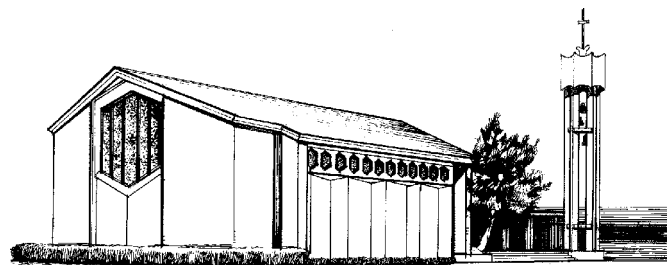


# Behold!

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## Why give to Spring Valley United Methodist Church?

“It’s my Christian duty.” “Someone’s got to pay the bills!” “I give about the same as what I’d spend on one weekend’s entertainment.” “We have so much to give and others have so little.” You’ve probably heard all these reasons for giving to SVUMC and then some!

As you may have heard us say, we felt strongly that God’s hand was present in leading us to SVUMC as a church home. We assumed that God had plans for what we could contribute to SVUMC. Little did we know that God had plans for what we would receive from this wonderful community of believers. As we approach the four year mark since David’s cancer diagnosis, we recall the grim prognosis (no more than 20% chance he would be alive in five years) and the support of our Christian family at SVUMC. We celebrate David’s return to health and thank God again for leading us to Spring Valley.

Since we knew God had plans for us at SVUMC and we are grateful for all that we have received, we feel a deep commitment to contribute whatever we are able to give. For us this means carefully, prayerfully considering each year how we can contribute financially, as well as how we can best use our abilities to serve our church. God rewards us with unexpected, heartfelt joy from our offerings and service to Spring Valley – joy that comes because, through our gifts, we become fully engaged and fully a part of everything going on at SVUMC.

Whether it is looking up at our magnificent stained glass window and reading again the scripture we found so inspirational during David’s cancer treatment — “Behold, I make all things new” — or hearing the uplifting voices of our choir accompanied by our amazing organ, or delighting in our children’s choir performance on Christmas Eve, or supporting our missionaries to Guatemala, or watching the launch and growth of our Common Ground service, or studying the books of the Old Testament in our Quest Sunday School class, or serving on church committees, we find great joy in knowing we belong to this community of believers through our gifts and service.

*Marci and David Armstrong*

## Dinner, white elephants, and books at harvest bazaar!

The upcoming 31st Annual Harvest Bazaar, November 10–11, has something for everyone, says White Elephant Committee Chair, Nippy McManus, and Book Chairperson, Sundra Culver.

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Usually on hand to sign up blood donors, Nippy’s working with a different kind of donation in Wesley Hall. Over the years, several Spring Valley senior pastors have expressed amazement that the church community can come up with so many pass-down tchotchkes to donate to each year’s Bazaar. No question about it, the packrats among us can furnish enough elephants to stock a major zoo. Said chairperson Nippy McManus, “We will accept just about any size item you can bring through the door, except a real live white elephant!”



Aren’t we packrats fortunate to have dedicated volunteers like Nippy and her crew working to re-market our donated treasures? And the proceeds help so many—not just those of us whose closets and kitchens are less cluttered, thanks to the good influence of Spring Valley’s elephant herd.

The Harvest Bazaar, November 10 and 11, is almost upon us. Now’s the time to start rounding up your own elephants for Nippy’s inventory. After the 11:00 service on November 7, volunteers will begin accepting household articles and books (also videotapes and DVDs) for the White Elephant/Used Book sales in Wesley Hall. (No clothing or furniture, please.) If you can help in this exciting sale, call Nippy at 972-239-7938. She needs help setting up and pricing items on Mon. and Tues., Nov. 8-9. Call Betty Hopper, 972-386-4670, if you can donate baked goods, homemade pickles, or preserves.

The Harvest Bazaar opens Wed., Nov. 10, from 5-9pm, with dinner from 5:30-7:00 (adults \$6, children under 12, \$2). Thurs. hours are 10am-3 pm, with lunch from 11:30am-1pm (adults \$4.50, children under 12, \$1).

