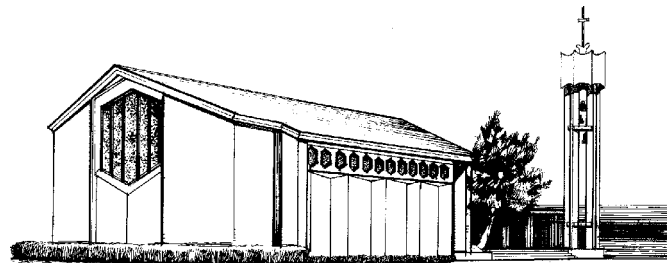


Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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Medicare prescription drug plan made easy

Medicare prescription drug plan seminar

Asbury Hall

March 18, 9am - Noon

Stop by or call the

Church office to sign up

Spring clean-up for SVUMC is March 25, 8:30am-1pm

You still have plenty of time to sign up for our clean-up day!

Our fences and floors need our care. Call or email Elizabeth Kilgore, 972-231-8531, or douglas.kilgore@comcast.net, for inside duties and Greg Harris, 972-437-6879, or JJHB495@sbcglobal.net, for outside duties.

If it rains our outside clean-up will move to the following Saturday, April 1. Our church home will look so much better after our efforts!



Holy Week services schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9

8:30 & 11:00 - Traditional

11:00 - Common Ground

Children process at all 3 services

Music and Meditation - Wednesday, April 12

12 -12:30, Organ Music, John Tarver

With Guitar/Flute group

12:30-1:00, bring your own lunch

Maundy Thursday, April 13

6:30 Foot Washing Service

7:30 Service, Chancel Choir &

Children's Choirs lead

Holy Friday, April 14

7:30, Service of Shadows

Chancel Choir & Orchestra, *American Mass*

Easter Sunday, April 16

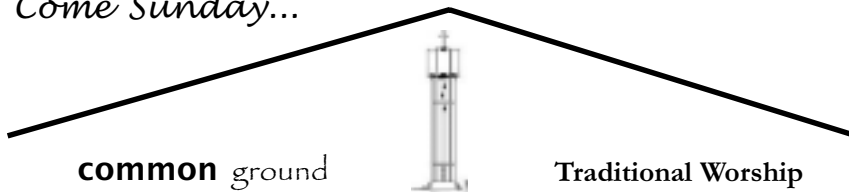
6:30 Youth Sunrise Service

8:30 & 11:00 Traditional Services

11:00 Common Ground Service



Come Sunday...



common ground

Traditional Worship

Sunday, March 19, Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Lent Means Grace: Under orders."

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Mark 8:31-38

Serving Others as a Means of Grace

Rev. John Thornburg

Sunday, March 26, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Community as a Means of Grace

Dr. Paul Escamilla

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!

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.

Spring Valley Habitat work day is March 25

On Saturday, March 25, Spring Valley UMC will be providing the food for the Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat Build site. Thanks to the Seekers Sunday School class, good food will be served that day. In addition to the meals, we need Spring Valley Habitat workers to help with the scheduled projects which will include paint prep, painting and some trim work. As you can see from the picture, even Pastors can swing a happy hammer.



Please plan to join us on the 25th for a great Spring Valley turnout!

The house is located at 1804 Jack Casey Drive in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood. The workday begins at 8am and ends by 4pm. If you are interested in working and want to carpool, contact Rhonda or Bill to help coordinate a carpool effort. 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.

The Prime Timers are back!

On March 9 the Prime Timers planning committee met with our Fearless Leader, Tommi Ezell. Lots of fun events have been scheduled for this year. The first get-together will be a play day at the church — cards, games, good conversation, etc. There will be a potluck meal. Bring your very best bologna sandwiches. Save the date - Thursday, April 6 at 11:30am. See you there!



Summer Camp, 2006 is nearly here

Children who will have completed 3rd through 5th grade are invited to attend a North Texas Conference Summer Camp at Bridgeport Camp this summer. Jan Hudgins is a Camp Director for Children's Camp 1 held May 30-June 3. Camp is a life-changing event in a child's life. Each day is filled with Christian fellowship, creative worship, dynamic music, family group study, fun games, teambuilding activities, arts and crafts and outdoor recreation. If you register before March 31 the cost is only \$185 for a 5 day/4 night camp experience! Camp dates for children/youth who have completed grades 6-8: June 19-24, June 25-July 1, July 11-15. Register online at www.bridgeportcamp.com. For more information or to inquire about a scholarship contact Jan Hudgins at 972-233-7671 ext. 20 or jhudgins@svumc.org.



