!



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Reflections on a Youth mission trip from a Deacon

On July 7-16, Spring Valley UMC sent 20 youth and 8 adults (7 when Frank Rahm had to return home) to Letcher County in Eastern Kentucky. The Appalachia Service Project experience benefits the homeowners who need the repairs, the volunteers, and center staff all in different ways. The homeowners see very tangible ways because their lives are made warmer, safer, and drier. Our Spring Valley youth and adults benefit because they are giving themselves away for God to bring hope to needy persons in an economically depressed area of our country. At each center, there is a staff of five. Those staff members are enablers of the work and relationship building that ASP espouses. But all three entities – homeowners, volunteers and staff – benefit because of the bridges built between people. The first workday is called Mosey Monday because the emphasis is not on jumping into the project(s) but on spending time with the family. ASP has been called a Christian ministry that repairs homes on the side. One of the mottos of ASP is to meet people right where they are, just as they are. This was the unconditional love Jesus taught us to share.

Spring Valley needs to know what kind of leaders the youth and adults are that went on this trip. Their behavior was truly exemplary. There were 3 groups including Spring Valley at our work center. When staff would ask for volunteers, it was Spring Valley youth who volunteered eagerly and first. When it was time to share "God moments" at Friday night's last Evening Gathering, Spring Valley youth and adults led the way. When on Thursday, the plastic

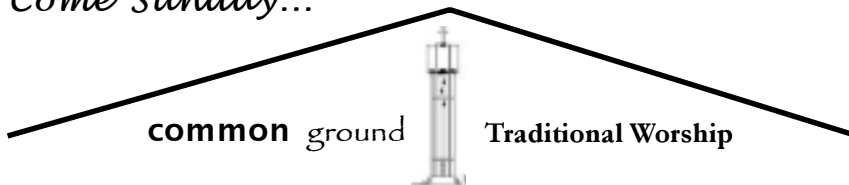
sheet that covered a roof had blown off during an afternoon rainstorm, volunteers were needed to go to the worksite at night. You guessed it, our youth were in the majority. Our youth director, Kelly Moon, had never been to ASP but embraced the idea completely and led in wonderful ways. One specific time occurred during a group leader meeting when it was time to share God moments. She did so frequently and enthusiastically.

Our group put themselves so completely into the project that they received back according to their effort. The work gave us the type of tired that is so satisfying. Each worksite is to have 5 youth and 2 adults. Fred Huser had to have an adult from one of the other groups go with him since Frank Rahm was not there. Even with this handicap, the staff told Fred that his group got more done in one week than it took 3 groups working one week each to do! Each of our 4 groups worked together in such beautiful ways. They exemplified I Corinthians 12 in which Paul describes all the parts of the body of Christ working together for the kingdom of God. You helped further the Kingdom of God on earth by sending this group to eastern Kentucky!

Rusty King, Deacon

See pictures of the ASP experience inside!

Come Sunday...



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 23

Genesis 37-50

Joseph – the Amazing Technicolor Dreamboy

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Genesis 50: 15-26, Romans 12: 9-21

Faces of Grace: Joseph - Undying Hope and Unfailing Trust

Dr. Roberto Escamilla

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 30

Genesis 12

Abraham and the others - Blessed to be a Blessing

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Genesis 12

Faces of Grace: The blessing of Abram

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Baptism



Katherine Marie Dawson, "Kate"
Parents: Patrick and Amy Dawson
Sister: Emma Dawson



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

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.

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

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.

Pictures are available

Please remember to pick up your directory pictures in the hallway across from Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler's office. They are in envelopes on the table across from her door. The directories are not ready yet but will be out sometime soon. Thank you.

“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 9:30am and 2:30pm 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 23 - Jim Veach - “What is the Kingdom of God?”

July 30 - Jim Veach - “The Psalms”

Beacon Class

New series dealing with the first century of the Church, “When the Church Was Young.”

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.

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.

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, or Cynthia Pharr Lee at 214-529-5555.

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 – to complete your survey.

Thank you. Paula Huffaker

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.

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.

Grow...Learn...Change...

There will be a Grief Recovery Group at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. This six-week group will focus on better understanding and coping with grief. There is no charge for the group, but the participants will be asked to pay for their book (\$15). The group will begin on July 31 and continue for six weeks. The time of the group is 6-8pm.

For more information call Carmen Scroggin at 214-706-9545, or by email at cscroggin@lumn.org. Carmen Scroggin, M.A., LPC

Fall adult Bible study groups starting soon

So far, approximately nine classes are forming for short and long-term Bible study beginning in September.

Registration will begin during the month of August, both on-line and here at the church. Plan your calendars to attend one of the studies as we journey together in the Christian walk of faith. For information, or if you are interested in facilitating a class, contact Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler, ext. 19.

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 for more information.



Upcoming Music

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*

August 6

8:30, Men's Choir, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
11:00 Chancel Choir

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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Images of ASP, 2006...



