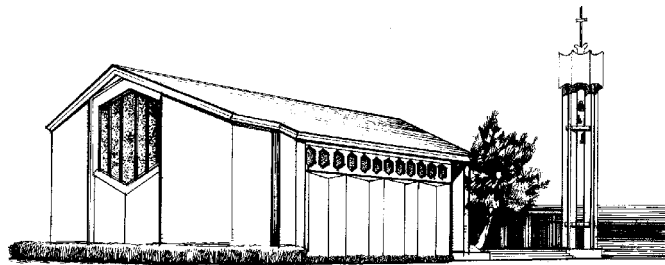


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Bishop announces Spring Valley appointment

William B. Oden, Resident Bishop of the North Texas Annual Conference, has announced his intention to appoint Anna Hosemann-Butler as Associate Pastor of Spring Valley United Methodist Church, effective June 15.

Anna has met with the Staff-Parish

Relations Committee

and the church staff at Spring Valley, and all are excited about Anna's joining our ministry team.

Born and reared in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Anna holds a B.A. degree from Mississippi State University with a double major in communications and English. She has worked as a features writer and editor for newspapers in Mississippi and Texas, has studied classical theater at UT/Dallas, and has worked professionally as an actor in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

In 1998 Anna graduated summa cum laud from the Perkins School of Theology/SMU with a Master of Divinity degree and is currently completing work toward a Doctor of Ministry degree from Brite Divinity School/TCU. Her dissertation project concerns the use of drama in liturgy.

For the past eight years, Anna has been on the staff of First United Methodist Church, Allen, with particular responsibilities for Adult Ministries and Support Ministries, including worship planning and preaching.

Anna and Ted have been married for 25 years; he is a CPA and President of Golden D'or Textiles, Inc. They are the very proud parents of two children: John-Geoffrey Butler, 18, who will graduate from Plano East High School this month and enter TCU in August; and Katherine-Mary "Kate" Butler, 14, a soon-to-be freshman at Clark High School in Plano. The family lives at 1813 Azurite Trail, Plano (75075).



John, Anna, Kate, and Ted Butler

SVUMC street fair is coming!

10am-12:30pm, Saturday, June 5

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 dunking booth, and John Tarver will offer a "fantastic feet" organ piece.

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!

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 this Sunday, May 16, at 9:45. 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.

Common Ground senior recognition on May 16

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

Habitat blitz build begins May 15

Over 1,000 local volunteers and 300 AmeriCorps members serving with Habitat across the nation will build 22 homes in nine days in a show of strength on the home front. Volunteers are needed to accomplish this ambitious goal!

Dallas volunteers will start the build on Saturday, May 15, in the Pinebrook neighborhood off I-45 and Simpson Stuart Rd. By May 22, twenty-two homes will have been built in partnership with Dallas families in the second largest build fielded by Dallas Habitat for Humanity. "Blitz building" is simply construction at an accelerated pace.

Along with local volunteers and AmeriCorps members, hundreds of college students from Minnesota, Ohio, South Dakota, Kansas, and Louisiana have already begun to pre-build components for the homes. For details or to volunteer, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288.

Free T-Shirts given to blood donors

There are many good reasons to donate blood. And even though a free t-shirt is not one of them...a little thank you gift couldn't hurt! (No, we don't mean to imply giving blood hurts.)

On June 6, 9am-2pm, in Asbury Hall, the Mission Core Process Group will host the semi-annual drive with Carter BloodCare. All blood types are urgently needed, so please donate if you qualify. The Dallas-Ft. Worth area uses over 800 pints each day.

This Sunday, come by the sign-up table near the church office to reserve the best time for your schedule. The entire process takes about 45-60 minutes. Volunteers are also needed to assist during the collection time. If you can help, please call Pat Hill at 972-669-3915.

Book drive held for NSCI

Neighborhood Service Council, Inc. (NSCI) needs early reader and picture books for the Summer Reading Program. Last summer over 770 children signed up. Bring gently used books to NSCI offices at the church. Many children have never had books to read. This is technically a "lending" library, but some children will get to keep their books. Help these precious children!

NSCI needs substitute drivers

Volunteers are needed for the summer to drive the children in the van. The van is insured for the program and never travels without an NSCI staff person aboard with the driver. Drivers must be at least 25 years old and have a safe driving record. Call Sandy Han or Janis Dumas at 972-239-3501.

We would like to borrow your wedding pictures!

