

Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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What gift can I bring?

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

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

Over the course of the next few weeks, Talents & Gifts surveys will be distributed to all Spring Valley members. Included in the survey are the larger, overall areas of ministry at Spring Valley, as well as smaller task possibilities for that area. Though the survey itself is *small* – only a couple of pages – its impact for the future of Spring Valley is *huge*. The life of a church and its congregation is not dependent just on its staff; though a capable and devoted staff is needed. The life of a church and its congregation is dependent on the ministries of its many members...each person giving something from their personal store of abilities.

Please take the time to prayerfully consider what gifts you can share with your Spring Valley congregation. What are your strengths – your loves – your passions? What are your dreams for your church? Our Spring Valley *community of faith* will be enriched with the sharing of your gifts – and the *future of Spring Valley* will be strengthened with your gifts.

Please return all completed surveys to the church office to the attention of Paula Huffaker. You may also go online to the church website – www.svumc.org – to complete your survey. *Paula Huffaker*

Music, Arts and Drama Camp

June 26-30, 8:30am-12:30pm

\$20 includes t-shirt

Supper/Performance - 6pm, Friday, June 30

Ages – Entering 1st - 6th grades

Come for a fun-filled week of fine arts, scripture, crafts, worship and producing a musical to present on Friday at 6pm following supper.

Children will sing and learn about Moses in the musical *Moses & the*

Freedom Fanatics. Register Now! 972-233-7671.




Gospel evening coming, June 24

You are invited to an evening of great gospel songs with the *Spoken Four Quartet*, of Dallas, and the *Heartsong Quartet*, from Greenville. Special guests are Thiago Nascimento, pianist, and Sergio da Costa, ukulele, and his group.

A reception will follow the program. Tickets are \$10 with proceeds benefitting the International Quartet Convention in Brazil, in September. Call 972-233-7671 or 972-239-9440 for information.

Come Sunday...



common ground	Traditional Worship
Father's Day, June 18	Father's Day, June 18
Rev. Derrick Wright	Luke 11:1-13, Psalm 100
Guest Preacher	<i>A Friend at Midnight</i>
	Dr. Alyce McKenzie
Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 25	Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 25
<i>"Fetching Far-Off Treasure"</i>	<i>"Fetching Far-Off Treasure"</i>
Genesis 32	Genesis 32
<i>Wrestling with the Angels</i>	<i>Jacob and the Unknown Traveler</i>
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler	Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

STROKE SCAN, INC.

provides

Health Test Screening
on June 24 in Asbury Hall

For appointments, call 281-589-2111

or Toll Free: 866-935-7226

Available screenings:

Stroke Screening - \$40

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening - \$40

Ankle Brachial Index Screening - \$40

Stroke Scan Full Vascular Profile, all 3 Tests - \$105

Full Lipid Profile, HDL, LDL, etc. - \$45

Osteoporosis/Bone Density - \$25

Blood Pressure & Pulse - Free

Please note that the Spring Valley Foundation Lunch on June 25 has been postponed until sometime in August. We will keep you posted of the details as they occur.



Join us for Sunday school

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

Thank you from the Delaplains

June 6, 2006

Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for allowing us to present a program at your church regarding the current situation in Israel and Palestine, and for your generous donations to help support so many needs in the Holy Land. All of the funds were deposited in the Volunteers in Mission Fund at First United Methodist Church in Portland, Texas. Since the church deposited only the amounts received, but not names of the individual donors, it is necessary for us to send our letters of appreciation to the whole church membership. Therefore we hope that you will put this letter in your church newsletter or bulletin.

We raised nearly \$5000, and although we were not able to go to the Holy Land as planned due to Gloria's severe back injuries and subsequent surgery, we sent all the funds with a friend who was leading a VIM team there. So, we want to assure you that your most thoughtful contributions went where they were supposed to go. The people in the Holy Land are more desperate than ever, and we have received so many letters from them asking us to thank you from the bottom of their hearts.