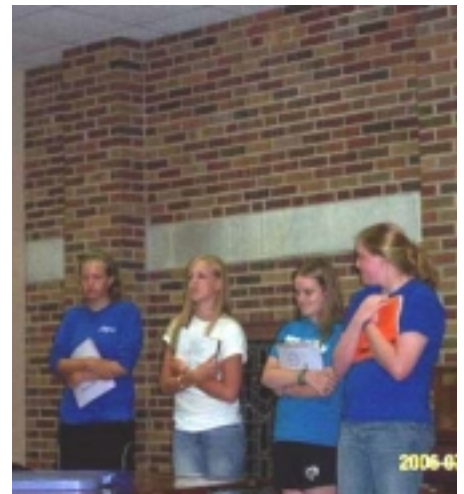
Lois, the homeowner, Steve DeFoe, Sarah Nicholas, Colleen Yancy, Rusty King, Chase LaFrano, and Cody Warren



Rusty, Chase, and Sarah playing guitars, with Colleen, Steve, Lois, and Cody singing



Before pulling out from the ASP center to return home on Saturday



Serious moments as we had a time of reflection on the past week



Our work crew on the finished product



Last night before driving into Dallas on Sunday

O Ax-Tell me a story

Oliver is like the Energizer Bunny...he certainly just keeps going. He's involved in so many volunteer activities at Spring Valley that's it's hard to know where to start in penning a profile. O.K. Let's just do this in alphabetical order.

The Tang team

Austin Street Centre is an early morning activity. Oliver, who gets up at 4am (daily!) arrives at the church in time to load the vehicles and drive downtown. He and partner Steve Shedd make up the Tang team mixing gallons for breakfast, an activity he's been doing for years.

Bazaar past

Several husbands have been "drafted" to assist in readying Wesley Hall for the annual *Bazaar*. Oliver certainly has been among those faithful spouses who answered the call to serve.

World's oldest Cub Scout

Each Wednesday afternoon for several years, Oliver, ably assisted by wife Pat, has been a leader for the church's scouting program.

Amazing Grace

The *men's choir* sings one Sunday each month at the 8:30 service. Oliver's deep bass voice and enthusiasm for the song always adds to the inspiration of this music ministry.

Tutor time

Many of our congregation know of Oliver's work with *Neighborhood Service Council*. He and Pat are part of the after-school tutor program. Additionally, Oliver, has held several positions on the board of directors. He has passionately fought for adequate funding for this "home grown program."

In the Bible

Nueva Vida is our Hispanic Congregation, led by Rev. Carlos Nascimento. Since day one, Oliver has been one of the faithful supporters of this ministry. He has carried the message to our congregation about the importance of this ministry. He also regularly leads a Bible study for Nueva Vida...in Spanish!

John Wesley clone

With his beautiful deep oratorical voice, Oliver has preached selected John Wesley sermons for Sunday school classes and other groups. Adding a wig and suitable attire, the audience is truly seeing the founder of our denomination in "real time."

Order is something Oliver can relate to as a chemical engineer. He's retired (mostly) from Celanese Corp., though he does edit a scientific newsletter.



Patient Pat

It's only an observation, but Oliver seems to be quite a "free spirit;" a delightful free spirit, but one who isn't greatly influenced by others. Wife, Pat, his bride of 51 years, often just chuckles about her husband. They met in Corpus Christi, TX. Oliver knew her father in a professional organization and met Pat at a party. After living in New Jersey for several years, Celanese transferred them to Dallas. Family consists of son, Steve, (Janeen) in Kansas and daughter, Bonnie, (Ormand) in Indiana, and 5 grandkids.

They found Spring Valley and joined the Seekers Sunday School Class. They have held many leadership positions throughout the years. Many years ago, Susan and Dan Kasten asked them to be honorary grandparents for their daughters in "bring your grandparents to elementary school day."

Seems like a great choice!

Oliver is perhaps the best example of someone who has taken the position that it's better to wear out, rather than to rust out. That chemical reaction isn't one that chemist Oliver Axtell is likely to experience. Thank you, Oliver, for your leadership and dedication to mission!

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.

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

Vicki Roberts	Joyce Covey
Eva Dawkins	David Armstrong
Tessa Winters	Bob & Charlotte Muskopf
Jasper Wright	Steve Harper
Fern Denton	James Rea
Frank Rahm	Ed Pierce
Wray Lawley	Betty Carter
Carmen Copeland	Betty Lou Noble
Susan Kasten	Luiz Santos
Edna Dorman	Randy Smith
Ann Michele King	Bill Darnall
Bronson Balzac	Homebound members
Georgia Goodrum	

Extended Church Family

Sue Cummings' friend, Jenny Hearn
Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry
Steve Cronenberg's father, Jim Cronenberg
Riis Christensen's father
Forney Baptist Church mission group in Beirut
Chris & Lisa Newton's friends, Jo Bob & Sandy Clenden
Josh Wilson's Dad, Bryan Wilson
Joyce Covey's son's father-in-law, Milton Kelley
Lola Copeland's father, Norm Hinman
Our mission group going to Guatamala
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
All persons serving in the military
Those with ongoing concerns