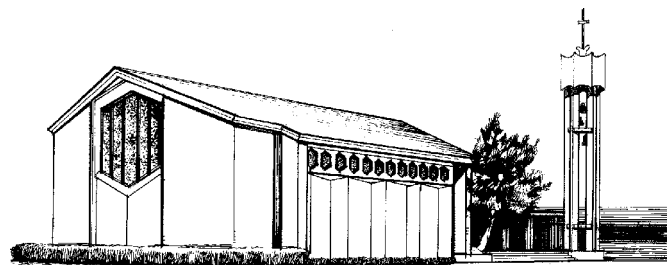


Behold!



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Medicare prescription drug plan made easy

Are you interested in the Medicare Prescription Drug plan but just can't seem to get your arms around it? Does it seem to be more complicated than it is worth your time to dissect? Well we have an opportunity for you!! Betty Reichel has volunteered her time to provide a seminar on how to make signing up for the Medicare Prescription Plan easy. She will review the process step-by-step in a classroom setting and then sit down with individuals to help them register. If you want to sign up for the plan during the seminar you will need to bring your prescriptions with you to the meeting.



The seminar will be held Saturday morning on March 18, 9am-noon in Asbury Hall. If you are interested in participating in this seminar please stop by or call the church office to sign up.

Spring Clean-up day is March 25, 8:30am-1pm

The time is here to wash our windows and spruce up the outside of our church home. Greg Harris, is our outside captain, JJHB4959@sbcglobal.net, and Elizabeth Kilgore, is our inside captain, doublas.kilgore@comcast.net. To sign up for your chore, just email either captain. The great thing about this is the only cost is a little time and a lot of elbow grease.



Welcome, new member!



Chris Blewett, pictured with wife, Kavita
8423 Midway Road
Dallas, Texas 75209

Living Legacy:

A Tribute to

Dan Fogelberg

March 31, at 7pm

Spring Valley UMC in Wesley Hall

featuring Rev. Eric Folkerth
Singer, Guitarist

Cornell Kinderknecht
Flute player, nominated for
Musician of the Year in Texas

and 18 other musicians

Coffeehouse, desserts and coffee
free admission, donations accepted for
United Methodist Committee on Relief

Come Sunday...



common ground

Traditional Worship

Sunday, March 12, Second Sunday in Lent

Mark 8:31-8

Lent means Grace: The ultimate gift

Dr Paul L. Escamilla

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Sunday, March 19, Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Lent Means Grace: "Under orders."

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Serving Others as a Means of Grace

Rev. John Thornburg

Did you know...

that dying without a will, called dying intestate, gives the state the authority to make decisions concerning the distribution of your estate without regard to your wishes? If you were planning on remembering Spring Valley UMC in your will, the times to act is now. It is never too early to write a will, but it can be too late.

Last call Christmas cards

A famous department store advertises a "Last Call" sale. So are we! The **UMW Friendship Circle** has volunteered to recycle used Christmas cards into beautiful individually decorated cards for Meals on Wheels clients. It doesn't matter if your cards have personal handwritten notes...we can cover the notes and still use the card.

You may leave your cards in the volunteer's office. For more information about the cards or the Friendship Circle (meets monthly in the evening), call Betty Williams, 972-238-5608.



Dimes-A-Day March 19

If you pay a "whit" of attention to what's written in the Behold, you'll already know everything you need to know about giving to Dimes-a-Day, the Mission Core's second mile offering.

The bottom line is that our church's operating budget isn't sufficient to support our mission program financially. We depend on your individual generosity.

On March 19 during worship, please share a modest gift at the chancel rail. Many of you have been wonderfully generous and we thank you for those precious gifts! If you're out of town, mail your gift to the church office.

NET Food Collection March 12

Even if you haven't declared your intention to "give up" something for Lent, how about declaring your intention to donate non-perishable food to Richardson NETwork of Community Ministries?

Fill a grocery sack with nourishing non-perishable food and drop it in one of the barrels found in the hall at church. Let's make John Hutchin's delivery of our food to NET really worthwhile. For more information, call Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435.

Habitat build continues

The Habitat build continues every Saturday through April 22 (excluding Easter weekend) at 1804 Jack Casey Drive in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood. The workday begins at 8am and ends by 4pm, with breakfast and lunch provided. Join us for a rewarding day as we help Mary Jackson fulfill her dream of owning her first home. No prior construction experience is required as on the job training

is provided. Stop by the Habitat table near the church office to pick up information on the build schedule and map to the house or contact Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.



Children's news



Thank you for signing up to be shepherds and teachers for children's Sunday School. We appreciate your willingness to serve. Welcome aboard! You will be hearing from Jan when it's almost your turn to teach. We still have a few more openings. Please, pray that people will step forward in this vital ministry. If you are interested, call Jan at church ...
—Elizabeth Escamilla and Debbie McGuire



The two-year-old Sunday School class - all guests at Alexa Curbo's third birthday party, "A celebration of princesses"

Guatemala mission meeting slated

The next Guatemala Mission planning meeting will be held in the Dining Room on Sunday, March 12, after the 11am worship services, and YOU are invited. One of our major global problems is poverty. Individually one person cannot make an impact, but with an organized group from our church, YOU can be a part of the process that reverses this trend. We have a spot with YOUR name on it. For details call Robert/Elizabeth Gross at 214-341-1822.

UMW meeting is March 13

The daytime UMW group will meet on Mon., Mar. 13, in Asbury Hall. Myrna Ridings will speak on "Reach Out and Touch Someone." Lunch will begin at 11:30, followed by a business meeting. We should all celebrate that day after a busy time with the clothing/garage sale the previous week! Come find out how well we did on our sale!



Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$ 210,295
Total received to date	226,516
Received March 5	40,475
Attendance	427

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

The Spring Spiritual Retreat was awesome!!

With Jesus as our Lifesaver, or Life-Savior, 24 youth and 4 adults went to Rockin' C Ranch and had a great time playing messy games, riding horses, playing outside, relaxing, and learning how to trust God with all the things going on in our lives. We discussed the importance of letting go and letting God, and starting new without the things that keep us from God. Thank you seniors for planning this retreat, thank you Paco Otal and Craig Kesler for being our adults, and thank you everyone else for making it so great!



Annual Arts & Crafts Spring bake sale coming soon

We need your delicious baked items for a bake sale on Sunday, March 26, from 9am to 12:30pm. Please bring your homemade pies, cakes, etc. to Wesley kitchen at 8:30am on March 26, in non-returnable containers. It would be helpful if you labeled your baked items. No refrigerated items, please. Your participation will be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, call Gerry Broome at 972-235-6638. Also, come and join the Arts and Crafts group on Monday mornings at 10am to 2pm. The ladies are busy at work making preparations for the Easter Bake Sale and the Mini Spring Bazaar. They would love your help!

Photographs of active military personnel who are members or extended members of the SVUMC church family are needed for a special worship service in Common Ground on March 19. Please e-mail photos to Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler at abutler@svumc.org by **Monday, March 13.**



Members of the 6th grade Confirmation Class, along with their mentors attended the North Texas Conference's Confirmation Celebration on Sunday, February 26th at Highland Park UMC. This event includes games, crafts, snacks, and worship with Bishop Moncure. Our group looked sharp among the over 1400 confirmands in attendance in our t-shirts designed by Paulina Platten, one of our confirmands.

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

Mar. 12 - Paul Escamilla - "The State of the Church," including an update on the long range planning process for Spring Valley UMC
Mar. 19 - Jim Veach - "An Outsider's View of Islamic Fundamentalism"

Beacon Class

"The Ten Commandments in a Modern World"
Mar. 12 - No. 8: "Robbery"
Mar. 19 - No. 9: "Telling the Truth"
Mar. 26 - No.10: "The Two Faces of Desire"

Christian Parenting - Room 210

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

Fellowship Bible Class

We are reading *The Passionate Church*, by Mike Breen & Walt Kallestad. Call Lou & Bill Wilkin, 972-392-1486, maestrak1234@yahoo.com.

Quest Class

Join us as we study the book of Revelation.

Seekers Class

Mar. 12 - Pam Hiam, "What did they mean by that?"
Mar. 19 - "A Pioneer's Dilema" A true story by long time Seeker, Jerry Holmes
Mar. 26 - Rev. Don Coke, "My Story"

S.P.O.T. - Spiritual Parents of Teens,

formerly **PARENTS OF TEENS** - Room 192
Come check us out - there's a "SPOT" for you in our class. In March we are reading *30 Days to Understanding the Bible*, by Max Anders.

New adult class offered at SVUMC

Disciple I, Old Testament — a nine-week study facilitated by Dr. Don Barnes, will begin on March 19 in Room 204, upstairs in the East Wing at 9:30am Study materials will be provided at that time.

Neighbors Home Bible Study formed

This group meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm-9pm at the Bill & Lou Wilkin's home at 7740 El Pastel Drive. Join us for this exciting study!

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.

SVUMC Church Family

Wray Lawley
George McVay
Alice McElroy
Gene Harrell
Steve & Jolene Harper
Dottie Cheek
Ruth Mendoza
Bob Muskopf
James Rea
Terri Hawkins
Ed Pierce
Betty Carter
Betty Lou Noble
Bonnie Reed
Luiz Santos
Randy Smith
Bill Darnall
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Joyce Covey's son, Tom
Steve Cronenberg's mother, Helen
Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry
Frances Dales' daughter and husband,
Ann and Virgil Weisner
Cynthia & Herb Lee's friend, Rich Flynn
Alice Cromwell's cousin's mother-in-law,
Penny Goss
Gerry Broome's niece, Brigitte
Greg Haase
Camille Smith
Paula Huffaker's friend, Kerry Tate
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,
Gary and Jacqui Hopper
Elizabeth Gross's aunt, Clara Philpot
Evan Curtis's nephew

John Tarver's former teacher, Hugh Thompson
Paco Otal's aunt, Anita Alvarado
Renatta Robles
Norma & Charles Warner's daughter, Maritza
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson
Jerry Turecky's cousin's son, Doug Hall
Donna Campbell's friend, Ashley Wilson
All persons serving in the military
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to:

Bob and Charlotte Muskopf on the birth of a granddaughter, Dinah Lynne Whitmarsh, born February 28.

What's up for YOUTH...

SVUMC Youth events

NOTEworthy news...

Sunday, March 12

11:00 Chancel Choir,

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

Sunday, March 19

8:30 & 11:00 Chamber Singers

Agnus Dei from *Requiem* by Duruflé

11:00 Chancel Choir, *O Vos Omnes (O You People)*



Preschool enrollment still underway

BY GEORGE! Did you know that if you want to become President of the United States your name needs to be George. How do I know that? The 4 year old SVUMC Preschool class figured it out. On the class February calendar were pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The children asked, "Who is that?" Mrs. Beasley said, "They were Presidents." One of the children said, "Oh, George Bush." When told these were Presidents from a long time ago a child recognized George Washington. Then someone said, "I know the other one - George Lincoln."



We love group pictures!