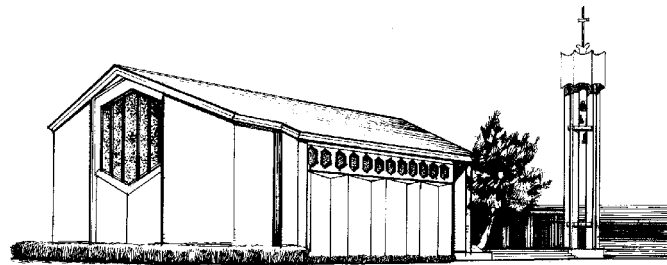


Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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Long Range Planning Committee meeting slated

The long range planning committee is going to present the results of their work on Sunday, April 2, in Wesley hall after the 11 o'clock worship services. We will also be making presentations to various Sunday school classes over the next few weeks. A meal will be served at a cost of \$5 per person, \$3 per child and a maximum of \$25 per family. Childcare will be available. Reservations must be made to attend by either calling the church office or signing up at the desk in the volunteer office. All are invited to attend this informative time of fellowship which will offer information and a time to contribute your ideas to the future of Spring Valley UMC.

Craft bake sale is Sunday, March 26.

We need your help! The annual Spring Craft Bake Sale is this Sunday, March 26, from 9am to 12:30pm in conjunction with the Spring Craft Sale. The success of this event depends upon your participation! Please bring your delicious homemade pies, cakes, cookies, breads, etc. to Wesley kitchen Sunday morning before 8:30. If you are working at our church Spring Clean-Up Day the Saturday before the Bake Sale, you may bring your baked goodies then; but be sure to mark your items "Bake Sale." Please bring your items in non-returnable dishes; and remember, **no refrigerated items**. We will set up outside Wesley Hall, and we will look forward to having you support us and shop for your favorite desserts. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. If you have questions, call Gerry Broome, 972-235-6638.

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

Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday school hour

11:00 Common Ground Service

The Welcome Ministry asks if you are not planning to bring a visitor to Easter Sunday services, please plan to park on the East side of the building or in the North Texas Conference parking lot. Thank you.



Come Sunday...

common ground



Traditional Worship

Sunday, March 26, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, John 13:1-17

Community as a Means of Grace

Dr. Paul Escamilla

Sunday, April 2, Fifth Sunday in Lent

John 12:20-33

Lent Means Grace:

Sharing the Eucharist

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

Means of Grace: the Eucharist

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

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

Just a few more days to sign up for our Spring Cleaning Day. Even an hour of your time will help. For outside duties, call or email Greg Harris, 972-437-6879 or JJHB495@sbcglobal.net. For inside duties, call or email Elizabeth Kilgore, 972-231-8531, or douglas.kilgore@comcast.net. This is our opportunity to give Tony a helping hand.



If it rains our outside clean-up will move to the following Saturday, April 1.

Spring Valley Habitat work day is March 25

This Saturday, March 25, Spring Valley UMC will be providing food for the Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat build. We would love to have a good representation of Spring Valley workers to go with the tasty meals provided by the Seekers Sunday School Class. This weekend's jobs will include interior and exterior paint prep and painting. No prior experience is needed – just a willing spirit. Please plan to join us for a great Spring Valley turnout!



The house address is 1804 Jack Casey Drive, one block from last fall's build. 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.

Summer Camp, 2006 is nearly here

Children who will have completed 3rd through 5th grade are invited to 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. 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 Mar. 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 details or scholarship information, call Jan Hudgins at 972-233-7671 ext. 20, or jhudgins@svumc.org.



Ramp access parking available on Peyton side only

Preparations are underway to refresh the paint on the exterior of the church and bell tower. This activity will block the entrance ramp around the bell tower for several weeks.

Ramp access to the Wesley Hall entrance will remain available, and additional disabled parking spaces have been designated near the Wesley Hall entrance. *The Trustees*

Did you know...

that the laws of the state where you are living at the time of your death will determine how your estate is settled if you have no will of your own? These laws might not leave your property to the people you want to receive it. And, these laws definitely don't leave any gift to your church or any other charity. Would you not rather make these decisions yourself?

Volunteers are needed...

Welcome Desk volunteers are needed at 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, call John and Kay Hutchins, 972-712-3398. We also need extra greeters on Easter Sunday morning

Also, the Welcome Ministry is asking that anyone planning to attend Easter Sunday services and is not bringing a visitor to please park on the East side of the building or in the North Texas Conference parking lot. .

Bakers are urgently needed to provide tasty goodies for the Dan Folgelberg concert on Fri., Mar. 31, and baked goods to be shared with visitors on Easter Sunday morning at a reception in the Parlor. For details or to volunteer, call Debbie McEnaney, dmcenaney@aol.com or 972-385-3918.