## What's up for YOUTH...

November 7, 2004

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
3:30 p.m. Youth Ringers  
4:30 p.m. Youth Singers  
5:30 p.m. \$3 Snack Supper  
6-7:30 p.m. UMYF- Chase LaFrano & Carson Tucker will lead a discussion of the elections and the importance of freedom.



**Youth Sunday School News:** The next six-week session begins Sunday, Nov. 7, so start thinking about which class you want to take. We are using three classes to learn how to be disciples for Jesus Christ. Pam Reese is leading "Secret Power for Girls." George Reese is leading "Travel the Road." Frank Rahm is leading a study of the United Methodist Church. Each class lasts six weeks and is designed for you to join at any time.

**Note to all youth and parents:** The monthly youth newsletter is now available on-line at the church website. Look for the November newsletter, complete with calendar soon!

**Genesis Women's Shelter** - The kids at Genesis are counting on us twice - Nov. 3 & 10! We leave the church at 6:30pm and return at 8:30pm. Please join us!

### Mark Your Calendars:

Wed., Nov 3 & 10 Genesis Women's Shelter, leave church at 6:30pm  
Sun., Nov 21 Youth & Family Holiday Dinner

## UMW meets November 8

The next meeting of the United Methodist Women is Monday, Nov. 8. We will eat lunch in **Wesley Hall**, since the Harvest Bazaar preparations will be underway in Asbury Hall.

Everyone's help is needed for the bazaar, so there will be no program this month. Also, mark your calendars for Mon. evening, Dec. 13, for our annual Christmas program. The dinner and program will be a joint meeting of our day and evening UMW groups.



## Volunteers needed for Harvest Bazaar dinner

Volunteers are needed to help cook the dinner at church and to prepare desserts at home. Food preparation starts on Tues. evening, Nov. 9, and continues at noon on Wed., Nov. 10. Sign up in the volunteers' office, or call Mickey George, 972-701-0976.



**Barbeece Copeland,  
Dee Yates, and  
Shirley Barnes with quilt,  
Grandmother's Fan**

## Join us for Sunday school

### New Sunday school class forming

A new adult Sunday school class will be forming in the next few weeks for parents of teenagers and youth. If you are interested in being part of this class, call Rev. Hosemann-Butler at ext. 19.

### Friends - Room 216

Nov. 7 - Spiritual Gifts, meet with Parenting Class

### Prodigals Class - Room 212

(formerly known as the College Class) This class will begin a correspondence ministry to those connected with Spring Valley on active military duty. If you or a loved one is in this situation, please call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the Church, ext. 19, with contact information.

### Seekers - Room 200

Nov. 7 - John Tarver, music & meditations

Nov. 14 - Elizabeth Kilgore & Myrna Ridings,  
Stephen Ministry

Nov. 21 - Don Renshaw, "Confronting the Controversies" - Separation of Church and State

Nov. 28 - Don Renshaw, *Creation and Evolution in the Public Schools*

### Wesleyan Class - Dining Room

Nov. 7, 14 - Oliver Axtell

Nov. 17 - Lunch at Dos Rios (note change to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, for this month only)

Nov. 21, 28 - Don Bowen

### Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

Nov. 7 - Jerry Cornelius, Lesson 5, "Passionate Living," from *Joy Under Pressure*, by Tim Stafford

Nov. 14 - Rick Hawkins, Advance Field Representative with the General Board of Global Ministries in the South Central Jurisdiction, will speak on The Advance for Christ and His Church.

### Christian Parenting - Room 210

Nov. 7 - Spiritual Gifts, led by Cynthia Lee

Nov. 14, 21, 28 - "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families," led by Mickey George

## Habitat Build Continues

A little girl replied to a lady who felt sorry they didn't have a home. "Oh, we have a home. We just don't have a house to put it in." Soon, Kendra Pope and her three daughters will have that house to put their home in!

The Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH), part of Habitat for Humanity, continues their work to realize that dream for the Pope family. Progress has been made, but there are still opportunities for involvement. Come and be a part of the "finishing touches" and see the excitement of transforming a house into a home. The last workday is Nov. 6, and dedication is Nov. 20 at 11am.

For information about Habitat for Humanity, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570, or go to the web site: [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).

## Thanksgiving turkeys will be collected

*He who supplies...bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God...*

*2 Corinthians 9:10*

Among the many services provided at NETWORK of Community Ministries is a food pantry to ease the stressful time for those in need, especially in November at Thanksgiving. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in boxes in the hallway on Nov. 14. Monetary donations, designated for NET, can be placed in the collection plate or left in the business office. NETWORK will also gratefully accept your donation of turkeys at their office, 739 S. Sherman, Richardson. Call 972-480-9080, or Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435.

## Stephen Ministry profiles Betty Hopper



I have been a member of SVUMC since 1978 after moving from Oklahoma City where I was a housewife, mother, and accountant. I have four children and five grandchildren. I have been a widow for ten years. I am active in the arts and crafts group, President of UMW, a Beacon Sunday School Class officer, have taken many Bible studies, and worked in Evangelism. I joined the Stephen Ministry class in 2000.

Since I am a "people person," I wanted to share my love and concern with those that needed encouragement and support in our congregation. Since becoming a Stephen Minister, I have been able to reach out and help others who are suffering by using one simple tool, "tender, loving care." Our acts of compassion uplift not only those we help, but ourselves as well. This is the best way to bring out the Divine in all of us. Thanks be to God that our church has the opportunity to serve others.

*Betty Hopper*



## Noteworthy news

### Upcoming music

Nov. 7

8:30 Men's Choir *Let All Things Now Living*

11:00 Chancel Choir

*I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath*

Nov. 14

8:30 and 11:00, Chamber Singers

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

8:30 Childrens Bells

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Immortal Invisible*

*The Prayer*, a duet by Emily George and

Max Taylor in celebration of the baptism of Georgia Micknal

### Come and sing the joy of Christmas:

*Seasonal Singers* are invited to join rehearsals on Wed. evenings, 7:30-8:10pm, plus two Sat. 10am practices on Nov. 5 and Dec. 4, as we prepare for John Rutter's "Gloria."

Our children will present "Miracle at Midnight" at 5pm on Christmas Eve. All children are invited to take part as shepherds, sheep, angels, stars and Wise Men. Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 for rehearsals. Call Paula Huffaker or Nancy Guerra, 972-233-7671, for information.

### Thank you...

~ to Caryn Kelley of "Future Stars Photography" for the wonderful job she did taking our Preschool pictures; Caryn is one of our members who attends our Common Ground service;  
~ and to Gerry Broome and Mickey George for our beautiful Thanksgiving displays in the Loggia.



**Kids party hard at the Children's Choir Halloween party!**

## Joys and concerns

Call Alice Cromwell, 972-239-7332, or email her at [dallasal@swbell.net](mailto:dallasal@swbell.net) for any prayer concerns.

These concerns will stay on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

### Hospitals:

Berlanta Maddison

Ed Pierce

### SVUMC Church Family

Freda Clark

Marsha Lasater

Susan Kasten

Alexander Hartshorn

Griffin Knox

Jimmy Lockett

Terri Hartman

Prissy Shaffer

Catharine Gebhardt

Ginny Bitting

Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Kay Southard

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Ginny Bitting's mother

Margaret Sweet Nicholson

Doris Simonsen's nephew, Dr. VanDenBerg

Sue LaFrano, Buz LaFrano's step-mother

Don Barnes' brother, Keith Barnes, and  
cousin, Elizabeth Moore

Lisa Lantz' aunt, Mary Beltz

Paula Tarver's sister, Martha Jane

Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney

Karen Cline's father, Mike Nidositko

Jerry and Patti Malone's son-in-law

People of Sudan

All persons serving in the military

Our missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

### Deepest sympathy to:

Jill Curbo and family in the death of

her grandmother, Sadie Howard

Tammie Wanning and family in the death

of her grandmother, Mabel Wanning