

Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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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 the 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.

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.



Join the Seekers' class on April 23

Would you like to join the Seekers' class for a fun day in Granbury? We are going to see the play "Forever Plaid," on Saturday, April 23 from noon to 8pm. The cost is \$30 per person (\$15 for the chartered bus and \$15 for the theater ticket.)

Invite your friends and join us. We will board the bus at noon at SVUMC, arrive in Granbury for the 2pm performance, shop from 4-5pm, depart on the bus to Chop 'n Block barbecue restaurant for dinner (\$5.95 per person to go through the line or order from the menu.) Cost of the dinner is up to you! We'll leave the restaurant to board the bus to Dallas at 6:30pm and arrive at SVUMC at 8pm.

Please call Jeanne Hunter, 214-348-1704, for details and to sign up.

Welcome, new members!

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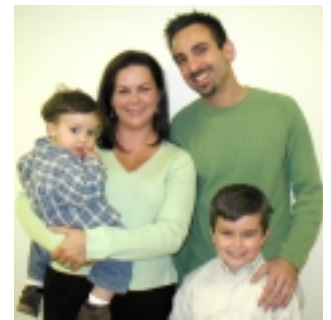
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Annual Conference representation needed

Would you like to be one of Spring Valley's lay members of the annual conference this year? The conference will be held in Wichita Falls, Sunday afternoon through Wednesday noon, June 5 - 8. Room accommodations for the three nights are being provided by Spring Valley, and we need one additional member to make our delegation complete.

If you have interest in being a part of this year's annual conference session, please contact Larry George (972-233-7671, x15) as soon as possible to ensure that you receive all of the pre-conference information.

What's up for YOUTH...

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 this year, 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. 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.

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

Mark your Calendars:

Apr. 8-10 Spring Spiritual Retreat, led by Seniors '05 who rock, by the way

Apr. 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 info, call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler.

UMW meetings planned for April 11

The April UMW meetings will be held on Monday, April 11. The day-time 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, also in Asbury Hall. Stacy Ellis, Executive Director of Wesley Rankin, will talk about volunteer opportunities and the services offered at Wesley Rankin.

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.

Income generated from Steak & Ale

Your Steak & Ale *itemized* meal receipts generate funds for our budget. We have accounts at the LBJ, (Greenville & Abrams), and the Belt Line Road, Addison, locations. Bring receipts to the volunteer office. We receive a check for 10% of the net amount on the receipts. For information, call Betty or Neil Williams, 972-238-5608.



Noteworthy news Upcoming Music



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

April 24

Ladies Ensemble, *When We All Get to Heaven*
Chancel Choir, *I Hear Thy Welcome Voice*

Thank You for the Easter Lilies

We would like to thank all who purchased Easter lilies this year. We sold close to 150. They helped to beautify the sanctuary and Wesley Hall for our services. We would especially like to thank Debbie Ledbetter for her work as chairperson on this project.

The children are getting ready...

Costumes are being designed, music is being learned, and drama lines are being memorized, as the children's choirs work on their spring musical, *Esther-Ordinary Faith*, to be presented in Wesley Hall on Sunday, May 15 at 6:30pm



Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm (we gather between 6:15 and 6:30pm), upstairs in the adult Sunday School wing.

It is never too late to become part of the choir. The door is always open, and every child has a special part and a costume. So join us, as we learn the story of Esther, Mordecai, King Xerxes, Haman, Xerox, the scribe, and Esther's "Extra-Ordinary" faith!

Blood drive is April 17

I wanted to share with you the status of our blood supply. Since the beginning of the year, many donors have been unable to donate due to having the flu, and then so many families were out of town for spring break.

Currently, the blood supply is at an overall critical level. We have four of the 8 blood types below their minimal level (O-, O+, B-, and AB-). We service local hospitals such as Baylor, Presbyterian, Medical City, Children's, Cook's, etc. We are seeing that blood usage is increasing, but donor participation is decreasing.

So please, help your communities and local hospitals by saving up to three lives at your church's upcoming blood drive on Sun, Apr. 17, from 9am to 2pm in Asbury Hall. Thanks, *Ruth Sprick*, Carter BloodCare Donor Consultant

Spring Valley has its own account with Carter BloodCare! If a church family has a need, there is a system to help defray the administration cost. But all of us must donate to help sustain this important mission ministry. There will be a sign-up table on Sunday for you to schedule a convenient time. The hours are 9am-2pm in Asbury Hall. If you can't personally give, you could help with donor sign-ins and at the refreshment table. For details about eligibility, visit the church web site or www.carterbloodcare.org, or call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

Habitat build continues

Construction will continue each Saturday through May 7. SVUMC's volunteer day is April 23. We will provide food and drink and encouragement to SVUMC members who join us in construction that day. The *Friends* and *Prodigals* will bring breakfast and the *Beacons* will provide lunch. Call "super builder" Bill Boyer at 972-661-2570.



Austin Street Centre breakfast is April 17

This mission for the homeless in downtown Dallas is a residential and pastoral care program offering help and hope to 350+ men, women and children. They receive the three basic things they need most: shelter, food, and a safe environment. In addition to food, clothing, showers and sleeping space, medical and psychiatric teams provide emergency care and counseling weekly. About one third of the shelter's population suffers from chronic mental illness, and a large number have chronic medical and physical disabilities.

Community volunteers and church groups provide and serve meals. Our church provides breakfast once a quarter. Sign up to volunteer or call Dana and Steve Taylor, 972-234-9867.

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

Plan to attend the "Faith Alive" retreat at Prothro Center on Lake Texoma, April 27-28. Our speakers are Rev. Ken Dickson, NTC retired clergy serving at Highland Park UMC, Dallas, and his wife, Mary Jane. Accommodations have handicap accessibility, and all rooms have private baths. The cost is \$60 per person for double occupancy and \$110 for single. Registration ends on Apr. 11. Call Rev. Tamara Bullard at 214-523-2249.



Join us for Sunday school

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

Robert Gross will teach each Sunday in April using the theme of "The Life of Christ."

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

Christian Parenting - Room 210

The Christian Parenting Class will begin a study of the book *Greatness and Children* by Dawn Billings on April 3. The study will continue on April 10 and will end on April 24.

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.

Wesleyan Class - Dining Room

Apr. 3 - Don Bowen

Apr. 10 - TBD

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

Common Ground worship slated

11am, Sundays in Wesley Hall

Sunday, April 3 - Bill Savuto, North Texas Conference Missionary, will preach on the calling to mission.

Sunday, April 10 - Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler to preach on Luke 24:13-35, the "Walk to Emmaus." Sermon title is "Wake Up and Smell the Coffee."

Sunday, April 17 - Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler to preach on the book of Acts 2:27-42. The sermon title is "Learning to Live Together."

Sunday, April 24 - Common Ground will celebrate the gifts and lives of Spring Valley UMC's graduating high school seniors. Special music will be provided by *Risen*, the Youth Praise Band, and the bell choirs.

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. 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

Audrey Rozelle

The Maddison family

Ted & Catharine Gebhardt

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Betty Reichel's son, the Bielling family

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

Bentley Harris

Bethann DeFoe's mother, Betty Lee Brandt

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

Kathy Watson's friends, Sheila & David Heal, and

their daughter, Kathryn Hostetler Heal

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Steve Baxter's brother, Scott

Cindy Stamps' friend, Dwain Warren

The Otal family friend, Anina Maria

All persons serving in the military

Our missionaries, the Savutos

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Those with ongoing concerns