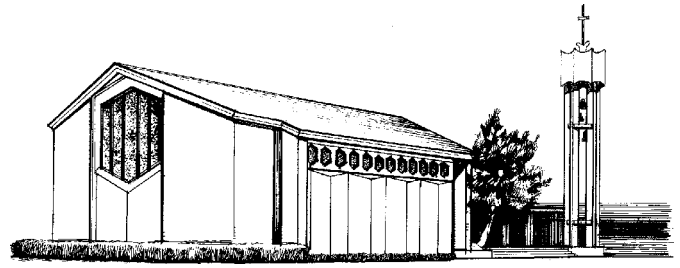


# Behold!



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## Farewell reception to honor Larry and Mickey George following one great hour of worship on Sunday, June 5, 11am

*Alive Now* editor George Graham has written: "One summer morning a decade ago, I left my parents' home in Ohio to drive to Tennessee to begin my first full-time job. On that same day my younger brother was preparing to leave for graduate school in Michigan, and my mother was traveling to be with her mother, who lay dying in a hospital in Pennsylvania. Before we went our separate ways, my parents, my brother, and I stood in the middle of the kitchen praying and crying.

"Perhaps that parting was so emotional because we all knew that we could not go back to the way things had been... As we move through life, we say many good-byes, not only to people and places but also to stages of life and ways of relating to others. All farewells bring a mix of emotions – life is never the same again, but in saying goodbye we also may be able to say hello to a future that holds new possibilities."

Over the last few months, we have done a lot of "praying and crying," from the kitchen of our home to the sanctuary of Spring Valley. Many of you have joined us in our emotion because it is difficult, this business of farewell, whether leaving or being left.

Yet we also share the hope – indeed, the confidence – that the future holds new possibilities for Spring Valley and for us because God is with us. We are not alone.

We look forward to seeing you in our one service of celebration this Sunday, June 5, at 11am, and afterward at the reception in Wesley Hall. We may never be able to go back to the way things have been for the past six years, but we will look to the future with deep gratitude both for what has been and for what will be. At Spring Valley and in the Dallas-Denton District, God is with us. Thanks be to God!

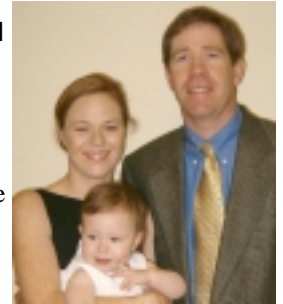
Gratefully, *Larry & Mickey*

## Baptism on May 29

**Sarah Jean Whitehead**

Parents are Wendy and Beau Whitehead.

Maternal grandparents are Gene and Jean Wismer.



## Six new Stephen Ministers commissioned

Six new Stephen Ministers were commissioned at the 11am worship service in the Sanctuary on May 22.

The following people have made the commitment to serve after undergoing the

50-hour training required to participate in the program:

*Sue Cummings Bill Hunter Betty Reichel  
Bill Wilkin Lou Wilkin Pat Williams*

They now join the other active Stephen ministers at SVUMC, Betty Hopper, Alice Cromwell, Elizabeth Kilgore, Roger Boldt, John Dvorak and Stephen Ministry coordinator, Myrna Ridings in this one-on-one ministry of care.

Stephen Ministers are lay Christians trained, assigned and supervised by a leadership team with the charge of listening, encouraging, supporting and praying for those in short or long-term crisis. The program emphasizes distinctively Christian caregiving and is based on complete confidentiality when matches are made. The newly commissioned Stephen Ministers will assume duties immediately as assigned.



**Johnathon Dickerson as David and members of the cast of "STAR" in a recent performance at Appletree Court. See article inside under Music column.**

## What's up for YOUth...

### Saturday, June 4

Spring into Summer/Spring into Youth: 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 5-8pm at the home of Chris McEnaney and his family. There will be swimming, burgers, and dogs, so be sure to plan on attending! The McEnaneys live close to the church at 6738 Mossvine Place; their phone number is 972-385-3918.

### Sunday, June 5

9:45am Sunday school

11am Worship in sanctuary to celebrate the ministry of Dr. Larry George

5:30pm \$3 snack supper

6-7:30pm UMYF: Heather Sumner and Emily King will lead a discussion on youth ministries, leadership, and t-shirts. It's going to be terrific, so be sure to join us!

### Wednesday, June 8

3:00pm "Star" rehearsal in Wesley Hall, followed by loading the van and trailer in preparation for the trip to Chicago. *And then...*

We'll go straight from rehearsal and loading to the Reeses' house for our first Swimming-n-Scripture of the summer. There will be supper provided, plus snacks, swimming, pool, singing, and Bible study. It's a fantastic Spring Valley youth tradition that we have been looking forward to all school-year long! Parents, please pick up at the Reeses' house at 9pm. Their address is 7418 Maplecrest Dr., just blocks from the church. The Reeses' phone is 972-239-0165. As always, we thank George and Pam for hosting us on Wednesday nights this summer!

*Our sympathies to:* Kristin & Kathryn Holburn on the death of their cousin.

*Sign-Up NOW for Summer Mission trips:* All youth who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to sign up NOW for Appalachia Service Project. The trip is 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older 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, confidential scholarships for these trips are available; and please note: The DEADLINE to register for these trips is extended to June 5, 2005.

### Ranch House Kids VBS, July 18-22

VBS registration for children and volunteers has begun. You can register on line at [www.svumc.org](http://www.svumc.org).



### Has your email address changed?

If so, please be sure to contact Paula Huffaker in the church office, 972-233-7671, x14, or by email, [Phuffaker@svumc.org](mailto:Phuffaker@svumc.org), to insure your receipt of the weekly *Behold* newsletter.



