

Behold!



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Spring Valley Luncheon is June 25

What are your hopes for Spring Valley United Methodist Church?
What are your dreams for its future life and mission?



Have you considered ways in which you might empower the church beyond your lifetime to fulfill its purpose to make disciples for Jesus Christ?

As Christians who feel a deep sense of care and support for the church that has been our spiritual home, there are ways in which we can provide for its ministries not only now, but in the future, helping to make those hopes and dreams come true.

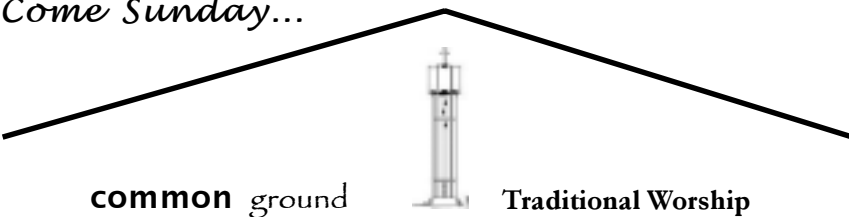
Remembering Spring Valley Church in your will can have the two-fold benefit of serving as an expression of faith while helping a congregation close to your heart for many years into the future. A simple notation can mean so much to so many. Consider that means of sharing your blessings with others.

A complimentary luncheon, sponsored by the Spring Valley United Methodist Church Foundation, will be held at noon on Sunday, June 25. Please plan to attend and learn more about how by your gifts you can be a blessing to the church you love even beyond your lifetime.

"What shall I return to the Lord for all of God's bounty to me?"

Please contact Jim Bryan, Foundation President, for more information on ways to support the work of the Spring Valley United Methodist Church Foundation.

Come Sunday...



common ground



Traditional Worship

Day of Pentecost, June 4

Acts 2:1-21

Winds of the Spirit

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit is alive and well!

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

First Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, June 11

John 3:1-17

"The wind blows where it will."

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Genesis 18

Finding God

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Welcome, new members!

Thomas & Belinda

Reeder

Rene and Grace

6706 Gateridge

Dallas, Texas 75254



A reception honoring Carlos Nascimento's 10th anniversary in ministry with Nueva Vida and the SVUMC Community will be held immediately following the 11am services on Sunday, June 4, in the Parlor. All are invited to attend.

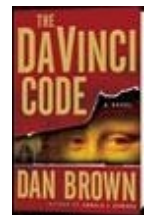
Great gospel evening coming

You are invited to an evening of great gospel songs with the *Spoken Four Quartet*, of Dallas, and the *Heartsong Quartet*, from Greenville. Special guests are Thiago Nascimento, pianist, and Sergio da Costa, ukulele, and his group.

A reception will follow the program. Tickets are \$10 with proceeds benefitting the International Quartet Convention in Brazil, in September. Call 972-233-7671 or 972-239-9440 for information.

"DaVinci and Dessert: Deconstructing the Code"

On Wed., June 7, at 7pm, Drs. Paul Escamilla and Anna Hosemann-Butler will discuss the popular novel (and movie) in relationship to the Christian



faith. No meal, but complimentary dessert and coffee will be provided. Make reservations by calling the church office and invite your friends.

Food Vs Fuel

Think the cost of gas is high? We're hearing so much about how much it takes to fill the tank. Is anyone thinking about the cost of filling our children's "tanks" with fuel? Sure, those of you with teenagers are way ahead in this thought process! In order for children to function at their highest level, they need the best to fuel their bodies.

But what if the money isn't there for adequate food? Enter Richardson NETWORK of Community Ministries. Think of them as a kind of AAA Road Service for emergencies. This homegrown agency serving the Richardson School District provides temporary assistance for hundreds of families needing food, rent and utility payments, and social service referrals.

On June 11 bring nourishing non-perishable food and place it in the barrels found in the hallways. If you'd like your gift to be monetary, just write a check or leave money in the business office or collection plate during worship.

John Hutchins gladly fuels up his truck each month to transport the food to NET. Let's give him a full load of food!

For more information about NET, visit the web site: www.thenetwork.org or call Rev. Don Barnes, 972-818-2523.



Friends, fun and fellowship – attention all young professionals

FRIENDS is the young professionals fellowship of Spring Valley United Methodist Church...not simply a Sunday School class.

June 9 - Free Salsa concert by Vincho Vicenzio - Addison Circle's Esplanade Park, picnic & cooler!

