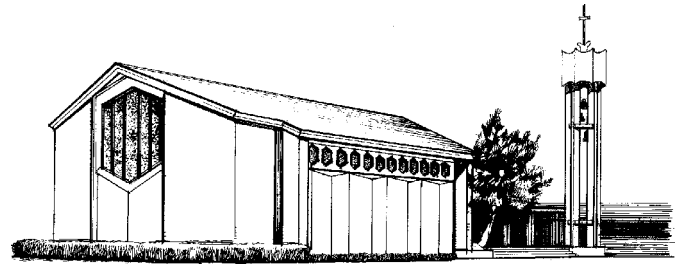


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Extending God's Path...

When I hear that phrase, I think of Spring Valley as a strong, proud tree, standing tall with many branches and healthy leaves.

In the early 80s as a member of Lover's Lane UMC, I heard Don Benton preach a sermon about doors. The premise was "Do our church doors open inward, or do they open outward?" Extending God's path means to our family that our doors open outward past our own community here at Spring Valley and to the world. How do our doors open outward?



- ~Church members delivering Meals on Wheels and offering the VNA a place to put together hundreds of Christmas gifts for the VNA clients
- ~The Guatemalan team providing medical supplies and construction work
- ~VBS children collecting toothbrushes, sunglasses, children's vitamins, and over-the-counter pain relievers to stock the medical clinic in Guatemala and donating \$266 towards construction supplies; children going to the Wilkinson Center to play games with younger children and visiting and singing for the residents of the Gardens of Richardson.
- ~Our youth extending God's Word through working with developmentally challenged youth at the Colorado Easter Seals camp, rebuilding walls and roofs and digging a septic tank at the Appalachia Service Project, performing at nursing homes and rehabilitation centers, supporting the Genesis Women's charity through clothing drives and offering services, helping Richardson area homeowners with needed work on their homes, and donating the proceeds from a "Second-Helping" dinner for the hurricane victims in Gulf Breeze, FL.
- ~Providing basic hygiene kits through UMCOR for victims of floods, hurricanes, and tornados
- ~Building Habitat for Humanity homes, giving families a new beginning as homeowners
- ~Offering a place for Neighborhood Service Council children and providing a variety of services
- ~Donating needed items for the children of Dobie Elementary School
- ~Offering bi-annual blood drives to give the "gift of life" to others
- ~Providing a morning meal to the homeless at Austin Street Centre
- ~Collecting food at monthly drives for Network of Community Ministries
- ~Making blankets, given to the families of newborns at Parkland, handmade by the ladies of our congregation

~Supporting our sister church, the Slany congregation, and our missionaries, Jeri and Bill Savuto

All of the above activities can take place because of the strong, proud tree of Spring Valley UMC. Through watering, feeding the tree, and God's light, our branches have grown outward, reaching outside our community and to the world. Our family pledges to SVUMC to keep the tree healthy and vibrant so the leaves and branches can continue to reach out to people in need. Please join us in strengthening the proud, strong tree of Spring Valley UMC. *The LaFrano Family*

To me, this church means a holy place to worship God and pray to him for forgiveness and for our needs as well as for others. If we didn't have all of these wonderful people in our community, we wouldn't get to enjoy all of the amazing things that these people have contributed to this church. And if the church didn't have enough money, we wouldn't have the rooms, the beautiful hallways, and the new services in the common Ground. If we didn't have this church, many people who believe in Christ now would be sinners and not followers of Jesus. *Cassie Dickerson, age 11*

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

November 21 - 8:30 and 11:00am

Share the celebration!

Hear the bells peal!

Offer gratitude to God!

Is your pledge in yet?

152 pledges = \$547,767 as of 11-16-04

What's Up For YOUTH

Sunday, November 21, 2004

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00 Youth Ringers & Youth Singers in Sanctuary Worship
- 12:15ish Youth Council meeting with lunch
- 3:30pm Youth Ringers
- 4:30pm Youth Singers
- 6:00pm Youth & Family Holiday Season Feast in Wesley Hall

All youth families are invited to our Family Holiday Feast. Bring your parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins to Wesley Hall this Sunday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. for a delicious meal, some memorable fellowship, and loads of fun!

Youth Sunday School News: Our University-Style Sunday school continues! 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 to join at any time.

Youth Council President Melissa DeFoe has scheduled our next meeting for Sunday, November 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.



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 our total youth program.

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.



Upcoming events:

- * Centenary College Choir, Saturday, November 20, 7:30pm
- * Last chance to see the bazaar items, November 21, 9am-12:30pm in the craft room

Join us for Sunday school

New Sunday school class forming

A new adult Sunday school class will be forming for parents of teenagers and youth. For details on this class, call Rev. Hosemann-Butler at ext. 19.

Wesleyan Class - Dining Room

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

Nov. 28 - Max Lucado video titled "Finding Rest in a Stressed-Out World"

Beacon Class - Asbury Hall

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

Friends - Room 216

Nov. 21 - "Jesus and Paul," the ABC special about Paul's role in spreading Christianity

Nov. 28 - Class will not meet

Dec. 5 - "Spiritual Gifts Defined" - joint class with Christian Parenting

Dec. 12 - The Role of the Stephen Ministry

Dec. 19 - "Something About Mary," what you may not know about the Mother of Jesus, led by Cynthia Pharr Lee

Dec. 26 - Class will not meet.

