

Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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Why worship together?

On July 2, Common Ground and Traditional services will gather in the sanctuary for a celebration of the ritual we call Holy Communion or the Eucharist.

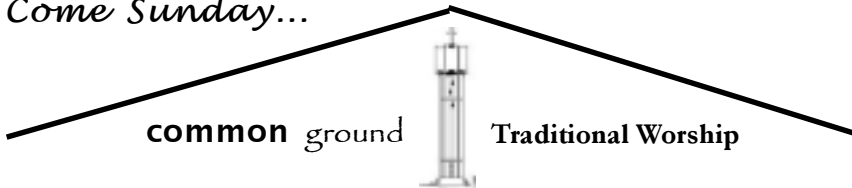
We gathered in this way most recently on Confirmation Sunday as our confirmands took a step of faith and joined the church, and earlier in the spring for Holy Week services. As we've shared these holy moments together in one setting, the question continues to be raised—both from others, and among those of us who plan these combined services: Why worship together?

The list could grow long which would argue against such get-togethers: inconvenient, difficult to merge worship/music styles, throws off the weekly rhythm, changes the chemistry, a challenge to organize, etc. At the same time, other reasons compel us to find our way into shared worship: allowing us to experience together the watershed moments in our congregation's life, such as Confirmation or All Saints' Sunday; the opportunity to lift up our voices in prayer and song with those with whom we don't normally get to sing and pray; the witness we make to one another and the world that finally our worship isn't about us—it's about God.

Outside our comfort zone is often the place we grow and learn—and serve. Spring Valley has a tradition of stepping outside of a comfort zone, and shared worship is one more opportunity to do just that, and to see what blessings come of it. We rejoice that Spring Valley's diversity in worship styles provides such challenges and opportunities, and are eager to see our congregation deepen our life of prayer and worship through these occasional gatherings.

Anna and Paul

Come Sunday...



Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 25

"Faces of Grace"

Genesis 32

Wrestling with the Angel

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Genesis 32

Jacob and the Unknown Traveler

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, July 2

Combined worship service - The Passover Lamb - Exodus 12

Freedom is coming; it has many levels of meaning

"We are marching in the light of God"

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.

All-church fellowship lunch is Sunday, July 2

There will be a fellowship lunch following the 11am worship services on July 2.

Bring a side dish to share and join your church family for a hot dog lunch with all the fixings and ice cream

sundaes for dessert. We'll have a patriotic music program and sing-a-long—so don't miss it! Cost is \$3 a person/ \$12 max per family. This meal is sponsored by Congregational Life. Contact Jan Hudgins for more information at 972-233-7671 ext. 20 or jhudgins@svumc.org.



What's up for YOUTH...

Hey Everyone!! Is this summer crazy or what?! I hope you all are having a great time! There have been, and going to be, so many birthdays that I lost track of everyone. It seems safe to tell a random person "Happy Birthday" and it will actually be close to their birthday. Congrats to Dave Escamilla on a FANTABULOUS performance as Emile de Becque in the production of "South Pacific." With church trips, family trips, swimming, baseball, band camps, theatre, and other extra curricular activities, this summer is busier than the school year!!! God, help us all.

IMPACT Florida INFO!!!! There is a lot so read carefully! If you are not going on IMPACT, you may skip this:)

Does anyone have some **frequent flyer miles to spare?! We have 5 adults going and we need 6.** We may be able to get another person to drive us both ways, but fly home for the week. Let me know!!

There is little time left to have a meeting with parents and youth. I had been hesitant to call a meeting because people have still been signing up until two weeks ago, and I didn't even know if this trip was going to happen. Now that we have everyone signed up, let's make sure you have all you need and questions are answered. I will be in my office ready to get you anything and answer questions during the week. I will be somewhere in the church and if it is around lunch, give me a call on my cell (214-537-6377).

There have been packets with all the medical forms and packing lists in my box, but if you haven't grabbed one, I can email them to you. There are medical forms for Spring Valley, but there is also another one for IMPACT that requires a notary. They will require these forms as soon as we get there, so we NEED them before we leave. Please let me know if you need any of these forms and I'll get them to you. **IMPORTANT** - we will be leaving the church at **7:30am Saturday morning.** Meet at the church at 7am!! There will be several meals on the road, even though we will provide snacks in the vans. I suggest from \$100-\$150 spending money to include these meals and whatever spending money in Universal Studios. If you want me to hold on to a youth's money and give it to them when they need it, I can do that. We will return around 8pm on July 2.

IMPACT ADULTS, do I have all your background checks and driver information?

Here is what is going on at Spring Valley...

