

Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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SPRING VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mark Your Calendar Now!

COME TO THE FAIR

June 5
10am-12:30pm

1st Annual Spring Valley United Methodist Church Street Fair

Great opportunity for fun and fellowship!

7700 Spring Valley Rd., Dallas • (972) 233-7671

MUSIC
John Tarver (inside) ★
Common Ground praise band

FUN
Basketball Shooting Contests
Face Painting
Cake/Cookie Walk
Dunk Booth
Bean Bag toss
Bounce House
Balloons

FOOD
Hot Dogs ★
Lemonade
Snow Cones
Cotton Candy ★
Popcorn ★



Welcome, new members!

Gary and DeDe Leask

Stephen, Danielle
6932 Heather Knoll
Dallas, Texas 75248
972-490-0853

Rebecca (Mrs. Don) Nat-George

3950 Spring Valley, #1024
Addison, Texas 75244
972-392-9043

Dave and Stacy Scott

6857 Meadowcreek
Dallas, Texas 75254
972-387-5957

SVUMC street fair is coming!

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

SVUMC's 1st Annual Street Fair will be held in the parking lot (inside if it rains), and we want you to be there! It's an opportunity for our church to get together for fun and fellowship, and also 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 "fastest feet" organ piece in the sanctuary.

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!

Blood drive to be held on June 6

On June 6, 9am-2pm, in Asbury Hall, the Mission Core Process Group will host the semi-annual Carter BloodCare drive. Our church receives "credit" for each pint donated. These credits can then be used by church members who receive blood. On May 30, come by the sign-up table to pick a time best suited for you, or call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915. Volunteers are also needed to assist during the collection time. Please call Pat if you can help.

Love offering to be received

As our faith community is now aware, the Reverends Sara and Shane Pair will be returning to Arkansas to receive their pastoral appointments there in mid-June; Sara's last Sunday with us will be June 13.

In celebration of Sara's ministry at Spring Valley and in an effort to assist with the moving expenses that the family will incur as they return to Arkansas, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee is inviting the congregation to participate in a love offering. Your gift will be presented to Sara at an all-church reception in Asbury Hall on Sunday, June 13, at 12 noon.

You may place your gift in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it in care of Brian Emslie in the church office. Please be sure that your check or cash is clearly marked for "Sara's gift."

Savutos travel to tell their story

After years as United Methodist missionaries in Kenya, Bill and Jerri Savuto are now reassigned as Missionary Interpreters in Residence for the South Central Jurisdiction of the United States, including Texas. In their new role, the Savutos will continue to tell mission stories of their work in Kenya. They are making the plight of Africans real through their vivid and illustrated accounts as they travel around the Southwest. In churches, Sunday school classrooms, and mission meetings, they are spelling out the reality of daily life...and death...of thousands of Africans.

In June, they will make presentations at three Annual Conferences, including our own North Texas Conference. In their last letter to our congregation, Jerri asked us to consider the following:

"Are you wanting to support a needy child and considering doing that through World Vision or Compassion International? Please know you can do that through the United Methodist Church, and 100% of your gift goes to the child. You can do that as an individual, Sunday School class, youth group, or church. We have numerous opportunities for you. One of them is supporting an AIDS orphan in Maua. It costs \$15 a month to provide three nutritious meals per day to the orphans by giving food to their caretakers, usually their grandmothers, who prepare the meals at home. It also provides medical care, uniforms, shoes, and fees to send AIDS orphans to primary school. Fifteen dollars a month can change a child's life and give new hope. If I gave up one diet soda a day I'd have that \$15, and I'd benefit almost as much as the AIDS Orphan. Pray about it!

"Thanks for your continued support, prayers, emails, and love. We are still missionaries, on a missionary salary, and still desperately need your support and prayers."

In His grip, *Jerri and Bill Savuto*

For information, call Betty Williams, mission coordinator for the Savutos, at 972-238-5608.

UMW helps prepare for VBS

The UMW June meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, starting with lunch at 11:30. Afterward, we will trace, cut, paste, paint, color, or do whatever is needed to get the craft projects ready for Vacation Bible School. Jan Hudgins will be there to instruct us and answer any questions. This meeting is always fun and very helpful to VBS. Come join us!



Spring Valley Travelers trips planned in 2004

July 11	<i>Trains across Colorado</i>	\$1,649 per person, double occupancy
Sept. 4-12	<i>Wyoming Trails Tour</i>	\$2,180 per person, double occupancy
Sept. 27-Oct. 1	<i>Memphis and Tunica</i>	\$309 per person, double occupancy
Nov. 11	<i>Hawaii Cruise</i>	"Legends of the Seas" 10 nights
	Balcony, \$2,099	Ocean View, \$1,499 Interior, \$1,299

(including airfare) Please call Chris Parton for details, 972-239-3369.



Noteworthy news

May 30

8:30 & 11:00, Danielle Williams, solo

11:00 Chancel Choir, *O Lord Most Holy*
Peggy West, soloist



Music events on the horizon

June 19, 20, 21, 7:30pm

Youth Singers' Homecoming Concerts, \$10
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

June 22, Organ Concert, John Tarver, 7pm

August 2-6, Music, Arts, and Drama Camp

MAD Camp! 9am-12noon, *100% Chance of Rain*

Host homes still needed, Saturday, June 5

We still need host families to house the Springfield, MO, Campbell UMC Youth Choir after their concert here on June 5. They need to be back at church by 7:45am the next morning to sing at the 8:30am service. Please contact the church office, 972-233-7671, to volunteer.

