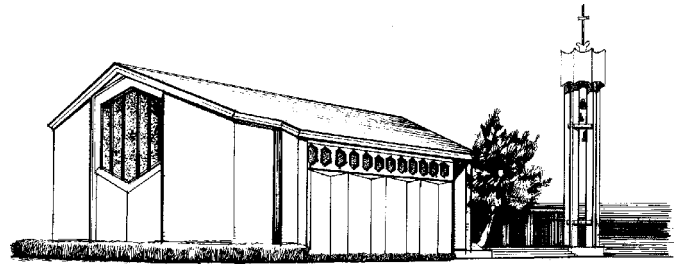


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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Goodbye from Sara...

From the moment I first walked into the doors of Spring Valley to this very day, you have welcomed and loved me and my family. You have strengthened my faith and confidence. You have taught me by example what it means to be a true disciple of Christ. I count it as a great privilege and honor to have served with you and among you. Our family has been a true beneficiary of your love and care. Brittany, Luke and Grace will continue to grow in the goodness and kindness that you have shared with them, as will Shane and I.



Shane and I feel your love and support accompanying us as we return home to new appointments. I will be the pastor of Alma United Methodist Church and Mountain View United Methodist Church. Alma UMC averages 80 members in worship, Mountain View UMC, 40 members; I am nervous and excited about being a solo pastor for the first time at these wonderful churches in Alma, Arkansas. Shane has been appointed as an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Greenwood, AR. This is a new position created primarily for the purpose of beginning a new contemporary worship service, which suits Shane's gifts perfectly. We will be living in the parsonage at Alma. Our new address will be 416 Short Street, Alma, Arkansas 72921.

From the deepest place in our hearts, we thank you for your generosity and love that you have continually poured into our lives these past three years. May God bless you until we meet again.

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 a bi-weekly 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

UMW helps prepare for VBS on June 14

The UMW June meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, starting with lunch at 11:30. We will trace, cut, paste, paint, and color to get craft projects ready for Vacation Bible School. Jan Hudgins will help and answer any questions. This meeting is always fun and very helpful to VBS. Come join us!

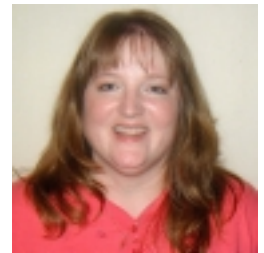
Welcome, new members!

Lois Murphy

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Dallas, Texas 75252
972-248-2039

Tracy Rahm

1612 Sara Lane
Richardson, Texas 75081
972-234-6892



Sacrament of Baptism celebrated

It was our great delight as congregation on Sunday, June 6, to welcome the newest member of our family of faith -- Travis Shea Scott, 11-month-old son of Stacy and David Scott -- who was baptized during the 11:00 sanctuary service.

Farewell reception to be held for Sara Pair

As you know, the Reverends Sara and Shane Pair will be returning to Arkansas to receive their pastoral appointments there in mid-June; Sara's last Sunday with us will be this Sunday, June 13.

In celebration of Sara's ministry at Spring Valley and in an effort to assist with moving expenses incurred, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee is inviting the congregation to participate in a love offering. Your gift will be presented to Sara at an all-church reception in Asbury Hall this Sunday, June 13, at 12 noon.

Please be sure that your check or cash is received in the church office by Friday, June 11, and is clearly marked for "Sara's gift."

Kids, lunch is ready!

Second Sunday food drive for NET

Have you noticed? You can roll right through the school zones with nary a worry about those pricey fines for a "lead foot." Yep, school's out. Behold, for many of our most cherished possessions, summer awaits!

Some kids get breakfast and lunch as part of their school day. So what happens now if their cupboard at home looks like Mother Hubbard's? That's where we come in. For the families in RISD who go to Richardson NET for emergency food, the churches, corporations, individuals, and civic groups can make a difference for some of God's children.

June 13 is our opportunity to put nourishing food on the table for our neighbors in need. Think of the kids as you shop this week. Bring a item or two and place in the boxes in the hall outside the office.

NET also needs volunteers in their office. If you can give three hours a week, please call 972-234-8880. Check their web site at ww.thenetwork.org.

Reception slated for new senior associate

The Congregational Life committee will host a reception for our new senior associate pastor -- Anna Hosemann-Butler -- in the parlor, 9:30am - 11am, on Sunday, June 20. You are cordially invited not only to stop by the parlor and meet Anna and her family, but also to bring cards and notes of welcome of place in a reception basket.