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 for processing. If they are yours, please pick them up at the Volunteer desk. Other items in the bag are a Will Farrell DVD and a Ralph Lauren eyeglass case.

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Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$ 259,237
Total received to date	262,400
Received March 12	9,859
Attendance	372

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

NOTEworthy news...

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

2 selections

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

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



Living Legacy: A Tribute to Dan Fogelberg, March 31, 7 pm

Wesley Hall of Spring Valley UMC, Dallas



Coffee, desserts, good music, good cause, good fellowship and lots of laughs are the order of the day at this event. There is no admission fee, but you need to arrive early to get a good seat. Donations received will go to UMCOR.

Twenty-one musicians will be playing in the group. Some of the

well-known songs by Dan Fogelberg that will be performed are: *Leader of the Band*, *Longer*, *Run for the Roses*, and *Missing You*.

Easter Lilies Sales Continue

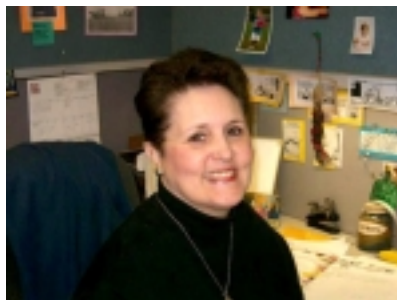
Youth Singers are selling \$10 lilies to be placed in the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall on Easter, April 16. They may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one, or be given in glory to God.

Carillon Ringers, Brookhaven Festival Concert, Apr. 1, 4pm in the Gym

Our Carillon Ringers will attend the handbell festival on Sat., April 1. You are invited to attend the free concert at 4:00 that features over 30 bell choirs ringing together. It is a blessed event.

Happy 10th anniversary at SVUMC!

This month marks Jo Alice Patton's 10th year of faithful service to Spring Valley UMC. Jo Alice is the Communications Secretary and has a smile and some animal cookies for everyone who comes her way. From the *Behold* to the Sunday worship bulletins and every things in between, Jo formats and prints most everything you see around here. Jo's pride and joy is her two-year-old granddaughter, Brooke.



The next time you are at the church on a weekday, be sure to come by and thank Jo Alice for her hard work and dedication to the mission and ministry of Spring Valley. Thanks Jo, for 10 great years, and we look forward to many more!

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. 26 - Burt Copeland and Rita Dickerson will be presenting the SVUMC Long Range Plan.

Apr. 2 - Paul Escamilla will be leading us in a discussion of The Lord's Supper sacrament.

Beacon Class

"The Ten Commandments in a Modern World"

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

This class is presently joining Don Barnes in his Disciple I, Old Testament study in Room 204

.Seekers Class

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

UMYF

There was only one return on the letters I sent to the parents of youth that went horseback riding on the Spring Spiritual Retreat. Please return those to Kelly by this Sunday!! Rockin' C Ranch needs them back ASAP. Thanks!

This Sunday, March 26, the youth and confirmation will be going to Group Dynamix! We will meet at the church at 4:30 and then head out. We will eat supper there, and there is no extra cost for Group Dynamix, so just bring the regular \$3. Wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes you can MOVE in. YOUTH SINGERS, because we are leaving at 4:30, remember that your rehearsal will begin at 2:30! Group Dynamix is a lot of fun so BE THERE! Sunday School! We have three great classes going on this month, so we want to see YOU at Sunday School at 9:30. Come join in on the fellowship! SAVE THE DATE! Habitat for Humanity on April 22! Spring Valley Youth (14 and older) are going to be pitching in and helping Rhonda and Fred Huser at Habitat for Humanity. This is a great opportunity to help out those who live in our nearby communities!

REMINDER! By March 31, let Kelly or Paco know if you are going on ASP, and Kelly if you are going on IMPACT. When we know the number, we can let those organizations know and also get back to you on final schedules and costs. ALSO, Mardi Gras Madness is a wonderful fundraiser that benefits everyone and helps bring down costs for these trips. With fundraisers and scholarships available, don't let money be an issue!! If you need more convincing, call Kelly. If you are not sure that you have informed Kelly or Paco on your intent to go on these trips, let us know again. Thanks!

CHOIR

Tuesday, March 21, 6:00 Supper, 6:30 Dress Rehearsal (Khaki pants and your Youth Singers polo shirt)

Saturday, March 25, 9:00 Arrive at C.C. Young. 4817 West Lawther & Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX 75214, 214-827-8080

10:00 Performance at C.C. Young, back to the church for pickup by noon

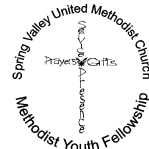
Sunday, March 26, 3:30 Rehearsal Tuesday, March 28, 6:00 Supper and Rehearsal Sunday, April 2, 3:30 Youth Ringers (first time back in rehearsal); 4:30 Youth Singers Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 Arrive at Appletree Court, 870 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX 75080, 972-889-2300

7:00 performance at Appletree Court Nursing Home

Notes:

All youth at MGM got polo shirts. We need you to contact Carol Nicholas and confirm that you have paid \$20. If not, we need you to write a check to SVUMC and bring it to church.