Your donations were given to Mar Elias Educational Institutions in Ibillin, Galilee area, where we spent three months last year, Sabeel, Christian Peacemakers Team in Hebron, Mossawa, which helps the Arab citizens of Israel who live in the Negev Desert, the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, the Arab Women Union Hostel, Daycare Center, and School for the Handicapped in Beit Sahour, the Beit Sahour Cooperative for Health Care, Four Homes of Mercy in Jerusalem, which serves severely mentally handicapped adults, the Center for the Elderly in Beit Sahour, and six different schools in Beit Sahour. Your contributions have made a real difference in the lives of many people and there are no words to adequately express our gratitude. (Beit Sahour is in the Occupied West Bank, near Bethlehem, which is now completely enclosed by the 30-ft. high wall. There is a good-sized Christian Palestinian population in Beit Sahour, who are in desperate need.)

It is our intention to return to the Holy Land during the spring months of 2007. Please keep us in your prayers. And again, we thank you so very much. Peace, Salaam, Shalom,
Don and Gloria Delaplain

Craft ladies need your help

Please come and join the Arts and Crafts ladies each Monday morning at 9:30. We are making things for the annual Harvest Bazaar which will be in the Fall in November. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us, please bring your sack lunch and enjoy a fun time with all the ladies.



Aldersgate Class

June 18 - Anna Hosemann-Butler - "John Wesley for Armchair Theologians," a review and discussion of the book by William J. Abraham

June 25 - Ken Link will coordinate a class discussion on "Our Spiritual Gifts and Adult Ministries - Opportunities at Spring Valley UMC"

Beacon Class

New series of studies dealing with the first century of the Church, called "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.

Seekers Class

June 18 - To speak or not to speak, Melody Malone

June 25 - The Chronicles of Narnia, Patrick Thompson

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.

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.

Upcoming Music

June 18, 8:30 & 11:00 Josh Wilson, solo

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

June 25, Solo, *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Sing Forth Your Joy to the Lord*

July 2, 8:30 Men's Choir, *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

11:00 Chancel Choir and Praise Band



John Tarver's "By Request" concert needs your help

I am asking for requests of your favorite music – either written for or adaptable to the organ – so that a program may be presented of those requests. I am beginning preparation now so that the performance can be given sometime in early fall; the date will be announced as soon as it is decided.

There are several ways they can be submitted to me (please write them down with your name, too). My e-mail address is jpstarv@evl.net. There is also a mailbox in the church office for me. Get those requests in now – every one of them will be seriously considered.

Homecoming Concerts June 16 and 17, \$5.00, Celebrate Life – Sanctuary, 7:30, Dessert Served

Youth Singers will present their Homecoming Concerts on Friday & Saturday, June 16 & 17, at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Desserts will be catered by Penny Wilson.

John Tarver will be featured on the opening and closing songs of the musical with a reflective opening piece and a jubilant closing song on our magnificent Thompson Memorial pipe organ. As always, the Youth Singers will conclude with their traditional blessing "A Closing Prayer." Alumni are invited to join us at the conclusion of the program each night to sing this benediction. *Celebrate Life* is about the life of Christ and his teachings. The music is very enjoyable and is accompanied by orchestra. There will be pipe organ, piano, bass guitar, string bass, guitar, trumpets, flutes, clarinets, violins, viola, and French horn. This work is an invitation to serve God by giving one's life to Christ.



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Vacation Bible School

July 17-21, 9am-Noon, Ages 3-completed 5th grade

Come join the *Adventure of the Treasure Seekers* as we explore God's promises. Registration begins Sunday, May 7!



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.

Coffeehouse – June 23, Friday at 7:00 in Wesley



Josh Wilson

Our next coffeehouse will feature Eric Folkerth who is a singer/songwriter and guitarist. Opening up for Eric is our own Josh Wilson, a 2006 high school graduate singer/songwriter. Donations will be accepted for United Methodist Committee on Relief.



Eric Folkerth

Flags given to classes

The VFW Post 3530 in Richardson presented a United States flag to the Seekers Class on Sunday, May 28. The Beacons Class received a flag in 2005. The flags are proudly displayed in the classrooms.

Joe Lees, Member, VFW Post 3530

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With deepest sympathy

The SVUMC Faith Community grieves with Elizabeth Escamilla and her family upon the loss of her father, Mr. Lloyd Lynd. Mr. Lynd's life was celebrated on Monday, June 12 in Kansas City. For those who have requested information about memorial gifts, the family has requested that any donations be sent to the "Daniels Memorial Fund" of the 2nd Presbyterian Church, 55th and Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri. This is an established foundational fund which provides college scholarships for needy students, special gifts for those in financial need and money for the missional activities of the church.