Do you like helping people?

Volunteers are needed to help at the Welcome Desk for the 8:30 service. This vital job is one which provides information and direction for visitors and is a wonderful way to show the welcoming face of Spring Valley. For information contact John and Kay Hutchins, 972-712-3398.

Thank you...

to all who gave their time and effort to the Clothing/White Elephant Sale last week. Our efforts paid off because we had a great sale. THANK YOU to everyone for making it such a big success!

Alice McElroy

Found: Film to be processed

Two rolls of Kodak film were found in a Walmart bag that was donated to the UMW Clothing/Garage Sale. These rolls are ready to be processed. If they are yours, please pick them up at the Volunteer desk. Other identifying items in the bag are a Will Farrell DVD and a Ralph Lauren eyeglass case, among other things.

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Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$ 246,177
Total received to date	236,348
Received March 12	14,786
Attendance	385

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

NSCI works for tomorrow's children

Drugs, gangs, and violence in a neighborhood are a recipe for failure. Stir in immigrant, mostly poor families speaking 22 different languages, and if left on its own to simmer, this recipe is sure to produce broken lives. In 1989 this described the RISD neighborhood south of Spring Valley and east of Coit Rd.

Then leaders of Spring Valley United Methodist Church, in cooperation with Dobie Primary School and Richland College, formed Neighborhood Service Council Incorporated (NSCI) in an effort promote the healthy development of children and families. Sixteen years later, hundreds of lives have been positively impacted by this scrappy "homegrown" non-profit agency that survives on an incredibly limited budget in cramped quarters at Spring Valley UMC. A wonderful bonus has been the community support of more than 250 churches, civic groups, corporations, small businesses, schools, and individuals all focused on quality of life for the precious children who are our future.

Representatives from supporting organizations, along with police and fire departments, local government, and dedicated volunteers gathered on February 9 for the annual meeting of NSCI, and to celebrate its achievements. City of Dallas Councilwoman Linda Koop recalled the transformation of Cottonwood Park on Midpark Road from a drug infested, dangerous place, often inhabited by the homeless, to a charming little park with soccer fields, a nature trail along the creek, playground, and covered pavilion. Individual volunteers, aided by Texas Instruments and the city of Dallas, assisted NSCI to realize this dream. Each year, over 2000 school children visit on Earth Day for environment enrichment-all coordinated by NSCI.

"Take care of my children," a young mother begged in Spanish. She and her husband, along with their three children, lived in a one-bedroom apartment. They didn't know one word of English. This year Mrs. Lenny Denis spoke eloquently in English at the annual meeting of her gratitude for what this after school and summer program has meant to her family. Her two sons, Arturo and Oscar, are Eagle Scouts. Arturo was a Fulbright Scholar and is now a band director and the other two are in college. Lenny works at Dobie School, the elementary school her kids attended. She and her husband are now homeowners and proudly remain in the neighborhood that helped transform them from poor immigrants to thriving, contributing citizens.

Nothing happens without leadership, and NSCI has been blessed to have Janis Reid Dumas, the original Executive Director, at the helm, although she is quick to say it's a team effort. In a rare quiet moment, she will proudly tell success stories about *her* NSCI children and of their achievements in school and life. Janis and husband Ted are long-time members of SVUMC.



North Dallas students Elisa Cuadra, Brenda Favila, and Alejandra Alvaradro sing at the Feb. 9 NSCI meeting.

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. 19 - Jim Veach - "An Outsider's View of Islamic Fundamentalism"

Beacon Class

"The Ten Commandments in a Modern World"

Mar. 19 - No. 9: "Telling the Truth"

Mar. 26 - No.10: "The Two Faces of Desire"

Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying *Living with the Mind of Christ*, a Lenten study. Following Easter, we will begin 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.

Quest Class

Join us as we study the book of Revelation.

