

Behold!



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The 32nd Annual Harvest Bazaar - we did it again!

"Thank you" to all who cooked, served meals, and sorted used books and white elephants. "Thank you" to crafters and quilters who worked all year, and to cooks for contributing their homemade pickles, preserves, candy, and baked goods. "Thank you" to the Friendship Circle for all their work and to the church staff, especially Tony, for their patience and good humor. And a special "thank you" to all the church members and their guests who came to enjoy the meals and shopping. Once more, the Harvest Bazaar tradition has brought us together in anticipation of the special season to come.



Don Barnes, Paula Huffaker, Joyce Boyer, Jolene Harper, Norma Booth, Pat Chadsey, Jeanne Hunter, Judy Kesler, Gail Pettigrew, Joan Barnette

New pictorial directory planned

It is time once again to do a pictorial directory for the Spring Valley Faith family. Representatives from PCA, a nationally recognized photographic company, will be here for two weeks in late January to take pictures, which can be purchased if desired. SIGN-UPS for times are on tables in the Loggia and in Wesley Hall today and will be available through Dec. 11. Make your appointment now.

Charge Conference postponed

Our annual Charge Conference has been postponed from November 21 to January 9, 2006. Please save that date for a special visit with Dr. Ron Henderson and a night of music with our youth band, *Risen!* Thank you.

Christmas schedule

Christmas Eve: Sanctuary services at 5, 8, 11pm

Christmas Day: Sanctuary, 11am

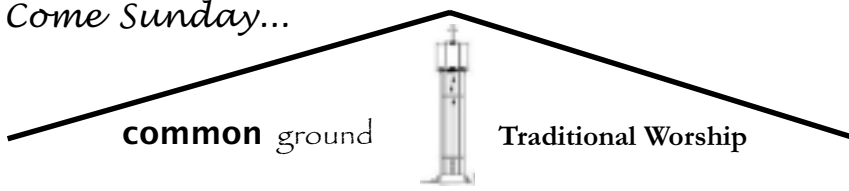
Children and Youth will not have Sunday school on Christmas Day.

Adults classes who wish to meet need to notify the office and provide their own refreshments and beverages. Thanks, *Anna Hosemann-Butler*

Children's choir sing in worship



Come Sunday...



Reign of Christ Sunday, November 20

Matthew 25:31-46

"Welcoming the stranger"

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

John 13:1-20

"Dirty feet"

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

1st Sunday in Advent, November 27

Mark 13:24-37

"Waiting for God"

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler



Mark 13

"Waiting For God"

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

What's up for YOUTH...

Hey everybody! A special thank you to Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler for talking with us about sacraments on Sunday night. What a wonderful ending to our day, remembering our baptism and partaking of the Lord's Supper together. Keep your eyes and ears open - we have a lot going on in the next couple of months.

November

15 - Youth Singers - Dinner, Bible Study, and Rehearsal

20 - UMYF - Proposition 2

27 - UMYF - Whirly Ball - Until 8:00pm

December

4 - UMYF - Christmas Caroling

11 - UMYF - Game night - Come and relax before finals!

18 - Youth singers and ringers in 8:30 worship
- UMYF - Family Christmas dinner

24 - Youth singers led in Christmas eve service 8:00pm

25 - CHRISTMAS - NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Mark Your Calendars!!!

IMPACT Florida this summer will be June 24 - July 2. **IMPACT** is open to all youth (Jr. and Sr. High).

Appalachia Service Project this summer will be July 7 - July 17. ASP is for Sr. High only.

Reminders....Snack Supper begins on Sunday nights at 5:30. Cost is \$3.

20 - Sherry Peart and Belinda Hennington

27 - Deb McEanane, Nancy Yancy, and Sherri Hodde

UMYF is on Sunday nights from 6:00 (5:30 w/ supper) until 7:30. If there is a change, it will be noted.

Youth Music times are: 3:30 Ringers, 4:30 Singers.

We have a lot going on here at SVUMC. If you have any questions, call us or send us an email, and our door is always open.

MTLBYAKY, Jared and Megan



NOTEworthy news...

