

Behold!



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31st Harvest Bazaar is a success!

A big “thank you!” to everyone who made the UMW’s 31st Annual Harvest Bazaar a super success. More than seventy-five workers gave their best to make this event a special one. There were lots of white elephants and used books for sale, and we received many generous donations of items for the craft sale and country store.



Our helpers came from everywhere: the traditional and Common Ground worship services, the adult Sunday School classes, the Bible Study classes, the UMW, and the Grumpy Old Men. Special kudos to Mickey George for organizing the dinner (everyone wants recipes!), to Joyce Boyer and Jolene Harper for organizing the lunch, to Nippy McManus for herding the white elephants, to Joe and Sundra Culver for organizing the book sale, to the “Men of the UMW” who showed up to lift, carry, drag, shove, push, and roll anything we needed to move from here to there, and to Tony who puts up with all of this each fall and still keeps smiling.

The many donations of homemade baked goods, canned goods and mixes made our country store a popular place to shop. In addition to the year-long work of the craft ladies to create a beautiful new quilt and other hand made and hand-painted crafts, other talented people donated some special items for our craft sale. Just before the bazaar opened, we presented Mickey George with Larry’s likeness on a spoon – a true Kodak moment!

Everyone who attended enjoyed the meals, and most found something at one of the sales to take home with them. All carried home a good feeling for this SVUMC tradition that brings all of us together for the start of this season. Now the holiday season officially begins!

New adult Sunday school classes to begin

Rev. Don Barnes will begin teaching a ten-week course by Philip Yancey entitled *What’s so Amazing about Grace?* on Sunday, Jan. 9, in the Dining Room, and is sponsored by the Wesley Class. Reservations are necessary to have the appropriate number of books.

On Sunday, Jan. 16, a new class for parents of youth will begin and is open to anyone who is the parent of a teenager. It will be held in Room 192, down the hallway from the children’s classrooms.

For suggestions, or information on either class, contact Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, ext. 19.

Dobie Elementary toy drive

Nov. 21 – Dec. 12

Suggested items for ages 4-5 are:

Candyland, Chutes & Ladders, memory games, matching games, dominos, small balls, footballs, 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 help students and parents in furthering the educational process at home. Call David and Betsy Willis, 214-707-6515, for details. We also need elves to deliver the toys to Dobie! Thank you for helping these children season.



Poinsettia orders begin Sun., Nov. 28

Youth Singers will have Christmas poinsettias on sale for \$10 in the hallway. They may be given in memory or honor of a loved one or simply given to the glory of God. Proceeds go to the choir mission next summer. They will be placed into the sanctuary and Wesley Hall for Dec. 19 and may be picked up after Christmas Eve services. The last day to order is Dec. 12.



Extending God’s Path

As our campaign of gratitude nears its conclusion, **253** pledges totaling **\$867,151** have been received to support and encourage the mission and ministry of God through SVUMC in 2005. Is your pledge in yet? If not, you may mail your commitment to the church office or place it in the offering plate during worship. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.



What's Up For **YOUth** Sunday, November 28

9:45am Sunday School

11am Youth Ringers & Youth Singers in 11am
Sanctuary Worship

3:30pm Youth Ringers

4:30pm Youth Singers

5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper & UMYF Movie Night, until 7:30 p.m.

Thank you to all parents and families who came for our Holiday Feast. It was great fun, wonderful fellowship, and a thankful and hopeful beginning to the holiday season. In addition to the families who have been part of our community for many years, it was terrific to see so many new families. Thanks to Caleb Hudgins & Nick Nidositko for their hard work in decorating the room. Thanks also to Ben Dickerson, Erin & Greg Rogers, Kim & Craig Kesler, and Paco Ota for helping in the kitchen. Thanks to the Simonsens and the Normans for loaning their grills. Thanks to Rusty King for playing guitar.

The Youth Council met on Nov. 21 and made some exciting decisions for youth ministry that will impact your lives in the next months. Spring Valley UMC is blessed to have dedicated leadership among the youth. Our UMYF programming will have some new and different topics soon!

If your family is traveling this week, may God guide you and bless you and bring you home safely. Happy Thanksgiving!

Your support is welcomed

On December 8 the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals will hear Ramsis Maddison's request for a new trial. Ramsis and his parents, Ralph and Berlanta, are asking their Spring Valley church family to join them in prayer for a positive outcome from that hearing.

As part of their support of the Maddison family in this tragic situation, Gene and Jane Hoffmann are inviting the Spring Valley faith community also to investigate the way in which Texas laws and policies do not sufficiently differentiate between low-risk, first-time sex offenders and predatory sex offenders. The Hoffmanns write: "Expanded evaluation and testing could benefit all Texans. Other states provide for well-targeted treatment options, shorter incarcerations, and specialized supervision, producing the same or better public safety than the Texas alternative — additional prisons.