Prodigals Class - Room 212

(formerly the College Class) This class is beginning a correspondence ministry with those connected to Spring Valley people on active military duty. Please call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church, ext. 19, with contact information.

Seekers - Room 200

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

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

Turkeys, turkeys!

Network of Community Ministries would like your turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas distribution to needy families. Network is located at 751 Sherman in Richardson. Take your turkeys there, Monday through Friday, 9am-6pm, or deliver them to the kitchen freezer at SVUMC. You can also give your turkey coupons to the church office.

ALSO, Network shelves are in need of food. They are bare, and the warehouse is empty. All donations are really appreciated and tax deductible. For details, call Don Barnes, 972-818-2523 or Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435.

Habitat house to be dedicated

Kendra Pope's new home will be dedicated on Nov. 20 at 11am. Plan to join us for this wonderful event 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 can tour RAIH's 19th house. Call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

Dimes-a-Day Sunday is November 21

Bring your mission offering to the chancel rail during the singing of the last hymn. Thank you for all your help.

"Second Helping" events slated

Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Jill McCollum, Dallas Police Dept. - holiday safety, identity theft, and shopping safety.

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - Todd Whitthorne, Dallas television personality, President/CEO of Cooper Concepts, will talk about nutrition and wellness.

"Second Helpings" is a monthly time of food, fellowship and learning on the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year. A tasty meal is served at 5:30, followed by a topical speaker at 6:30. Childcare is provided, and reservations are required for the meal, which is \$4.50/person, maximum \$15/family. For details, call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, ext. 19.

Stephen Ministers are Christians who...

- ~express God's care through their lives to others;
- ~receive 50 hours of training in caring ministry skills;
- ~are commissioned as Stephen Ministers after training;
- ~visit another person regularly and offer Christian support and care;
- ~participate in regular support and supervision with fellow Stephen Ministers;
- ~are committed to preserving the confidential nature of the caring relationship;
- ~receive continuing education and skill building throughout their service.

A new training class for Stephen Ministers will start in January, 2005. Please consider this ministry as part of your life in the new year. For information, call any pastor or Stephen Ministers.

"Put on then, as God's chosen one, holy and beloved, compassion." Col. 3:12



Noteworthy news

Nov. 21

8:30 Chancel Choir

What Shall I Render to My God?

8:30 Carillon Ringers,

Sing for Joy and Be Glad & Gloria

8:30 & 11:00, Jan Aphthorp & Diana Zimring, flute/violin duet

11:00 Youth Ringers, *Dance Africana on 'Dix'*

11:00 Youth Singers, *We Will Sing For Joy*

Nov. 28

8:30 Ladies Ensemble, *People Look East*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Let the Peace of Christ*

Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata, Dec. 5

Spring Valley UMC invites you to share in the celebration of Advent as the Chancel Choir with soloist Peggy West, Seasonal Singers, Orchestra, and brass ensemble offer John Rutter's *Gloria* on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 8:30 and 11am. Presented entirely in Latin, the *Gloria* consists of three movements:

Allegro vivace, Andante and Vivace e ritmico.

Rutter says that the first and third movements "make quite a joyful noise unto the Lord." The middle movement is calm, introspective, and contemplative. At just over seventeen minutes, the *Gloria* is a powerful Witness to the Word.

Dobie Elementary toy drive

Nov. 21 – Dec. 12

Suggested items are (ages 4-5):

Candyland, Chutes & Ladders,

memory games, matching games,

dominos, small balls, football, soccer

balls, nerf balls, Mr. Potato Head, trucks, stuffed animals, dolls, crayons, markers, tablets, and easy kindergarten workbooks. **Please, no weapon toys.**

Place new, unwrapped toys and games in the collection boxes in the hallways. Cash gifts are also welcome. All donations go to Dobie Elementary to assist students and parents in furthering the educational process at home. Call David and Betsy Willis, at 214-707-6515, for details. We also need elves to deliver the toys to Dobie! Thank you for helping these children during this Christmas season.



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
Shirley Hughes
Betty Portwood

Barbara Crockett's brother, Neal Nesuda
Alice McElroy's brother-in-law, Bob McElroy
Frank Zoeller's friend, Lucy Saxon
Mark & Melody Reese's friend, Don Garrow
Glenna Dodson's son, Jay Wylie
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
David Mendoza's neighbor, Valerie
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

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:

Family and friends of Betsy Dyche, who
died on November 12.

Congratulations to:

Amanda and Dean Micknal on the baptism
of their daughter, Georgia Macfarlane,
on Nov. 14.
Judy and Jimmy Mays on the marriage of
their son, Scott, to Carrie O'Callaghan.
Doug and Elizabeth Kilgore on the birth
of a granddaughter, Kennedy Marie.

SVUMC Church Family

The Ramsis Maddison family
Bob Stamps
Terri Hawkins
Ed Pierce
Prissy Shaffer
Ginny Bitting
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Ginny Bitting's mother
Suellen Turner's father
Ellie Sims' brother
Margaret Reeves