Worship & Music Offerings Upcoming music:



Sunday, November 20

8:30 Chancel Choir *Thanks Be to Thee*

8:30 Carillon Ringers *A Joyful Antiphon,
Dorian Dance*

11:00 Youth Singers, *Moses*

soloists, Chris Peart and Josh Wilson

11:00 Youth Ringers, *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

#2130 *The Summons*

#159 *Lift High the Cross*

Sunday, November 27

8:30 Choral Ensemble

11:00 Chancel Choir

*There Shall a Star From
Jacob Shine Forth*



Sunday, December 4

8:30 Men's Choir, *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

8:30 and 11:00, Peggy West and Jeanne Larson,
He Shall Feed His Flock

11:00 Chancel Choir, *E'en So, Lord Jesus,
Quickly Come*

Poinsettia Sales for Christmas Season Adornment

Youth Singers will have poinsettias for sale on Sunday, Nov. 20, for \$10. They may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one, or simply to the glory of God. They will be placed in the sanctuary on Dec. 11. The last day for placing an order is Dec. 4.

Christmas Cantata is December 11, *Christmas From Around the World*

Three groups join forces to share a witness to the Word on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8:30 and 11am, and also on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 3pm. Chancel Choir, Seasonal Singers, and orchestra will share a compilation of anthems, reflecting the joy of the season emphasizing diversity of style from many countries.

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, to insure your receipt of the weekly *Behold* newsletter.



The Big Pine Cove Retreat, Nov. 5-6!

Meals-On-Wheels

The Visiting Nurse Association has, for many years, sponsored the Meals-on-Wheels program for Dallas County. Spring Valley United Methodist Church has participated in this important mission service for many years by providing and coordinating volunteer teams - during the past year the following have provided these mission services for SVUMC as drivers, navigators, or substitutes. Some volunteers are not even members of our church but have joined us as a result of friendship or family who are members. When you see one of these volunteers give them a pat-on-the-back and a "thank you" for their service to their neighbors. Our clientele consists primarily of elderly and/or infirm neighbors, scattered from Far North Dallas to the Fair Park area.

Chuck Apthorp	Jean Beler	Roger Boldt
Norma Booth	Don Chancellor	Mary Chancellor
Freda Clark	Tom Colerain	Joe Culver
David Currin	Nancie DeCourcy	Roselyn Douglas
Mary Lou Furry	Bill Furry	Susan Hanchey
T J Hartman	Gene Hoffman	Jane Hoffman
Faye Horn	Roger Horn	Shirley Hughes
Bill Hunter	John Hutchins	Bob Kennedy
Laura LaFrano	Roger Martens	Beth McGill
Kenzie Moore	Charles Norman	Dorothy Pruden
Tom Purcell	Ron Reed	Myrna Ridings
Dick Ridings	Denise Ring	Ross Sanders
Jane Shedd, MOSAIC	Mary Jo Walker	Beverly Whitley
Michelle Whitley	Neil Williams	Fred Williams

Right now we need several teams for the 2006 year. If you would like to volunteer, or would like additional information, please call Dave Booth at 972-233-1195.



We Are the Church! Stewardship Update

2005 Pledges	908,739
2006 Pledges, so far	984,602
Increase over 2005 pledges, <i>including new pledges</i>	204,137
% Increase	26.2%
Increase from 2005 to 2006 pledges	89,370
Increase	10.0%
No. of pledges received so far	282
Missing pledges from 2005 pledgers	73
Projected 2006 Pledge, based on continued giving, 2005 levels	1,112,876
No. of new pledges	66
No. of people raising pledge, not including new pledgers	125
No. of people decreasing pledge	26
No. of people maintaining 2005 level	65

If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, please prayerfully consider what your part can be in Spring Valley's future for 2006. Thank you for your efforts in this important ministry of our church.

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 - Room 206-08

Nov. 20 - Anna Hosemann-Butler, "God's politics," a study of the relationship between faith and justice in the political arena.

Nov. 27 - Chris Nee, Administrative Assistant for Salud y Paz, will speak about Guatemala and the two Salud y Paz clinics.

