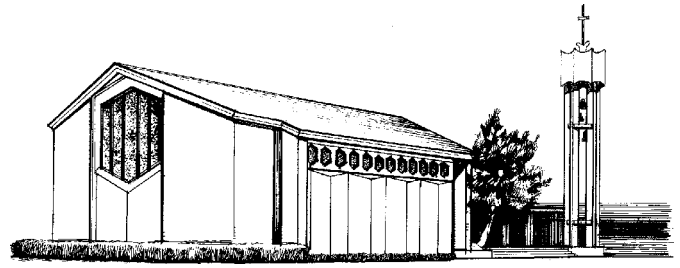


Behold!



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SVUMC's mission team prepares for Bolivia

Volunteers from Spring Valley UMC will go to Bolivia from June 24-July 10 with other United Methodist volunteers from Boulder, Colorado and California. They will work at Mallco Rancho, a small rural hospital, treating the indigenous Incas of the Cochabamba Valley. Please lend your prayers and support to this and other upcoming and ongoing endeavors of the Spring Valley UMC Missions Committee.



Bolivia team members are: Pat and Paul Christley, George and Nancie DeCourcy, Jo and Roger Martens, and Betty Reichel

Welcome, new member!

Beth Grillos

17851 Farley Trail
Dallas, Texas 75287

512-644-9554



Guatemala mission team needs suitcases

Twenty missionaries of the 2005 Guatemala Mission team will be traveling to Chichicastenango in August. If you or your neighbors have any old spare suitcases, we can *really* use them to transport medications. In particular, we need large, non-returnable suitcases with sturdy clasps. Please bring them to the Aldersgate classroom or call Robert Gross, 214-341-1822. Thank you again for your support.

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 here 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 and 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. Call Jan Hudgins, 972.233.7671, x 20, for more information.



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. Each meeting will include 12+ people and will be held in host homes. Also, two morning meetings are scheduled for 7am at La Madeline's on Beltline Road just east of the tollway. Please call Paula Huffaker in the church office, 972-233-7671, x14, or by email to sign up: phuffaker@svumc.org. Dates are:

Mornings: June 27, July 25

Afternoons: June 23, 28, 30, July 7, 12, 19, 26

Evenings: June 28, July 7, 18, 19, 25

What's Up for YOUth...

June 26 – Megan and Jared's first Sunday!!!

Youth Festivities are 6 to 7:30pm.

ASP meetings: All those going to ASP **MUST** attend one of the following meetings:

Sunday, June 26, 2:30-4:30pm **OR** Tuesday, July 5, 7-9pm



Sunday, June 26

This will be Dr. Paul Escamilla's first Sunday to preach in sanctuary services at 8:30 and 11am. It will be a wonderful opportunity to praise God by coming together in worship and to welcome the Escamilla family: Paul, Elizabeth, Sarah, David, and Anna. Please plan to attend.

Remembering the June, 05 Choir Tour ~ The sights of Chicago...

In front of the orb in Millinium Park...



...at Navy Pier

Standing by a Picasso sculpture in downtown Chicago...



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).

The Music Man tickets on sale now

SVUMC's summer musical is slated for August 4-6. Tickets are \$18, \$15 and \$10. All tickets are reserved until July 15, when \$10 tickets will be general admission.



You may still join the musical chorus. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday nights in June from 6:30-7:30. We will stage construction days the last week of June. If you can help, call Rusty, 972-233-7671.

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.

Please note new summer Behold schedule

Beginning July 3, 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 5, because of July 4 holiday

July 18 August 1 August 15

Thank you for your cooperation with the summer schedule. Have a great summer!

NSCI summer program in progress

The 2005 version of Neighborhood Service Council's summer day camp for children and youth is in full swing. But there are a couple of ways our congregation can help.



1. There is still a need for **picture books** for the children to have. Many kids have limited English skills so books with lots of artwork and fewer words are less intimidating when they grapple with the unfamiliar. Some haven't had books in their homes, so books of their own is something pretty special!

2. The need for **van drivers** continues. The NSCI van is always in use. The volunteer driver always has one staff person when children are aboard.

A summary of low cost and free programs on an income eligible basis is also available from the NSCI office located right here at Spring Valley. Call Janis Dumas, 972-233-7671, Ex. 25 to volunteer. For more information, visit the web site: www.nscikids.org.

NETwork school supplies needed

Each year NETWORK of Community Ministries, Inc. provides basic school supplies to needy children in our area. Last year, thanks to this project, 750 children in RISD began school with necessary supplies. This year, the goal is to help 1,000 children!

Spring Valley usually donates non-perishable food items to NETWORK on the second Sunday of each month. On July 10, **instead of food**, the Mission Core group is asking that school supplies be purchased and placed in the containers located outside each worship area:

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| wide ruled notebook paper | wide ruled spiral notebooks |
| glue sticks | Elmer's glue (4 oz. size) |
| pink bevel erasers | crayons...24 count |
| WASHABLE markers, thick | #2 pencils |
| plastic pencil boxes | pencil sharpeners with receptacles |
| rulers with inches and centimeters | narrow yellow highlighters |
| red, blue, and black pens | 12 count 7-in. map pencils |
| folders with pockets AND brads | 3 ring binders, all sizes |
| Heavy duty zippered pencil bags | blunt & sharp kid's Fiskar scissors |

For more information about this project, call Letty Biedenharn, 972-690-4506 or by e-mail: lettyb1@earthlink.net. We'll never go wrong when we lend a hand to a kid, either for NSCI or NETWORK!

SVUMC serves at Austin Street Centre

July 17 is Spring Valley's turn to serve breakfast at the downtown shelter. You may sign up to bring food items and volunteer to serve beginning Sunday, July 3, at the hallway table.

For more information, call Dana or Steve Taylor, 972-234-9867. Look in the next **Behold** for additional information about this important ministry.

"Listen to your heart, pray, and do what Jesus would have you do."

~Rev. Bubba Daily, Executive Director Austin St. Centre

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

June 26 - Welcome Ministry Chair, Max Taylor, and Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler will speak on Spring Valley's Igniting Ministry plans and all-church evangelism.

July 3 - Robert Gross will provide a lesson on Paul, who wrote approximately 60 percent of the New Testament and did more to establish the church than anyone else.

Christian Parenting - Room 210

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

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, beginning June 19. We will go to lunch following church, so we hope you can join us.

Quest Class

June - "Daniel and his Prophecies" - We invite all to come and hear our lessons.

Prime Timers want you!

July 24 - "Crazy for You" musical

Aug. 24 - Stew lunch, cooked by Ben Dickerson

Sept.17 - Hopkins County Stew

Cook-Off - Seniors, come and be part of the fun!

Bring your friends!



Extending God's Path

Total received to date \$449,793

Received June 19 14,730

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

Attendance at worship services: 342

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

Frances Dale

SVUMC Church Family

David Currin

Ann Michele King

Freda Clark

Prissy Shafer

Floy Naugle

Mildred Eubanks

Catharine and Ted Gebhardt

The Maddison family

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Former member, Jan Bosque

Fred & Pat Williams' grandson,

Joey Schweser

Bethann DeFoe's mother, Betty Lee Brandt

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

Gary and Jacqui Hopper

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandi Frank

Pat Johnston's friend, David Gilbert

All persons serving in the military

SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Deepest sympathy to:

John and Ruth Dvorak and family in the

death of their daughter-in-law, Lillian

Gene and Mary Harrell in the death of

their sister-in-law, Sharon Dietz