Seekers Class

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!

What's up for **YOUTH**...

SVUMC Youth events

I hope everyone had an awesome and safe Spring Break! At UMYF last week, Nikki Chapman led us in a great discussion on abuse. With scriptures, statistics, stories and experiences, we had an educational, eye-opening and thought provoking discussion. Thank you all for being there! In Sunday School, we have three lessons going on for the rest of March. We have, "Measuring Success as Jesus Did" by Pam Reese, "Prayer" by Paco & Jacqui Ota, and "I Am Your Neighbor" by Kelly Moon. If you weren't there last week, please come up this week and check out one of these classes!! See you soon!!

UMYF

March 19 (next Sunday) UMYF is Broom Ball! The cost is \$7. You can include this with snack supper and just bring \$10 on Sunday night. We will be eating dinner at the church, loading up into the vans and then heading out to the skating rink. We have the rink until 7:30, so we will be getting back to the church around 7:45.

Kelly also needs a couple adults that would like to join the fun! (And maybe drive if we have more than 30 people going) Please let Kelly know if you would like to join in. Thanks!!

March 26 UMYF is Group Dynamix with the Confirmation class.

Keep Saturday, April 22nd FREE! The youth are going to be helping Fred and Rhonda Huser at Habitat for Humanity! This is a great organization and they are looking forward to us helping out..

Summer trip planning is **HERE!** We need to know who is going on ASP and IMPACT Florida. We need to know these ASAP so we can let each group know how many people we are taking. IMPACT is June 24 – July 2 and ASP is July 7- 16. We need definite numbers so PLEASE let us know the trips you are wanting to go on by March 31st. That's coming up soon! If you want more information about either of these trips, check out <http://www.impactflorida.org/> or <http://www.asphome.org/>.

For those of you that went on the Spring Spiritual Retreat, the t-shirts are on their way! Yay!!

CHOIR

March 19 (Sunday) - 3:30-5:30 - Celebrate Life! Dress Rehearsal (khaki pants and your Youth Singers polo shirt)

March 21 (Tuesday) - 6:00-8:30 - Supper & Dress Rehearsal

March 25 (Saturday) - 9:00 Arrive at C.C. Young (4817 W. Lawther at NW Hwy, 75214); 10:00 Performance

March 26 (Sunday) - 3:30-5:30 - Rehearsal

March 28 (Tuesday) - 6:00 - Supper & rehearsal

April 2 (Sunday) - 3:30 - Youth Ringers (first time back in rehearsal); 4:30 Youth Singers

April 4 (Tuesday) - 6:00 Arrive at Appletree Court (870 W. Arapaho, Richardson 75080; 972-889-2300); 7:00 performance



Preschool goings-on...

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."



Sign changers needed

Our church marquee, the tall, lighted sign in front of our sanctuary on Spring Valley Road, is a very visible important part of our church communications with our members and our community. The ever-changing message on the sign is revised, updated, and maintained by a small group of volunteers from our congregation. Each volunteer has responsibility for the sign on a recurring basis, depending on the number of members in the group. Right now, we have 5 people, so each has sign duties about every 4-6 weeks - less frequently when the sign does not need to be changed. Our volunteers' work schedule is very flexible, based on individual preferences.



The time needed for changing the sign varies, depending on the length of the message, but rarely requires over an hour. The sign is usually updated on Monday, but could be done anytime during the week that fits the volunteer's schedule. So if you have an hour you could give to this worthwhile effort every 4-6 weeks, call Paula Huffaker in the church office. She'll be happy to forward your name to the sign committee.

B.J. Hall

NOTEworthy news...

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)*

Sunday, March 26

8:30 Children's Bell Choirs

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Kyrie* from *Memorial*

Sunday, April 2, 8:30 & 11:00 Guitar & flute group

3 selections

8:30 Men's Choir, *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Easter Lilies Sales Continue

Youth Singers are selling \$10 lilies to be placed in the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall on Easter, April 16. They may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one, or be given in glory to God.

