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Worshipping together on July 2

In the 12th chapter of the Book of Exodus, God gives directives to Aaron and Moses about the Passover, instructing them about not only the event, but faithful worship that will recall that event for all generations. In a beautiful translation by Everett Fox, God says, “Let this New-Moon be for you the beginning . . . and on the seventh day a proclamation of holiness shall there be for you . . . I have brought out your forces from the land of Egypt. Keep this day throughout your generations as a law for the ages.”

We will celebrate, together, this ancient Covenant in worship in the Sanctuary on July 2 with regular worship at 8:30 and a combined worship at 11:00. As God invited Moses, Aaron and the nation of Israel to be those who would remember and teach true and faithful worship to all the nations, so are we invited on this special day to join with and for one another in celebration of this gift, the gift of liberation. This is a gift that both includes and transcends the gift of liberty we know as citizens of our great country. It reminds us of the even greater gift of liberation given through faith in our God, the God who brought these strange, enslaved people out of the desert of Egypt into the promised land of the Covenant. That exodus continues for us in faith, as we, daily, are guided through repentance to God’s grace and forgiveness, through the enslavement of sin and oppression to the promise of God’s own redemption. It is, indeed, cause to celebrate – as one people, with and for one another. You are invited! *continued next column*

“Let this New-Moon be for you the beginning” . . . and on this second day of July a proclamation of holiness shall be there for you. For the Lord your God has brought you out of the land of oppression, into God’s own glorious light. We will celebrate, joyfully, as one people, people of the Covenant, and keep this day for all generations, “as law for all the ages.” Paul Anna

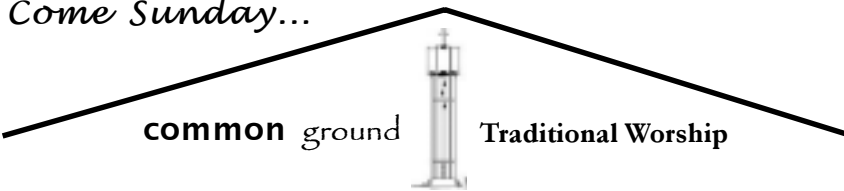
All-church fellowship lunch is Sunday, July 2

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.

Come Sunday...



common ground

Traditional Worship

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”

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 9

Job 19:6-10, 13-20

Heath Williams

Job 19:6-10, 13-20

Faces of Grace: The suffering of Job

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Summer--a time for fun and safety

Summer is a time of relaxation and fun, a time to “kick back,” as one lively youth said recently. However, we are encouraged by the Dallas Police Department, and other safety experts, not to “kick back” when it comes to the well being of the members of our church and those in the surrounding community with whom we are in ministry. Lock your car doors. Be aware of your surroundings, particularly in large parking lots. Do not hesitate to call for help if necessary.

Most importantly, report any unusual behavior to the authorities or call 911. Faithful ministry means loving and looking out for one another. Please be vigilant in this happy time of summer.

What's up for YOUTH...

Hey all, Well, we are off again. Vans are in the parking lot, the trailer is ready to go. At 7:30 tomorrow morning, 18 youth and 5 adults will be on their way to Winter Park, Florida! YAY!! For you all who will not be joining us, we will miss you and we hope you have a great week! Here is the upcoming stuff,

July 2 - CHANGE!!! Because of the holiday and number of people out of town, it was decided to **NOT** have UMYF. Enjoy the 4th!

July 5 - Swim 'N Scripture! 7-9 at the Reese's.

July 7-16 - ASP

July 9 - UMYF downstairs from 6-7:30pm.

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

July 16 - UMYF downstairs from 6-7:30pm.

July 17-21 - VBS! Come help with VBS! If you did not sign up in Sunday School last week, let me know if you want to help.

July 19 - Swim 'N Scripture! same time, same place.

July 23 - UMYF downstairs from 6 - 7:30pm.

July 26 - Swim 'N Scripture! same time, same place.

JULY 28!! - LOCK-IN!!!! downstairs. Details TBA.

Ok, I'll leave you all with that. I'm now instructed to go home and go to bed. See you all when we get back!! Love, Kelly

The Youth Choir tour to Port Aransas was a great success and a lot of fun!

Here they are at work...



...and at play!



Join us for Sunday school

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

Aldersgate Class

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!"

July 9 - Paul Escamilla will cover Church/State relationships: How religious institutions and political/civic institutions relate to one another in a free society. Issues discussed are prayer in schools, religious language & vision in political speeches, 10 commandments on courthouse wall, etc.

Beacon Class

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

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.

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:

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

July 2

8:30, Men's Choir,

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

11:00, Chancel Choir and Praise Band

July 9

8:30, Aldersgate Sunday School Class

11:00, Chancel Choir, *Be Thou My Vision*

July 16

8:30, Beacon Sunday School Class

Are Ye Able

8:30 and 11:00, Peggy West and Max Taylor, Duet

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

11:00, Chancel Choir, *He Leadeth Me*

July 23

8:30 Seeker's Sunday School Class

11:00 Chancel Choir, *When We Are Living
& Alleluia, Sing Praise*

July 30

8:30 & 11:00, Young Adult Choir

O Bless the Lord, & For the Beauty of the Earth

11:00, Chancel Choir, *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*



53 children attended MAD Camp!



Jeanne Larson

MAD Camp will finish the week with a dinner and performance on Friday, June 30, at 6pm. Please join us, and bring a dish to share. We will provide hamburgers and drinks. Come hear about *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics!* If you plan on attending, please call the church office to make reservations.



MAD Campers rehearsing on the first day, Monday, June 26



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:

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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 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.

