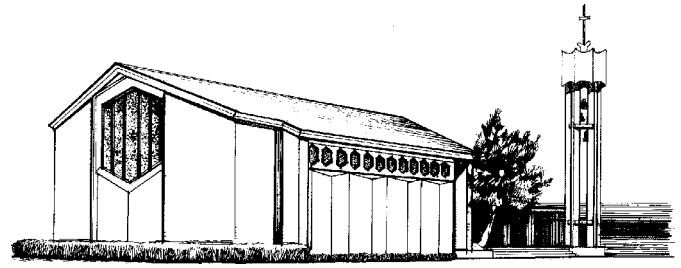


Behold!

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John, Anna, Kate,
and Ted Butler

Spring Valley Associate Pastor receives commissioning

"Serve with a Grateful Heart" was the theme for the 2004 Service of Commissioning that began the Monday morning session of the North Texas Annual Conference as it met at Plano Centre, June 7-9. Eight men and women were commissioned on the track to ordained ministry. The newly commissioned ministers now begin a three-year period of residency as they prepare for ordination and full membership in the North Texas Annual Conference as deacons or elders.

Using the historic questions asked of United Methodist clergy across the years, Bishop William B. Oden examined the candidates as they stood before the conference session. After the bishop offered a prayer of blessing for the candidates, each one approached and knelt before him. Laying both hands upon the candidates individually, the bishop prayed the commissioning prayer, invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives to lead them into the fullness of their calling. The newly commissioned ministers then assisted Bishop Oden in the service of Holy Communion as their first act of ministry in their new role.

The Reverend Anna Hosemann-Butler, our new Associate Pastor, was one of the persons commissioned for pastoral ministry on her way to becoming an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church. Anna has now officially begun her responsibilities at Spring Valley, and we have an opportunity to **welcome her this Sunday, June 20, during a reception to be held in her honor, 9:30 - 11am, in the parlor**, hosted by the Congregational Life Committee. Please bring your cards and notes of welcome as you stop by the parlor to meet Anna and her family and let them know how delighted we are to have them at Spring Valley.

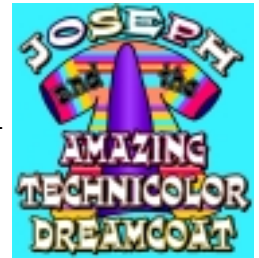
Welcome, new members!

Stan and Sandy Kroder

7723 Tanglecrest Drive
Dallas, Texas 75254
972-387-3608

"Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

Youth Singers will return from choir tour on the 18th. and present three homecoming performances in Wesley Hall at 7:30pm on June 19, 20, and 21. Tickets are \$10 and include dessert. For tickets and ticket information, call Laura LaFrano at 972-788-2004.



Jan Hudgins receives certification

As the 2004 North Texas Annual Conference began its work on Tuesday, June 8, Jan Hudgins was presented with a certificate in recognition of her having completed all of the requirements to be become a "Certified Church Professional in Christian Education." Congratulations, Jan!



Summer *Behold* schedule changes

Summer means changes in schedules, and the *Behold* is no different. Things tend to slow down in summer, so the *Behold* publishing will be different, too. The June 14 edition will be the last weekly *Behold*. We then go to an every-other-week schedule. Publication dates and deadlines will be June 28, July 12, and 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. Have a happy and safe summer!

Jo Alice Patton

Noteworthy news

Upcoming music

June 20

8:30 Ladies Ensemble, *Hymn of Promise*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Christus Vincit*

June 22, Organ Concert, John Tarver, 7pm

August 2-6, Music, Arts, and Drama Camp

June 27, 8:30 & 11:00 Special Men's Ensemble, *Majesty*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *When the Saints*, with trombone & clarinet

Your Sunday school class is invited to sing at the 8:30 worship service on July 18 or 25. Sign up by calling Rusty, 972-233-7671, ext. 24.

"MAD Camp" is music, arts and drama camp.

It is a summer music camp and is a new venture for us. The dates are August 2-6 and the ages are Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will work on the musical "100% Chance of Rain." The camp will be Monday through Friday from 9-12 noon. There will be classes in singing, acting, character development, props making, and scenery preparation, just to name a few.

Annual Conference report

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Spring Valley UMC at the North Texas Annual Conference, held June 6-9. Besides voting on legislative items and receiving reports from boards and agencies, it was a time for worship with clergy and lay members from all 313 churches in our conference.

An evening of tribute was held at Southfork Ranch honored retiring Bishop and Marilyn Oden for their leadership. Fourteen hundred people sang, ate, laughed, and prayed together in tribute.

We can be very proud of the work of our annual conference and the leadership and impact felt all around the world!

Grace and Peace, *Myrna Ridings*, for the SVUMC delegation

Guatemala mission team needs suitcases

On behalf of the Mayan people who use the clinic at Camanchaj, the members of the Guatemala Mission Team thank the Spring Valley congregation for their generosity in donating cash in support for Dr. Phil Plunk's medical/dental mission. As a result we will be able to purchase construction materials and medications for the clinic.

