

# Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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## Holy Week Schedule

<i>Maundy Thursday Worship &amp; Communion</i>	<i>7pm</i>
<i>Good Friday Worship-Tenebrae Service</i>	<i>7pm</i>
<i>Easter Day Services</i>	
<i>Son Rise Service, Wesley Hall</i>	<i>6:45am</i>
<i>"From Darkness to Light" Services</i>	
<i>Sanctuary Worship</i>	<i>8:30, 11am</i>
<i>Contemporary Worship &amp; Holy Communion</i>	
<i>Wesley Hall</i>	<i>11am</i>

*Please note that the church offices will be closed on March 28*

## Welcome, new members!

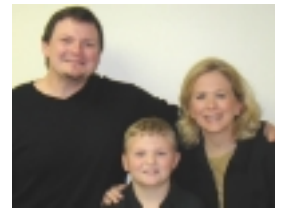
**Steve and Sheila Baxter  
sons, Brennan and**

**Andrew**  
7529 Stonecrest Drive  
Dallas 75254  
972-960-0101



**Steven and Beverly**

**Curtis  
son, Evan**  
14517 Meandering Way  
Dallas, 75254  
972-661-1861



Evan was also baptized on Sunday morning.



## Easter egg hunt was fun for all

We had beautiful weather on Palm Sunday afternoon for the annual Egg Hunt and Picnic at Cottonwood Park in Richardson. The children had a great time hunting for what seemed like thousands of eggs filled with candy and toys! Following the egg hunt, families enjoyed hot dogs and a great time of fellowship and playing together. Thank you to the evening UMW group for stuffing all the eggs and everyone who donated candy, and Sam Hodde and Cassie Dickerson who helped the Children's Council to hide the eggs. A special thank you to Lisa and Ken Phillips, Matthew and Christopher Stephens, Charles, Emma, and Reece Hudgins for preparing the hot dogs and hauling all the supplies to the park. This event is sponsored by the Children's Council. If you have an interest in joining this group of dedicated folks in overseeing and coordinating SVUMC's wonderful ministry with children and their families please contact Jan Hudgins at ext. 20.

## Dallas Peace Center sponsors talks

The Dallas Peace Center is sponsoring "Conversations with Ronald J. Young," who is National Coordinator for the Interreligious Initiative for Peace in the Middle East. On Thursday, March 31, at 7pm, he will address the "Road to Peace in the Middle East: What Citizens Can Do?" at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. On Friday, April 1 at 10am, he will give a lecture entitled "New Opportunities for Peace in the Middle East: The Role of Interreligious Cooperation" at Temple Emanu-El, 8500 Hillcrest, Dallas.

Both events are open to the public and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. The Dallas Peace Center was founded 25 years ago and has grown to be a multiethnic, interfaith, progressive peace and justice organization — the oldest and largest of its kind dedicated to peace and justice in the North Texas area. For more information, contact the Peace Center at 214-823-7793 or at [www.dallaspeacecenter.org](http://www.dallaspeacecenter.org).

## What's up for YOUTH...

### Sunday, March 27

6am Youth arrive for warm-ups & rehearsal  
6:45am Easter SonRise Service in Wesley Hall  
8:30am Easter Worship in Sanctuary  
9:45am Sunday School

11am Easter Worship Services in both Sanctuary and Common Ground

**Note:** There are no youth activities this Sunday afternoon. Spend Easter with your family!

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade you are invited to Junior High Camp this summer at Lake Bridgeport. We will participate in JH Camp 2, which is June 27-July 2. It costs \$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.

Again this spring, we will be coordinating a clothing and summer toy drive for Genesis Women's Shelter. Details are coming, so stay tuned!

### Mark your Calendars:

Mar 27 Easter SonRise Service, led by the youth  
April 8-10 Spring Spiritual Retreat, led by Seniors '05 who rock, by the way  
April 24 WhirlyBall!  
May 1 Senior Recognition Sunday

## Next "Second Helpings" is April 13

Scott Donovan, an expert in biomedical ethics, will speak on April 13 for the monthly "Second Helpings" event. He will talk about "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 and 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.

## UMW meetings planned for April

The April UMW meetings will be on Monday, April 11. The daytime group meets for lunch in Asbury Hall at 11:30. The speaker is Myrna Ridings, who will talk about Spring Valley's Stephen Ministry program. The evening group meets at 7:15pm. Stacy Ellis, Executive Director of Wesley Rankin, will talk about volunteer opportunities and the services that Wesley Rankin offers.

The UMW Spring Banquet is coming soon. Mark your calendars for May 9 at 6:30pm in Wesley Hall. The program will be presented by the "hat lady," Pat Crenshaw. Reservations must be made by May 4.



