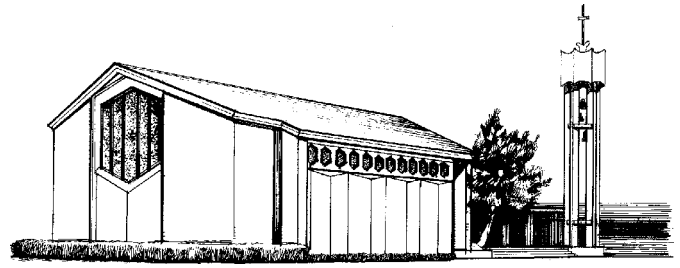


Behold!



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Ministry Milestones to be celebrated

May is graduation month; and this year that celebration includes two members of our pastoral staff: Anna Hosemann-Butler, our Senior Associate Pastor; and Frank Rahm, our Youth Minister.

On May 14, Brite Divinity School at TCU will confer on Anna Hosemann-Butler the degree of Doctor of Ministry. Having completed all of the course work, Anna submitted her doctoral thesis in April as the final project in her studies. Her subject was "A Transforming Word: The Call to Reclaim Drama as the Central Act of Proclamation in Protestant Worship."

Also on May 14, Perkins School of Theology at SMU will confer on Frank Rahm the degree of Master of Divinity. The following month, June 6-9, the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church will convene in Wichita Falls; and at that gathering, Frank will be commissioned and received into probationary membership as a clergyperson of the North Texas Conference. At the close of the conference session, Frank will receive a new appointment as an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church, Coppell.

In celebration of Frank's ministry at Spring Valley, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and youth parents will host an all-church reception for Frank in Asbury Hall on Sunday, May 22, at 12 noon. As a part of that celebration and as an expression of our gratitude for Frank's ministry here, we will present him with a love offering. You may mail your gift to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday; please be sure that it is clearly marked for "Frank's gift."

A great mission opportunity for the entire congregation!

In partnership with the Spring Valley UMC Missions Core Process Group, Youth Ministries is pleased to announce that we will conduct a "Summer Toy Drive" for the children at Genesis Women's Shelter again. Please bring new, unwrapped summer toys for children of all ages on Sundays, May 8 & 15. Great summer toys are available at reasonable prices at Walmart or Target, and include things like hula-hoops, playdoh, matchbox cars, play balls, or bubbles. Like last year, we have distributed a letter to each adult Sunday school class asking that class to focus on a specific age group. Additionally, new swimwear for children of all ages and their mothers is requested.

We are also soliciting clothes, shoes, handbags, and costume jewelry that are suitable for women at the shelter to use on job interviews and on the job. If there are dresses and/or suits in your closet that you would like to donate, please have them dry-cleaned and bring them to the church. We will deliver our collections to the shelter on Saturday, May 21.

Do you like a good story?

Then we have the perfect event coming up for you! Our Spring Valley Children's Choirs will present the story of Esther and her great faith in *Esther-Ordinary Faith* on Sunday, May 15, at 6:30pm



in Wesley Hall. Come and see our children as they tell the story of the heroine, Esther; the hero, Mordecai; and the villain, Haman. See you there!

Busy Sundays ahead for 6th graders

On Sunday, May 8, we will recognize the 6th graders who have been acolytes for the sanctuary services. Each year, 5th and 6th graders are invited to serve as acolytes for both traditional services. The acolytes are trained, scheduled, and assisted by Alice McElroy, who has given generously of her time and talent in our acolyte program. We give thanks for her gifts. The annual acolyte training for next year will be held in August and will include a trip to Mr. Gatti's for some pizza and fun!

Sunday, May 15, is Confirmation Sunday. Our twenty 6th-grade confirmands have been led by Richard and Dorothy Milner. It has been a joy to see these young people grow in their faith. We will witness their commitment to Christ and the Church at the 11am traditional service, as they stand with their parents and Faith Mentors to profess their faith. There will be a display in the loggia of each confirmand's personal creed and his/her picture.

Afterward, the confirmands and families will attend a banquet, hosted by the Children's Council and 5th-grade parents and coordinated by Debbie McEnaney. They will then be introduced to the youth program as they embark on the next phase of their life in this community of faith.

What's up for YOUTH...

May 8, Mother's Day/ Festival of the Christian Home

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Afternoon: There are no youth activities after noon at the church today. Instead, spend time with your mom.