June 21 - Swim 'N Scripture at the Reese's from 7pm to 9pm. This is 7418 Maplecrest Dr., Dallas, Tx 75254. 972-239-0165

June 24 - July 2 - IMPACT Florida!!

June 25 - UMYF from 6pm to 7:30 downstairs

June 28 - NO Swim 'N Scripture

July 2 - UMYF from 6pm to 7:30 downstairs

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

July 7 - July 16 - ASP mission trip

July 12 - Swim 'N Scripture - same time, same place

REMEMBER - we ALWAYS have Sunday school! 9:45 every Sunday:)

Are you all staying safe this summer? HYDRATE! SUNSCREEN!!! Dads, I hope you all had a wonderful Father's Day and I hope you know that YOU ARE LOVED!!! God's Peace to you all, Kelly



Join us for Sunday school

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

Aldersgate Class

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

July 2 - Gordon Jago, Executive Director of Dallas Cup, *From Dallas Cup to World Cup: Blending Peace, Understanding, and Diversity through Soccer* "Since Mr. Jago has dual British and United States citizenship, the audience may get an English perspective on a variety of subjects this July 4 weekend which also coincides with the final rounds of the World Cup. He was Coach of the U. S. National Team during World Cup Qualifiers in 1969, was Coach and General Manager of the Dallas Sidekicks, and has worldwide "futbol" contacts and interests. Recently, Gordon was named to the Order of the British Empire as a Member, a significant honor specifically attributable to his involvement in international youth soccer through Dallas Cup. This should be an inspiring, enlightening, and entertaining program. The Aldersgate Class welcomes other classes and members of Spring Valley to attend!"

Beacon Class

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

June 25 - Fueled by Faith

July 2 - Propelled by Purpose

July 9 - Lifted by Love

July 16 - Driven by Dreams

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 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.

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. 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.



Can VBS borrow your "Indiana Jones" items?

In preparation for a great Treasure Seekers Vacation Bible School this year, July 17-21, we will be transforming SVUMC into an archaeological dig sites. You can help by lending us the following items:

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| Rope | Fake plastic boulders |
| Tiki torches | Fake campfires |
| Galvanized buckets, 10 quart size | Shovels and pick axes |
| Bags of sand | Wheelbarrows |
| Hiking boots | Open tents or cabanas |
| Fishing vests | Large cardboard boxes, for props |
| Indiana Jones hats | Sandbox or kiddie swimming pool |
| Black or brown backpacks | Tarps or old sheets to be painted |
| Large floor-size "treasure chests" | Lanterns (without fuel) |

...and anything that looks like "Indiana Jones" to you! Label items to be returned with your name and bring them to Room 176 anytime between now and Wednesday, July 12. You can retrieve your items beginning Friday afternoon, July 21. Call Linda West, 972-866-9046, or linda.west@eds.com. Thank you!

Want to help with VBS but work weekday mornings?

Don't think you can't help with VBS because it happens while you're at work. There are still ways to get involved! We need helpers to decorate the church before VBS starts and also to show teacher appreciation through notes and gifts during VBS week. If you can participate on either of these teams, please contact Linda West at 972-866-9046 or linda.west@eds.com.

Recycled craft items needed for Vacation Bible School!

Please save your small plastic lids from butter, sour cream, or cottage cheese containers for VBS. You may leave them in Jan's mailbox in the workroom. Thanks for your help!

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.



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 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



Coffeehouse – June 23, Friday at 7pm in Wesley



Josh Wilson

Our next coffeehouse will feature Eric Folkerth who is a singer/songwriter and guitarist.



Eric Folkerth

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.

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 jjtarv@ev1.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.

Staff email addresses:

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MEXICO MISSION UPDATE

The Matamoros Mission Team would like to thank everyone who's contributed a child kit. We've collected 120 kits and they're great! They include the basics for hygiene and school work.

We will visit three very poor fishing villages that were hit hard by hurricane Emily last year. June is a time when the men are not allowed to fish for their cash crop, shrimp, so these gifts are timely.

We've been told that there's about 250 children on the three islands so please, consider making up a few more kits! We are about halfway to our goal. You may bring them to church anytime before June 28.

Here's the list again:

- 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 keep the items plain so the kits will be similar. We also still need an open air tent/cabana (like sports teams use here) to provide shade, and tarps to sit on. If you have 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.

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.



Friends, fun and fellowship – attention all young professionals

FRIENDS is the young professionals fellowship of SpringValley United Methodist Church...not simply a Sunday School class. We meet in Room 206.

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 Da Vinci 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.

