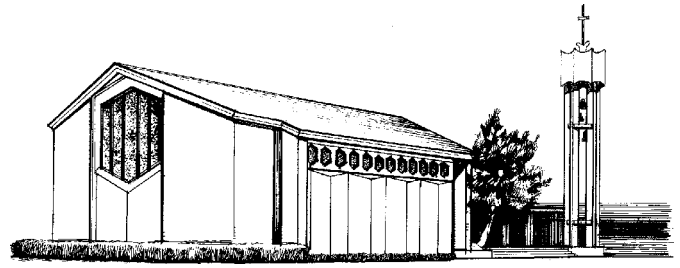


Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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A celebration of ministry to be held on May 22

Bishop Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr., has announced his intention to appoint Frank Rahm as Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church, Coppell, effective June 15, 2005. Having received his Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology, SMU, and in anticipation of his commissioning for ordained ministry at the June session of the North Texas Annual Conference, Frank is entering a new and exciting phase of his pastoral ministry.

Frank has served Spring Valley faithfully as Director of Youth Ministries, seminary intern, and student local pastor. And in celebration of all that he has done and meant to our community of faith, 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 at Spring Valley, 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."

Three services combine for one great celebration on Sunday, June 5, at 11am

There is going to be something of a family reunion at Spring Valley on the first Sunday in June! That will be Larry and Mickey George's last Sunday as our senior pastoral family. It will be a great time for "the whole family to gather around the table" as we feast together at the Lord's banquet.

Like any family, we at Spring Valley find ourselves coming and going at different times through different doors and gathering in different rooms on Sunday mornings ... sometimes passing one another in the hallway; sometimes not seeing one another at all. So on June 5, we will ALL gather in the sanctuary at 11:00 to celebrate our joy at being one family in Christ Jesus.

As we say "good bye" to the Georges, we will also have the opportunity to say "hello" to church family that we sometimes miss seeing on Sunday morning. Please make plans to join this great celebration of community.

Lights, Cameras, Action...

Sound, actually - We are in serious need of additional people to help with the sound system in the sanctuary services on Sunday morning.

If you enjoy working with sound equipment, microphones, and wonderful people, and would be willing to be part of a team rotating Sunday duties, please contact Doug Kilgore at 972-231-8539.

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!

Deadline for donations to Genesis is May 15

Your LAST CHANCE to give to the Genesis Women's Shelter toy drive is this Sunday!! The Summer Toy Drive to benefit the moms and children at Genesis is drawing to a close. Please bring new unwrapped summer toys for children of all ages by Sunday, May 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 share, please have them dry-cleaned and bring them to the church. We will deliver our collections to the shelter on Saturday, May 21.

What's up for YOUTH...

Sunday, May 15

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

4pm *Note the time change:* UMYF

There is a SuperSecret Surprise planned for this Sunday, led by Emily King, Heather Sumner, and Emily Rahm.

5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper

6:30pm Children's Musical in Wesley Hall. Let's all go together and support the children at Spring Valley. They love to see the big kids at their events.

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, 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Saturday, May 21 - Deliver toys and clothes to the shelter! 9-11:30am Youth, don't forget. 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 5-8 pm at the home Chris McEnaney and his family. There will be swimming, burgers, and dogs, so be sure to plan on attending!

Sign-Up NOW for Summer Mission trips: All youth who have completed ninth grade are encouraged to sign up NOW for Appalachia Service Project from 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 each.

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.

SVUMC Weekday Preschool Summer Camp has openings

We still have openings in some classes for our Summer Camp. We'd love to have your child. Camp runs during the month of June; you may send your child for one, two, three or all four weeks. Camp hours are 9-12noon.

We will also continue to accept registrations for the 2005-2006 school year. Check out our web site at www.svumc.org/preschool to see what we do at our school. For additional information or registration forms, please call the school office at 972-233-2317.