## Noteworthy news

### Upcoming Music

June 5, Chancel Choir

Hymn concertata, *Taste and See*  
Chancel Choir, Carillon Ringers  
Soloist, Peggy West

June 12, 8:30 & 11:00, Max Taylor, solo

Chancel Choir, *The Storm Is Passing Over*

June 19, 8:30 and 11:00, Alice McElroy, solo

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Halleluja, the Savior Lives*

June 26, 8:30 and 11:00, Charlie & Chris Whisenand

*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *O Be Joyful*



### STAR tickets available

Youth Singers will present "Star," a musical on the life of David, in dinner theatre on June 17 and 18, following their Chicago choir tour. Tickets are on sale now for \$10. Doors will open at 6pm, with dinner at 6:30 and the show starting at 7:20pm.



### The Music Man tickets on sale now

Our summer musical is slated for August 4-6. The bickering school board members who form a quartet are Tim Earl, Rich Milner, Dan Malin and Robert Blome. They, along with cast and orchestra, will help present such great music as *Lida Rose*, *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 \$10 tickets will be general admission.



### The Music Man chorus openings still available

You may still join the chorus of our summer musical. Call Rusty at 972-233-7671. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights in June from 6:30-7:30.

### Extending God's Path

Total received to date	\$ 408,211
Received May 29	10,327
<i>Give God what's right, not what's left</i>	
Attendance at worship services:	337

## Kids, lunch is ready!

### Second-Sunday food drive for NET

Have you noticed that you can roll right through the school zones with nary a worry about those pricey fines for a “lead foot?” Yep, school’s out.

Behold, for many of our most cherished possessions, summer awaits!

Some of our kids get breakfast and lunch as part of their school day. So what now if their cupboard at home looks like Mother Hubbard’s? That’s where we come in. For the families in RISD who go to NETwork for Community Ministries for emergency food, the churches, corporations, individuals, and civic groups can make a difference for some of God’s children.

June 12 is our opportunity to put nourishing food on the table for neighbors in need. Think of the kids as you shop this week. Bring a item or two and place them in the boxes in the hall outside the office. Good news...we’re not in charge of clearing the table after lunch!

NET is also looking for volunteers in their office. If you can donate three hours a week, they’d like to hear from you at 972-234-8880. For information about NET, check out their web site at [www.thenetwork.org](http://www.thenetwork.org).

## Habitat dedication is June 4



The Clarence Johnson Habitat House becomes a home this weekend on Saturday, June 4. Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) has completed the build and will celebrate with a dedication service this Saturday at 11am at 4311 Metropolitan in Fair Park. This is your opportunity to experience this wonderful ceremony, as Habitat blesses the home and presents the key and special gifts to the new owner. Join the Habitat volunteers and Mr. Johnson and his family in this special celebration. For more information, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

## Lights, Cameras, Action...

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 like to be part of a team rotating Sunday duties, please contact Doug Kilgore at 972-231-8539.



## Join us for Sunday school

### Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying Dawn Billings' book, *Greatness and Children*

### Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

**June 5 & June 12** - Pat Christley will present “Inside-Out Parables,” taking the class through two parables in a refreshing and different way.

### 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.

### Quest Class

**June 5** - "Daniel and his prophecies" We want to invite all to come and hear our lessons.

### Prime Timers want you!

**June 22** - Brown bag lunch, with Spring Valley member Jud Shook speaking on genealogy.

**July 24** - “Crazy for You” musical

**In August**, Ben Dickerson will cook his famous stew for us; and we will hear about the Hopkins County Stew Cook Off, which we will attend in September. Seniors, come and be part of the fun!



## UMW helps prepare for VBS

The UMW June meetings will be held on Monday, June 13. The daytime group will meet at 11:30 for lunch in Asbury Hall, and the evening group will meet at 7:15 in the Dining Room. Both groups will help prepare crafts for Vacation Bible School this summer. We will cut, paste, color, staple, fold, or whatever the children’s department needs done, while we enjoy visiting with each other before the summer begins. Please come for a special time.



## We need quilters!

Do you want to learn the fine art of quilting or just start it up again? Then Shirley Barnes and Dee Yates - resident, experienced

quilters - need you! They meet Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30am-noon, in the craft room. They are working on the annual quilt; come and join them!



## 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

Fayrene Pospisil

### SVUMC Church Family

Johannas Sechyi

Freda Clark

Prissy Shafer

Floy Naugle

Judson Shook

Frances Dale

Mildred Eubanks

Molly Schrader

Tom Turner

Annelise DeFrank

Catharine and Ted Gebhardt

The Maddison family

Randy Smith

Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Suellen Turner's father, Dick Donley

Beverly Curtis's relatives, Heather & Chris

Fischer and expected baby

Pat Johnston's friend, David Gilbert

Alice Cromwell's father, Carroll Maxwell,  
and friend, Bobby Hull

Mark and Dana Wood's daughter, Melanie

Bethann DeFoe's mother, Betty Lee Brandt

Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,

Gary and Jacqui Hopper

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

Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry

Rich & Dorothy Milner's son and daughter-

in-law, Brian & Jennifer, and expected baby

All persons serving in the military

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

### Deepest sympathy to:

Bob Twiss and family in the death of his wife,

Darlene, whose memorial service will be held  
at Spring Valley on Saturday, June 4, at 10am

Ted Butler in the death of his father, whose funeral  
service was held in Mississippi on May 26

Terry Holburn in the death of his nephew

Jill Curbo in the death of her great uncle

### Congratulations to:

Nancy Meier and Cy Watson who were married  
on Saturday, May 28

Gloria Smith on the birth of her great-granddaughter