

Behold!



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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!

Attention, Prime Timers!

Come one, come all, for free pizza (but donations will be accepted) and a playday. All kinds of games-scrabble, dominos, bridge, rummycube, or bring a game of your choice. The day is May 31 at 11am in Asbury Hall. Bring a friend if you want, but don't miss it. Hope to see you there!



Welcome, Kelly!

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee unanimously approved the hiring of Kelly Moon as Youth Director, effective May 7. Kelly has served in this capacity on an interim basis since mid-January.



She is a 2005 graduate of the University of North Texas, with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Women's Studies. She has served as a UMYF Counselor and Small Group Leader, a Confirmation Mentor and on the Youth Leadership Team at both Walnut Hill UMC and Highland Park UMC. She was a member of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Leadership Team at UNT, as well as the recipient of the Hammet Scholarship in 2002-3.

Kelly is an accomplished musician and trumpet player, having received her training as a member of the award-winning Lake Highlands High School Band.

Come Sunday...

common ground

Traditional Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14

1 John 4:7-21
God is Love
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

1 John 4:7-21
First Love
Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 21

Acts 10:44-8
Baptism by the Holy Spirit
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

John 15:9-17
Abiding in Christ . . .
Dr. Paul L. Escamilla, Emily King,
Josh Wilson, Colleen Yancy

Music Ministry Banquet

Wednesday, May 31, 7 pm

Wesley Hall

Catering by *Gloria's Mexican Restaurant*

Entertainment by Dr. C. Michael Hawn

Tickets are \$15 each

We are planning on 100 for dinner. Reservations are nice. Cash/check saves you a place. Please be prompt in your reply.

Last year *Gloria's* catered the food and it was great! Our entertainment includes perhaps a bit of levity concerning accordions!!

Habitat home dedicated

A time of celebration and joy! A day of new beginnings! A house to call a home!



All of these describe Mary Jackson's feelings this past Saturday, May 6, as Richardson Area Interfaith (RAIH) dedicated its 21st home and presented Mary with the keys to her house. What a glorious day of celebration and tears as we all enjoyed the dedication service, the beautiful weather, and a feast for a king!



A special thanks to all Spring Valley members for their time at the work site, their home-baked goodies, their Dimes-a-Day offerings, and their support through prayers. RAIH now takes the summer off but hope you mark your calendar for September 16 for its 22nd house start. Thanks again, SVUMC, for another beautiful home and its contribution to the building of Dallas neighborhoods!!!

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.

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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.

Dimes-a-Day is May 21

Your mission dollars DO make a difference. Each dime you leave at the chancel rail on the third Sunday does make a huge difference when put together with your fellow congregants!

As you write your check or designate "quiet money" for missions, think of the many blessings we take absolutely for granted. Our lives are not threatened in the same way as millions of others around the world. We can make choices in our lives; many must put their full efforts toward surviving in their world of starvation, illness, homelessness, or the threat of human aggression.

Spring Valley's mission budget doesn't begin to cover the needs our church has identified as important. Thank goodness for this second mile offering to support our missionaries, United Methodist Committee on Relief, Habitat for Humanity, Richardson NET, and others. Come, be part of this outreach mission from Spring Valley to our brothers and sisters!

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NOTEworthy news...

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*

Handbell Concert/Light Lunch

125 people enjoyed a delightful concert and luncheon. Carillon Ringers, Youth Ringers, Joyful Ringers and Carol Ringers all shared music. Michael McElroy was honored for his 4 years of service as children's bell director. We received around \$200 to help with bell robes. Hats off to all who brought food and to the adults and youth who packed everything for storage for the summer! Here are the members of the choirs this past year:

<i>Carillon Ringers</i>	<i>Youth Ringers</i>	<i>Joyful Ringers</i>	<i>Carol Bells</i>
Elaine Zuercher	Emily Meier	4th-6th grades	1st-3rd grades
Doris Simonsen	Nikki Chapman	Caitlyn Anderson	Maggie Coker
Diana Miller	Emily King	Blake Carroll	Caitlin Earl
Pam Hiam	Chase LaFrano	Dylan Carroll	Megan Earl
Joanna Shampine	Jenifer Otal	Emily Cromwell	Ryan Earl
Vicki Roberts	Emily Rahm	Nicholas Cromwell	Dele Faulkner
Lori Joswiak	Kelly Moon	Lauren Earl	David Fraser
Stephanie Chapman	Colleen Yancy	Anna Escamilla	Natalie Hodde
Danielle Williams	Janice Sechy	Dagin Faulkner	Emma Hudgins
Terri Chepregi	Kathryn Holburn	Allison Hawkins	Angela?
Dianne Cronenberg	Sarah Chepregi	Amanda Hydrick	Martinez
Steve Cronenberg	Madeline Steiner	Tim Jallow	Caroline Rahm
Spencer Dustin	Christine Earl	Trent LaFrano	
Alice Cromwell	Paul Chepregi		
	Caleb Hudgins		

MAD Camp June 26-30 Registration begins May 21, Cost \$20

Children who are going into 1st through 6th grade are welcome to join our Music, Arts and Drama Camp on June 26-30 from 8:30 to 12:30. Children will learn more about the Bible, about music, about drama, and about preparing a musical. We explore the Old Testament story in the musical – *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics*.

