

Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

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Foto "Op" for Fiftieth

Spring Valley will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary as a church in March, 2007. Though that seems like a long way off, a committee is already working on making this occasion a meaningful celebration of our past and our future! Tom and Linda Christian, and Gail and Layton Pettigrew are the anniversary co-chairs.

To truly make the celebration a church-wide event, we need your help! Photos, memorabilia, and stories that are part of Spring Valley's past may be in your possession. Won't you share that information with your fellow church members?


You are invited to LOAN photos. There is a box in the volunteer's office for receiving photos and other memorabilia. Simply place the information in a brown envelope (provided in the box), label it with your name, phone number, etc. Please label the photos as well.

You may also transmit photos (in JPEG format), and stories, via e-mail to Dick and Myrna Ridings, ridings2@airmail.net. "Op" is your opportunity to participate!

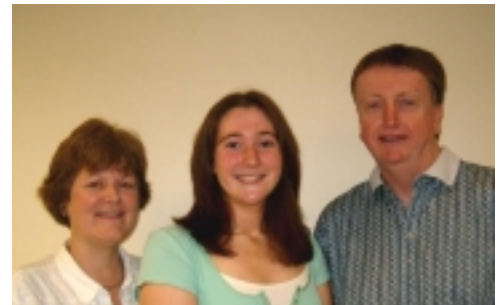
National Day of Prayer observed

The National Day of Prayer will be observed in Dallas with an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at The Cathedral of the Virgin de Guadalupe on Ross Ave., this Thursday, May 4, beginning at 7:30am. For information and reservations, call 214-969-1977.

Come Sunday...

	
common ground	Traditional Worship
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7</i>	
Luke 9:57-62 <i>Fitness Fundamentals</i> Rev. Carlos Nascimento	Matthew 11:28-30 <i>The Hand of God</i> Dr. Georjean Blanton
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14</i>	
1 John 4:7-21 <i>God is Love</i> Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler	1 John 4:7-21 <i>Mother's Day</i> Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Welcome, new members!



Rex and Jane McKinney
daughter, Julie
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Second Helpings dinner & program set for Wed, May 10.

Reknown psychologist Dr. Mary Ann Reed will present an informative program on "The Spirituality of Dreams." According to experts, all dreams speak a universal language and come in the service of health and wholeness. Only the dreamer can say with any certainty what meanings his or her dream may have. There is no such thing as a dream with only one meaning. No dreams come just to tell us what we already know. Our dreams are personal and yet carry sometimes a universal quality. All dreams break new ground and invite us to new understandings and insights. Dreams, according to the biblical witness, play a role in our faith witness.

Come and see, discuss and process that role with Dr. Mary Ann Reed. Dr. Reed has done extensive study in this field and promises to be most interesting. Sign-up sheets for both events are in the Church Volunteer office. Dinner is at 5:30, with program following at 6:30.

NETWORK Food Drive May 14

Mother's Day is May 14. Imagine being a Mother and not being able to give your children enough nourishing food. We all know that situation exists in many parts of the world, in places FAR removed from us. Well, it also exists on the other side of town or perhaps just down the street!

Richardson NETwork of Community Ministries is a nonprofit charitable organization supported by businesses, religious, civic and social organizations and individuals primarily in RISD. Its purpose is to respond to human need by offering short-term assistance designed to achieve long-term independence.

One way Spring Valley helps NET is by our Second Sunday food drive. Please bring cans, boxes, or bags of appropriate food to worship on May 14.

Some suggestions are:

- Bring several small sizes because large sizes can't be divided.
- Bring personal care items that can't be purchased with food stamps.
- Bring non-perishable foods.
- Bring baby diapers, food, and formula.
- Bring laundry products.

On average, more than 40,000 pounds of food are distributed monthly! For more information about NET, call Rev. Don Barnes, 972-818-2523.

Habitat finishes another house

The Habitat house is finished. The house is painted, the lawn is covered with fresh green sod and trees are planted. It really looks great. Thanks to all who supported this project and those who helped build the house. We will dedicate the Habitat house on Saturday, May 6 at 11am, and present Mary Jackson the keys to her beautiful new home. As is our custom, we will bring non-perishable food and household supplies to stock the pantry.

You are invited to attend the dedication and to join us for lunch afterward. There will be plenty of food. For more information and driving directions, call Rhonda Huser at 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer at 972-661-2570.

Thank you from NETwork of Community Ministries...