A note of thanks to our seniors who did a marvelous job leading us in worship for the last two weeks. Sunday's sanctuary worship was special; and your messages of hope, trust, faith, and love were timeless, serving as a genuine witness to the word of Jesus Christ. Thank you to all Seniors '05 (who rock, by the way) for your love, devotion, faith, and dedication to your church home.

May is Genesis Women's Shelter month for youth ministries at Spring Valley. Please mark the following events on your calendar:

Wednesday, May 11 Our usual Wednesday evening visit to the shelter,
6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, May 18 Sort donations we collect in our summer toy drive,
6:30-8:30pm

Saturday, May 21 Deliver toys and clothes to the shelter! 9-11:30am
Youth, remember: We're counting on your donations to this toy drive, too!

Spring into Summer/Spring into Youth is coming June 4!! This is our traditional party for all youth and parents to welcome the sixth-grade confirmation class and their families into youth ministry. This year the party is Saturday, June 4, from 5-8pm at the home Chris McEnaney and his family. There will be swimming, burgers, and dogs, so plan to attend!

Sign-Up NOW for Summer Mission trips: All youth who have completed 9th grade are encouraged to sign up NOW for **Appalachia Service Project**. The trip is July 8-17. As a Christian ministry that builds homes "on the side," this is a tremendous mission trip. The cost to register for this trip is \$60 per youth.

All youth who have completed 7th grade are encouraged to sign up NOW for the **Colorado Easter Seals** trip. This is a fantastic opportunity to be in service to other teens who are blessed in alternative ways. The cost to register for this trip is \$95 per youth, which includes the price of your ticket to Six Flags in Denver. As always, scholarships for these trips are available, and please note: the DEADLINE to register for these trips is May 15.

6th grade Confirmation class to sell Mother's Day flowers

The Confirmation class will sell carnations for \$1.50 a stem on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8. The proceeds will help fund a special project, so come by the table and buy your mom or grandma a flower or two!



Noteworthy news

Upcoming Music

May 8

8:30, Choral Ensemble, *Gift of Love*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Gift of Love*

May 15

Chancel Choir, *We Thank You, God for Teachers*



The Music Man tickets on sale Sunday, May 8

Our summer musical is slated for August 4-6. This delightful Valentine of small-town USA at the turn of the century has such great music as *Seventy-Six Trombones*, *Wells Fargo Wagon*, and *Till There Was You*. Tickets are \$18, \$15 and \$10. All tickets are reserved until July 15, when the \$10 tickets will become general admission. By purchasing tickets early, you can help to fund some of the up-front costs of presenting this musical, and ... you'll get to sit up-front!

Neighborhood Service Council, Inc. needs volunteers for summer, 2005

We need:

~ **Day camp counselors and recreation leaders** for *MY TIME* Teen Summer Camp. Must be 18 or older. Counselors earn \$8.50-\$10 an hour.

~ **People who have a career, hobby, sport, etc.** that they could share with neighborhood teens.

~ **Early reader and picture books** for the Summer Reading Program.

~ **Fall soccer coaches.** There will be a summer soccer camp for neighborhood youth at Cottonwood Park on June 20, 22, 24 from 10am-noon.

~ **Volunteers for KEYS** (Keeping Every Youth Safe) Training is June 1, 9:30am-12noon.

~ **Help with registration** and/or uniform check-in for **SOCCER NITE**, Tuesday, May 17, 6-8pm.

~ **Van Drivers** for *My Time* Camp on Mon.-Fri. during the summer. The van *must* have an NSCI staff person on board with the driver. Drivers must be 25 years or older with a safe driving record.

For information and details about NSCI, please call Jessie McClelland, 972-239-3501, or Janis Reid Dumas, 972-233-7671, ext. 25.



Ranch House Kids VBS is July 18-22

VBS registration for children and volunteers has begun. Look for the sign-up table on Sunday!

Non-perishable food collection is May 8

Next Sunday, May 8, which is Mother's Day, please bring your non-perishable food donations and place them in the hallway containers. We can all be a part of making Mother's Day a little better for families who seek help at NETwork of Community Ministries. Monetary donations can be put in the offering plates or left in the business office. For more information about NET go to: www.thenetwork.org.



Habitat house is completed

Saturday, May 7, will be the final workday for Clarence Johnson's Habitat home. Our church will be providing the lunch that day. Please plan to join us for the last workday and to take the opportunity to meet Mr. Johnson.