Beacon Class

"The Journey Into Christmas"

Lessons are based on the four Advent Candles: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Nov. 27 - Hope

Dec. 4 - Peace

Dec. 11 - Joy

Dec. 18 - Love

Dec. 25 - No Class

Christian Parenting - Room 210

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

Friends Class

Nov. 20 - *Let Us Go Over to Bethlehem: An Advent Study for Adults*, by James W. Moore

Nov. 27 - *Let Us Go Over to Bethlehem*

Dec. 4 - Kay Reynolds, Principal of Dobie Primary, will speak on Dobie and the toy drive. Open to everyone

Dec. 11 - *Let Us Go Over to Bethlehem*

Dec. 18 - *Let Us Go Over to Bethlehem*

Quest Class

Join us as we study the book of Revelation.

Seekers Class

Nov. 20 and 27 - Where is our Spiritual Journey Taking Us? - led by Tom Christian

Nov. 27 - The Importance of Volunteers, led by Marji Bishir

S.P.O.T. - Spiritual Parents of Teens,

formerly **PARENTS OF TEENS** - Room 192

We are reading *The Five Love Languages of Teenagers* by Gary Chapman.

Trot your turkey to Network

Network of Community Ministries will gladly accept turkeys through December. You may deliver your bird:

- ~To the SVUMC kitchen freezer (next to Wesley Hall).

Please label for NETwork of Community Ministries.

- ~Directly to NETwork at 741 S. Sherman St., Richardson (just north of Spring Valley, east of Central Expy)

Questions? Call Rev. Don (not a turkey) Barnes at 972-818-2523.



Dimes-a-Day Nov 20

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving we have the opportunity to again express our gratitude for all we have by sharing a gift of money. During the singing of the last hymn, you are invited to place your gift at the chancel rail. You may wish to stop and pray for those less fortunate.

These generous gifts will be divided among the many mission programs Spring Valley supports. The Mission Core Process Group members are grateful for all your mission gifts.

Dobie Elementary toy drive is Nov 20 - Dec. 11

Give the gift of education in a toy. Place new, unwrapped educational toys and games in the collection boxes. All donations go to Dobie Elementary for the 600 students, ages 3, 4, and 5 in furthering the educational process at home.



Suggested items are:

Games: Candyland, Chutes & Ladders, memory games, matching games, easy card games, jump ropes, small balls (football, soccer size 3 or 4, nerf balls) puzzles

Simple Toys: Mr. Potato Head, trucks, dolls, stuffed animals, Play-dough,

Art Supplies: crayons, markers, tablets, coloring books

Please no weapon toys. Cash donations are also welcome.

Delivery elves needed! We will need some large vehicles and SVUMC elves to deliver the toys. Please call David and Betsy Willis, 972-380-8555, or willisbf@yahoo.com, if you can help deliver the toys on Mon., Dec. 12.

Your scary church staff at Halloween!



Celebration cookbook planned

One of the ways we're celebrating the 50th anniversary of Spring Valley United Methodist Church is to publish a cookbook! Please type or print your favorite recipe(s), sign your name, and turn it in ASAP. A basket is in the office to collect the recipes, or you can mail them to the coordinators listed below. The deadline is January 30, 2006. Please hurry!



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SVUMC "historians" needed

Our church will celebrate its 50 year anniversary in 2007. We already have "The Spirit of Spring Valley," given by Bobby Detwiler, that gives us a history of the church to 1986; but we need volunteers to fill us in on what happened after 1986. We also need someone to go through old pictorial directories and pictures to document special events in the life of the church.

Our goal is to prepare a book and compact disk that tells the story of Spring Valley United Methodist Church from its beginning to present. In addition, we will prepare a PowerPoint presentation of pictures to show during the anniversary festivities. If you are interested, please contact Paula Huffaker at the church office 972-233-7671, e-mail phuffaker@svumc.org.

Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$857,991
Total received to date	847,190
Received Nov. 13	15,638
Attendance	464

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

The Advent Season is coming!

On Sunday, Nov. 20, your child will be given an Advent activity book. It is our hope that this will be a meaningful addition to your family's Advent traditions. Please note:

Advent Workshop
Sunday, December 4
3:30-5pm, Wesley Hall



Come and make:

...a snowflake from a tortilla that you can eat, ...a keepsake Make-it-Plate,
...an angel from your footprint, ...an ornament with your picture,
...cookies in a jar, and much more! For more information Children's Ministry activities, please call Jan Hudgins at jhudgins@svumc.org, or 972-233-7671.