June 23 - Friday night Coffee house at Spring Valley UMC, we'll have several tables

June 24 - Saturday, Cinema in the Circle, fun & free outdoor theatre in Addison Circle Park...Picnic!

July 15 - Free Jazz concert, John Adams Quintet, in Addison Circle's Esplanade Park...picnic and cooler!

August 12 - Free concert by Dallas Wind Symphony, Addison Circle's Esplanade Park, picnic and coolers!

We'll also do a hands-on mission project, TBD. Join us for a fun and fellowship-filled summer! Call Betsy and David Willis, willisbf@yahoo.com, or Cynthia Pharr Lee at 214-529-5555.

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.



John Tarver's "By Request" concert needs your help

I am asking for requests of your favorite music – either written for or adaptable to the organ – so that a program may be presented of those requests. I am beginning preparation now so that the performance can be given sometime in early fall; the date will be announced as soon as it is decided.

There are several ways they can be submitted to me (please write them down with your name, too). My e-mail address is jptarv@ev1.net. There is also a mailbox in the church office for me. Get those requests in now – every one of them will be seriously considered.

Neighborhood Service Council plans summer programs for kids

The Neighborhood Service Council is working to insure all school-aged children in the Spring Valley-Coit Road area of Dallas and Richardson have a safe and healthy summer.

To accomplish this, they have information and resource material on several camps going on in the area which cover sports, crafts, games, swimming, nature studies, life skills development, field trips, etc. Some are held at Spring Valley United Methodist Church and others at various parks and Recreation Centers in the area.

Other interests are Drama and Theatrical Arts Camps; job and job skills centers; language and English-as-a-second-language classes; summer lunch programs; summer reading programs; special year-round resources through NSCI for families and for their children after school.

For information on any of these programs, callt Neighborhood Service Council at 972-239-3501, or check their website at nsci@nscikids.org.

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Upcoming Music

June 4, Men's Choir, *See How Great a Flame Aspires*

11:00 Chancel Choir *Hymn of Fire*

June 11, 8:30 and 11:00 *First Song of Isaiah*

Chancel Choir with Peggy West, soloist

June 18, 8:30 & 11:00 Josh Wilson, solo

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

MAD Camp June 26-30 8:30am – 12:30pm

Music, Arts and Drama Camp, \$20 includes t-shirt

Supper/Performance at 6:00 on Friday, June 30

Ages – Entering 1st through 6th grades

Join us for a fun-filled week of exposure to fine arts, scripture, crafts, worship each day and of producing a musical to be presented Friday at 6:00 following supper. Children will sing and learn about Moses in the musical *Moses & the Freedom Fanatics* and these daily truths:

- **We pray** to God
- **We listen** to God
- **We trust** God
- **We follow** God
- **We worship** God

Register Now! 972-233-7671 Auditions for speaking parts on Tuesday

Homecoming Concerts June 16 and 17, \$5.00, On Sale Starting Sunday, May 21st

Celebrate Life – Sanctuary, 7:30, Dessert Served

Youth Singers will present their Homecoming Concerts on Friday & Saturday, June 16 & 17, at 7:30 in the Sanctuary.

Desserts will be catered by Penny Wilson. John Tarver will be featured on the opening and closing songs of the musical with a reflective opening piece and a jubilant

closing song on our magnificent Thompson Memorial pipe organ. As always, the Youth Singers will conclude with their traditional blessing "A Closing Prayer."

Alumni are invited to join us at the conclusion of the program each night to sing this benediction. *Celebrate Life* is about the life of Christ and his teachings. The music is very enjoyable and is accompanied by orchestra. There will be pipe organ, piano, bass guitar, string bass, guitar, trumpets, flutes, clarinets, violins, viola, and French horn. This work is an invitation to serve God by giving one's life to Christ.



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

Our next coffeehouse will feature Eric Folkerth who is a singer/songwriter and guitarist. Opening up for Eric is our own Josh Wilson, a 2006 high school graduate singer/songwriter. Donations will be accepted for United Methodist Committee on Relief.



Josh Wilson



Eric Folkerth



Calling all young adults, ages 19-31!!

