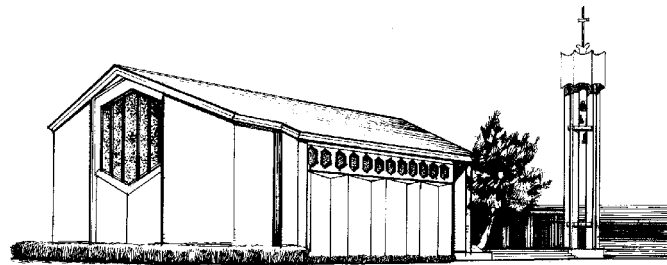


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Spring Valley to welcome Rev. Dr. Paul Escamilla and family in June

North Texas Conference Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure has announced his intention to appoint the Rev. Dr. Paul Lynd Escamilla to be Senior Pastor at Spring Valley, effective June 15. Dr. Escamilla will succeed Dr. Larry George, who will assume his post as Superintendent of the Dallas-Denton District on June 15 as well.



Dr. Escamilla comes to Spring Valley having served as Senior Pastor of Walnut Hill UMC in Dallas since 1998. His previous pastoral assignments include: Senior Pastor of Munger Place UMC, Pastor of the First UMC in Heath, Texas, and Pastor of St. Luke's UMC (Love Field). A graduate of Emory University with an undergraduate degree in Spanish, Dr. Escamilla also graduated magna cum laud from the Candler School of Theology at Emory with his Master of Divinity Degree. He received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Candler in 1987. He has served on the faculty for the Course of Study School at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, as instructor in preaching and the sacraments, and as guest instructor for the Spanish-language section on preaching.

He currently serves as Chair of the Worship Design Team for the North Texas Annual Conference, and as Secretary, Division of Preparations and Qualifications for Elders for the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Dr. Escamilla has served on numerous other committees for the Conference and for Perkins, including on the search committees for three faculty members at the school. He is the author of several books: *Seasons of Communion* (Discipleship Resources, 1994), co-author, *At Home with God* (Cokesbury, 2002); and has been a contributor to *Circuit Rider*, *Weavings*, *Quarterly Review* and *The Abingdon Preaching Annual*. He was ordained an Elder in the North Texas Annual Conference in 1987.

Dr. Escamilla is married to Elizabeth Lynd Escamilla and they have three children: Sarah, 17; David, 15; and Anna, 9. Besides the wonderful expanse of church-related ministries which he enjoys, Paul relaxes by running, biking and reading — much of which he does with his family.

Welcome, new member!

Nadine Haefs

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Spring cleaning planned for Mar. 19

Spring cleaning for the church and grounds is this Saturday, Mar. 19, 8am - 1pm. Childcare for young children will be provided ... as will donuts and coffee! Judy Kesler will be the interior captain, and Gary Hines will coordinate the exterior jobs. Come and perform a valuable service to the church and enjoy the fellowship with each other. See you on March 19.



Easter egg hunt & picnic is Mar. 20

Our annual egg hunt is Sunday, Mar. 20, from 3:30pm-6pm at Cottonwood Park in Richardson. The Children's Council will provide hot dogs, so everyone needs to bring a side dish to share. This promises to be a great time of fun and fellowship, so mark your calendars - invite your friends, neighbors, and grandchildren - and join us!

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion 7pm

Good Friday Worship-Tenebrae Service 7pm

Easter Day Services

Son Rise Service, Wesley Hall 6:45am

Sanctuary Worship-

"From Darkness to Light" 8:30, 11am

Contemporary Worship, Wesley Hall 11am

What's up for YOUth...

Sunday, March 20, 2005

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
2:30 pm Youth Confirmation Class
3:30 pm Youth Singers
5:30 pm \$3 Snack Supper
6-7:30pm **UMYF: Spiritual Growth Night** - Caleb Hudgins, Melissa DeFoe, & Amanda Nicholas will lead us in an exercise called "Peter's Walk", which is a great way to remember Lent, and to anticipate Easter.