If you or your neighbors have any old suitcases, we could use them to transport medications. In particular, we can use large, non-returnable suitcases with sturdy clasps. Thank you again for showing love to these people.

Spring Valley Travelers trips planned in 2004

July 11 *Trains across Colorado*, \$1,649 per person, dbl. occupancy

Sept. 4-12 *Wyoming Trails Tour*, \$2,180 per person, dbl. occupancy

Sept. 27-Oct. 1 *Memphis and Tunica*, \$309 per person, dbl. occupancy

Nov. 11 *Hawaii Cruise*, "Legends of the Seas" 10 nights

Balcony, \$2,099 Ocean View, \$1,499 Interior, \$1,299

(including airfare) Please call Chris Parton for details, 972-239-3369.



Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

June 20, 27, & July 4 - Robert Gross will teach on Israel's history and the minor prophets from 1100 to 400 BC. During that 700-year period, God revealed his character and plan for humanity through a group of men known as the Minor Prophets. In particular we will consider messages delivered through Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Amos and Zechariah and see how their messages are as relevant today as they were originally. On July 4 we will study Zechariah's prophecy regarding the first and second advents of Christ.

Beacon Class

"Majestic Messages from the Mountain"

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

June 20 "The Excellence of Emptiness"

June 27 "The Demands & Designs of Discipleship"

July 4 "Old Laws and a New Love"

July 11 "The Glory of the First Mile"

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"

Seekers Class

June 20 Oliver Axtell, "Tribute to Dads"

June 27 Scott Somers

Adopt-a-Troop website helps troops

There is a program from the Presidential Prayer Team website: www.presidentialprayerteam.org. Go to this website and click the link: Adopt a Troop. When you adopt a military member, you can show a preference of military branches or adopt by lottery. You will be provided with a certificate to print out, giving the soldier's first name, their spouse if married, and if they have children. Your only commitment is to pray for that person and their family everyday. The website also gives updates of where that person is stationed and how they're doing.

First annual SVUMC street fair was great!



Carson Tucker gives it his best shot to soak his sister, Caitlin, at the dunking booth.

"Terrific Tuesdays" fellowship planned for kindergarteners through 5th grade



June 22 - We will go to Cinemark 17 to see "Rugrats in Paris," the movie. Tickets are only \$1, plus extra money for concessions.

June 29 - We will go to the Dallas Zoo. Cost is \$5.

July 6 - We will go to the Cinemark 17 to see "The Trumpet of the Swan." Tickets are only \$1, plus extra money for concessions.

July 13 - Swimming at Elizabeth and Adam Wood's home. Cost is free!

July 27 - Cinemark 17 to see "Stuart Little 2." Tickets are only \$1, plus extra money for concessions. Other events are still being scheduled, so watch the *Behold* for current information.

VBS 2004 -- July 19-23



As they travel the colorful streets of Hero Quest, children will learn that heroes are often everyday people who draw their "hero" power from their faith in God. They will learn that what makes a hero resides deep within a person's heart -- that Jesus is their number-one hero.

At Hero Quest, children will

- ~ Meet biblical heroes of faith.
- ~ Experience the power of faith in God.
- ~ Come to know Jesus as the ultimate hero.
- ~ Discover the faith heroes inside themselves.

Meet 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. Put them in the box outside Jan's office. Thank you!



"Risen" played for the crowd as people enjoyed the Fair.



Church members and visitors from our neighborhood sampled the snow cones, hot dogs, cotton candy, and popcorn.



At the Children's table, kids enjoyed balloon animals, signed up for Vacation Bible School, and received information about "Terrific Tuesdays."

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

Sue Cummings
Ted Dumas
Roberta Tipton

SVUMC Church Family

Beth Copeland
Youth Choir on tour
Carolyn Vead
Ed Buchtel
Ann Michele King
Catharine Gebhardt
Tommi Ezell
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Susan Scheibe

Suellen Turner's friend, Erika Morgan
Sandy Bell's friend, Dawn Weiss
Betty Reichel's mother, Sarah
Barry Barge and Shirley Hughes'
friend, Richard Andrews
Cindy Stamps' friend, Tommy Kelly
David Willis' friend, Amanda Martin
Linda Holstien's friends,
Julie and Derek Yammarino
Gene Harrell's sister-in-law and sister
Molly Schrader's friends, Mike Sivinski,
David Chapman, and Mary Clark
Jan Hudgins' cousins, Haley Packer
and Jeremy Lewis
Don Barnes' son's friend, Taryn Madden
Lori Johnson's fiance, Rueben Joswiak

Stephanie and Rusty King's friend, Suzanne
All persons serving in the military
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to:

Dotun Adewusi, Dr. Dot, who graduated
from the University of Texas Medical
School in San Antonio on May 22.
Dotun is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs.
Debo Adewusi.
Travis Hughes, who earned the Boy Scout
Eagle Award
Tony Holiday, on the birth of a
granddaughter, Destiny Janae Holiday