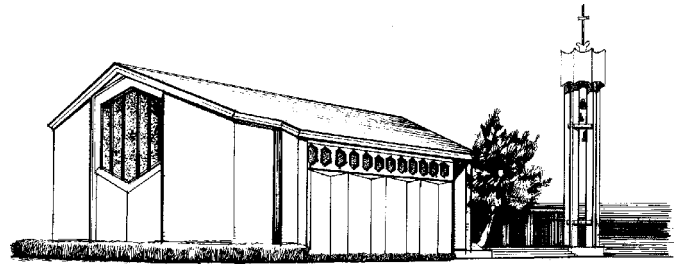


# Behold!

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## A Tradition of Mission

This past Saturday, a few of our Spring Valley Youth endeavored to continue the beautiful tradition of mission that is a part of the legacy of Spring Valley United Methodist Church. Our congregation can feel very proud of these young people who gave up their Saturday to help a neighbor. Having recently reviewed Jesus' metaphor of sheep and goats in the gospel according to Matthew, our youth remembered Jesus' words, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

In the midst of scraping and painting a home in South Dallas, the youth were met by the homeowner, Mr. Jose McRuiz, age 91, who commended these young people for their compassion and caring. He said that he felt that these youth were true friends to him, even though they had just met. His heart was warmed by the Christian love shared with him by our youth.

The tradition of mission is visible throughout our church. On April 6, we will hold a blood drive. Currently, our congregation is part of building a Habitat for Humanity home. Spring Valley supports missionaries in Africa and a sister church in the Czech Republic. The tradition of mission is healthy and vital here, and there are opportunities for all church members to pray for and participate in these missions. The youth will have another "Service Saturday" on April 26, as we participate in Amigos Days, a mission initiative of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Plans for this summer's mission trips to Colorado and the Appalachia Service Project are in place. The youth will also conduct local service projects this summer.

During this Lenten Season, we all seek a more constant communion with God. Lent is a time for renewal, repentance, fasting, prayer, and conversion. We long for a deeper personal commitment to the lordship of Christ in our common life and a deeper sense of what it means to be the church, the people of God. Our tradition of mission allows us to be a sign of God's kingdom in the world, not only during Lent, but throughout the year in our common, every day life.

Youth Director, *Frank Rahm*



## A Lenten Devotional

**Lord, who throughout these  
forty days,  
For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with thee to mourn  
our sins,  
And close by thee to stay.**

-UMH, No. 269

-words by *Claudia Hernaman*

Our salvation is in Christ Jesus, who desires that we turn from sin to him. Just as Paul turned from persecuting the church to proclaiming the gospel; just as the gentiles turned from gods to the one true living God; we pray that we may turn to Jesus Christ.



## Welcome Ministry

Here is exciting news about some loving, giving people who are helping Spring Valley reach out to church visitors. The F.A.I.T.H. class will be greeting visitors at the door, outside, and even in the parking lot. If it's raining, they will have big umbrellas to usher people in the door making sure they won't get wet. If you see F.A.I.T.H. class members, give them hugs and say thank you.

Beginning April 6, the Quest class will be opening the parlor to host visitors with refreshments and hospitality. Some more hugs and thanks for this great group of caring people.

## What's new with YOUTH...

Sunday, March 23

- 7:45am Youth Singers in 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45am Youth Sunday School
- Noon Seniors '03 Lunch meeting to continue  
Spring Spiritual Retreat planning
- 3:30pm Youth Singers Godspell Rehearsal
- 5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper (Yum!)
- 6-7:30pm UMYF



**Sunday School** - This Sunday, we start a new series on The Trinity. It is sure to be good, informative, inspiring, and renewing. It's a great topic for Lent, as we seek a closer relationship with God. NOTE: Youth Sunday School is at 9:45 this Sunday, and there might even be an additional edible surprise.

**UMYF** - It's Karaoke Night at Spring Valley Youth!! Call Frank or send Frank an email with your song selections! This will be an absolute blast, so make plans to be there!