We would like to display your wedding pictures in our Spring Valley Foundation cabinet. Pictures should be no larger than 8 X 10 and in a stand-up frame. Please put your names, date of marriage, and phone numbers with the pictures. We need them no later than the first week of June because the display will be set up for June 6. You may leave pictures with Brian Emslie in the business office. Any questions, call Gloria Smith at 972-234-6483.



Noteworthy news

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*

11:00 Ch. Choir, *Cast Thy Burdens Upon the Lord*

Thanks for building the sets!

We are blessed to have set designers and builders in our midst! The design for the Youth Singers' musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, was envisioned by Jon Andersen and formulated in Autocad by Jon Woodard. Then entered Charlie McManus and his team: Howard Ellis, Chuck Apthorp, Jack Brown, John Goodrum, John Hutchins, Joe Lees, Bill Boyer, Scott Boyer, and Nippy McManus, who turned the plans into reality.

Music events on the horizon

June 19, 20, 21, 7:30pm

Youth Singers Homecoming Concerts:

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

June 22, Tuesday, Organ Concert, John Tarver

Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

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

May 23 - Why was "Aldersgate" critical to John Wesley? What was the "Aldersgate Experience"? Join us to hear the answers as Dr. Scott Somers leads our class.

Beacon Class

May 16 - "The People of God"

May 23 - "Faith: Form or Force"

May 30 - "Great Religion and a New Pentecost"

Seekers Class

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

May 23 - TBA

May 29 - Carlos Nascimento,

Updating Hispanic Ministry

Wesleyan Class

May 16 -23 - Tom Christian

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

June 6 - 27 - Don Bowen



What's up for YOUTH...

Sunday, May 16

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper

6-7:30pm UMYF - We'll start preparations for the Spring Valley Street Fair, which is June 5.

At Common Ground worship this Sunday, our seniors lead worship and our youth praise band, "Risen," leads music!

Be sure to attend Sunday School this week. It's awesome! It's tremendous! It's breathtaking! Lots of singing, lots of fun fellowship, lots of good study. It's worth getting up in the morning for!

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 youth family members are invited. (This is also a great way for our existing youth parents to welcome the new youth parents into youth ministry!)

Congrats to: Lindsey Ledbetter, whose volleyball team had recent success!

Best wishes to: Ann Michele King, as she continues to recover from surgery.

Sympathy to: Robin and Lindsey Smith on the death of their grandfather

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; we are now filling the wait-list.

July 31-Aug 6 Colorado Easter Seals Trip; registration form is on line.

Dimes-a-Day offering Sunday, May 16

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 this Sunday, 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.

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 7-8:30pm. Free childcare will be available. For details, call Paula Huffaker at 972-233-7671, ext. 14.

Used book sale on Saturday, May 22

King of Glory Lutheran Church, located at 6224 LBJ Freeway, north side of the freeway between Hillcrest and Preston, will have a used book sale from 9am to 3pm. They have over 7,000 books, with nothing over \$2. Payment is by cash or credit cards only.



Children's choirs present / Witness News: Live from Jericho!



Lauren Lantz as Jackie and Olivia Guerra as Cecelia



Cast members take a break during the dress rehearsal



Lauren Earl sings *Be Strong*

Wesley Hall was full of fun and excitement last Sunday evening as our Spring Valley children's choirs presented their finger-snapping, toe-tapping musical rendition of the battle of Jericho. Three choirs totaling 45 children, as well as a live band, giants, spies, and flag bearers filled the room with laughter and music.

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

Gene Mundy

SVUMC Church Family

Don Chancellor

Jon Andersen

Darlene Twiss

Ann Michele King

Keith Kakacek

Elaine Shook

Joe Lees

Lou Ellen Wood

Catharine Gebhardt

Tommi Ezell

Bryan Purcell

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Cindy Stamps' grandson, Justin Davis

Frank and Jan Andersen's friend, Ellen

Sandy Bell's friend, Dawn Weiss

Lori Johnson's fiance, Rueben Joswiak

Alan Moore's friend, Malcolm Miller

All service persons serving in Afghanistan and Iraq

Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Deepest sympathy to:

Gwen Watson on the death of her mother,

Grace Bryant

Herb Lee on the death of his father, Edward

Tricia Smith on the death of her father-in-law,

Lt. Col. Robert Quin Smith, Jr.

Congratulations to:

Amanda and Dean Micknal on the birth of a daughter, Georgia MacFarlane Micknal, and also to the proud grandparents, Larry and Mickey George