Noteworthy news

Upcoming Music

May 15, Chancel Choir

We Thank You, God for Teachers

8:30 & 11:00, Chamber Singers, *Great Is The Lord*

May 22, 8:30 and 11:00, Guitar/Flute group

Praise to the Lord & Rondeau

8:30 & 11:00, Chancel Choir with brass

Let all the People Say Amen

8:30 & 11:00 Special hymn anthem,

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus, congregation, Chancel

Choir, Carillon Ringers, brass & timpani

May 29, 8:30, Men's Choir, *Standing on the Promises*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Hymn of Fire*



Youth Singers Star concerts are June 17 and 18, Friday and Saturday

Youth Singers will present *Star*, a musical about David's life, in dinner theatre after their Chicago choir tour.

Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale May 22. Doors open at 6pm with dinner at 6:30 and the show starting at 7:20.



The Music Man tickets on sale now

Our summer musical is slated for August 4-6.

Blake Denzer as

Professor Harold Hill,

and Jennifer Leedy as

Marion Paroo with cast

and orchestra, will help present 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 be general admission.

Chorus openings for *The Music Man* are still available. If you are interested in joining the chorus of our summer musical, contact Rusty at 972-233-7671. We start rehearsals on Wednesday nights in June from 6:30 until 7:30.



Ranch House Kids VBS, July 18-22

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



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.

The Mission Group asks that you continue to support Dimes-a-Day each third Sunday of the month. We will be taking the 200 kits to Annual Conference, thanks to your generous donations.

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

...let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. *1 John 3:18*



Join us for Sunday school Beacon Class

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 are studying *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Call Bill and Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486, for information.

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

May 15 - Betty Reichel will speak about the various aspects of the SVUMC mission program.
May 22 - Terry Baughn will speak on *Donuts & Christianity*

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.

Habitat home is completed with dedication on June 4

The paint is dry, the grass is growing, the flowers are planted at 4311 Metropolitan. Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) has completed the new home of Clarence Johnson!



May 7 was a great last work day as volunteers put the finishing touches on this lovely home. Our own Beacon Sunday School Class furnished food for the work crew that day.

Dedication is planned for June 4 at 11am. It is always an impressive and emotional ceremony as Habitat blesses the new home and presents the key and gifts to the new owner. You are invited to join the Habitat volunteers that morning to celebrate this occasion with Mr. Johnson and his family. Call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

Prime Timers want you!

On May 26, the Prime Timers are 'day tripping' to the Sixth Floor and Holocaust Museums via the DART Light Rail. A sign up sheet is on the volunteer desk, or you can call the church to have your name added. Cost will be approximately \$15.00 + lunch (at T.G.I. Fridays). Contact Sundra Culver with questions.

Coming Up:

June 22 - Brown bag lunch with geneology speaker Jud Shook (at SVUMC)

June 24 - Garland Summer Musicals, *Crazy for You*, afternoon performance, sign up now at the volunteer desk.



Getting to know you

Few things make us feel more loved than to hear someone speak our name. On Sunday, June 5, the Congregational Life Committee will begin distributing nametags to all full members of Spring Valley so that we can honor one another by learning each other's names.



Every full member will be given his/her own personalized, clip-on nametag. These nametags will be distributed during Sunday school, as well as before the combined 11 o'clock service of worship.

Igniting Ministry meetings planned

Welcome Ministry Chair Max Taylor and Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler would like to visit all adult Sunday school classes and any other interested groups to talk about Igniting Ministry plans and all-church evangelism. For details and to schedule a meeting, call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler.

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

Brooks Haney

Darlene Twiss

SVUMC Church Family

Sue Polson

Anna Hosemann-Butler

Tom Turner

Mildred Eubanks

Catharine Gebhardt

Ramsis Maddison

Ann Michele King

Randy Smith

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Annalise DeFrank

Betty Hopper's son, Gary

Tom and Ana Julia Boylan

Carmen Copeland's sister

Shirley Hughes' friends, Vicky Field & Jen

Bethann DeFoe's mother, Betty Lee Brandt

Rozanna and Lincoln Hirsch's daughters-

in-law's mothers

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

Suellen Turner's father, Dick Donley

Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry

All persons serving in the military

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to:

Thad and Ellie Sims on the birth of a
grandson, Noble Harrison Jones

B.J. and Sharon Hall on the birth of a
grandson, Camden Andrew Dorris

Alan and Jeannie Moore on the birth of a
granddaughter

Upcoming events in May

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.