MEXICO MISSION UPDATE

The mission team is going to Matamoros from **July 3 – July 8**. There are about 250 children in the three villages. Each island will have VBS for two days. The themes will be *God protects and*

God provides. The food distribution is timely because the fishermen cannot fish for shrimp in June. This is their cash crop so they have nothing to sell and money is scarce the first of July. We will distribute the staples of rice, beans, oil, tomatoes, and flour. The leader of the community coordinates this in a fair manner. A local woman is eager to help the health teachers with teaching the pregnant and nursing women and will guide them.

We need your help. Along with food to the families, and some health items, we would like to distribute some basics to each child. We'd love it if each member could contribute one child kit that includes:

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| small washcloth (plain) | 1 bar of soap |
| child/youth toothbrush | toothpaste (4-5 oz) |
| shampoo (15-16 oz.) | 1 lg. comb |
| spiral notebook (plain cover) | 5 plain pencils |
| pencil sharpener | |

Please, don't send large containers or fancy items so the bags will be similar. Put all in a plastic bag and place in the box at church. Most of VBS will be held outside. **We're in need of tarps to sit on and an open air tent** (like sports teams use). If you can donate one, call Elizabeth Escamilla, 972-386-5412.

Opportunities for teaching and study

Cokesbury announces leader training for Disciple I, Christian Believer, *Jesus In the Gospels* and the remaining Disciple series in Dallas at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on July 6-7. Space is limited. If you are willing to attend and facilitate one of these classes in the fall, please contact Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler.

COMMIT: A course for seriously dating or engaged couples, a practical way to learn how to make your relationship grow and thrive as you begin life together, will be held on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 at Lovers Lane UMC, and facilitated by Carmen Scroggin, LPC. To register, call 214-706-9545 or e-mail cscroggin@llumc.org.

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.

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.

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.

June 18 - *God the Father*, an inspirational look at fathers.

June 23 - Friday night Coffee house at Spring Valley UMC, we'll have several tables

June 24 - Saturday, Cinema in the Circle, fun & free outdoor theatre in Addison Circle Park...Picnic!

June 25 - "Decoding DaVince," Rev. Anna Hoseman-Butler will present a fascinating program about the myths and truths regarding Christian beliefs in the bestseller, "The DaVinci Code."

Visitors welcome! Whether you've read the book or seen the movie or not, you will enjoy this presentation.

July 2 - no class due to holiday

July 9 - "The Top 10 List for Christians," we'll start this engaging study written by James W. Moore. "Number 10 - Love is the Greatest!"

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

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 any photos, stories, 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.

Youth Choir tour updates...

June 10: Just had an update on our choir tourees...they slept in the dorms at Rice University last night. To quote Paco: "they were dorm bunk beds" - ha,ha! The performance went really well last night; about 19 people showed up. They started at 7:30 and were done at 8:40 PM and at the dorms around 9:30 ish.

They had breakfast on the bus this AM around 8:15 AM and are now waiting for NASA to open at 10 AM. They'll enjoy a hot day sightseeing and so will we - the hot only.

Take good care, my friends. Have a good one and I will update this PM.

Enjoy! Love, Jacqui :-)

June 10: Hi All, Choir Tour update:

They had lunch at NASA and stopped for fast food on the road for dinner. They are at the Hostel in Corpus. The girls will be in one big room and the boys will be in another big room. Nice and cozy!!

Have a good evening everyone. :-)

June 11 - Youth choir update:

Hola everyone,

They woke up at 5:30 this morning - yikes! Grabbed some breakfast and performed for the church; joined in on the youth Sunday school class - sang at 11 AM "the best they've ever sang" and then the church had a spaghetti lunch for all. Everyone got their picture taken by the statue.

They arrived in Port A..... around 2:30 PM. There are 5-6 to a room; all on the 2nd floor and all with a Gulf view - how awesome is that! They all got in some swimming in the pool and gulf but cut it short as they didn't want to burn. About 20 min. ago Paco was cooking meat for fajitas and they are going to watch the Mav's with fajitas - go Mav's!!!