On Thursday night, April 6, NETwork held it's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, hosted this year by Temple Shalom. We had a record number of volunteers in attendance, over 240, and we celebrated our 20th anniversary. On Feb. 3, 1986 we opened our doors with 105 volunteers and one paid staff to help our first clients. Today we operate with over 350 volunteers and 2 contract employees (Seniors' Net and Trinity Wellness). The following volunteers from your congregation were recognized for their volunteer efforts:

Dr. Don Barnes 2,000-hour pin & certificate and clock "Outstanding Volunteer"
Georgia Goodrum "Special Award" for "loving dedication commitment to our volunteers"

Jackie Palmer 100-hour pin and certificate

Elise Stark 100-hour pin and certificate

Thank you for sharing these dedicated volunteers with us.

Executive Director, Ginger York



UMW Spring Banquet is May 8

The annual Spring Banquet for the Spring Valley Women will be held on Monday, May 8. This will be a catered dinner, and tickets must be purchased by May 1, so we can have a count for the caterer. The program will be "A Sentimental Journey" led by Rusty King, so you know you will not want to miss this event! Tickets are \$12.00 and will be on sale beginning Monday, April 10. The banquet will be in Wesley Hall at 6:30pm, so come and bring a friend, ladies!!!



Greeters are needed...

...in the Loggia for June, Sept. and Dec. for the 8:30 service. If you or your Sunday School class would like to volunteer, please call Kay and John Hutchins 972-712-3398.

New Loggia displays coming

If you missed getting your wedding picture in the display case last time - now is your chance! Bring your picture (no larger than 8 x 10) anytime during May and leave it with Don Finnie in the business office, #136. Include your name, place and date of wedding, and your phone number. Your Display Committee,

Rosemary Winters and Gloria Smith



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Neighbors Home Bible Study

This group meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm-9pm at the Bill & Lou Wilkin's home at 7740 El Pastel Drive. Join us for this exciting study!

NOTEworthy news...

May 7

8:30 & 11:00, *Risen* leads
8:30, Men's Choir
11:00 Chancel Choir *Sanctus* from *American Mass*

May 14

8:30 & 11:00, Guitar/Flutes, *Alla Danza & Allegro* from *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*
11:00 Chancel Choir, *The Gift of Love*

May 21

8:30 & 11:00, Chamber Singers
8:30 & 11:00, Chancel Choir, *Psalm 139*

MAD Camp is June 23-28

Children who are going into 1st - 6th grade are welcome to join our Music, Arts and Drama Camp on June 23-28 in the mornings. They will learn about the Bible, music, drama, and preparing a musical. We explore the Old Testament story in the musical – *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics*.

Calendar:

Homecoming Concerts June 16 and 17, \$5.00

Celebrate Life – Sanctuary, 7:30, Dessert Served

Youth Singers will present their Homecoming Concerts on Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Some of the soloists are Nikki Chapman, Emily King, Madeline Steiner, Josh Wilson, Blake Hartgraves and Chris McEnaney.

Coffeehouse – June 23, Friday at 7:00 in Wesley

Our next coffeehouse will feature Eric Folkerth who is a singer/songwriter and guitarist. He brings two guys with him who add to the performance. Opening up for Eric is our own Josh Wilson. Josh is a senior in high school and is also a singer/songwriter. He plays guitar and will share a 45 minute set. Donations will be accepted for United Methodist Committee on Relief. Our next coffeehouse is set for Saturday, September 16 at 7:00. Mark your calendar now. It will be a tribute concert, but what group/artist will it be? Stayed tuned for more info!



Appreciation for Showcase on Sunday, April 30

We would like to say thanks on behalf of the Youth Singers for the help provided in making our "Showcase" a success. Lisa Phillips was the dinner coordinator. Our cooks were Karen Holburn, Laura LaFrano, Rita Dickerson, Aldersgate Class, Gina Tucker, Debbie McEnaney, Sheri Hodde, Nancy Watson, Dana Hartgraves, Kathy Cook, Gail Stevenson, Nori Neuner, Jacqui Otal and Dina Steiner. Tech folks were Paco Otal, Britt Adams, Sam Hodde, Christopher Stephens, Paul Chepregi and Ben Gutmann. We thank all who attended and supported the youth.

Handbell concert/light lunch offered May 7 at 12:30

Here's the deal. Swing by Wesley Hall at 12:30 and you will be treated to a handbell concert by five choirs in our church. A light lunch will be served. Donations that will be accepted will help the adult bell group as they are raising funds, \$4000, to buy new bell choir robes. They have \$2400 so far. Carillon Ringers will play first, followed by the Youth Ringers. Our children's bell choirs will conclude the program. We will honor Michael McElroy for his 4 wonderful years of service as our children's bell director.