RETREAT!! Sign up now for the Spring Spiritual Retreat! This is an awesome time for Spring Valley youth to spend a weekend together growing Godward. It's planned and led by the Seniors, and with this year's seniors, you know it'll be great! The retreat is April 8-10 at the Rockin-C Ranch, and is only \$50. Registration forms are on the website.

CHURCH CAMP!! If you are in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade you are invited to Jr. High Camp this summer at Lake Bridgeport. We will participate in JH Camp 2, which is June 27-July 2. The cost is \$220 if you register before March 31; \$240 thereafter. This is a North Texas Conference event, so there will be youth from Methodist churches throughout North Texas. To register, go to <http://www.bridgeportcamp.com>, or see Frank in the youth office.

Mark your Calendars:

Mar 16 Genesis Women's Shelter, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Mar 27 Easter SonRise Service, led by the youth
Apr. 8-10 Spring Spiritual Retreat, led by Seniors '05, who rock, by the way

Spring Valley receives Easter gift from Czech Republic

In the years before 1989, when Czechoslovakia became a free country again, the meaning of Easter was limited to the welcoming of spring. The religious connotations of Easter were suppressed under the communist regime, but now people are once again aware of the origins of Easter.

There are many symbols of new life related to the resurrection celebration. The most recognizable symbol of Czech Easter is the hand-painted or decorated egg. There are many techniques used to decorate Easter eggs, requiring different skill levels and different materials, such as bee's wax, straw, and watercolors. A nationwide Easter egg contest is held in many Czech cities around Easter time.

On one of her visits to Spring Valley, Jana Krizova, Lay Leader of the Czech Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, presented the church with such an egg. It is displayed in the Gene Mundy cabinet on the second floor of the Education Building. Take a look at it this Easter season; and as you do, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the new life that continues to come to both Slany UMC and Spring Valley through our mutual sharing and support.



Noteworthy news Upcoming Music

Mar. 20 - 8:30 & 11:00 Chamber Singers,

God So Loved the World, Sanctus

8:30 Chamber Singers 11:00 Chancel Choir

11:00 Childrens Choirs, *John 3:16*

Easter Lily orders being taken

Youth Singers are taking orders for lilies to be placed in the sanctuary and Wesley Hall in honor or memory of loved ones on Easter, Mar. 27. The cost for each lily is \$10.



All children are invited...

To join the children's choirs as they prepare their exciting spring musical, *Esther-Ordinary Faith*, to be presented in Wesley Hall on Sunday evening, May 15 at 6:30pm.



All Spring Valley children between the ages of 4 years and 6th grade may participate – even if they have not been in children's choir before, or ever participated in a children's musical. We will work hard, present an exciting program, and then end our choir year on Wednesday, May 18, with an end-of-the-year pizza party and carnival, paid for by using the pennies that the children have earned throughout the year for good behavior. All children are welcome to be a part of our group! See you there!

SVUMC Foundation welcomes Easter gifts

You can still honor a friend or loved one, or express your joy by making a special gift to the Foundation. Special offering envelopes for Easter gifts to the Foundation will be available at the Welcome Center and church office.

Primer Timers event slated for March 30

Prime Timers invites all senior adults to join us for brown bag lunch and games here at the church on March 30. The fun starts at 11am, and you are encouraged to bring your lunch and your neighbor, and your favorite game.



Habitat construction continues

Good progress has already been made at Clarence Johnson's home at 4311 Metropolitan in the Fair Park area of Dallas. This past Saturday we had another great build day with beautiful weather, hard work, and the joy of sharing fellowship with each other. At the end of the day the house roof was decked and the carport beams and trusses set. Next Saturday, we will begin roofing the house, installing windows and exterior doors, and working on miscellaneous tasks.

Please note: Habitat will **NOT** work on the house Easter weekend, March 26, but will continue every Saturday through May 7, which is dedication date.

To learn more about this build and volunteering your services, stop by the Habitat table near the church office or call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.



