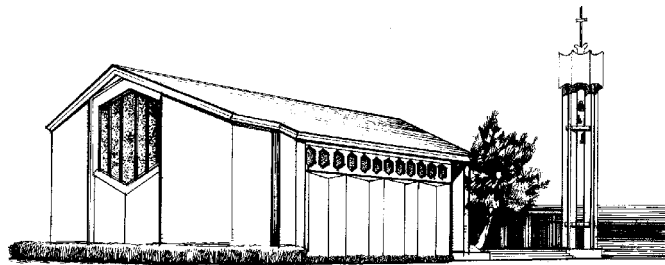


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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It's time for VBS!

Have you signed your child up for Spring Valley's awesome Vacation Bible School? It's not too late, but the spaces are filling up fast! Gather your family each evening and join us for a great time!

Ages: 3 yrs through entering 6th grade in the fall.

Date: July 14-18

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Snack supper: 5:30-6:15 each evening for a nominal fee

Questions? Contact Nancy Meier, Director, at 972-726-9559, or Elizabeth Wood, Asst. Director, at 972-385-7601.



Lighthouse Kids
Shining God's Light

The Coordinating Council is "Running for the Kids"

By now you have heard some excitement about creating new spaces for the youth, confirmation, and children's programs at Spring Valley.

Such changes, of course, require a few extra dollars; and that's where "Running for the Kids" comes in. In the last few years, Burt Copeland started running ... a lot! And then he decided to make something positive out of his obsession. Last year he ran a marathon for the Leukemia Society and raised \$4,200.

This year Burt is running to raise money for our kids – specifically for the remodeling of their classrooms. But instead of running one marathon, his goal is to run four! The Coordinating Council is looking for people to make pledges for each marathon that Burt is able to run between October '03 and April '04.

There are four levels of sponsorship:

\$ 25 per completed marathon = Children's/Youth Dir. Level (\$100 possible total)

\$ 50 per completed marathon = Senior Pastor Larry George Level (\$200 possible total)

\$ 75 per completed marathon = Bishop Wm. Oden Level (\$300 possible total)

\$125 per completed marathon = John Wesley Level (\$500 possible total)

Since of the work on the rooms is already beginning, we are asking that supporters start the program with a "faith gift" and actually pay the first pledge now, even though the first marathon is not scheduled until October. All other pledges will be due when the marathons are completed. All checks should be payable to SVUMC – Running for the Kids.

Please contact Burt at burtlola@sbcgobl.net if you have any questions.

Sunday school teachers needed!

We need children's Sunday school teachers for the summer. Call Nancy Purcell, 972-661-5494, or Rita Dickerson, 972-437-0345, to volunteer for this ministry - we need you!

Two new adult classes offered

Paula Tarver is teaching two new classes this summer. The first class, on the "Stories of Jesus," meets every Sunday in July at 9:45am in the Parlor.

The second one includes studying excerpts from Christian writers, such as C.S. Lewis and Henri Nouwen, to see their impact on the church's developing theology. After a meditation to help apply their words to our everyday lives, we will journal our thoughts and plan an action for the week. We will meet on Tuesdays, July 29, August 5, 12, and 19, from 6:30 to 7:45 in the Library. We hope to see you there!

Common Ground has moved for July!

The Common Ground service is being held at 11am in Wesley Hall during July, with one Sunday school hour at 9:45am for everyone. Children can then be included in both worship and Sunday school. During this time, we encourage your comments and feedback.

What's new with YOUTH...

For the month of July, Common Ground Worship has moved to 11am!! All youth are reminded to come to Sunday school at 9:45 and then to worship at 11:00. If you are not on one of the mission trips, please come on Sunday mornings so that we have a big youth presence.

Sunday School: Now that we have covered Daniel, Shadrack, Meshack, & Abednego for our summer project, we move to Samson. Now that's a story worthy of the tabloids! You won't believe all the things this guy did (and neither will our readers.)

Swimming-n-Scripture, every Wednesday evening at the Reeses' house. We have had some really big groups and some very nice Bible study. Mostly, we've just had a ton of fun. Mark your calendars for Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars!!

July 20, 3-5 p.m. - Meeting #2 for COLORADO participants & parents
July 26-August 3, Colorado Easter Seals trip

SVUMC members serve their country

Spring Valley United Methodist Church is proud of two young members of the United States armed services:

United States Marine Corps Sergeant Bryan Purcell, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, was asked to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Frisco Roughriders baseball game on July 4.

Also, **Troy Sumner** was inducted into the United States Air Force as part of the July 4 observation at the Texas Rangers baseball game.

From the Trustees...

Our church is in need of repairs. The church building is used hard every day, and we need to keep it in the best condition possible. Work is needed in the following areas:

<i>drywall</i>	<i>electrical</i>	<i>carpentry</i>
<i>concrete</i>	<i>roof</i>	<i>painting</i>

If you can help with this important ministry of the church, please call Ken Phillips or Deb Tucker.



Noteworthy news...

Sunday, July 20

8:30 Aldersgate Class

8:30 & 11:00, Jan Apthorp, piccolo solo

11:00 Chancel Choir,

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Sunday, July 27

8:30 Seekers Class

11:00 Chancel Choir, *In This Very Room*



Sound of Music Update

Our summer musical is set for Thursday-Saturday, August 7-9, in Wesley Hall. It begins at 7:30 and includes dessert at intermission. Tickets are \$15 and are available through the church office.

Our plan to have patrons for Sound of Music is designed to help bolster the primary budget of the church. We encourage you to consider a gift and join us in this effort!

The Sound of Music is an operating budget fund-raiser for the church. The donor levels are:

The Children's Level - \$60-\$119

2 tickets – priority seating
autographed program from the cast

The Nuns' Level - \$120-\$249

4 tickets – priority seating
autographed program from the cast

The Captain's Level - \$250-\$499

6 tickets – priority seating
autographed program from the cast
2 tickets to patron appreciation dinner/final dress rehearsal Aug. 6

Maria's Level - \$500-\$999

8 tickets – priority seating
autographed program from the cast
2 tickets to patron appreciation dinner/final dress rehearsal Aug. 6

The Hills Level - \$1,000 and up

10 tickets – priority seating
autographed program from the cast
chauffered ride to the show
4 tickets to patron appreciation dinner/final dress rehearsal, Aug. 6
cast serenades you and any guests at your home

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children (12 and under).

Remember our second-Sunday food collection for the pantry at Network of Community Ministries.

Spring Valley Travelers trips, 2003

Sept. 27-October 5 - Niagara Falls, Toronto \$609

November 5-7 - Ozark Fall Foliage \$419

Call Chris Parton for details at 972-239-3369.

Dimes-a-day collection is July 20

“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 20, through your gifts to Dimes-a-Day, *someone* will have an answer to prayer. *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 the chancel rail or mailed to the business office? For more information about Dimes-a-Day and mission programs, call Neil Williams, 972-238-5608



Network of Community Ministries needs food donations

On Sunday, June 29, Georgia Goodrum, a volunteer with the Network of Community Ministries, announced to the Beacon Sunday school class that the food pantry was very low on food. The class responded most generously, and a collection of \$400 was presented to Georgia that morning for delivery to Network. The Network executive director responded with a letter stating that donations are slow during the summer months and all help is greatly appreciated. Georgia Goodrum is a member of the Beacon Sunday school class.

Austin Street Centre

Sunday, July 20, is Spring Valley’s turn to serve breakfast for the 350+ homeless men, women and children who seek nighttime shelter at the Austin Street Centre.

Sign up this Sunday, July 13, or call Steve and Dana Taylor, 972 234-9867.

UMW meeting is August 11

The United Methodist Women will resume their monthly meetings on Monday, August 11. The program will be presented by Carol Maxcey and Sadie Price, who are retired nurses involved with the ministry of health awareness. Their company, Stroke Prevention Plus, informs you about the symptoms and precautions to take as we go about our daily lives.

The meeting will begin with lunch at 11:30, followed by a business meeting and the program in

Asbury Hall. Come and bring a friend for this informative meeting.

Steak & Ale has cash-back program

We have formed a partnership with Steak and Ale restaurants that will generate funds for SVUMC any time you dine there. Bring your guest receipt to the church, put it in the Steak and Ale basket in the volunteer office area, and SVUMC will periodically receive a check for 10% of the net amount on the receipts. These funds will be used for our general church budget. You can also let your friends know that we are participating in this program and ask them to save their receipts for you. For information, call Betty or Neil Williams, 972-238-5608.

News about "the move"

The remodeled children's and youth rooms are scheduled to be ready for occupancy on August 17. If you can help with remodeling these rooms or just moving furniture, please talk to Deb Tucker or Burt Copeland.

F.A.I.T.H. class

We are studying Phillip Yancey's, *What's So Amazing About Grace*.

Beacon class

On Sunday, July 6, we started a series dealing with the Gospel of John. John is quite different from the synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and has been termed “The Spiritual Gospel.” It was written around the turn of the 1st century after the Church had become primarily a Gentile Church. The Gospel depicts what and whom Jesus had become to the early Church. We are dealing again with four words....

<i>Light</i>	July 6
<i>Incarnation</i>	July 13
<i>Faith</i>	July 20
<i>Eternity</i>	July 27

John Dvorak leads our series. You are invited to come to Asbury Hall at **9:30am**.

Aldersgate class

Sunday, July 13 - We continue our study and discussion from the book, *Jesus Confronts Today's Controversies*. Mark Solomon will lead the lesson on “Crossing the Racial Divide.” We will talk about the key principles for racial reconciliation that Jesus practiced and how we can use these when we approach others.

Seekers class

Join us in Room 201 at 9:45.

July 13 - Rev. Don Coke

July 20 - Jeanie Smith,

Dallas Children's Advocacy Center

July 27 - Bob Harrison, Suicide & Crisis Handling



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.

Hospitals

Sandra Guthrie, Medical City
Frances Ward, Presbyterian, Dallas

SVUMC Church Family

Ray Williams
Betty Taylor
Ralph Maddison family
Barbeece Copeland
Bob Muskopf
Dottie Cheek
Bob & Darlene Twiss
Georgie Ann Davis
Youth and adult members
of ASP mission trip
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Bill Poole
Burt & Lola Copeland's friend, Clyde Davis,
and also Jan Wintermeier
Dr. Jim Hares
Ted and Janis Dumas' cousin, Jane McChanahad
Prissy and Craig Shaffer's friend, Hilary Chrisman
Tricia Smith's friend, Chester Thomas
Elizabeth Wood's grandmother
Gene Harrell's sister, Jane Bolsen
Jo Alice's pastor, Weldon Gilmore
George Reese's son, George
Frank Rahm's dad, Bruce Rahm
Ralph Detwiler's brother, Virgil Detwiler
Paula Huffaker's neighbor, Bev Johnson
Those with ongoing concerns
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church

Sympathy to:

Amanda and Dean Micknal on the
death of his father, Jerry Micknal
Family and friends of Elna Jameson,
who died July 2

Congratulations to:

Ken and Jeannie Carter on the birth of
a granddaughter, Hollie Lane Yates,
born June 19
Wally and Leann Balzac on the birth of
a daughter, Brennan Nicole, born
July 2