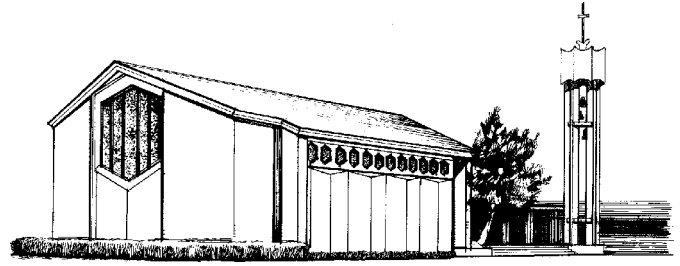


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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Vacation Bible School 2004

July 19-23, from 9am-noon

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews! Tell your neighbors, co-workers, and friends. VBS 2004 will be "powered by faith." This year's directors are Elizabeth Wood and Lisa Phillips.

As the children travel the colorful streets of Hero Quest, they 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.

Here are 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. Please put them in the box outside Jan's office. Thank you!

Summer *Behold* schedule changes

Publication dates and deadlines will be 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!



*"Keep alert; stand firm in your faith."
I Corinthians 16:13.*

Welcome, new members!



Paul & Kimm Carpenter
Daughters, Elaine Hutton and Jessica Hutton
919 Abrams Road
Richardson, Texas 75081
Phone: 972-918-0929

The Congregational Life committee invites you to celebrate the 4th of July at Spring Valley!

12 Noon in the Sanctuary

John Tarver presents "musical fireworks" on the Thompson Organ

12:15pm in Wesley Hall

Old-fashioned 4th of July picnic (\$1) with hot dogs and a homemade ice cream "freeze-off" contest,

plus...

Patriotic music, featuring

~ the piano duo of Lisa Phillips and

Paula Huffaker;

~ US Military and George M. Cohen medleys by the Chancel Choir;

~ *God Bless America* and *This Is My Country*, by tenor Max Taylor

and...

Group singing of Americana favorites!

Bring your homemade ice cream for the "freeze-off" contest! Wear your red, white, and blue for the festivities! And plan to have a wonderful time!

Noteworthy news

Upcoming music

July 4 8:30 Men's Choir, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

11:00 Chancel Choir/Orchestra, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

July 11 8:30 Beacon Sunday School Class, *Fill My Cup, Lord*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Hymn of Fire*

July 18 8:30 and 11:00, Max Taylor

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord*

July 25 11:00 Chancel Choir, *His Peace Will Come*

Youth Singers delight audiences with *Joseph*

Fifty-three youth and adults went on choir tour from June 11-18.

Performances were given in churches in Mississippi, Florida and Georgia. They also performed at a home for adults with mental challenges in Gulfport, Mississippi. Giving three performances back here at Spring Valley was just "icing on the cake". We thank everyone who supported us through the year!



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

The ages are Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will work on the musical "100% Chance of Rain." The camp will be Mon. - Fri. from 9-noon.

Spring Valley Travelers trips planned in 2004

July 11	<i>Trains across Colorado,</i>	\$1,649 per person, dbl. occupancy
Sept. 4-12	<i>Wyoming Trails Tour,</i>	\$2,180 per person, dbl. occupancy
Sept. 11	<i>Ride 7 Rails in Colorado,</i>	\$1,279 per person, dbl. occupancy
Sept. 14-20	<i>Mt. Rushmore & Black Hills,</i>	\$834 per person, dbl occupancy
Sept. 27-Oct. 1	<i>Memphis and Tunica,</i>	\$309 per person, dbl. occupancy
Oct. 16	<i>Oktober Fest,</i>	\$48
Nov. 11	<i>Hawaii Cruise,</i> "Legends of the Seas" 10 nights	
	Balcony, \$2,099 Ocean View, \$1,499 Interior, \$1,299	(including airfare)
Dec. 30	<i>New Years at Sea</i> Senior Special! 11-night Panama Canal	
	Interior, \$930 Ocean View, \$1,460 Balcony, \$1,820	

Please call Chris Parton for details, 972-239-3369.



Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

July 4 - Robert Gross teaches on Israel's history and the minor prophets from 1100 to 400 BC.

July 11 - Kathryn Strempeke, associate senior pastor at Custer Road UMC and UMCOR Conference Representative, will talk about UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

July 18 - Nancy Kruh, a Dallas author and former staff writer for the Dallas Morning News, will talk about her book, *The Disciple Story*. Come and learn more about Disciple Bible Study. This Bible study will again run this fall at Spring Valley.

Beacon Class

"Majestic Messages from the Mountain"

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

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"

Christian Parenting

Mickey George, facilitator

July 4 - Understanding the difference between anger and rage

July 11 - Addressing the causes of your negative feelings

July 18 - Handling your negative feelings in a positive way

July 25 - Helping your children deal with their anger

Seekers Class

July 4 - Me and My Country

July 11 - "Howdy Day" to welcome new members

July 18 - Annette Davis, Looking Back, Thinking Hard"

July 25 - Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, speaker

Wesleyan Class

July 4 - Gene Harrell - "What Does Independence Mean for Us?"

July 11, 25 - Tom Christian

July 18 - Oliver Axtell

July 14 - Lunch at Eduardo's at 11:30am, located at Arapaho and West Shore in Richardson.