**Retreat!!!** - Our annual Spring Spiritual Retreat is only a few weeks away. It's going to be terrific this year, and it's priced right too! (Only fifty bucks!) The Theme for this year's retreat is Crxxxxxxx (oops, top secret!) But you just know that spiritual growth will happen for you on this retreat. Plus, there are NEW CABINS at Bridgeport, a new chef, and new workers in the kitchen!! By now, you have received your registration form. Please turn in your completed, signed registration form to the youth office by April 1 (no fooling.)

**Mark Your Calendars!!** *Wow!! There's a lot going on!!*

April 4-6, Spring Spiritual Retreat - planned, led by Srs. '03.

(Seniors planning and leading is a new tradition at Spring Valley!)

April 20, Youth Lead SonRise Service on Easter Sunday

April 26, Amigos Days (Service Saturday for April)



### Trustees schedule all-church workday

On Saturday, April 5, our Trustees are sponsoring a "clean-up, spruce-up, get-ready-for-company-on-Easter" workday at the church. Mark your calendars, save the date, and join us for a great day!

### Seeker class programs

**March 30** - Susan Madison from First Unitarian Church, "Unitarian Beliefs and Practices."

Come join us in Room 201. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30am.

### Aldersgate class program

**Sunday, March 30** - Cynthia Pharr-Lee will lead the class in the tenth session of *30 Days to Understanding the Bible in 15 Minutes a Day!*, which covers "Passover and the Lord's Supper" and "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ."

## Noteworthy news...

**Sunday, March 30**

8:30 & 11:00, *I Walked Today*

*Where Jesus Walked,*

Rusty and Stephanie King

11:00 Chancel Choir,

*To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name*



### Youth Singers to do two performances

On Tuesday, April 8, the Youth Singers will present "Godspell" at a local church. Their second performance will be on Saturday, April 12, at 10am at Gardens of Richardson.

### Youth Singers two stops on choir tour

Jan Andersen is doing a superb job of planning the itinerary for our California summer choir tour on June 6-13. The youth will give their first two performances of "Godspell" in Phoenix, Arizona, and Yucaipa, California. At both churches, these performances will be fund-raisers for their youth groups for their own summer mission trips. We feel blessed that we can be used by God in this way.

### Handbell concert, lunch, April 27 at noon



### Easter egg carnival on April 19th!

10am-Noon

Infants through

5th Grade

There will be a free petting zoo, face painting, bounce houses, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, egg hunts, and much more!

We need lots of candy and treats. Please bring your donated candy to the church and look for the boxes near the Children's Ministry bulletin board. We are stuffing 3000 eggs for the hunt!



### Crosses for display

Do you have an interesting cross that you would like to share with the congregation? We would like to have crosses that are different or that have a story to display in the curio cabinets located in the church loggia. The crosses will be displayed during the months of April and May. If you have a cross or crosses of interest, please contact Gloria Smith at 972-234-6483. Thank you!

## The power of the labyrinth

**Sunday, March 23, 4:30pm - 8pm**

Much more than a mere "maze," the labyrinth is a profound symbol and tool for the meditative journey to discovery and illumination. Those who attend this presentation at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Spring Valley at Hillcrest, will learn the use of the labyrinth for their personal spiritual growth.



Beginning at 4:30pm, labyrinth docents will provide a program that includes the history of the labyrinth, which stems from many faith traditions, and its use as a meditative tool. High tea (Texas-style) will be served during the afternoon program, in honor of Transfiguration's Anglican roots. At 7pm, participants will be invited to walk the labyrinth as a part of a "Taizé" service. Taizé is a small, French ecumenical community organized during WWII for those who had become disillusioned with religion, but still longed for spiritual connection.

## Blood drive on April 6, 9:15am-2pm

### Free T-Shirts To Donors

Asbury Hall will be the site of our blood drive through Carter Blood Center this year. The need for all blood types is urgent, so you are encouraged to donate if you qualify.