Don't miss the next
Spring Valley Coffee House
◆ **June 23 at 7:00** ◆

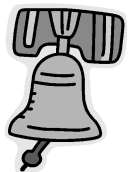
Josh Wilson

Eric Folkerth

Listen for the bells

The Carr Memorial Tower Carillon will be tolling after the 11 o'clock service for the next few weeks, recognizing those members who have become "Benefactors" in Spring Valley's "Timeless Giving Wills Program." The ringing of the Carillon will represent a continuation of the SVUMC tradition of our Founders who invested for our future.

You can join them by agreeing to add a gift to the SVUMC Foundation in your will or final estate plan. Contact Jim Bryan for a codicil or answers to any questions. We believe this is an easy way to insure the role Spring Valley will play in the lives of those members following in our footsteps.



Mission to the Fishing Villages

Be a missionary! Spread the gospel! Touch those in need!

Another mission opportunity for Spring Valley and Nueva Vida! This mission trip is affordable and just a day's drive away. From a base in Matamoros, Mexico, we'll work in several tiny fishing villages east of Matamoros, leaving on July 3 and returning on July 8.



We hope that you will want to be a part of this mission effort! All are welcome, adults and youth. (Do not hold back because you don't speak Spanish. There will be many in the group who do speak Spanish.)

The fishing villages are located on small islands in the Laguna Madre: Isla Fantasia (Fantasy Island), Isla Manos de León (Lion's Paws) and Isla Puntilla Norte (Northern Point). Actually the word "village" is an overstatement. In July 2005, Hurricane Emily devastated the little that the residents owned, and they are still trying to recover.

The overall project is organized by the North Texas Conference, part of whose *Volunteers in Mission* program is specifically directed toward the islands. The name of the mission organization is Juntos Servimos (together we serve). You can find out more about this splendid Methodist initiative at the Juntos Servimos website: www.juntosservimos.org.

Of course, no one church can do everything that needs to be done to help these fisher folk. But everyone can do something! We are forming a team that will have three major objectives:

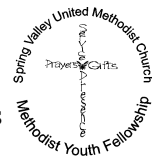
- Visit and assist mothers with newborn babies. The knowledge and things we take for granted are quite unknown to the young mothers there.
- Donate staple foods—rice and beans—to those who are in great need of food.
- Conduct Vacation Bible School sessions. Here we transmit the Word of God, and here is where our church can do what other churches cannot do, because our ministers, as well as many of our members, are fluent in Spanish! The mission team will stay at a motel in Matamoros and eat at local restaurants. Early each day we will drive to El Mezquital, a village on the mainland, and from there take a five-minute boat ride to one of the islands. In the afternoon we will return to Matamoros for dinner and an evening of fellowship and prayer.

The cost per person for the trip is \$250, which covers transportation, lodging, and three meals a day. We are soliciting additional funds to cover supplies: food, clothing, medicine and teaching materials. Also, there may be some who would like to go but can't pay the full expense, and we solicit funds to cover this expense as well. We hope that you'll want to contribute to this mission effort! For further information, please call Elizabeth Escamilla, 972-386-5412, or Carlos Nascimento, 972-239-9440.

Missions Commission, Betty Reichel, Chairman

What's up for YOUTH...

SVUMC Youth events



The service on Sunday, April 30, was AWESOME!!! Everyone said you all were wonderful and I couldn't be prouder:) Youth Sunday was a big hit and so was the Showcase! You all are so multi-talented I can't even believe it. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!

May 7: UMYF is bowling!! Bring \$15 for bowling and this includes unlimited soft drinks for everyone! Don't forget to wear or bring socks! Meet at the church at 5:00 and we'll get back at 8:00. There will not be a snack supper at the church, so eat before or bring money to get something at the bowling alley. They have lots of different things. We are going to FunFest in Addison (right next to the place we went for broomball). It is a nice place with other game activities as well (arcades, etc.).

ASP MEETING! May 7 directly following the handbell concert. This should be around 1:45 and meet downstairs in the youth room. This meeting is to go over all of the information for ASP and ask questions about the trip.

IMPACT Florida! It is NOT too late to sign up!!! Let Kelly know ASAP. If you have questions, ask anytime:)

Children's Musical is *Nic at Night*

Nic at Night is Sunday, May 21, at 6:30pm in Wesley Hall! The story is about Nicodemus and his journey with Christianity. This is a collaborative effort with the Spring Valley Orchestra, Children's Choirs, and LOTS of parents! Please come and bring a friend as it promises to be a once in a lifetime experience!

From the Finance Committee

We are looking for 4-drawer fireproof locking file cabinets for the finance office to store documents. If anyone has 1 or 2 to donate, please contact Don Finnie, Deb Tucker or Greg Nicholas.

Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$372,472
Total received to date	364,380
Received April 30	13,560
Attendance	468

Give God what's right, not what's left

Vacation Bible School

July 17-21, 9am-Noon, Ages 3-completed 5th grade

Come join the *Adventure of the Treasure Seekers* as we explore God's promises. Registration begins Sunday, May 7! Want to volunteer to be a part of sharing God's word and love with 150 children? Call Jan Hudgins today to explore how you can help.



Looking for something to do in June?

MAD Camp (Music, Arts, and Drama) will be held June 26-30. The times of fun are from 8:30am – 12:30pm. Entering 1st graders through entering 6th graders are invited to attend! Please invite friends and neighbors! Look for more information in the next few weeks!

Summer is coming...are you ready?

Spring Valley United Methodist Church Preschool is currently registering young preschoolers for SUMMER CAMP. JUNE is SUMMER CAMP month. Children may come one, two, three or all four weeks of June from 9am to 12 noon. Arts, crafts, recreation, and outdoor fun will be the theme. For details or to register, call 972-233-2317.



SVUMC Preschool says thank you

The Preschool staff thanks everyone for a wonderful turnout at Thursday's Open House. It was great to see all the parents and children enjoying time with their teachers in their colorful classrooms.

The bake sale was a huge success! We made about \$660. Thanks to all the generous bakers and buyers of all the goodies. A special thanks to Donna Scott, our Music Teacher, and all the moms who helped her coordinate the bake sale. All proceeds will help with the on-going medical expenses of our preschooler, Bronson Balzac, who has cancer. We also want to thank the families who have made monetary donations to this cause. Please continue to pray for Bronson and his family. Thank you again for the tremendous support.

Confirmation Class, 2006



Join us for Sunday school

An updated list of all Sunday school classes is now available at the Visitors desk. Some current offerings include:

Aldersgate Class

May 7 - Please join us for a classroom brunch while you check out Aldersgate.

May 14 - Paul Escamilla - "Mothers"

May 21 - Anna Hosemann-Butler - 50th Anniversary, Full Clergy Rights for Women in the United Methodist Church

Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying *Living with the Mind of Christ*, a Lenten study. Following Easter, we will begin studying how to parent a willful child.

Fellowship Bible Class

We are reading *The Passionate Church*, by Mike Breen & Walt Kallestad. Call Lou & Bill Wilkin, 972-392-1486, maestrak1234@yahoo.com.

Quest Class

This class is presently joining Don Barnes in his Disciple I, Old Testament study in Room 204

Seekers Class

May 7 - Rev. Dr. Scott Somers will teach the theology of **KARL BARTH**. Rev. Somers was formerly Associate Minister at Spring Valley and Director of Development for Perkins School of Theology.

May 14 - Rev. Dr. Robin Lovin will lead us in discussion of **REINHOLD NIEBUHR**. Dr. Lovin was formerly Dean of Perkins School of Theology at SMU and is now the Maguire University Professor of Ethics at Perkins.

May 21 - Dr. Joerg Rieger will speak to us about **PAUL TILLICH SCHLEIERMACHER**, and contemporary theology. Dr. Rieger is Professor of Systematic Theology at Perkins.

May 28 - Our former pastor, Rev. Dr. Don Renshaw, will provide insight in the theology of **DIETRICH BONHOFFER**. Dr. Renshaw is now partner in the firm of church Development and finance Associates.

S.P.O.T. - Spiritual Parents of Teens,

We will conclude our study of *30 Days to Understanding the Bible* in May. If you have pre-teens, teenagers, or post-teens, come try us out! There is a SPOT for you in our class.

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

Bronson Balzac
Pat Currin
Frank Clements

SVUMC Church Family

Bryan Purcell
Bob Muskopf
Steve Harper
Troy Sumner
Georgia Goodrum
James Rea
Ed Pierce
Betty Carter
Betty Lou Noble
Luiz Santos
Randy Smith
Bill Darnall
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Dianne Cronenberg's aunt, Dona
Betty Hopper's niece, Robin Bruehl
Charlotte McConnell's nephew
Betty Reichel's son, Duane
Karen Sumner's friends, Mitch & Jessica
Margaret Tucker's godniece, Eletta Bacy-Fouche
Elizabeth Wood's friend, Shelley Embry
Former member, Sarah Arnett
Riss Christensen's father
Sue Cummings's friend, Jenny Hearn
Joyce Covey's son, Tom
Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry
Frances Dales' daughter and husband,
Ann and Virgil Wisner
Suellen Turner's dad, Dick Donley

Billie Wolf's sister, Joyce Featherstone
Donna Campbell's friends, Ashley Wilson and
Larry Bryan
All persons serving in the military
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to:

Mark and Lynn Solomon on the marriage of
their daughter, Courtney, to Jamie Robertson
on April 29.