Homecoming concerts June 16 & 17, \$5, On Sale Starting May 21

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. Desserts will be catered by Penny Wilson. John Tarver will be featured on the opening and closing song 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.



Risen ends year on May 7

Our youth praise band led at Common Ground on April 30 and very nimbly at 8:30 and 11am on May 7. They played during the consecration of the elements at both services as Anna and Georjean acted out the scripture while it was sung. The newest member was Blake Carroll, the drummer. Group members were Josh Wilson, Nikki Chapman, Emily King, Chris McEnaney, Caroline Watson, Chase LaFrano, Michael Simonsen, Blake Hartgraves and Blake Carroll. When the service was over this past week, all equipment went to storage.

Nic at Night

Sunday, May 21, 6:30 Wesley Hall

The annual children's choirs musical featuring children who have participated in the music program since last September, promises to be very unique this year. Special guests include the Spring Valley Orchestra and Friends, Blake Denzer, Emily Rahm, and Susan Denzer. Come hear the story of Nicodemus presented by the voices of children!

Coffeehouse is June 23, Friday at 7pm in Wesley

Our next coffeehouse will feature Eric Folkerth, a singer/songwriter and guitarist, and two guys adding to the performance. Opening for Eric is our own Josh Wilson, a high school senior 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, Sept. 16 at 7pm. Mark your calendar now. It will be a tribute concert, but what group/artist will it be? Stayed tuned for more info!



Josh Wilson



Eric Folkerth

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 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

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.

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*



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.

Friends, fun and fellowship – attention all young professionals.

When making plans for this week, plan to join *FRIENDS* for Taste of Addison concerts, Friday night, May 12, in Addison Circle Park amphitheatre. The event starts in the afternoon, but we'll be gathering and saving seating area beginning at 6pm but come anytime. Either \$5 per person or \$8, depending on before or after 5 pm arrival.

We don't know which order bands will play in, but The Fray, Hootie & the Blowfish, the Go-Gos, Gin Blossoms and The Fabulous Thunderbirds are playing over the two night event. Look for bunches of green balloons marking our spot. It would be helpful to know if you're coming and bringing others, so we know how much space to save. More than 50 restaurants will have food booths, so don't bother with picnics.

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

We are studying "Taking Life to the X-Treme - the Book of James" on Sunday at 9:45 during May. But look what else we have planned for the summer! Check out the schedule below and join us and bring friends!

May 21 - lunch after 11:00 church services, La Madeline on Beltline, across from Prestonwood Town Center

June 9 - Free Salsa concert by Vincho Vicenzio - Addison Circle's Esplanade Park. picnic and cooler time!

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

June 24 - Saturday, Cinema in the Circle, the fun & free outdoor theatre in Addison Circle Park...another picnic opportunity

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

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

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.

KNOW...GROW...GO!

You'll want to remember that our next rotation is called *Jesus and Discipleship, Calling All Believers*



Children will learn that they too are disciples of Jesus, what that means, and why Jesus wants them to KNOW...GROW...GO! Join us for this fun rotation, beginning May 14-June 18 during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45am.

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.



Now and then in the Preschool

The Spring Valley UMC Preschool had a wonderful Open House on April 27. We enjoyed showing the children's work and having an opportunity to talk to the teachers. An extra plus was a chance for former SVUMC Preschool teacher, Ann Sanders to talk to current SVUMC Preschool teacher, Ann Rankin. Another wonderful part of the Open House was a Bake Sale with proceeds going to the Balzac family's medical expenses. Bronson Balzac is a 4 year-old SVUMC Preschool student with cancer.



May 17 at 11 am in the Sanctuary is the Spring End of the Year Program. You are invited to come and see our students and wish the 4 year-old prekindergarten students congratulations as they move up to kindergarten.

There are still a few openings for young children in the June Summer Camp program. Registration for fall Preschool also has some openings in some age groups. Call us at 972-233-2317, or come by to register.

Beacon Class

New series of studies dealing with the first century of the Church, called "When the Church Was Young." It will examine the characters and cities involved in the early "Jesus Movement," based on the Book of Acts and the Letters of Paul.

May 14 - "Antioch and the Great Controversy"

May 21 - "Philippi and the Advance to Europe"

May 28 - "Corinth and the Corinthian Correspondence"

June 4 - "Ephesus and Christian Caring"

June 11 - "The Journey to Rome"

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 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 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 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.

Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$392,924
Total received to date	386,139
Received April 30	18,111
Attendance	465

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

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.

SVUMC Church Family

Betty Portwood
David Cromwell
Dorthy Wilhite
Grace Truax
Bronson Balzac
Pat Currin
Frank Clements
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
Lincoln & Rosanna Hirsch's family member,
 Jessie Berry
Ted and Anna Butler's friends,
 the White family
Mark Wood's nephew, Dylan Hamilton
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
Joyce Covey's son, Tom
Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry
Frances Dales' daughter and husband,
 Ann and Virgil Wisner

Sue Cummings's friend, Jenny Hearn
Joyce Covey's son, Tom
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:

Lora and Phillip Sybert on the baptism
 of their daughter, Anna Elizabeth Sybert on May 7.
 Grandparents are Nancy Palmer and
 Bill and Pat Sybert
Kelly Moon and family on the birth of her
 niece, Chloe Sierra Moon, born May 3

Deepest sympathy to:

Mark Wood and family in the death of his aunt, Jan Wood