Celebrate Life: Youth Musical June 16, 17

Our Youth Singers will present their musical upon return from choir tour to Port Aransas, Texas. They will sing in churches and be involved in service work in the Corpus Christi area. Here is some history from the author who wrote the book and lyrics, Ragan Courtney:

After seven or eight years of seeking fame and fortune as an actor in New York City, Ragan Courtney wrote and starred in a play that opened on Broadway. One week later, the play closed, and he was devastated.

He immediately went to the Caribbean island of Antigua to rest and collect his thoughts. While there, he became so depressed he decided to kill himself.

"I thought I would swim out into the Caribbean as far as I could and that would be it," he recalled. "But as I started to step out into the ocean, I remembered all the childhood songs I had been taught - even 'Jesus Loves Me' - and realized I was about to throw away something God thought was so worthwhile He gave his Son to save." It had been a dark, gray day, but at that moment the clouds broke, and the young actor looked up to see a brilliant sunset. "I began to weep," he recalled. "I had been a nominal Christian. I knew there was a Jesus and a God and a devil. I knew about Jesus, but somehow I didn't know Him. I became a Christian at that point in my life, by myself, praying out loud to God."

Courtney, who had been raised as a Baptist in Louisiana, walked out of the water a "newborn creature," he said. "I realized that what had happened to me was I had been born again."

He immediately sat down and wrote the following words: "He's the wind I soar on; He's the grass I run through; He's the one I turn to when I have to laugh or cry. He's the light of my world; He's my priceless pearl; He's my answer to why, He's my friend even after I die. He's the sun I sing in; He's the sea I swim in; He's the mountain I climb to when I want to reach a new high. Jesus my Lord." Courtney returned to New York and a short time later was asked by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to write the drama and lyrics for a new youth musical to be called "Celebrate Life." He was to



collaborate with Buryl Red, a composer transplanted from Arkansas to New York City. The words Courtney had penned with water-soaked hands became the opening lines of a song called "The Truth Shall Make You Free," one of 15 songs in the new musical.

Living Legacy: A Tribute to Dan Fogelberg, March 31, 7 pm in Wesley Hall at Spring Valley UMC, Dallas

Eric Folkerth writes on his blog – "I've wanted to write about Fogelberg and his influence in my life and music for some time. But the reason I am writing about him now is that, a couple of years ago, I met a guy named Rusty King at an annual retreat we both are invited to each year. Rusty, myself, and a couple of other friends named John Fleming and Paul Escamilla, stayed up late into the night playing old Dan Fogelberg songs. Best I can tell, there will be twenty musicians — guitars, keyboards, percussion, flutes, strings, brass, sax, bass— all playing several hours of Dan Fogelberg material. We're doing the hits, yes. But we're also doing more obscure songs that really deserve to be played and heard...even some of the jazzy instrumental stuff from "Twin Sons." (there's a flute player playing with us named Cornell Kinderknecht who is truly amazing...) We're even doing "Netherlands." We had rehearsal on Monday night (in February), and I have to tell you, these musicians are good. Here's Rusty, and my old friend Frank Rahm playing the keyboards (you can see the strings, flutes, and some of the horns behind them...the other guitars, bass and me are out of the picture...): This show has the potential for being really quite good. I'm going to get the chance to play lead and sing on several songs. I'll also sing background on almost every song too. The show will be a benefit for UMCOR.



And so, I hope you will plan to attend if you can. It should be a great night of music. *Eric Folkerth*

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.

Hospitals

Carol Robertson
Steve Harper

SVUMC Church Family

Wray Lawley
Steve & Jolene Harper
Georgia Goodrum
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
Simonsen family friend, Gus Cuello
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
Greg Haase
Camille Smith
Paula Huffaker's friend, Kerry Tate
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,
Gary and Jacqui Hopper
Paco Ota's aunt, Anita Alvarado
Renatta Robles
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson
Jerry Turecky's cousin's son, Doug Hall

John Tarver's former teacher, Hugh Thompson
Norma & Charles Warner's daughter, Maritza
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:

Robert and Jennifer Leedy who are parents of
Jensen Grace Leedy, born March 13. Proud
grandparents are Tom and Linda Leedy.

Deepest sympathy to:

Margie Norman and family in the death
of her husband, Charlie
Bruce Tucker and family in the death of
his brother, Allen Tucker
Bob Twiss in the death of his friend,
Col. Jim Foxx