Sunday school classes invited to sing at 8:30 service during July

During July, your Sunday school class is invited to fill the loft and sing at the 8:30 worship service. The dates are July 4, 11, 18, and 25. Sign up now by calling Rusty, 972-233-7671, ext. 24.

Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

May 30 - Pat Christley covers "A Good Attitude," in *Joy Under Pressure*, a book by Tim Stafford.

June 6 -Margaret Ann Zaho, PhD, an art historian, will take us on a visual journey of Roman churches

Beacon Class

May 30 - "Great Religion and a New Pentecost"

Seekers Class

May 30 - Carlos Nascimento
Updating Hispanic Ministry

Wesleyan Class

May 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 23

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

5 pm Meet at church to ride to Traildust SteakHouse. Bring \$20. Wear an old necktie and be prepared to eat, slide on the big slide (bring socks), and dance! We'll be back about 8pm.

This past Sunday, we welcomed the new seventh graders to youth! We're glad you are with us. On Saturday, June 5, we need ALL youth to be at the church starting at 9:30am for the Spring Valley Street Fair.

On Sunday June 6, at 2:30pm, we will hold a Parents Informational meeting in the Youth Room downstairs in Harkness Hall.

Also 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!)

Mark Your Calendars:

- May 30 UMYF at Traildust Steakhouse!!
- June 5 Spring Valley Street Fair
- June 6 "Spring into Summer/Spring into Youth"
- June 11-18 Youth Singers Tour
- June 19, 20, 21 Homecoming Performances
- June 28-July 3 Youth Activities Week
- 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.

Memorial Day observance planned in worship

Our sanctuary services on Sunday, May 30, will include a special litany and prayer in honor of the war dead and in support of war widows and widowers of the United States. Barbara Clark, trumpet, will offer "Taps," and the congregation will sing a stanza of "America the Beautiful." We hope that you will be present in worship for this memorial observance.



We want your wedding pictures!

Please bring your wedding picture (8x10 or smaller, in a stand-up frame) for our Spring Valley Foundation cabinet display. We need them now for the display on June 6. Leave them with Brian Emslie in the business office. For details, call Gloria Smith at 972-234-6483.



Helpful information available at Welcome Center

A flyer from The Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center is available at the Welcome Center, telling the location, hours, and particular items they will accept for disposal. On the back is information from the Dallas Police Department on crime prevention. Pick your flyer up and learn the responsible way to dispose of certain chemicals, and also how to protect your home and family against crime.

Children's summer events planned for kindergartners through 5th grade



Join us this summer for outings and fellowship just for you! We will go on a field trip, have lunch and a Bible study from 8am to 12:30. It will be fun and you won't want to miss any of these exciting events!

Wednesday, June 9 - We will go to the Plano Reperatory Theater to see C.S. Lewis' classic, "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe." Tickets are only \$8 and are limited. Meet at the church at 8am, we'll leave at 8:15 for the 9am show. Contact Jan today to reserve your spot.

Tuesday, June 22 - We will go to Cinemark 17 to see "Rugrats in Paris," the movie. Tickets are only \$1 plus extra money for concessions.

Tuesday, July 6 - We will go to the Cinemark 17 to see "The Trumpet of the Swan." Tickets are only \$1 plus extra money for concessions.

Tuesday, July 27 - Cinemark 17 to see "Stuart Little 2." Tickets are only \$1 plus extra money for concessions. Other events are still being scheduled so watch the **Behold** for current information.

Adopt-a-Troop website helps our troops

Have you wanted to show your support for our men and women in uniform but don't know how? There is a program from the Presidential Prayer Team website: www.presidentialprayerteam.org. Go to this website and click the link: Adopt a Troop. When you adopt a military member, you can show a preference of military branches or adopt by lottery. You will be provided with a certificate to print out, giving the soldier's first name, their spouse if married, and if they have children. Your only commitment is to pray for that person and their family everyday. It's quick; it's easy; it's free, and makes you feel wonderful! The website also gives updates of where that person is stationed and how they're doing. Please consider doing this. It gives huge benefits to you, the troops, and our great nation. This makes a wonderful mission project for Sunday school classes, too!

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

Ed Buchtel
Carolyn Vead

SVUMC Church Family

Audrey Rozelle
Don Barnes
Carl Fitzgerald
Darlene Twiss
Ann Michele King
Catharine Gebhardt
Tommi Ezell
Bryan Purcell
Graduating seniors,
 high school
 and college
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Travis Wilson
Aaron Harrell
Cindy Stamps' grandson, Justin Davis
Grace Truex's son, Harry Truex
Tommi and Levon Ezell's friends,
 Dr. G.B. Howard, and Dr. Rick Aubrey
Sandy Bell's friend, Dawn Weiss
Lori Johnson's fiancée, Rueben Joswiak
Helen Fuller, former member
Suellen Turner's friend, Erika Morgan
Stephanie and Rusty King's friend, Suzanne
Virginia Thomas' brother-in-law, John Trail
Pat Standlee's daughter's father-in-law, Dale Hanks
All persons serving in the military
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Deepest sympathy to:

Susan Kasten, in the death of her father,
 Floyd Mitsvin
Leann Balzac in the death of her father,
 Joseph Bolton, Jr.
Dick and Myrna Ridings in the death
 of their friend, Ralph Zubay