## Noteworthy news Upcoming Music



### Mar. 27, Easter Sunday

6:45 Youth Singers, *Christ Will Be Lifted Up*  
8:30, 11:00 Chancel Choir, *Canon of Praise*  
for Easter Morning & Hallelujah Chorus

### Apr. 3

8:30 Men's Choir, *God, How Can We Forgive?*  
11:00 Chancel Choir, *Song of Exaltation*

### Apr. 10

8:30, 11:00 Carillon Ringers, *Fantasy #3 in G Minor & Allegro Glorioso*  
11:00 Chancel Choir, *I Am His Child*

### Apr. 17

8:30, 11:00 Chamber Singers, *Go Out With Joy*  
and *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
8:30 Chamber Singers, 11:00 Chancel Choir

## All children are invited...

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



All Spring Valley children between 4 years old and 6<sup>th</sup> grade may participate – even if they have not been in children's choir before, or ever been in a children's musical. We will work hard to present an exciting program, and end our choir year on Wed., May 18, with an end-of-the-year pizza party and carnival, paid for with 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 come for a brown bag lunch and games here at the church on March 30. The fun starts at 11am, so bring your lunch, your neighbors, and your favorite game.



## Savutos will visit on April 3

Spring Valley's missionaries will visit our congregation on Sunday, April 3. Jerri will speak at the traditional services and Bill will speak at Common Ground service. During the Sunday School hour, Jerri will meet with the youth and Bill is available to visit adult classes on a first-come basis. Brent Kern, their son-in-law will accompany them and sing as part of the sanctuary services.

Bill and Jerri are home from Kenya and currently living in Plano. They are missionaries-in-residence for the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.

They are looking forward to being at our warm and friendly church to tell the important story of mission all around the world. Be in worship on April 3 as Bill, Jerri, and Brent share inspiring and uplifting messages about our Dimes-a-Day gifts at work. To contact Bill about speaking to your class, email him at [jbsavuto@grandecom.net](mailto:jbsavuto@grandecom.net).

## Blood Drive, April 17

The Mission Core is again sponsoring a blood drive through Carter BloodCare. It's important for those who can donate to share this gift of life with those needing blood.

There will be a sign up table in the hall beginning April 3 so that you can schedule a convenient time to donate. The hours are 9 am – 2 pm in Asbury Hall. For information about eligibility, you may visit the church website, [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org), or call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

## Habitat will not build on March 26

Plan to help on April 2 at 4311 Metropolitan in South Dallas.

## Class on United Methodism planned

A special 4-week class on United Methodism, led by Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, will start on 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.



## NTC Senior adult retreat at Prothro Center is Apr. 27,28

All NTC senior adults are invited to the "Faith Alive" retreat at Prothro Center on Lake Texoma, April 27-28. Rev. Ken Dickson, NTC Retired clergy from Highland Park UMC staff, Dallas, will be the keynote speaker. He and his wife, Mary Jane, will share their gifts in ministry at the retreat.

Accommodations include handicap accessibility, and all rooms have private baths. The cost is \$60 per person for double occupancy and \$110 for single. Registration deadline is April 11. For more information, please call Rev.

Tamara Bullard, 214-523-2249, email: [bullard@hnumc.org](mailto:bullard@hnumc.org)



## 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. 27 - No class

### Seekers - Room 200

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

### Wesleyan Class - Dining Room

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

Robert Gross will teach each Sunday in April.

Apr. 3 - The Historical Jesus

Apr. 10 - Who Is Jesus? - The Book of Hebrews

Apr. 17 - The Second Coming

Apr. 24 - Where Jesus Walked - A Photo Tour of the Holy Land

### Beacon Class

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.

## 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.



## 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

Beth Copeland

Ralph Detwiler

The Leedy family

The Maddison family

Ted & Catharine Gebhardt

Tommi Ezell

Connie Peterman

Homebound members

Cindy Stamps' friend, Dwain Warren

The Otal family friend, Anina Maria

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Duane & Pat Standlee's daughter, Tracy Rankin

Bethann DeFoe's mother, Betty Lee Brandt

Martha Cannon and her mother, Josephine Hood

Trish Smith's friend, Laurie McCalley

Charles & Norma Warner's friend, Maritza Malek

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and daughter, Ashley

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

Johnny & Lillian

All persons serving in the military

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

### Congratulations to:

Evan Curtis who was baptized on

Sunday, March 20

Judi and Bob Hitch on the birth of their

third grandchild, Laura Hitch

### Sympathy to:

Billy Powell in the death of his father

### Extended Church Family

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

Tom & Ana Julia Boylan

Steve Baxter's brother, Scott