Big rehearsal on June 4

Young Adult Choir is a new choir that began on Easter of this year! If you are between the ages of 19 and 31, you are invited to participate. You could play an instrument or solo in the group. We meet regularly at the beginning of the Sunday School hour from 9:30 -10:00 in the Prodigal classroom. You get there by going up the elevator, turn left and it's the third door on the left. We have to keep the door closed to stop the sound from wafting into the adjacent spaces. We are planning to go on August 4-6 for an Austin Texas Choir Tour! More details will be supplied later. We have a special rehearsal planned for Sunday, June 4, at noon following a lunch supplied by Cara Sheroke. Make plans to join us as we learn our music in more detail than we can in our short 30-minute rehearsal. Let Rusty King know of your interest or give him the name and contact information for persons you might think of who would enjoy and benefit from this group. We have a dozen members planning on going on the tour so far. Our accompanist is Paula Huffaker. Our bass player is Rob Smalling. The sponsors for this group who will be with us on the tour are Pauline and David Greenwell and Cara and Gary Sheroke. We are so excited about our first venture with this new group. They will sing in worship in the very near future. Look for them later in the summer.

Youth Singers choir trip agenda

While 35 youth and 12 adults travel on their choir tour from June 9-15, they will have several mission experiences. One will be Monday when they share their musical *Celebrate Life* at Trinity Towers, a nursing home in Corpus Christi. Another will be the next day at Wesley Community Center interacting with 95 children at a daycare and sharing some of their music. Another will be on Wed. at 1pm at Marbridge Ranch, a home for adults with mental challenges, south of Austin about 30 miles. These are experiences that are made possible through the generosity of the Spring Valley congregation and we are grateful. Also, they will perform the musical two other times on tour. The first will be on Friday night, June 9, at St. Paul's UMC in Houston, and again at Travis Park UMC in San Antonio.



MEXICO MISSION UPDATE

The mission team going to Matamoros is beginning to form together and make plans for their trip, **July 3 – July 8**. There are about 250 children in the three villages. Each island will have VBS for two days. The themes will be God protects and God provides. The food distribution is timely because the fishermen cannot fish for shrimp in June. This is their cash crop so they have nothing to sell and money is scarce the first of July. We will distribute the staples of rice, beans, oil, tomatoes, and flour. The leader of the community coordinates this in a fair manner. A local woman is eager to help the health teachers with teaching the pregnant and nursing women and will guide them.

We need your help. Along with food to the families, and some health items, we would like to distribute some basics to each child. **We'd love it if each member could contribute one child kit that includes:**

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| small washcloth (plain) | 1 bar of soap |
| child/youth toothbrush | toothpaste (4-5 oz) |
| shampoo (15-16 oz.) | 1 lg. comb |
| spiral notebook (plain cover) | 5 plain pencils |
| pencil sharpener | |

Please, don't send large containers or fancy items so the bags will be similar. Put all in a plastic bag and place in the box at church.

Most of VBS will be held outside. **We're in need of tarps to sit on and an open air tent** (like sports teams use). If you can donate one, call Elizabeth Escamilla, 972-386-5412.

Who's going on the trip? Please, hold these brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Jan Andersen
 Alizardo Berticoli
 Douglas Castillo
 Elizabeth Escamilla
 Maria Isidro
 Carlos Nascimento
 Sayonara Ruiz

Oliver Axtell
 Iscar Berticoli
 Nancie Decourcy
 Sarah Escamilla
 Paul Mielly
 Tracy Quiroz
 Norma Warner

Don Barnes
 Nancy Buchtel
 Christian do la Rosa
 Bill Escarre
 Josue Moreno
 Azucena Quiroz

That's 10 from Spring Valley and 10 from Nueva Vida. We have four more spots reserved so call Carlos, 972-233-7671, or Oliver, 972-661-1571, if you don't want to miss out. The cost of \$250 covers each individual's travel, food, and lodging.

Thank you,
The Matamoros Mission Team



What's up for YOUTH...

CONGRATULATIONS to the Westwood JH Choir members on their fabulous performances on Tuesday night. This includes Madeline Steiner, Chris McEnaney, Caroline Watson, Kristin Holburn, Emily Hennington, Erica Christiansen & Erin Nicholas. Extra congratulations to Erica Christiansen for being voted by her peers as "Outstanding Choir Member." Also giving great performances this week were Kathryn Holburn, Sarah Watson and Sierra Wilmot at the Percussion Ensemble Concert given at RHS Wednesday night. Congrats to Greg Holstein for auditioning and making the "Forte" choir at Pearce HS!! WAY TO GO Tyler Stevenson and the Bandits on all their wins in their baseball tournament this weekend!!