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

“Shedd” some light on mission

In our continuing series of highlighting church members who make a difference, the Mission Core Process Group is pleased to tell you about the work of Steve and Jane Shedd. They are faithful volunteers for the quarterly breakfast Spring Valley serves at the Austin Street Centre. Haven't seen them in action? Perhaps, it's because this activity starts at 4:15am as volunteers gather and then car pool downtown. Once there, they set up the serving table and “host” as the homeless file through picking up cooked eggs, fruit, sandwiches, juice, and coffee. Jane has faithfully served as the “Egg Lady” and Steve has served a long and rewarding apprenticeship with Oliver Axtell preparing and serving juice.



Jane and Steve moved to Dallas in the fall of 1997. They looked around for church communities, but really liked Spring Valley because of its beautiful and strong music program. Jane has been active in the UMW and Parkland Outreach. Both have completed Disciple Bible Study I, II, and III. Jane and Steve are ushers at the 11am service. Steve has served on the Administrative Board and is a seasonal singer with the choir.

Dallas has been the last of a series of cross country moves for the Shedd family. They come from very different backgrounds: Jane was born and raised in the mountains of NC and Steve's family is from northern NJ about one mile from NYC. They met in college at the University of NC at Chapel Hill, got married while Steve was in grad school at Michigan St., and then they quickly moved on to St. Louis where Steve began his professional career as a transportation planner for a large engineering and planning firm. Since then, Washington DC, Phoenix, AZ, Virginia Beach, Va have been way stations for their life experiences.

Jane volunteers with Meals-on-Wheels



Along the way Jane used her academic training in Special Education to develop her talents with children and adults who are developmentally disabled. She now works for a non-profit organization in Dallas that provides services for adults who are developmentally disabled as their Quality Assurance Coordinator. Her job is to insure that the services her organization provides meet state and federal requirements for five residential homes. Three years ago Jane met with Dave Booth and established a Meals-on-Wheels route as a way for the individuals in service to give back to the community. Now, accompanied by staff, five individuals with developmental disabilities deliver food weekly to clients on a VNA route in northwest Dallas. Currently Jane is supervising a group making Christmas cards for VNA Meals-on-Wheels clients from re-cycled cards. They'll be distributed in late December.

See next column

They have one son, Justin, born and raised in Va Beach. He and his wife Melissa live in Raleigh, NC where she teaches culinary arts for the Wake County, NC school system; and he is a Research Associate for the Department of Natural Resources at NC State University. Justin just received his Master of Science in Natural Resources.

July 16 is Spring Valley's next breakfast “date” with Austin St. Why not sign up and join the Shedd family and the other faithful volunteers in this important ministry. For details about Austin Street Centre, call Steve or Dana Taylor, 972-234-9867.

What gift can I bring? Talents and Gifts Surveys are here...

“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 next couple of weeks, you will be hearing much talk about the Talent and Gifts Surveys, which were included in Sunday's bulletin, mailed out in the Behold, and posted on the church website. You might ask – why so much emphasis on this? We are good church members. We attend on Sunday, make a financial pledge each year. What more could possibly be needed?

To answer that question, one needs only to look around at all of the activity that goes on within our church family each week. We have Sunday School classes, Bible study classes, choirs, committees, work days, parties, sign changes, newspaper notices, receptions, funerals, celebrations... we go from everyday administrative types of tasks to sublime worship services and celebrations. And all of “the work” that goes into each event requires a crew of dedicated and committed volunteers.

Please take a moment to think about ways you might serve...every member has a gift to share, and a way to give back in service to the Lord.

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. Thank you for your time and consideration. *Paula Huffaker*

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

Norma Booth
Marlene Nascimento

James Rea
Ed Pierce
Betty Carter
Betty Lou Noble

Tracy Rahm's brother, Bryan Wilson
Karen Sumner's friend, Kay Sanders
Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry
Adam Wood's father

SVUMC Church Family

Carmen Copeland
Edna Dorman
Ann Michele King
Freda Clark
Lois Murphy
Blake Denzer
Joyce Covey
Opal Peyron
Betty Reichel
Bronson Balzac
David Armstrong
Dorthy Wilhite
Bob & Charlotte Muskopf
Steve Harper

Luiz Santos
Troy Sumner
Randy Smith
Bill Darnall
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Helene Sherman's daughter, Cassandra Senior
Rosemary Winters' friends, Ryan Hall & 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

Mary Huffhines' brother, Eldon Harrison
Sue Cummings's friend, Jenny Hearn
All persons serving in the military
Lola Copeland's father, Norm Hinman
Alice Cromwell's friend, Debbie Germany
Bob & Judi Hitch's grandson, Ripley
Alan Moore's friend, Syble Youse
The Valdez family
Kim & Troy Sumner's father, Terry
John Tarver's music teacher, Hugh Thompson
Visitor, Shanna
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns