

Behold!

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Extending God's Path...

There is a whole period of our lives that Dana refers to as "PM" (pre-Maggie). That seems like a long time ago, although it has only been 18 months since our daughter was born. We don't travel as light or as far these days, but it has been more than a fair trade-off. We wouldn't have it any other way. Now we drive in "Maggie's car." We come home to "Maggie's house." I feed "Maggie's dogs." And Spring Valley is becoming "Maggie's church."



We see Maggie take in the world around her with a sense of wonder and desire to discover. I think that this has awakened in us, as parents, a greater need to deepen our faith, to strengthen our character, and to more completely live within God's promises for our lives. Likewise, our hope for her is that she has a love for Jesus, a secure footing in the faith, and a personal relationship with her Savior. We know that the best way for our family to do these things and walk within "God's path" is within a caring community of believers like we have found at Spring Valley.

As with our own family, it is hard to imagine a life without our church home here at Spring Valley. Certainly, we see all around us evidence of those many people that quietly serve to deepen our faith commitment in worship, in music, in study, and fellowship. Those that uphold us in prayer, and that carry the mission of the church in ministry to our community. But maybe, just as important, are the things that happen in between all the rest – a personal reflection in Sunday school that mirrors our own, encouragement found in a quick greeting in the hall, humor at our own expense, and statements that make us pause and consider. At Spring Valley our family has found not only friendships and playmates, but also, persons who have taught us and modeled Christian character for us to aspire.

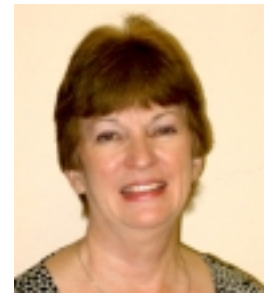
When she comes to church each week, little Maggie experiences both something new and something familiar. She may discover a new stair to climb or a new friend, but always within her familiar church home. Our family wishes the same for you in the upcoming year. We, like you, hope to give back some small measure of what we have found here at Spring Valley through our own prayer, presence, gifts, and service.

Dana & Steve Taylor

Welcome, new member!

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HARVEST BAZAAR

Wednesday, 5 - 9pm
Dinner, Wesley Hall, 5:30 - 7:00pm

Thursday, 10 - 3pm
Lunch, Wesley Hall, 11:30am - 1pm

White Elephant & Used Book Sale, Wesley Hall
Craft Sale and Country Store, Asbury Hall

On Sunday, November 21, the craft room will be open from 9am - 12:30pm for our final sale. Come and see us for those just-before-Thanksgiving gifts and decorations.

Annual Spring Valley Charge Conference

Monday, November 15, 7:30pm

Rev. Ron Henderson, Dist. Supt.

All Spring Valley members are invited to gather in Wesley Hall for this yearly report on the state of the church.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 24, 7:30pm

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Christ Community

Spring Valley UMC

Holy Trinity Greek

Temple Shalom

King of Glory Lutheran

Transfiguration Episcopal

What's up for YOUTH...

Sunday, November 14

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- Frank's Turn. What is this? What will it be? Come to UMYF and find out!



Carson Tucker & Chase LaFrano did a fantastic job last Sunday at UMYF leading us in a discussion of the presidential election and through other issues that America voted on Nov. 2.

All Youth Families are invited to our **Family Holiday Feast**. Bring your parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins to Wesley Hall on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 6pm for a delicious meal, some memorable fellowship, and loads of fun!

Youth Sunday School News: The next six-week session begins Sunday, Nov. 7, so start thinking about which class you want to take next. We are using these 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.

We are still collecting items for our holiday gift boxes for soldiers serving our nation. Please bring the items you signed up for before UMYF this Sunday.

Youth Council President Melissa DeFoe, has scheduled our next meeting for Sunday, Nov. 21, during lunch. We have much work to do, including UMYF planning for the winter and spring months.

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

Mark Your Calendars:

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

Mardi Gras Madness update

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, Jan. 30th at 4:30** for our annual Mardi Gras Madness celebration! Tickets will go on sale in early Jan., so get together with friends and make plans to attend. Proceeds from this event benefit Youth Missions.

You can help us now by going to the church web page and clicking on the youth button. There you will find a survey of area restaurants. We are trying to get information about the restaurants that members of our congregation frequent, so that when we solicit these establishments for gift certificates for the silent auction, the managers will know that Spring Valley supports their restaurants. Just go to the web page and follow the directions. We appreciate your help in advance.

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.

Seekers - Room 200

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. 14 - Oliver Axtell

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

Nov. 21, 28 - Don Bowen

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

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.

Nov. 21 - Jim Veach, 6th lesson from "Joy Under Pressure," by Tim Stafford.

Beacon Class - Asbury Hall

Nov. 14 - An understanding heart

Nov. 21 - CARING in a changing world

Nov. 28 - Adventuring into Advent

Dec. 5 - Adventuring into Light

Dec. 12 - Will it happen to you?

Dec. 19 - Stars beget journeys

Dec. 26 - The Christmas journey we all need to make

Christian Parenting - Room 210

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

Prodigals Class - Room 212

(formerly known as the College Class) This class is beginning 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.

Dimes-a-Day collection is November 15

Your mission dollars *do* make a difference. Each dime you leave at the chancel rail on the third Sunday makes 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!

Add Richardson NETwork to your grocery list

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

The wonderful month of November when we celebrate Thanksgiving can be a time of great stress for those who are hungry. Some of those families show up at Richardson's NETwork of Community Ministries for assistance. Among the many services provided at this neighborhood agency is a food pantry which we help stock with our second-Sunday, *non-perishable* food drive. Please bring your food donations on November 14 and place them in boxes in the hallway. Monetary donations should be designated for NET and placed in the collection plate or left in the business office.

Thanksgiving turkeys will also be collected, and NETwork will gratefully accept them at their office at 739 S. Sherman, Richardson. Call, 972-480-9080 or call Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435.

Habitat house to be dedicated

We have a house, and soon Kendra Pope and her three daughters will have a home. Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) has completed its 19th home, thanks to the many financial gifts and volunteer hours from Spring Valley and other Richardson area churches. This new house becomes Kendra's home during the dedication on November 20, 2004, at 11am. Please plan to join us for this wonderful dedication service and bring along a couple of nonperishable pantry items (canned goods, cleaning supplies, paper products, etc) to help fill Kendra's pantry. A lunch buffet will be served, and you will have the opportunity to tour RAIH's 19th house.

If you have questions about the dedication and how you can participate, please stop by the Habitat table near the church office or contact Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.



Noteworthy news Upcoming music



Nov. 14

8:30 and 11:00, Chamber Singers

The Lord Is My Shepherd

8:30 Children's 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

Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata is Dec. 5

Chancel Choir, Seasonal Singers, brass, and percussion ensemble will present John Rutter's *Gloria*.

Amahl and the Night Visitors

This is a short opera in English by Gian Carlo Menotti. A crippled shepherd boy and his widowed mother are visited by the Magi on their way to visit the Christ Child. The cast is:

Amahl - Jordan Graf

King Kasper - Richard Etheridge

Mother - Lynn Mock

King Melchior - Dave Jones

Page - Max Taylor

King Balthazar - Ellis Ozley

The performances are January 6, 7 and 8, Thursday through Saturday, at 7:30; tickets are \$10. For information, visit - <http://svumc.org/amahl.html>. We will update with pictures and biographies of the entire main cast.



Centenary College Choir performs Saturday, November 20, 7:30

We need housing for 30 students. Please call Rusty King, 972-233-7671, if you can help.

Membership Audit

Second Reading, 2004

The following persons are members of Spring Valley but with whom we have lost contact. Their names are being published for a second time in the hope that current members can provide addresses or phone numbers. If you have **specific** contact information for any of these folks, please send that information to Paula Huffaker in the church office.

Akright, Kathleen	Forsey, Carrie	McGaha, Rebecca	Trapp, Walter
Alread, June	Forsey, Stephanie	Meier, Brennan	Treadwell, Natalie Nicole
Andrade, Melanie	Franklin, Jeannine	Meier, Gerry	Treadwell, Scott Dean
Barlow, Robert	Frasher, Doug	Meier, Todd	Treadwell, Vicki Jean
Bell, Sam	French, Brian Christopher	Miller, Chad	Tucker, Rachel
Bohn, Scott	Fults, Russell	Montgomery, Kendall	Turnage, Janet
Bollman, Peter	Gorham, Anthony	Moon, Debbie	Turnage, John
Bosque, Robert	Gray, Laura Marie	Moon, Rory Christopher	Tyler, Benny
Brown, Mozelle	Gray, Shannon	Neibisch, Dawn	Tyler, Sandra G.
Brown, Robert	Gray, Shirley	Palmer, Cynthia	Tyler, Tami
Carlton, Beth	Griggs, Michael	Parker, Steve	Vaughn, Audrey
Carlton, Gerald	Gustafson, Linda	Pattullo, Ginny	Wallace, Chris
Carlton, Jenny	Gustafson, Ron	Pattullo, Peter	Wallace, Elaine
Carlton, Jim	Harper, Inez	Petty, Laurie	Wallace, Patrick
Carlton, Lynn	Harper, Karen Ewing B	Polley, Ken	Weber, Wendy
Carper, Gregory	Harper, Bryanna	Polley, Marcia	Webb, June
Carper, Kevin	Harper, Douglas	Pyle, Jeanette	Webb, Paige
Cassell, Mrs. Willie	Hill, Nadyne	Pyle, Louis V.	Webb, Randy
Clark, Charmaine	Holloway, Carol	Reinfeld, Virginia	Wells, Diane Richardson
Cooley, Susan	Horn, Robin	Rizos, Florence	West, Stan
Corboy, Shari J.	Hughes, Craig V	Roethlisberger, Norma	White, Trish
Cowles, Pat	Hurst, Elizabeth Ann	Samuel, Beverly	Williams, Melissa
Cowles, Ron	Ihrig, Tim	Sanders, Jim	Williams, Mark R.
Crim, Lisa	Ihrig, Julie	Sanders, Sandra	Williams, Agnes
Crim, Steven	Ingalls, Dana	Sanford, Kim	Williams, Suzanne
Croucher, Samantha	Ingram, Justin	Selisker, Mr.	Willsey, Sean
Crudup, Carrie	Isaac, Todd	Selisker, Mr. Mark A.	Wilson, Doris
Culp, Betsy	Jansen, Michelle	Selisker, Kim	Wood, Billie
Davidson, Sherri	John, Desmond	Shaw, Brenda	Wrede, Mark
Davis, Katrina	Jones, Cindy	Shiple, Dana	Wrede, Sandy
DeSouza-Bomar, Deborah A.	Jones, Erin	Shiple, Scott	Wurstner, Judy
Deutsch, Robert	Keith, Jack	Sidley, Karen	Wurstner, Ron
Deutsch, Dianna	King, Cheryl	Siebs, Cheryl	Young, Kathleen
DeZonia, JoAnn	Kuntz, Elaine	Simpson, Thomas	Young, Mike J.
Diaz, Anna	Lambard, Kathy	Simpson, Nancy	
Diaz, George	Lange, Staci	Simpson, Thomas	
Dilley, Donna	Lanza, Dorothy	Simpson, Tracy L.	
Distel, Bradley	Lavetts, Dee	Sprengle, John	
Distel, Jason	Lees, Jon-Michael	Sprengle, Karen	
Distel, Zach	Leonard, Marjorie	Sprengle, Kristin C.	
Dolph, Jack	Leone, Brenda	Sramek, Jennifer	
Dolph, Joan	Lewis, Michael	Taack, Robin	
Dupree, Craig	Little, Shelley	Thompson, Christine	
Fagan, Ron,	Martell, Mary	Timberlake, Bette	
Fagan, Sheri	Martell, Ron	Timberlake, Clayton	
Farmer, Denny	Maxey, Karen	Timberlake, Robert	
Farmer, Jan	Maxey, Robert	Timberlake, Shannon	
Finney, Todd	McClung, Shannon	Trapp, Dana	
Flake, Kirby		Trapp, Robin	
Forsey, Anne			



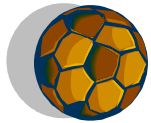
Dobie Elementary toy drive

Give the gift of education in a toy.

November 21 – December 12



Place new, unwrapped educational toys and games in the collection boxes. All donations go to Dobie Elementary to assist students and parents in furthering the educational process at home.



Suggested Items (ages 4-5):

- Games - Candyland, Chutes & Ladders, memory games, matching games, Dominos, small balls (football, soccer size 3 or 4, nerf balls)
- Simple Toys - Mr. Potato Head, trucks, dolls, stuffed animals
- Art Supplies - crayons, markers, tablets, easy kindergarten level workbooks



Cash donations also welcome.

Please no weapon toys.

Delivery elves needed!

Contact David and Betsy Willis (214-707-6515) to help deliver the toys on Monday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. We will need several large vehicles and SVUMC elves to help deliver the toys.

Contact David and Betsy Willis at 214-707-6515 or willisbf@yahoo.com if you have questions

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:

Berlanta Maddison

Oliver Axtell

SVUMC Church Family

Shirley Hughes

Terri Hawkins

Marsha Lasater

Ed Pierce

Susan Kasten

Alexander Hartshorn

Griffin Knox

Prissy Shaffer

Ginny Bitting

Homebound members

Frank Zoeller's friend, Lucy Saxon

Mark & Melody Reese's friend, Don Garrow

Glenna Dodson's son, Jay

Chris & Lisa Newton's friends, the McDuffies

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Fay Horn's friend, Polly Johnson

The Simonsen family's friends, the Carsey family

Margaret Sweet Nicholson

Doris Simonsen's nephew, Dr. VanDenBerg

Buz LaFrano's step-mother, Sue LaFrano

David Mendoza's neighbor

Sharon & Jeff Robinson's son, Rick

John Dvorak's son and daughter-in-law,

Johnny and Lillian

Don Barnes' cousin, Elizabeth Moore

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:

Greer Wellborn and Gavin Stephens, family
and friends, in the death of their father,
Gary Stephens

Congratulations to:

Liz and Robert Gross on the birth of a
grandson, Reed Jackson Lee Graham
Joan and Richard North on the birth of a
granddaughter, Alice Jeanne Hamm

Extended Church Family

Kay Southard

Ellie Sims' brother

Ginny Bitting's mother