

Behold!



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Building bridges to peace

We have been witnessing the tragedies of war, violence, and desperation in the Middle East. Political pressure and treaties have failed.

Hagit Ranan, an Israeli woman who suffered personal tragedy at the highest level, teaches us how she overcame hate and dedicated her life to building bridges with the Palestinian community. She has dedicated the last 25 years of her life to creating peace at the grass roots level. She shows us through her story and positive action how personal will can rise above hate - a story which she has been invited to tell around the world.

You are invited to hear her story on
Tuesday evening, July 12,
at
Perkins School of Theology, SMU
7-9pm

Kirby Hall, 2nd floor parlor, SMU
5915 Bishop Blvd.

(parking at Meadow Museum across SMU's Bishop Blvd.)

Sponsored by the DFW Women's Interfaith Dialogue Group, the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Dallas Peace Center, and individual donors from the three Abrahamic faiths.

Vacation Bible School visits the Circle G Ranch

Come and join the fun at the Circle G Ranch where God is at the center and the love never ends. Be a part of the adventure at the Circle G Ranch Vacation Bible School at Spring Valley, starting July 18 to July 22, from 9am until High Noon.

Come and ask, seek, and knock on the door to a deeper relationship with God. Each adventure is filled with a powerful Bible story, fun crafts, games, music, and much more!

Children at the Circle G Ranch will:

- ~Know God's door is always open
- ~Discover an open Bible is an open door to God
- ~Encounter the love of Jesus
- ~Share God's open door with others

Lasso some fun with your friends at the Circle G Ranch! Register online at www.svumc.org, or call Jan Hudgins, 972.233.7671, for more information.



Concert

Friday, July 8 - 7:30pm, Asbury Hall
Enrique Vívar,
acclaimed violinist, will be
performing Bach, Handel,
Beethoven, and Mozart

Mision Nueva Vida is hosting this free
concert. Participating with Enrique
Vívar will be Carlos Nascimento's son,
Thiago Nascimento,
from Meadows School at SMU.
Bring your family for an enjoyable
evening.

Have you signed up yet?

Senior Pastor, Dr. Paul Escamilla would like to get to know you, your dreams, and hopes for the church through "cottage-style" meetings. Meetings that have been held have proved to be beneficial, both socially and informitively. Each meeting includes approximately 12 people and are held in host homes. If you have not been to a meeting yet, please fill out the card in Sunday's bulletins and place it in the offering plate.

Hey, pardners, got any western gear?

We need decorations for VBS! If you have cowboy items such as boots, bandanas, saddles, hats, etc., anything to help decorate the church, we would love to borrow them! Call Doris Simonsen, 972-239-5629, and let her know what you can loan the church to be used for the Circle G Ranch. Your items need to be labeled to they can be returned to you. Thank you for your help.

Dimes-a-Day collection is July 17

In The Good Old Summer Time we still need to be in ministry with people around the world who never can take a vacation, a day off, or even just relax. Every day is a struggle just to survive!

On Sunday, July 17, *someone* will have an answer to prayer because of your gift to Dimes-a-Day. *Someone* will experience God's love in a very personal way. *Someone* will have better access to food, clothing, and shelter. Will you help *Someone* with your gift, at either the chancel rail or mailed to the business office? For more information about Dimes-a-Day and mission programs, call Betty Reichel, 972-380-5838, or visit Spring Valley's web site: www.svumc.org and click on missions.



Austin Street Centre July 17

Spring Valley volunteers will serve breakfast to the homeless men, women, and children who come to the downtown shelter for food and shelter.

This "hands on" mission program is one way of "seeing a sermon" in action as we are called to walk in Jesus' footsteps.

To sign up, call Steve or Dana Taylor, 972-234-9867. For more information about Austin St. Centre, visit the web site: www.austinst.org

NET Collection of school supplies July 10

Instead of nonperishable food, **Richardson NETWork of Community Ministries** has invited us to collect school supplies for children. Bring them July 10 and place in the collection barrels in the hallways. Monetary contributions can be forwarded to the business office or placed in the collection plate. Thank you for your help to these children.

Guatemala mission team needs suitcases

The 2005 Guatemala Mission Team still needs old suitcases to transport medications on their trip to Chichicastenango in August. We need large, non-returnable suitcases with sturdy clasps. Please call Robert Gross at 214-341-1822 or bring them to the Aldersgate classroom. Thanks for your support.

Guatemala mission team has transportation needs

The Guatemala Mission Team requests your assistance in providing rides for 20 missionaries to DFW on Saturday, August 13, and from DFW on Sunday, August 21.

We need volunteers to provide transportation for a person or a couple. Each missionary needs to be at the airport no later than 5:30am on August 13, and will have one or two large suitcases plus carry-on luggage. The return flight on August 21 is at 6:30pm. If you can help, please sign up in your Sunday School class or contact Carol or Terry Baughn, 972-680-2434 or by email at cabaughn@yahoo.com. Thank you for your continued support of this mission trip.

Join us for Sunday school

An updated list of all Sunday school classes is now available at the Visitors desk. Some current offerings include:

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

July 10 - Susan Kasten will speak "On Joy."

July 17 - Susan Kasten will review the Lord's prayer in "Our Father Who."

July 24 - Bobby Worthington will tell us about the Dallas Life Foundation.

Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying Dawn Billings' book, *Greatness and Children*

Come As You Are Class

July 10 - Jonathan Edwards

July 17 - Douglas Steere

July 24 - Soren Kirkegaard

July 31 - Isaac Pennington

August 7 - Gregory of Nyssa

August 14 - John Chrysostom

August 21 - Charles Spurgeon

August 28 - Watchman Nee

All lessons are located in the *Devotional Classics* book.