Guatemala mission and Aldersgate program planned for November 27

Chris Nee, Administrative Assistant with Salud y Paz in Guatemala, will discuss the mission work happening at the medical/dental clinics, including an update of the impact of the recent hurricane and mud slides. For those who are considering joining Spring Valley's 2006 mission trip to Guatemala, this will be a great opportunity to learn what the project is about. We are particularly encouraging families with youth to join us in 2006. The first organizational meeting will be in January 2006. As we were unable to accommodate everyone for this year's mission trip to Guatemala, we have the dates for the 2006 trip.

We believe that because of the high interest and this church's commitment to this mission that we can fill two 15-person teams. The dates for the first week are July 22 to July 30, and the second week, July 29 to August 6. Please note that these dates are before most schools start to accommodate any families with youth who want an unique educational and service vacation.

Prime Timers to visit nativity display

On Saturday, December 3, the Prime Timers will have lunch together and visit the Nativity display in the gymnasium of the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints, 900 S. Bowser (between Centennial and Spring Valley) in Richardson. Hundreds of attractively arranged crèches from all over the world are on display as a gift to be shared with the community. Most have been gathered by church members in their mission service world-wide.

If you would like to car pool, plan to meet in the back parking lot at the church on Dec. 3 at 11am. We will have lunch at 11:30am at Venezia Italian Cafe, 908 Audelia Road, just south of Centennial. The Kroger Store is the prominent landmark at the shopping center. Entrees are available for \$5.95. Following lunch, we will go to the display, which is free.

Please sign up in the volunteer office, or phone the church by Dec. 1 for reservations. Call Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435, for more information.



Visiting Nurse Association plans holiday project



Spring Valley UMC is hosting the annual VNA Holiday Project for the 18th consecutive year! The workshop is scheduled in Wesley Hall on November 30 and December 1. And as usual the activity will fill Wesley Hall with supplies, boxes, wrapping paper, and most important of all, caring and dedicated volunteers. Volunteers from the community and from our church jump into what looks like a warehouse and then magically transform plain and ordinary items into prettily wrapped gifts for elderly, isolated, ill, and disabled persons in our community who might not receive other gifts. Gift bags are assembled for nearly 3,000 Meals on Wheels clients and 1,000 homebound patients, including hospice patients.

You are invited to participate in two ways: donations of the following items are needed to complete the gift bags:

3.5 - 4.5 oz bar soap	wash cloth
adult size white tube socks	toothbrush
2.7 - 4.6 oz tube toothpaste	8-13 oz bottle shampoo
8-13 oz bottle hand lotion	

Secondly, you are invited to Wesley Hall to help in bringing the spirit of the holidays to patients who receive the bags. The really wonderful thing about participating is that it brings the spirit of the holidays to you as well! This is a come-and-go activity; bring your friends and family if you like. Refreshments will be served for anyone willing to lend a hand!

Times: Wednesday, November 30

Thursday, December 1

11:00 am to 8 p.m.

2pm to 8pm **Note new times this year!**

Bring Christmas wrapping paper, scissors, and tape. Questions? Call Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435.

Mardi Gras Madness 2006

Save the date – Sunday, February 12

Plan to be there for the fun and fellowship!

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

Howard Ellis
Brooks Haney
Betty Garrett
Harriet Macauley
Betty Carter
Bob Morriss
Betty Lou Noble
Bonnie Reed
Luis Santos
Randy Smith
Bill Darnall
Ann Michele King
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Alice McElroy's mother-in-law
Roger Martens' friend, Bill Grimm
Margaret Tucker's friend, 1st Sgt. Mansu Knox, Sr.
Emerson Macauley's grandmother
Cassie Dickerson's friend
Henry & Ellen Mei's grandson, Tyler
Dale Klosterman
Cecilly Gibbs
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,
Gary and Jacqui Hopper
Gene Harrell's neighbor's grandson,
Matthew Lawhon
Camille Smith

Charles McManus' stepmother, Hazel
Alan Moore's relative, Bob Hogberg
SVUMC friend, Greg Haase
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson
Chris & Kim Martinez' uncle, John Baker
All persons serving in the military
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Elizabeth Darnall and family in the death
of her mother, Eugenia Bowden.