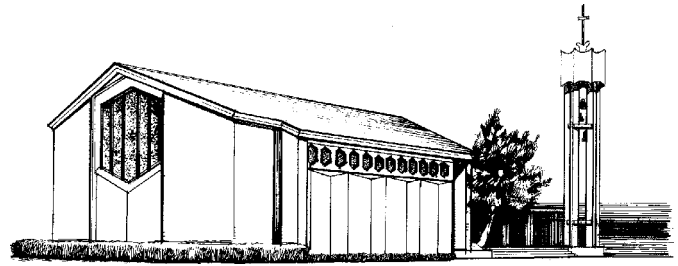


Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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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



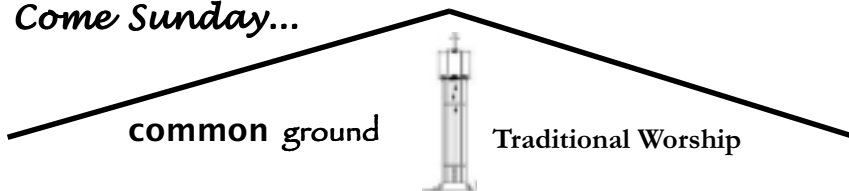
Long Range Planning Committee meeting slated

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, but reservations had to be made by Tuesday afternoon. 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.

Dan Fogelberg: A Living Legacy

Friday, March 31, Tribute Concert, 7pm, Coffeehouse It's here. Come enjoy the music. Come enjoy the gourmet coffees supplied by the upscale supplier, Eiland Coffee. Come enjoy tasty desserts and good fellowship. Don't forget to come early to get a good seat. Doors open at 6:30. 21 musicians will bring delight to your evening as we celebrate the music of Dan Fogelberg.

Come Sunday...



Sunday, April 2, Fifth Sunday in Lent

John 12:20-33

Lent Means Grace:

Communion with the Family

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

Means of Grace: the Eucharist

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Sunday, April 9, Palm/Passion Sunday

"Weep Not for Me"

An original drama based on the Passion of our Lord as recounted through the eyes of the women of Jerusalem.

Proclamation of the

Passion Story

A Grief Observed

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla



Frank Rahm, former Youth Minister, plays piano for Fogelberg concert.

Special thanks to Spring Valley

A special thanks goes to Spring Valley for your participation with this past weekends Habitat for Humanity work day. The Seekers Sunday School class came through with some great treats for breakfast and a very tasty brisket with all the trimmings for lunch. Besides the wonderful food, some very productive workers provided a hard day's work on the house. The outside of the house received two coats of paint and the inside was prepared for the professionals to come in to paint this week. A great day was had by all, thanks to the good cooks and hard workers.



Painting and touch-ups continue this weekend, April 1, at the work site. Please plan to join us for another fun day at 1804 Jack Casey Drive. The workday begins at 8am and ends by 4pm. Questions regarding the build may be directed to Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

Easter breakfast at Austin St. Centre, April 16

"On the third day before dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb of the crucified Jesus and found it empty."

For Christians, this day is now called Easter. On the day we celebrate Easter, dedicated pilgrims from Spring Valley will make their way downtown to serve breakfast for 350+ homeless persons where down trodden, poor, mentally ill seek overnight shelter. These are the very men, women, and yes, even children Jesus referred to as he preached the gospel.

What could be more meaningful than to celebrate the risen Christ by rising early with others to caravan downtown to serve life-sustaining basic food. You will be back in time to participate in all the services! You are invited to color the hard cooked eggs for this occasion!

"Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said."

Will **YOU** be there representing Jesus? The sign-up table is in the hall, or call Dana or Steve Taylor, 972-234-9867.

Palm Sunday Food Drive

Our regular Richardson **NETWORK** of Community Ministries food collection falls on April 9, Palm Sunday. As always, the need is great. Families look to our community ministry as a way to help in an emergency. And there are always emergencies! Be generous as you shop for your family and remember other families. Please take time to put some extra non-perishable food in your shopping cart and then drop it in the barrels in the hall at church.

It would be nice to add small packages of hard candy or jelly beans for the children. Do not include chocolate. For more information about NET, call Rev. Don Barnes, 972-818-2523.



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 at 9:45am. For details or to volunteer, call Debbie McEnaney, dmcenaney@aol.com or 972-385-3918.

Greeters are needed in the Loggia for the months of June, September and December for the 8:30 service. If you or your Sunday School class would like to volunteer, please call Kay and John Hutchins 972-712-3398.