Carter blood drive is a success

Thank you to all who donated blood on Sunday, June 6. We now have 37 more credits in our church account. This is important since a church member who received transfusions recently used these credits. More important is the actual blood, now available to someone who is ill or injured. Lives will be saved because on Communion Sunday, we literally shared our blood in a personal way.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the drive and collection in any way. You are appreciated. If you missed this drive, you can still donate to our church account by going to the Carter BloodCare Center at 322 W. Campbell Road, Richardson. Their phone number is 972-437-4483. For information about this important mission project, call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

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.



Noteworthy news Upcoming music



June 13

8:30 Men's Choir, *I Have Found a Friend in Jesus*
8:30 and 11:00 Jan Apthorp, flute solo
11:00 Chancel Choir, *God Is Our Refuge and Strength*

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

MAD Camp! 9am-12noon, *100% Chance of Rain*

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.

Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

June 13 - Please join us for a classroom brunch!
No program - just a social time with food for members and visitors!

June 20, 27, & July 4 - Robert Gross will teach on Israel's history and the minor prophets from 1100 to 400 BC.

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 13 "The Higher Happiness"

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"

Wesleyan Class

June 9 - 11:30am, Lunch at Southern Recipes Café on Campbell Rd., one block east of Coit Rd.

What's up for YOUTH...

Sunday, June 13

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

6:00pm Ice Cream Special for all youth who missed the choir tour, especially our new 7th graders

A BIG thanks to Pam & George Reese for hosting our fourth annual Spring into Summer/Spring into Youth night at their home last Sunday evening. We had a tremendous turnout, and a great spirit.

Mark Your Calendars:

June 11-18 Youth Singers Tour

June 19, 20, 21 Homecoming Performances

June 28-July 3 Youth Activities Week

July 9-18 Appalachia Service Project; we are now filling the wait-list.

July 31-Aug 6 Colorado Easter Seals Trip; registration form is on line.

"Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

Youth Singers are leaving on choir tour to Florida on Friday, June 11, and returning on the 18th. They will perform at four churches and at the South Mississippi Regional Center for over 250 adults who are mentally challenged.

There will be three homecoming performances with orchestra in Wesley Hall at 7:30pm on June 19, 20, and 21. Tickets are \$10 and include dessert. Thanks for all your support and prayers that our witness be faithful to Christ.



SVUMC veteran names needed

Thank you to everyone who sent names of SVUMC members and relatives who were veterans and have passed away. I appreciated your contribution to our Memorial Day tribute in Common Ground. I do not want to stop here, as I know that I missed some. I would like your help in identifying:

- 1) SVUMC members and relatives who were veterans and have passed away
- 2) Current SVUMC members who are veterans
- 3) Current SVUMC members or family members who are on active duty with the military

I have a list at <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/hfandersen/svumcvets.htm>. You can e-mail any additions or corrections, call me at home, 972-490-7313, or leave the information with Paula at the church office. I hope to have a complete list of our current and previous veterans for the church records in the next few weeks.

H. Frank Andersen

Spring Valley Travelers trips planned in 2004

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

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

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

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



Join us this summer for outings and fellowship just for you! We will go on a field trip, have lunch, and study the Bible from 8am to 12:30. It's going to be fun, so don't miss any of these exciting events!

Tuesday, June 15 - We will go to the Science Place. Cost is \$6.

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

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

Tuesday, 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.

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

Tuesday, 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

We need several items for VBS crafts this year. If you have any ribbon scraps, beads, buttons, plastic baby food jars with lids, margarine tubs, cake frosting tubs, (or any other containers this size), aluminum flat pans, or frozen entree boxes, please bring them to church and put them in the box outside of Jan's office.

Thank you for your help!



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.

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

Beth Copeland

SVUMC Church Family

Carolyn Vead

Ed Buchtel

Ann Michele King

Catharine Gebhardt

Tommi Ezell

Bryan Purcell

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Travis Wilson

Aaron Harrell

John Peart's sister in Australia

Cindy Stamps' grandson, Justin Davis

Grace Truex's son, Harry Truex

Jan Hudgins' cousin, Haley Packer

Alan Moore's friend, Leslie Maddock

Don Barnes' son's friend, Terrim Madden

Amanda George-Micknal's co-worker,

Bill Homesly

Tommi and Levon Ezell's friends,

Dr. G.B. Howard, and Dr. Rick Aubrey

Sandy Bell's friend, Dawn Weiss

Lori Johnson's fiance, Rueben Joswiak

Helen Fuller, former member

Suellen Turner's friend, Erika Morgan

Stephanie and Rusty King's friend,

Suzanne

Virginia Thomas' brother-in-law, John Trail

Pat Standlee's daughter's father-in-law,

Dale Hanks

All persons serving in the military

Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

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