Starry Starry Night is July 29

Starry Starry Night is a great opportunity for the Community to support NETWORK. The members of Spring Valley are invited to attend *Starry Starry Night*, an enjoyable evening of friendship, dining, dancing, entertainment, and of course shopping!

In the spirit of making this event a success, you are most welcome to spread the word about *Starry Starry Night* through your friends and family.

The gala is a lot of fun and it seems everyone always sees someone they know at the event. And, there are always many items (from as low as \$25 on up) to bid on in support of Network. Other ways to support the gala include auction item donations and sponsorships.

The gala will be held on Saturday, July 29, \$50 per person, at the Richardson Radisson Hotel, 75 Central at Campbell Road. Time is from 6pm to midnight and includes dinner, dancing, and silent auction. Inquiries on reservations, donations or sponsorships can be directed to Bobbi Klein at 972-907-1048. Thanks in advance if you can help out. For more information on The NETWORK of Community Ministries, please visit their website at www.thenetwork.org.

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.

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.

Opportunities for teaching and study

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.

“Shedd” ing light on Austin St. Centre

July 16 is the morning for Spring Valley to bring breakfast to the homeless men, women, and children who will have spent the night on a cot at the downtown homeless shelter.

Jane and Steve Shedd and other volunteers will be in place with boxes of food and juice ready to serve those who queue up before the sun (and many of us) rises.

Austin Street Centre continues its mission as a residential, pastoral care program offering help and hope to 350+ men, women and children each day. The Centre focuses on an atmosphere of a Christian caring community. It is a safe, clean, comfortable environment for those who wish to get off the streets and need help in returning to the larger community.

Over the years and under the direction of Rev. Bubba Daily, the shelter has evolved from a bare bones building to a campus offering a variety of programs. For those in the process of changing their lives, Austin Street offers a step-up rehabilitation program that is individualized to each participant’s need. The Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program is designed to help those who suffer with impairments, whether they are medical, substance abuse, or mental health related.

Participants are assigned duties as part of the treatment process and are provided with an individualized case plan. Austin St. substance abuse counseling continues to provide outpatient chemical dependency treatment consisting of assessment and individual, group and family counseling for adults.

Once every quarter a group of very dedicated Spring Valley members gather to repeat this ministry to homeless persons at the Austin St. Centre. Call Dana and Steve Taylor, 972-234-9867 if you’d like to help or sign up in the hall beginning July 2. If you would like to know more about Austin Street Centre, go to their web page at: <http://www.austinst.org>.

Guatemala mission trip volunteers need rides

This year's response to the Guatemala mission trip was large enough to accommodate two groups, with several missionaries staying the full two weeks. Week one is July 22-30, and drivers are needed to transport 17 people on Saturday, July 22, and to pick up fourteen people on the return trip Sunday, July 30. On week 2, 12 people will need transportation to DFW on Saturday, July 29, and 15 people will be returning on August 6.

Once again, we need to be at the airport bright and early (5:30am) on July 22 and July 29. Each missionary will have one or two large suitcases plus carry-on baggage. Return time for both trips is 6:45pm.

If you can help, please sign up in your Sunday School class or call Carol and Terry Baughn, 972.680.2434 or email at cabaughn@yahoo.com or t-baughn@raytheon.com.

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.



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.”

Who runs the church? Not an easy question when you really think about it. We know who preaches the sermons, who unlocks the doors, who prints the Behold, and who leads the choir – we know who does those things. But there is so much more to the life of the church...so much more than just getting the doors open and the bulletins ready for Sunday morning.

We have committees, choirs, music programs, budgets, projects – both long and short term; Bible studies, Vacation Bible School, mission trips, bazaars and white elephant sales...and many, many opportunities to eat! But “the rest of the story,” as Paul Harvey would say, is that to have all of these opportunities – we have to have people...lots of people to help envision and create, to logistically set up and take down; people on the front lines, and people behind the scenes. And when you put all of these people together, combining their unique gifts and talents – what we have is our wonderful *Spring Valley family* and community of faith!

Please give all of this some thought. Is there a job that you have been thinking for a while you might like to do – you just haven’t done it yet? Is there a need that you know of that is going undone? That is what our Talents and Gifts survey is all about... getting the work of our *church family* done.

Please give the surveys your prayerful thought and consideration, and 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. *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

Carmen Copeland
Gerry Broome
Susan Kasten

James Rea
Ed Pierce
Betty Carter
Betty Lou Noble

SVUMC Church Family

Norma Booth
Marlene Nascimento
Edna Dorman
Ann Michele King

Luiz Santos
Randy Smith
Bill Darnall
Homebound members

Freda Clark

Lois Murphy

Blake Denzer

Joyce Covey

Opal Peyron

Bronson Balzac

David Armstrong

Dorothy Wilhite

Bob & Charlotte Muskopf

Steve Harper

Extended Church Family

Virginia Kassel's daughter
Tracy Rahm's brother, Bryan Wilson
Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry
Adam Wood's father
Mary Huffhines' brother, Eldon Harrison
Sue Cummings's friend, Jenny Hearn
Ted & Anna Butler's friends, the
Eric White family

Denyse Tabu Ngandi-Manzanza's relative,
Fulvia Ngandi, and also peace in the Congo
Joyce Covey's son's father-in-law, Milton Kelley
Paul Escamilla's cousin, Rachel Escamilla
Lola Copeland's father, Norm Hinman
Alice Cromwell's brother, Max
Alan Moore's friend, Syble Youse
Kim & Troy Sumner's father, Terry
John Tarver's music teacher, Hugh Thompson
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
All persons serving in the military
Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Family and friends in the death of Sue Polson
on June 22
Shalee Reece and family in the death of
her grandmother, Eureka Johnson