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Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$ 288,453
Total received to date	280,014
Received March 26	13,430

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

NOTEworthy news...

Sunday, April 2

- 8:30 & 11:00 Guitar & flute group
- 8:30 Men's Choir, *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
- 11:00 Chancel Choir, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*



Sunday, April 9

- 8:30 & 11:00 Children's Choirs, *Lo, He Comes*
- 8:30 Children's Choirs, *Lenten Love Song*
- 11:00 Chancel Choir, *God So Loved the World*

Sunday, April 16

- 6:30 Youth Singers, *Carry Him Gently* Soloist, Madeline Steiner
Youth Singers, *He is Alive*
- 8:30 and 11:00, Chancel Choir, *Hallelujah*, from *Mount of Olives*
Hallelujah Chorus, from *Messiah*
- 8:30 and 11:00, Carillon Ringers, *Easter Dorian Dance*

Youth Ringers resume rehearsals on Sunday, 3:30

Sunday, April 2, the Youth Ringers will resume their normal rehearsals from 3:30-4:30 in the choir room. They will ring in Common Ground at the end of the month and will ring for the Bell Concert on May 7 at noon.

Easter Lilies sales only two more Sundays

Lilies may be purchased Sunday, April 2, and next Sunday, April 9. Youth Singers are selling them for \$10 each. They will adorn the sanctuary and Common Ground on Easter Sunday morning. They may be given in honor of a loved one, in memory of a loved one or to the glory of God.

Youth Singers to perform at Appletree Court April 4

Our Youth Singers will share their musical "Celebrate Life" on Tuesday, April 4, at Appletree Court. This follows their wonderful performance on Saturday, March 25 at C.C. Young. They are preparing for their choir tour this summer.

Calling all Young Adults – Luncheon, April 9

Sunday, April 9, at 12:30, we will gather to go off-campus for lunch. This is an initial meeting to discuss the formation of a young adult musical group. If you are a young adult, you are invited to participate! There will be opportunities for sharing vocal and instrumental musical talent. You do not have to be a soloist, just have a love for the Lord and a love for music. At lunch, we'll talk about: A late summer trip to Branson MO, music selections, rehearsal times.

Persons who will sponsor this group and will join us for lunch are Pauline and David Greenwell, Gary and Cara Sheroke and Paula Huffaker.

Please call and let Rusty know of your interest in this group and specifically, if you can join us on April 9 at noon for lunch.

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.

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

- Apr. 2** - Paul Escamilla will be leading us in a discussion of The Lord's Supper sacrament.
- Apr. 9 - Ken Link, "What's So Amazing About Grace?" - Part 1
- Apr. 16 - Ken Link, "What's So Amazing About Grace?" - Part 2

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

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

Thank you to everyone who came or helped with Group Dynamix on Sunday. We had 57 youth and Confirmands!! It was great getting to know the Confirmation class and I can't wait until they join our Youth group!!

Thank you all!

I now have 4 out of 10 letters returned from the ones 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. If you need another one, please contact Kelly. Thanks!

This Sunday, April 2nd, UMYF will feature a discussion on Revelation. This is a very controversial book of the Bible so this should be a very good discussion. Come to Snack Supper at 5:30 and at 6, bring your insight, opinions, and open minds to the book of Revelation!

Sunday School!

This month, we will be planning out the Common Ground Service for April 30 because that is YOUTH SUNDAY!! Come be a part of expressing your youth in the planning for this special service. See you there!

Save the date!

Habitat for Humanity on April 22!! Spring Valley Youth (14 and older) are going to be pitching in to help Rhonda and Fred Huser at Habitat for Humanity. This is a great opportunity to help out those who live in our nearby communities! There will be a sign up sheet on Sunday at Sunday School. Parents, we want you to be a part of this too. There will be a sign up sheet in the SPOT Class as well so you can come out and join in!

Summer trips!!!

By March 31, let Kelly or Paco know if you are going on ASP, and Kelly if you are going on IMPACT. COSTS – ASP will be \$70 per youth and IMPACT will be \$150 per youth. The increase for IMPACT is due to the organization's fees and activities on our free day. With both of these trips, 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!

Bruce Tucker has a web site with pictures of youth. For a look, go to <http://homepage.mac.com/tuckers4/PhotoAlbum89.html>

Choir

Tuesday, March 28, 6:00 Supper and Rehearsal

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

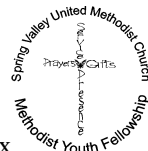
Youth Singers

Tuesday, April 4, 6pm, arrive at Appletree Court, 870 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX 75080, 972-889-2300, 7:00 performance at Appletree

Notes

All youth at MGM received 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!!!



United Methodist Women plan next meeting

The United Methodist Women will meet in Asbury Hall on Monday, April 10, at 11:30am Hostesses are Janis Dumas, Sundra Culver, and Barbara Zoeller.



The program will be given by Melody Malone, a member of Colony United Methodist Church and an active member of the Lay Speaker organization. Her topic will be "Choosing God's Moments", and we hope that you will be present at this moment to hear what God has for each of us! Come join us for food, fellowship and fun!

Easter shopping in Craft room

The Craft Room will be open on Sunday, April 2, between Sunday School and 12 noon for you to do some last minute Easter shopping!



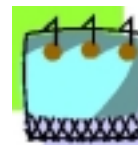
Come by and see all the cute Easter goodies and finish your Easter shopping early.

We need candy eggs!

The Children's Council is collecting donations of individually wrapped candy for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Please place your donation in the labeled basket in the hall outside the children's classrooms on Sunday mornings. Thanks!

Sign changers needed

Our ever-changing message on the sign is revised, updated, and maintained by a small group of volunteers from our congregation. Every 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 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

What..Why..Who..is the Friendship Circle?

It is a group of SVUMC ladies who meet on the 2nd Monday evening of each month as a branch of the United Methodist Women (UMW). When this group formed last year, the members decided that their purpose would be to work on mission projects. Their meetings have allowed them to complete projects such as:

- ~Filling plastic eggs for the SVUMC Easter Egg Hunt
- ~Making gift baskets and assisting with the set up for the Wesley Rankin Dinner and Auction
- ~Organizing and providing publicity for the UMW Fall Bazaar
- ~Stuffing envelopes for Neighborhood Service Council
- ~Decorating jar mixes they made for the UMW Fall Bazaar

They will soon begin making tray cards from recycled Christmas cards for Meals on Wheels recipients on Christmas Day. The April 10 meeting will be held in the church dining room and they will again assist the Children's Dept. by filling eggs for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Most of the members work outside the home and have found this group to be a place to enjoy socializing as they work together on the projects.

Ladies, if you would like to meet other members of SVUMC in a relaxed atmosphere of sharing and caring, we encourage your participation. The group is considering a different meeting night, so please let us know if you have a specific preference. Please call Betty Williams, 972-238-5608, for further information or if you need a sitter for the meeting.

The Prime Timers' next event planned

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!



Thank you...

for a great Spring clean-up day! Everyone pitched in and helped to make our church look pretty for our visitors this Easter. We thought it was a wonderful success this year, thanks to the efforts of our great congregation. *Your Trustees*



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*

Have you remembered...

your church in your will? Noting a bequest in your will doesn't have to be complicated. A simple revision to an existing will allows you to express your faith in God and the future ministry of your church. Contact the Spring Valley Foundation for more information.

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 at www.bridgeportcamp.com. For details or scholarship information, call Jan Hudgins at jhudgins@svumc.org or 972-233-7671, ext. 20.

Sharing Holy Week with Children

For Christians, Easter is a happy day; new life, the empty tomb, forgiveness, resurrection, and more. Understanding Easter isn't easy, even for adults. We come to understand the different aspects of Easter better as we grow and mature as Christians. Adults respond with enthusiasm to Easter's claim of resurrection and victory over death because we understand the finality of death and may even fear it. Children, on the other hand, do not have an understanding that death is final and may wonder, "What's the big deal?"

So how do we talk to our children about death and resurrection? How do we explain the empty tomb and its importance for us? Should we avoid it altogether and just let children wonder how Jesus got in the tomb in the first place? It sounds silly to think of approaching it that way, but we often do just that without meaning to by skipping ahead and beginning the story on Easter Day. Over the next few weeks I'll give you some guidelines and ideas for sharing the days of Holy Week with your children or grandchildren. In the meantime, know that you don't have to know all the answers. You do the most harm when you fail to talk with your child about the message of Easter and your faith when you don't share out of fear of not getting it right.

Jan Hudgins

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

Georgia Goodrum

Bob Muskopf

James Rea

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

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

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

Marci Hitt's sister, Linda Wolfe

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