Dimes-a-Day offering is March 20

Remember the third Sunday offering to support Spring Valley's mission program. For more information about missions or serving as a member of the Mission Core, contact Betty Reichel, Chairperson, 972-380-5838.

Next "Second Helpings" is April 13

Scott Donovan, an expert in biomedical ethics, will be the featured speaker for the monthly "Second Helpings" event on Wednesday, April 13. Donovan's talk will be: "What does our DNA tell us about God?" He will reference the Bible, the works of Charles Darwin, the United Methodist Book of Discipline, as well as related articles from current popular press. "Second Helpings" is a monthly time of food, fellowship and learning which is held on the second Wednesday of every month. Dinner is served at 5:30pm, followed by a lecture at 6:30 which includes time for questions and answers. For information, call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church.

Class on United Methodism planned

A special 4-week class on United Methodism, led by Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, will start Sunday, April 3, at 9:45am. Topics include an overview of the organization of the Church, its history, missional activities and doctrine. The class will run consecutive Sundays through April in Room 210 (upstairs in the East Wing), and is sponsored by the "Friends" class. Anyone who is new to the United Methodist tradition, or who would simply like to learn more about our common faith heritage is invited to attend. Call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church.



Come cruise with us!

The Network of Community Ministries' third annual fundraising cruise, Autumn Leaves, from New York to Nova Scotia on Oct. 1-8 is now booking, but will close by mid-April. See some gorgeous fall foliage and support a wonderful cause. Call Ton or Pat Winnubst, 214-544-8800.



Join us for Sunday school

Christian Parenting - Room 210

Fellowship Bible Class - Room 214

We are using a Lenten devotional book, *Fellowship of Prayer*, by Fred B. Craddock, to read weekly and discuss on Sundays during Lent. Cokesbury Bookstore carries the book for \$1.50. Call Bill or Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486 for details.

Friends - Room 216

Mar. 20 - Proverbs & Parables - group discussion

Mar. 27 - No class

Seekers - Room 200

Mar. 20 - Bob Crockett, "The Incredible Story of Harry"

Mar. 27 - Bob Crockett, "Wil's Bones"

Wesleyan Class - Dining Room

Mar. 20 - Session 10: Counterforce

Mar. 27 - Don Bowen

Apr. 3 - Don Bowen

Apr. 10 - TBD

Apr. 13 - Lunch at Dos Rios at 11:30am

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

Mar. 20 - Jim Veach, "Holy Week"

Mar. 27 - Jim Veach, "The Resurrection"

Mar. 20 - "In Remembrance," a video of the Last Supper

Mar. 27 - Jim Veach, New Testament passages on Christ's resurrection.

Beacon Class

Mar. 20 - Palm Sunday, "The Gospel According to Nicodemus"

Mar. 27 - Easter Sunday, "The Two Faces of Easter"

Parents of Teenagers - Room 192

All interested parents are invited to attend. This class is designed to be a fellowship and support group for parents of teenagers.

A special thanks...

... to everyone who participated in our recent bake sale. All the people who baked and shopped helped make this a very successful year, and it could not have been accomplished without your support!

Gerry Broome

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

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

John Dvorak's son and daughter-in-law,

Steve & Bethann DeFoe's mothers

Johnny & Lillian

SVUMC Church Family

The Leedy family

Duane & Pat Standlee's daughter, Tracy Rankin

All persons serving in the military

The Maddison family

Steve Baxter's brother, Scott

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Ted & Catharine Gebhardt

Martha Cannon and her mother, Josephine Hood

Slany United Methodist Church

Tommi Ezell

Trish Smith's friend, Laurie McCalley

Those with ongoing concerns

Connie Peterman

Lincoln & Rozanna Hinsch's brother-in-law,

Bentley Harris

Sympathy to:

Homebound members

Charles & Norma Warner's friend, Maritza Malek

Nadine Haefs and family in the death

of her husband Dan's grandmother,

Extended Church Family

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and daughter, Ashley

Agnes Miske

Tom & Ana Julia Boylan

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandy Frank

Jennifer Leedy in the death of her

grandmother