Please memorize your lines!!!



Crayon Class collects school supplies

The MWF Crayon class began a school supply drive last month to collect supplies for an organization that sends them to children living in Iraq. The organization is called "Operation Iraqi Children" and they send the school supply packets over to Iraq, and they are then distributed by U.S. soldiers. The preschool was able to collect enough supplies and money to make over thirty packets!



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

Where there's a "WILL" iams, there's a way

Neil and Betty Williams have certainly had the *will* and then found a way!

Their interest in mission dates back to their Florida church and when they joined Spring Valley about 10 years ago, they brought an idea for mission giving. Initially, while their idea wasn't rejected, it wasn't acted on. That's when they "found a way". And what was their idea?

Dimes-A-Day! Yes, hundreds of persons have benefited directly from the inspiration of the Williamses. To date, we have given almost \$80,000 from third Sunday Dimes-A-Day offerings to local and foreign mission programs.

They have been active on SVUMC's Mission Core since 1999 and for three years Neil served as chair. They are definitely a "hands on" couple participating in many missions personally.

The first Dimes gifts were used to assemble health kits for displaced and homeless persons. Neil has done most of the work in ordering, purchasing, and supervising the assembly of these kits. To date, we've been able to send 1400 kits, packed with loving care by the mission team.

Remember signing Christmas cards a few years ago to send to Bill and Jerri Savuto and to our sister church in the Czech Republic? Yep, they organized that effort. And they are the ones who have been our "official" Slany and Savuto correspondents.

Bowling for \$\$\$\$. For Neighborhood Service Council, in 2000, that's exactly what Neil did by organizing a bowl-a-thon as a fundraiser.

Serving breakfast at Austin Street Centre, though not a regular activity, is one they volunteer for as needed.

Neil has driven both our Meals-on-Wheels routes so often he knows them by heart. With a generous heart, he has even driven unfamiliar routes by himself at the last minute, when a route delivery has not been completed. That's not any easy assignment!

Betty served as the Mission Core secretary for 2 years. She is able to "think on her feet" and contributes insightful ideas to enrich our mission core meetings.

Rolling up their sleeves to give blood 2 to 3 times a year is a regular habit. And that's after they help recruit others to donate.

For years, they have both participated in the VNA's Holiday Project held in Wesley Hall. In fact it was a chance meeting there 10 years ago with Myrna Ridings that resulted in the invitation to visit the Seeker Sunday School class. Once there, they immediately jumped in and became active. They've held every office in the class and are a vital part of the fellowship. Betty organizes the annual Seeker workday each August at Dobie School, helping teachers prepare classrooms.



Betty is chair of the newly formed Friendship Circle, the UMW group that meets evenings. And sure enough, their focus is on projects to help others!

Musical talent is in the gene pool of the Williamses. They both sing, play musical instruments, and are parents of 3 musical children.



Daughter,

Janet, a church member, has a beautiful voice. Singing sons, Randy and Gary work as orthotists following in Dad's professional footsteps. Neil served in the Navy, playing trumpet in a Navy Band. They are former choir members and she a former handbell ringer.

Now is time for Spring Valley to say thank you to Neil and Betty. Soon they will move back to Florida to be closer to their sons, and more importantly to the 5 grandchildren. We'll save the goodbyes until closer to the time they leave, but a word of appreciation for their many contributions to Spring Valley is always appropriate! Blessings to you both.

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. Bring your very best sack lunch. Dessert will be furnished. Save the date. Thursday, April 6 at 11:30am, in Wesley Hall. See you there!



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

Steve Harper

SVUMC Church Family

Carmen Copeland

Kay Holstien

Troy Sumner

Wray Lawley

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

Gerry Broome's father, Gordon

Lola Copeland's father, Norm

Joyce Covey's son, Tom

Steve Cronenberg's mother, Helen

Dianne Cronenberg's aunt, Dona Sawhill

Diane Duvall's friend, Sharon

Alice McElroy's sister-in-law, Karen Patterson

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

Camille Smith

Paula Huffaker's friend, Kerry Tate

Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,

Gary and Jacqui Hopper

Jerry Turecky's cousin's son, Doug Hall

John Tarver's former teacher, Hugh Thompson

Donna Campbell's husband, Tom, and her

friend, Ashley Wilson

All persons serving in the military

SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to:

Joe and June Lees who celebrated their

64th wedding anniversary

Jerry and Patti Malone on the birth of their

granddaughter, Katie Ann Malone

Deepest sympathy to:

Family and friends of Greg Haase

Family and friends of Carol Robertson

Martinez family in the death of their

uncle, John Baker