Saturday's workday will be devoted to painting and landscaping. This home is at 4311 Metropolitan, near Fair Park. For more information, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

Dimes-a-Day is May 15

The North Texas Annual Conference's mission for this year's meeting in June will be to collect health kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Well, that's something we know how to do! Our Mission Core Process Group has provided over 1,000 kits, all from Dimes-a-Day gifts. Each kit costs about \$10.

Because we are a connectional church, our contribution along with the other United Methodist churches in our conference, will help replace the thousands of kits used during the tsunami disaster.

So the Mission Group asks that you continue to support Dimes-a-Day each third Sunday of the month. And we invite you to join us on May 10, 7pm, as we assemble the 200 kits we'll take to Annual Conference.

For more information, call Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435.

...let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. *I John 3:18*

The Music Man cast chosen

For a complete listing of all the parts, go to our website, click on music and click on *The Music Man*. The full web address is <http://www.svumc.org/musicman.html>.



Professor Harold Hill	Blake Denzer
Marion Paroo	Jennifer Leedy
Marcellus Washburn	Joel Price
Mrs. Paroo	Alice McElroy
The Quartet	Tim Earl, Rich Milner, Dan Malin & Robert Blome
Mayor's Wife	Susan Denzer
Tommy Djilas	Chase LaFrano
Zanetta Shinn	Stephanie Chapman
Winthrop Paroo	Trent LaFrano
Amaryllis	Olivia Guerra

Join us for Sunday school

Beacon Class

"Living the Resurrection Life in a Post-Easter World "

May 8 - "God's Gifts and Man's Gratitude"

May 15 - "How to Get the Most out of Church"

May 22 - "Sheep...or Gnats?"

May 29 - "For This I Was Born"

Christian Parenting - Room 210

This class is studying Dawn Billings' book, *Greatness and Children*

Fellowship Bible Class - Room 216

We will begin *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, on April 24. Come join us. Questions? Contact Bill and Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486.

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

May 8 - Dr. Larry George - We will hear our Senior Pastor's perspective on his new position as District Superintendent.

May 15 - Betty Reichel will speak about the various aspects of the SVUMC mission program.

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.

Igniting Ministry meetings planned

Welcome Ministry Chair Max Taylor and Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler would like to schedule visits to all adult Sunday school classes and any other interested small groups during the next few weeks to talk about Igniting Ministry plans and all-church evangelism. For information and to schedule a meeting, contact Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church.

Prime Timers want you!

Remember our trip on May 26 to the Sixth Floor Museum and the Holocaust Museum via Dart. On June 22 we will have a brown-bag lunch in the Dining Room, and Spring Valley's own Jud Shook will speak on genealogy. On July 24 we will go to the Garland Summer Musicals to see *Crazy for You*. This will be an afternoon performance. There is a sign-up sheet for tickets on the volunteer desk. Join us for these fun events!



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

Sue Polson

Anna Hosemann-Butler

Tom Turner

Carol Robertson

Mildred Eubanks

Catharine Gebhardt

Ann Michele King

Randy Smith

Homebound members

Suellen Turner's father, Dick Donley

Shirley Hughes' friends, Vicky Field & Jen

Bethann DeFoe's mother, Betty Lee Brandt

The Simonsen family's friend, Grace Thiel

Rozanna and Lincoln Hinsch's daughters-
in-law's mothers

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley

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

Johnny & Lillian

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandi Frank

Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry

Pat Johnston's friends, David Gilbert & family

All persons serving in the military

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Jenetta Grantham and family in the death of her father

Morris Arrington and family in the death of his mother

Pat Currin and family in the death of her brother-in-law

Family & friends of Roberta Tipton who died on May 3

Georgia & John Goodrum and family in the death of
their son, Bradley, on May 3

Congratulations to:

Jo and Roger Martens on the marriage of their son,
Jonathan Still, on April 22

Clarence and Margaret Gilmore on the birth of a
grandson, Kevin Lee Chronister, on April 8

Tom and Ana Julia Boylan on the birth of twin boys

Extended Church Family

Annalise DeFrank

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

Tom and Ana Julia Boylan

Carmen Copeland's sister

Alan and Jeanne Moore

Upcoming events in May

May 8 ~ Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home

11am - Acolyte Recognition, Traditional

May 15 ~ Confirmation Sunday

Noon - Confirmation Banquet

6:30pm - *Esther-Ordinary Faith*,

Children's Choir Musical

May 22 ~ Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Frank Rahm Reception

May 29 ~ Memorial Day Weekend

Church offices closed on Monday.