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Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

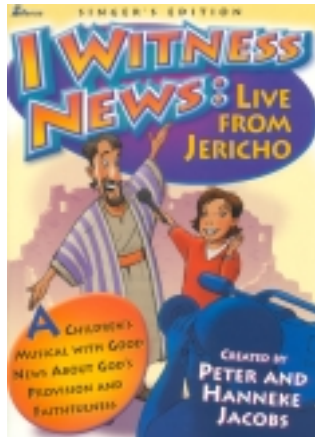


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Mothers...and everyone else, too, are invited...

to join our children's choirs in their 4th annual Mother's Day celebration in music. *I Witness News: Live From Jericho* will be an exciting, finger-snapping re-telling of the great fall of the walls of Jericho - sung by our wonderful Spring Valley children. Join our *I Witness* news crew as we take a journey back into the world of Joshua and Caleb, and the battle of Jericho.

Come and support the children at 6:30pm in Wesley Hall, Sunday, May 9th. You'll be glad you came!



Mother's Day is May 9...

...and a great opportunity to honor a very special person in your life with a tribute gift to The Spring Valley UMC Foundation. A personalized acknowledgment card will be sent in advance of her Special Day (if the gift is an honorarium) or to you (if the gift is a memorial). Your gift ensures Spring Valley's efforts to provide a place and programs for ministry and mission in Christ's name.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Please send acknowledgement card to:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Spring Valley United Methodist Church receives award from VNA

Spring Valley United Methodist Church has been a reliable partner of VNA Meals on Wheels for over 30 years. Their volunteers have delivered more than 1,100 days worth of meals to the elderly and disabled homebound in North and South Dallas areas. In an effort to help VNA recruit more volunteers, one of Spring Valley's Sunday School classes developed a power point slide presentation about Meals on Wheels. Spring Valley has also hosted VNA's annual Holiday Gift Wrap event for the last 16 years. During this time over 200,000 individual gift items have been wrapped and 40,000 client and patient gift bags have been assembled by volunteers.



Pictured are Robert Carpenter, CEO of VNA, Myrna Ridings, Rev. Larry George receiving the award for SVUMC, and Dave Booth

Guatemala mission team seeks SVUMC support through Dimes-a-Day offerings

The SVUMC mission team is short of its goal of providing the equivalent of last year's contribution to the Camanchaj clinic. When considering your Dimes-a-Day donation on May 16, please remember that 100% of our gifts go directly to help the Maya who visit the clinic. Prayerfully consider your contribution and pray that God will strengthen the missionaries' hands in service to the One whom we serve.

New college class begins on May 16

If you have college-age children, college friends, or know somebody in that age group, spread the word: We are reigniting our college class, starting Sunday, May 16. This is an opportunity to reconnect with each other and Spring Valley UMC. They'll share their thoughts, feelings, and ideas about the world they are inheriting and how their faith will shape their world.

What's up for YOUth...

May 9

9:45am Sunday School

11:00 Worship

No Youth Activities this afternoon. Spend time with Mom. Bring her to the SVUMC Children's Musical Sunday evening.

Our mission collection of summer toys and swimwear for children at Genesis Women's Shelter ends this Sunday, May 9!! All youth are reminded to bring your gift. We will also include a collection of gently-used & cleaned clothes, shoes, and jewelry suitable for the women to wear to job interviews and to their new jobs. This is a joint project of Youth and Missions Core Group.

Don't forget to come to Sunday School this week. Our "Heart" classes are continuing. Even if you have missed some lessons, you can still jump right in without missing a beat. Get it? "Heart" class! A beat! Even with the bad puns, it's still the best place to be on Sunday mornings.

On Sunday, June 6, from 5-8pm we will hold our annual event to welcome the new seventh graders and their families into the youth program. It's our Spring into Summer/Spring into Youth night at the home of Pam & George Reese. All youth and all family members are invited.

Congrats to: Chris Peart, who won second place in District 9th grade tennis singles

Best wishes to: Ann Michele King, as she recovers from surgery

Mark Your Calendars:

May 15	Service Saturday: Deliver collected items to Genesis
June 6	Spring into Summer/Spring into Youth
June 11-18	Youth Singers tour
July 9-18	Appalachia Service Project - Now filling the wait-list.
July 31-Aug 6	Colorado Easter Seals Trip - Registration form is on line.

Jewish music, art, and food to be celebrated

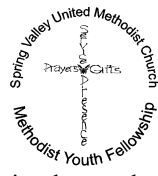
On Sunday, June 20, the Jewish Community Center of Dallas will present the Jewish Music, Art, & Food Festival at the Eisemann Center in Richardson. The festival, Dallas' largest of its kind, has attracted more than 50,000 people over the past eight years.

The Spring Valley UMC congregation is cordially invited to share in this exciting day filled with entertainment, speakers, food, and art. A flyer offering further details has been posted by the Asbury Hall stairs.



Adult Day Center plans 7pm open house on May 25

C.C. Young invites everyone to join them for an informational presentation to learn about the benefits of their adult day program. You can meet the staff, learn about the activities offered, and tour the facility. The flexibility of the program makes it ideal for the working caregiver, or anyone who needs a little extra help in caring for a loved one. C.C. Young is located at 4829 W. Lawther Dr., Dallas, 75214. Call Heather Waggoner, Director of the Adult Day Center, at 214-841-2908.



UMW Spring Banquet is May 10



Mark your calendar for 6:30pm, Monday, May 10, for the United Methodist Women's Spring Banquet in Wesley Hall. Pat Crenshaw, Director of Music and Senior Adult Ministry at Kessler Park UMC, will entertain. A talented musician and performer "with hats and props in tow," she is "guaranteed to make you laugh out loud again and again." Tickets are \$10 and include dinner and entertainment. See Betty Hopper or Barbara Zoeller for tickets.