"An excellent study (July, 2004) can be found at this website. It highlights promising initiatives to reform prison systems and reduced costs, while maintaining public safety: http://sentencing.typepad.com/sentencing_law_and_policy/files/diminishing_returns_report.pdf.

"Our lawmakers are evaluating new legislation on this matter. At the Maddisons' request, several of us are sending a letter to three state officials supporting TIFA (Texas Inmate Families Association) and this legislation. If you would be willing to help, please reply with your mailing address. We will send you a fact sheet, addresses of area elected representatives, and three 37-cent stamps. Also if you know of others who might help, please let us know at 972-386-5129 or ghffmann@mindspring.com."



Advent Adventure for families, Sunday, Dec. 5, from 3-4:30pm

Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler and
John Tarver will tell the story of
Mary's Marvelous Miracle.



~Bethlehem Barnyard Petting Zoo

~Craft Corner, Make-It-Plate for \$4 and the
Make-It Hotplate for \$3. All other crafts are free!

~Cookies and Hot Chocolate

~Advent mission project is the Dobie Elementary
Toy Drive. Bring an unwrapped toy or game for a
4-5 year-old student. For details, contact Jan
Hudgins at 972-233-7671, ext. 20.

Join us for Sunday school

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

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

Dec. 5 - Rev. Sarah Squires, Assoc. Dir. of
Develop., Dallas Habitat for Humanity, will speak.

Dec. 12 - Rosemary Rumbley, lecturer, author, etc.
will present "Christmas in Texas."

Beacon Class - Asbury Hall

Nov. 28 - Adventuring into Advent

Dec. 5 - Adventuring into Light

Dec. 12 - Will it happen to you?

Dec. 19 - Stars beget journeys

Christian Parenting - Room 210

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

Friends - Room 216

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

Seekers - Room 200

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

Wesleyan Class - Dining Room

Nov. 28 - Don Bowen

Dec. 5, 12 - Tom Christian

Dec. 8 - Lunch at Bagelstien's at 11:30am

Dec. 19, 26 - Jim Veach

RAIH dedicates 19th Habitat home

Kendra Pope and her 3 daughters took possession of their new home on Saturday, November 20th, after the lovely Habitat dedication service. Both Richardson Area Interfaith and Kendra extend a special thanks to Spring Valley United Methodist Church for your labor of love, your financial and food donations, and most of all for the prayers and support of this special mission. Our building on faith has created a beautiful home for Kendra and her family and has helped make Dallas a better place to live, one house at a time. Thanks, Spring Valley, for all of your support!!



Noteworthy news

Upcoming music

Nov. 28

8:30 Ladies Ensemble, *People Look East*

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

Dec. 5

8:30 & 11:00 *Gloria* by John Rutter

Chancel Choir, Seasonal Singers & Orchestra

Dec. 12

8:30 Youth Singers, *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

8:30 Youth Singers, *News of Great Joy*

11:00, Children's Choral and Bell Choirs

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Carol of the Bells*

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, offers 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.

"Second Helping" events slated

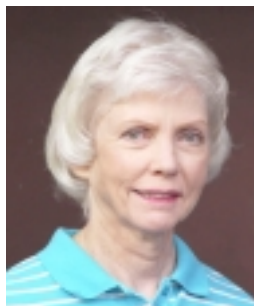
Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Jill McCollum, Dallas Police Dept. - holiday safety, identity theft, and shopping safety.

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 Ministry profiles Elizabeth Kilgore

Elizabeth Kilgore has been a member of SVUMC since 1982. A former mathematics teacher, Elizabeth came to Dallas to start a second career working in software development at Texas Instruments and later at Raytheon. She and Doug have been married for 19 years, and between them they have four grown children and seven grandchildren. Elizabeth participates in the Bible study classes at Spring Valley and is active in the Seekers Sunday School Class, UMW, and the craft group. Elizabeth joined the Stephen Ministry group after she retired from Raytheon.



Stephen Ministers often say that they feel that they receive much more from their ministry than they give. Elizabeth says that is certainly true in her case. "The Stephen Ministry training class has been helpful to me in situations in my own family life, as well as my ministry to others. The love and support that I have received from the members of this caring group during difficult times is almost overwhelming. I wish that everyone in our church could have the experience of being part of such a caring group," she says.

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.

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:

Fayrene Pospisil
Oliver Axtell

SVUMC Church Family

Frances Ward
Betty Portwood
The Maddison family
Terri Hawkins
Prissy Shaffer
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Ginny Bitting's mother
Margaret Reeves
Rita Dickerson's and Marsha Aaron's father,
Frank Aaron
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
Paula Tarver's sister, Martha Jane

John Dvorak's son and daughter-in-law,
Johnny and Lillian
Don Barnes' cousin, Elizabeth Moore
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:

Ellie Sims and family in the death of
her brother
Frances Dale, family and friends on the
death of her sister, Helen Howells