Friends Class

All young adults, 20s-40s, married and single, are invited to join us for the video series, *That the World May Know*, by Ray Vander Laan. This is a history of the Old Testament and its applicability to the New Testament and our lives today.

Parents of Teenagers - Room 192

We are studying a book called *Making Love Last a Lifetime*, by Adam Hamilton, which began on June 19. We will go to lunch following church, so we hope you can join us.

Seekers Class

July 10 - David Currin, *Confronting the Controversies*

July 17 - Jan Aphorpe, *Controversies-Death Penalty*

July 24 - Don Coke, *Controversies - Homosexuality*

July 31 - Anna Butler, *Controversies - Abortion*

What's up for YOUTH...

Upcoming events:

~The Easter Seals trip has been changed! In place of the trip to Colorado, we are heading to Shreveport, Louisiana for a mission trip called "Weekend of the Cross." This is a wonderful opportunity to do easy repair work. We will be heading to Shreveport on July 28 and returning on July 31.

~We will also have a parents' meeting on Sunday, August 21, from 5-6pm.

~Youth on July 10 will be from 6-7:30. UMYF on July 17 will be Movie night from 6-8pm.

~Every Wednesday - Swimming N' Scripture 7-9pm at the Reese's house, 7418 Maplecrest

Congratulations to:

Johnathon Dickerson who has signed a national letter of intent to play golf for the Paris Junior College Dragons when he enters school in August.

Paris Junior College has one of the top ranked golf programs in the US. He will be joining a team comprised of players from S. Korea, Mexico, Ireland, Missouri, and Texas (five students are from Texas). One of his teammates was medalist at the National Jr. College tournament in May.

He is very excited to have finally made his choice and is ready to begin the season soon.

MTLBYAKY, Jared and Megan



Upcoming Music

July 10

8:30 - Seekers Sunday School Class Choir
8:30 & 11:00 - Peggy West, *Give Me Jesus*
11:00 Chancel Choir, *Halleluja, The Savior Reigns*

July 17

8:30 - Aldersgate Sunday School Class Choir
8:30 & 11:00 - solo, Paula Huffaker
11:00 - Chancel Choir,
Sing Praise to God With One Accord

July 24

8:30 & 11:00 - Chancel Choir, *Here's One*
Fred Wratistlaw, Clarinet

July 31

8:30 - Beacon Sunday School Class Choir
11:00 Chancel Choir,
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The Music Man tickets on sale now

SVUMC's summer musical is slated for August 4-6. There are just a few \$18 and \$15 tickets. Until July 15, \$10 tickets will be reserved. After that, \$10 will be for general admission only.



Upcoming UMW meetings slated for summer

The UMW morning group will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be on August 8 with speaker Brad Stater from C.C. Young. The evening UMW group, now known as the Friendship Circle, will be meeting on Monday, July 11 at 7:15pm in the Dining Room.



Prime Timers want you!

August 24 - We will eat lunch and hear about the Hopkins County Stew Cook-off and Fair. We will eat stew cooked by Ben Dickerson, and salad. Y'all come!

September 17 - Trip to Sulphur Springs for the Hopkins County Stew Cook-off and Fair. We will have a sign-up sheet for this trip soon. Save the date!



Please note new summer Behold schedule

The Behold will be published every other week until the week of August 14. Please make sure your articles are submitted in a timely manner to jpatton@svumc.org.

The deadlines for submitted articles are at noon on:

July 18 August 1 August 15

There will be no Beholds the weeks of July 11, 25, and August 8

Thank you for your cooperation with the summer schedule.

Has your email address changed?

If so, please be sure to contact Paula Huffaker in the church office, 972-233-7671, x14, or by email, Phuffaker@svumc.org, to insure your receipt of the weekly **Behold** newsletter.

Message from the Trustees

The Trustees have started looking into the purchase of an external defibrillator and training to use this equipment. Does anyone have access to acquire this equipment and training at a discount from retail pricing? Please contact either Judy Kesler at 972-991-8133 (dkesler@viscern.com), or Steve Taylor at 972-234-9867, or (stevetaylor@na.cokecce.com).

Extending God's Path

Total received to date \$ 498,142

Received July 3 13,681

Give God what's right, not what's left

Attendance at worship services: 386

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.

Rehab

Frances Dale

SVUMC Church Family

Margaret Gilmore

Dillon Tucker

Ann Michele King

Prissy Shafer

Floy Naugle

Mildred Eubanks

Catharine and Ted Gebhardt

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Alan Moore's friend, Dick Barrett

Tabu Ngandi's family

John Tarver's mother, Sarah

Lois Murphy's friend, Alyssa

Charles Hudgins' uncle, Loy Cavett

Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry

Alex Mulvenna

Former member, Jan Bosque

Bethann DeFoe's mother, Betty Lee Brandt

Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,

Gary and Jacqui Hopper

Bruce and Gina Tucker's neighbor,

Hallie Riggs

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandi Frank

John Huffhines' friend, Lively Brown

All persons serving in the military

SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Deepest sympathy to:

Terry Hares and family in the death
of his father, Jim Hares

Paul Christley and family in the death
of his brother, Larry

Pat Johnston in the death of her friend,
David Gilbert

Buz LaFrano and family in the death of
his aunt, Frances LaFrano Barton

Dr. Ron Henderson and family in the
death of his father, Tillman Henderson

Congratulations to:

Mark McElroy and Kristin Burke who
were married July 2