Austin Street Centre needs volunteers

Please help us serve breakfast to the 350+ homeless persons at the Austin Street Centre on Sunday, July 18. Sign-up for this mission project will be this Sunday, July 4, and again on July 11. Call Steve and Dana Taylor for details at 972-234-9867.



Summer mission programs continue

Mission needs NEVER go on vacation! The Mission Core Process Group asks for your help in fulfilling our commitment to agencies and programs serving the poor, ill, and homeless persons.

Each second Sunday is our food drive for NETwork of Community Ministries, Inc., 741 S. Sherman St., Richardson. Please bring non-perishable food on July 11 to the boxes in the hall. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted in the business office. NETwork is sponsoring a "Starry, Starry Night Gala" fundraiser on July 31. For more information, call 972-234-8919, or visit the website: www.thenetwork.org.

July 18 is our **third Sunday Dimes-a-Day offering** during worship services. Programs like Habitat, our Czech Republic sister church, missionaries Bill and Jerri Savuto, and our trip to Guatemala are funded by your contributions. You have been so generous. We pray for your continued support.

Thank you...

Spring Valley UMC,

On behalf of NETwork, we want to thank you for your support in 2003. As a NETwork member organization you have provided financial support, as well as more than 4,110 pounds of food collected by your members for our food pantry. In addition, more than 10 volunteers have generously given more than 1,470 hours of their time to run the day-to-day operations of NETwork.

Thank you again for all you do...you are very much appreciated.

Ginger York, Rev. Pete Sandager, and Sandra Moudy
Exe. Director, Chairman of the Board, and Membership

Donated suitcases will help!

Thank you to all who donated suitcases for the Guatemalan mission trip. We received an ample amount of them, and they will be a real help in packing supplies for the medical clinic. We had a need; and again, you - our faith community - stepped up with generous hearts and spirits for the cause. Thank you again for your support.

Help wanted for Common Ground service

Our Contemporary Service teams need additional persons with:

- an interest in preparing video presentation material for the 11am Common Ground services, and/or
 - an interest in operating the sound system and lighting during this service.
- These positions offer an opportunity to join a creative group of people that develop themes and ideas for contemporary worship, and participate in the services in a unique way. Assignments are rotated within the team so no one is required to participate weekly. Call Rev. Anna Butler at 972-233-7671, ext. 19.

What's up for YOUTH

Sunday, July 4
9:45am Sunday School
11:00 Worship
Noon All-Church
4th of July Celebration
NO UMYF this week

A BIG thank you to Tony Holiday, Ken Phillips, Paul Carpenter, and especially all the youth who helped clean up the water last Sunday after worship. We are all proud of the way you stepped in to take care of your church.

Youth Sunday School is continuing to meet each Sunday, even if we have a trip that week. We would love to see you each Sunday morning at 9:45.

Mark Your Calendars:

July 9-18	Appalachia Service Project
July 31-Aug 6	Colorado Easter Seals Trip (registration form is on line)
August 27-29	Retreat!



"Terrific Tuesdays" continue for kindergartners through 5th grade

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.

Youth come through for Tony!

Tony Holiday wants the youth to know how grateful he was for their help in cleaning up Harkness Hall when it flooded. Tony usually tackles those problems alone, and he said the kids just started helping. It really made the job easier and quicker for him. Thanks again, youth, for a job well done!



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

Dillon Tucker

Bill Kemp

SVUMC Church Family

Tracy Rahm

Sue Cummings

Roberta Tipton

Bill Hunter

Betty Williams

Don Barnes

Bob & Hester Morriss

Ted Dumas

Carolyn Vead

Ed Buchtel

Ann Michele King

Catharine Gebhardt

Tommi Ezell

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

David & Pat Currin's friend, Elden Hoffman

Joyce Kemp's mother and Joyce's daughter

Claudia Miller's daughter-in-law's father, Pat Sloan

Susan Scheibe

Suellen Turner's friend, Erika Morgan

Betty Reichel's mother, Sarah

Barry Barge & Shirley Hughes' friend, Richard Andrews

Cindy Stamps' grandson, Justin Davis

David Willis' friend, Amanda Martin

Jolene Harper's daughter's youth group

Molly Schrader's friends, Mike Sivinski,

David Chapman, & Mary Clark

Jan Hudgins' cousins, Haley Packer & Jeremy Lewis

Don Barnes' son's friend, Taryn Madden

Lori Johnson's fiance, Rueben Joswiak

Mark Wood's mother, Henrietta Wood

Willdene Rowland's son, Randy

Nancy & Tom Purcell's friend, Barbara Dickson

Rusty King's , cousin, Mary Lynn

Paul and Kimm Carpenter's daughter, Jennifer Hutton

All persons serving in the military

Alan Moore's father, Ayers Moore, and Alan's

daughter-in-law's father, bob Hogberg

Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Elizabeth Kilgore and family in the death of her mother

Family and friends of Russ Karpinko

Mary Campbell in the death of her daughter

Gabriel Roberts and family in the death of his

brother-in-law, Amadou Lewally

Myrna & Dick Ridings in the death of their friend,

Howard Bradley

Florence Lewis and family in the death of her

brother, Reverend Archibald Ademu-John,

in New York.

Linda Holstien's friends, Julie & Derek Yammarino,

in the death of their baby son.

Congratulations to:

Robin Horn and Anthony Farley who were married at

Spring Valley on June 26; Robin's parents are

Jerry Ann and Joe Turecky.