JUNE 3 – SPRING INTO SUMMER, SPRING INTO YOUTH! From 6pm-8:30, ALL youth and families are invited to the home of George and Pam Reese for food, swimming, games, fun and fellowship.

JUNE 4 UMYF – MOVIE AND GAME NIGHT! This will be at regular UMYF time (since it's been so long, that's 6pm-7:30). **What to bring:** you can bring a game if there is one you would want to play. Also, I will have some movies to choose from, but you may also bring some options that would be appropriate and rated PG. If you are able, girls bring a small snack to share and guys bring a drink to share.

JUNE 7 – SWIM 'N SCRIPTURE! This will be the first Swim 'n Scripture of the summer. From 7pm – 9pm, be at George and Pam Reese's house for swimming, Bible study, and more swimming and games.

JUNE 11 – NO UMYF

JUNE 21 – SWIM 'N SCRIPTURE! Same time, same place. Notice, we will **not** be having Swim 'N Scripture June 7. ~ Kelly

Loan your "part" for the celebration

Spring Valley will celebrate its 50th anniversary as a church in March, 2007. Tom and Linda Christian, and Gail and Layton Pettigrew are the anniversary co-chairs. To truly make it a church-wide event, we need your help! Photos, stories, memorabilia, that are part of Spring Valley's past may be in your possession.

There is a box in the volunteer's office for receiving photos and other memorabilia. If you are willing to loan your photos, etc., place them 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.

Just wondering...

Does anyone "out there" happen to know Pagemaker? It's the software that's used to create the *Behold*. Sometimes the editor would like to take a day or two off, and it would be nice if someone could step in and put the newsletter together for the week. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, please call the church office, ext. 10, and ask for Jo Alice. I'd be glad to go over everything with you. Thank you for your interest.



Join us for Sunday school

An updated list of all Sunday school classes is available at the Visitors desk.

Aldersgate Class

June 4 - John Thornburg - Truces in the Worship Wars

June 11 - Jim Veach - "Are You a Fundamentalist?"

June 18 - Anna Hosemann-Butler - "John Wesley for Armchair Theologians," a review and discussion of the book by William J. Abraham

Beacon Class

New series of studies dealing with the first century of the Church, called "When the Church Was Young."

June 4 - "Ephesus and Christian Caring"

June 11 - "The Journey to Rome"

Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are 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 - Room 204

Starting June 4, we will be studying the Parables of Jesus and how they relate to us. Please join us.

Seekers Class

June 3 - Balance, David Currin

June 10 - C.S. Lewis' life and his writings, Patrick Thompson

June 18 - To speak or not to speak, Melody Malone

June 25 - The Chronicles of Narnia, Patrick Thompson

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.

Neighbors Home Bible Study

On June 1, Thursday, we begin studying *Psalms*. We have a 12-week study book selected costing \$7. Call Elizabeth Escamilla to get a copy. The Bible Study is open to everyone. We will move our time back to 7pm and finish at 8:30pm beginning June 1. We meet at the Wilkin home, 972-392-1486.

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

Betty Reichel

SVUMC Church Family

Bronson Balzac

David Armstrong

Sue Cummings

Greg Harris

Dorothy Wilhite

Pat Currin

Bob Muskopf

Steve Harper

Georgia Goodrum

James Rea

Ed Pierce

Betty Carter

Betty Lou Noble

Luiz Santos

Randy Smith

Bill Darnall

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Will Tucker's friend, Bob Spicer

Riis Christensen's dad

Dianne Cronenberg's aunt, Dona

Betty Hopper's niece, Robin Bruehl

Lincoln & Rosanna Hinsch's family member,

Jessie Berry

Mark Wood's nephew, Dylan Hamilton

Karen Sumner's friends, Mitch & Jessica

Joyce Covey's son, Tom

Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry

Will Tucker's mother, Ruth Gene Tucker

Ted & Janis Dumas' son-in-law's father,
Bill Hicks

Jeanne Larson's grandparents and aunt
NSCI's webmaster, Father Fred

Adam Wood's father

Mary Huffhines' brother, Eldon Harrison

Paul & Doris Simonsen's friend, Gus Cuello

Sue Cummings's friend, Jenny Hearn

All persons serving in the military

SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Donna and Tom Campbell in the death of
their friend, Larry Bryan