SVUMC street fair is June 5

10am-12:30pm.

We're having SVUMC's 1st Annual Street Fair in the parking lot (rain will move it inside), and we want you to be there! It's an opportunity for our church to get together for fun and fellowship, as well as educate each other and the community about the various programs, ministries and missions at SVUMC.

We encourage all groups in the church to bring a card table and staff a booth. Bring flyers explaining who you are, what you do, and why people should join your group. Have a list of your group's upcoming activities and invite people to check you out!

Activities and entertainment for all ages will be provided. There's a rumor there may even be a dunk booth with a certain senior pastor scheduled to be in the "hot seat." While all other activities will be free, this one will cost you \$. (But, it's well worth it, don't you think??!!)

Contact Lola Copeland, 972-716-4004, Paula Tarver, 972-316-1092, or Judi Hitch, 972-661-8716. We want everyone involved so if you don't call us, we'll call you! See you there!

Support group is formed for widows, widowers

A support group for people under 55 years old who have lost a spouse to death is being formed. It will be held at First United Methodist Church in Irving on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-830pm. Free childcare will be available. For details, call Paula Huffaker at 972-233-7671, ext. 14.

Coming in May...

Elementary Rotation Sunday School will begin a 6-week unit titled *Joseph: Living In A Land of Many Colors*. Children will explore Joseph's experiences and see how he develops his faith in God. Through multiple examples, children will learn to make the best of a bad situation using faith and a God-like attitude. They will also learn of God's good intentions and love for all of us.



Hero Quest VBS registration continues

You won't want to miss out, so sign up early to attend and to volunteer for VBS 2004! This year, VBS will be July 19-23, from 9am-noon. For more information, call VBS Director Elizabeth Wood, 972-382-7601, or Jan Hudgins, Director of Children and Family Ministries, jhudgins@svumc.org. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk.

NETwork has Mother's Day food drive

Can you imagine how it feels to be a mother with hungry children and no food to feed them? Hopefully, none of us can relate to that experience, but it is happening every day. Pay the rent or feed the kids. Pay the electricity bill or feed the kids. Buy needed medicine or feed the kids.



Thank goodness there's an emergency safety "net" for persons living in RISD. Thanks to the leadership of hundreds of volunteers, the generosity of churches, corporations, and individuals, we have Richardson NETwork of Community Ministries.

We are part of the solution for those needy Moms who are looking for help for themselves and for their children.

Bringing non-perishable food on May 9 is another way of saying "Happy Mother's Day." Collection boxes are in the hall. Monetary gifts may be dropped in the collection plate or left in the business office. Remember all the special mothers in your life, but don't forget those unknown moms who are struggling.

Evening of celebration planned for bishop

The Episcopacy Committee of the North Texas Annual Conference invites all Spring Valley members to a very special evening honoring our retiring bishop, William B. Oden. The event will be held on Monday evening, June 7, at the Southfork Ranch. Dress is Texas attire, and cost is \$20. Gathering is at 6pm, with the dinner and celebration getting underway at 6:30.

Spring Valley has initially reserved a table for ten. Three seats are still available at that table, but additional tables can be reserved until May 1. (Open seating remains available until May 21.) Please contact Larry George as soon as possible if you would like to be a part of this evening of celebration.

Common Ground Senior Recognition on May 16

The '04 high school seniors will lead in worship, song, scripture, and sermon in Common Ground worship on May 16, with *Risen*, our Youth Praise Band.

Noteworthy news

May 9

8:30 Choral Ensemble

The Greatest of These Is Love

11:00 Chancel Choir, *The Greatest of These Is Love*
Jan Apthorp, flute

May 16

8:30 & 11:00 Chamber Singers

Let There Be Praise

8:30 Chamber Singers, *Be Not Afraid*
11:00 Chancel Choir, *Be Not Afraid*

May 23

8:30 and 11:00 Youth group, *Risen*, leads
11:00 Ch. Choir, *Cast Thy Burdens Upon the Lord*



Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

May 9 - John Clark will present the second of six lessons on Philippians from the book *Joy Under Pressure*, by Tim Stafford.

May 16 - Jim Veach will teach on the book of Mark.

Beacon Class

May 9 - "The Inner Light & the Outer Glow"

May 16 - "The People of God"

May 23 - "Faith: Form or Force"

May 30 - "Great Religion and a New Pentecost"

Seekers Class

May 9 - Bob Crockett, *Arts in the Church*

May 16 - Jan Apthorp, *Music in the Church*

May 23 - TBA

May 29 - Carlos Nascimento

Updating Hispanic Ministry

Wesleyan Class

May 9-16 - Tom Christian

May 23-30 - Gene Harrell: Jesus, The New Way
~Startling Surprises ~Longing for a King

May 12 - Class luncheon, Mary Ellen's Tea Room
11:30am, 138 Spring Creek Village, NW corner at Coit/Beltline

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.

Hospital

Don Chancellor
Ann Michele King
Darlene Twiss

SVUMC Church Family

Keith Kakacek
Elaine Shook
Ted Dumas
Joe Lees
Lou Ellen Wood
Catharine Gebhardt
Tommi Ezell
Bryan Purcell
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Cindy Stamps' grandson, Justin Davis
Lori Johnson's fiance, Rueben Joswiak
Alan Moore's friend, Malcolm Miller
Buz LaFrano's stepmother, Sue LaFrano
Herb Lee's father, Ed Lee
Chris Ozley's brother, Dan Colbert
All service persons serving in Afghanistan and Iraq
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Deepest sympathy to:

Rosemary McGuire, family and friends
in the death of her husband, Bob
John and Kay Hutchins and family in the
death of their daughter and son-in-law's
brother-in-law, George Leatherwood