Take good care and enjoy the game! :-)

Hello from the BEACH!

I'm in Corpus with the youth choir so this will be quick, because it's past lights out time! Shhh, don't tell Rusty :-)

June 15 - Choir Tour returns

June 18 - UMYF - Discussion! Meet at church at 6 and we'll get out at 7:30.

June 21- Swim 'N Scripture at same time, same place. Let me know if you need the address again.

June 24-July 2 - IMPACT Florida mission trip!!

June 25 UMYF - details TBA

NO Swim 'N Scripture on June 28.

Are you wondering if I still need more adults for IMPACT? The answer is YES. Please ask around and see if there is anyone you could recommend. I'm also asking college students who may not be able to drive, but can be adults at the worksite. Please let me know ASAP! See you all soon! Love, Kelly



More youth information

Hey everyone!!

I hope you all are having a fantastic summer so far. I want to tell you all how much fun I had at UMYF last Sunday (the box caterpillar made my night ;-)) and at Swim 'N Scripture last night.

In case you missed it, here is the info for Swim 'N Scripture - It is held at the home of George and Pam Reese. 7418 Maplecrest Dr. Dallas, Tx 75254. 972-239-0165. We are there from 7-9.

We are still in need of adults for the IMPACT Florida trip. If you know anyone else that might be interested, please send them to me!

Here are a few upcoming dates:

June 18 UMYF - Discussion from 6-7:30 downstairs.

June 21 - Swim 'N Scripture. Same time, same place.

June 24 - July 2 - IMPACT Florida mission trip

July 5 - Swim 'N Scripture. Same time, same place.

For those of you who aren't going on choir tour, I'll see you next weekend. Have a GREAT week!!!

God's Peace, Kelly

Just a few more things...

1) There will ALWAYS be Youth Sunday School.

There have been questions on whether there will be Sunday School when there are youth trips going on. Never fear, we will always meet at 9:45 EVERY Sunday

2) Parents of IMPACT goers, there are forms in my box in the copy room. They are in packet form and paper clipped together. There is a very short form that needs to be notarized and won't take more than 30 seconds to fill out. The rest of the forms are packing lists, behavior expectations and medical forms that IMPACT requires. We still need a few more adults before we can go on this trip, but we will continue to plan on it. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything.

3) There are also driver information forms and background check forms in my box in the copy room. If you still need to fill one out before volunteering with the youth, take one and return it to me or Paula Huffaker. She also has more if I run out.

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

Georgia Goodrum

Randy Smith

Bill Darnall

Homebound members

SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

SVUMC Church Family

Frank Rahm

Freda Clark

Lois Murphy

Blake Denzer

Opal Peyron

Betty Reichel

Bronson Balzac

David Armstrong

Greg Harris

Dorthy Wilhite

Bob & Charlotte Muskopf

Steve Harper

James Rea

Ed Pierce

Betty Carter

Betty Lou Noble

Luiz Santos

Extended Church Family

Helene Sherman's daughter, Cassandra Senior

Rosemary Winters' friends, Ryan Hall and Robert

Bill and Joyce Boyer's neighbor's

son-in-law, Jason Huffman

Virginia Kassel's daughter

Lenora Pitcher's friends

Carmen Copeland's sister, Lynn Dennis

Jan Robertson's friend, Dorothy Laird

Karen Sumner's friend, Kay Sanders

Joyce Covey and her son, Tom

Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry

Jeanne Larson's grandparents and aunt

Adam Wood's father

Mary Huffhines' brother, Eldon Harrison

Sue Cummings's friend, Jenny Hearn

All persons serving in the military

Sympathy to:

The Will Tucker family in the death of their friend, Bob Spicer

Elizabeth Escamilla and family in the death of her father, Lloyd Lynd

Karen Sumner in the death of some friends' infant son, Nicholas Alfonso Velazquez

Congratulations to:

Chris and Kavita Blewett in the birth of a daughter, Asha Elisa Blewett

Bob and Charlotte Muskopf in the birth of a grandson, Owen Allen Kushlan

Bob and Judi Hitch in the birth of a grandson, Ripley "Rip" Rhoten Hitch

Earl and Joan Barnette who celebrated 50 years of marriage