### Important information:

Donors need to bring their social security number

It requires 45 to 60 minutes to give blood.

Spring Valley's account number is 020174

Donors should not give blood on an empty stomach. Have a snack and drink fluids before and after giving.

Next Sunday stop by one of the tables to reserve a time best suited to your schedule. The feeling of having done a "very good thing" will last a long time! Think of this opportunity during Lent to give a gift of life in the name of our Lord. What better way could we possibly humble ourselves before Christ than to give of our own blood? Volunteers are also needed to assist during the collection time. If you can help, please call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

## Powerpoint volunteers needed!

We would like to invite people to join the PowerTeam, which is the group that runs the Powerpoint slides during the Common Ground service. Each team member is assigned one Sunday a month, and is responsible for creating and running the slides. If you would like to become involved in this valuable ministry, please call Linda West at 972-605-6395.



## Spring Bazaar coming soon!

The annual Spring Bazaar will be held Sunday, March 30, from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Come shop for that special item made especially for you! You will want to come early to shop for bunnies, candles and much more that the "bazaar ladies" have been busily preparing. This year there are two wonderful quilted jackets available for your early selection, as well as some lovely spring flower pots. Stop by before Sunday school or between services, and take time to browse.

## Bake sale items wanted

We need your delicious baked items for a successful bake sale to be held with the Spring Bazaar on Sunday, March 30, from 9:30am-12:30pm.



Please bring your pies, cakes, cookies, breads and candies to the Wesley kitchen at 8:30am on March 30, in nonreturnable containers. (Remember, no refrigerated items, please.) Your participation will be greatly appreciated! Any questions, call Gerry Broome, 972-235-6638.

## Lupus Foundation of America, Inc.

The North Texas Chapter of the Lupus Foundation is having a program on massage therapy on April 12 from 11am-12:30pm here at Spring Valley United Methodist Church. The program is not a substitute for medical advice or treatment, but is designed to help individuals understand what lupus is, its symptoms and diagnosis, and current treatment and care. The speaker for this program is Cara Davis.

Although the program is free, space is limited so please call to register at 972-345-4824, or email [info@lupus-northtexas.org](mailto:info@lupus-northtexas.org).

## Spring Valley Travelers trips, 2003

March 27 -"Dallas Blooms," Arboretum	\$2
April 23 - DART rail to the zoo	\$14
includes Lunch, transportation, zoo	
April 24 -Titanic Artifact Exhibit, Ok. City	\$129
Sept. 27-Oct. 5 -Niagara Falls & Toronto	\$609
November 5-7 - Ozark Fall Foliage	\$419
Call Chris Parton for details at 972-239-3369.	

## 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

Gene Mundy  
Susan Kasten  
Jan Andersen  
Charlotte Muskopf  
Loraine Reese  
Bob & Darlene Twiss  
Bob Hitch  
Gwen Watson  
Kay Kee  
Dottie Cheek  
Sandra Guthrie  
Georgie Ann Davis

### Extended Church Family

Paula Tarver's sister, Marty Land  
Kathy Watson's grandmother, Minnie Sigler  
Tracy Rahm's cousin, Kristy  
David Mendoza's brother  
Ann Sanders' brother-in-law, John Allen  
Nancy and Tom Purcell's son, Bryan,  
and Nancy's friend, Barbara  
Judy Hitch's friend, Bill Burch  
Frank Rahm's uncle, Jack Rahm  
Patti Malone's friend, Taura Sanderson  
and Patti's aunt, Margaret Atkinson  
Carlos Nascimento's father, Joaquin Nascimento

Max and Betty Taylor's son, Jeff  
Paula Huffaker's neighbor, Bev Johnson  
Padmashree Pandy, Preschool student  
Homebound members  
Family and friends of SVUMC military  
Those with ongoing concerns  
Our Missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church

### Deepest sympathy to:

Louise Miller and family in the death of  
her father