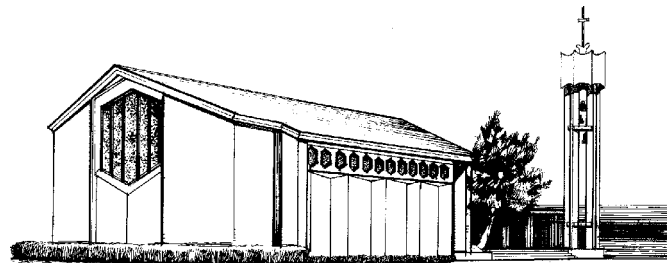


# Behold!



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## 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*

## Church holiday hours posted

*Monday, December 26:* Offices Closed

*Tuesday, December 27 through Friday, December 30:* Offices open 9–12pm

*Monday, January 2:* Offices Closed

*Tuesday, January 3:* back to regular schedule

\*Contributions for 2005 tax year will be accepted through noon, January 6, '06

## 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.

*Come Sunday...*

**common** ground



**Traditional Worship**

*Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2005*

Guest preacher, Derrick Wright

Isaiah 40: 1-11, Mark 1:1-8  
*Before it's ever good news*  
Dr. Paul L. Escamilla, preaching

*Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2005*

*He will be known  
among the nations*  
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler



*Christmas from Around the  
World; A Medley of Music  
and Carols*

## Welcome, new members!

**Scott & Claire**

**Mendenhall**

Megan and Sarah  
7139 Hunters Ridge  
Dallas, TX 75243  
972-533-3970



**Lora Sybert**

Anna

436 Vernet Street  
Richardson, Texas 75080  
972-437-9552



## 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.

## Get your Behold quickly!

Call Paula Huffaker in the church office, 972-233-7671, x14, or by email, [Phuffaker@svumc.org](mailto:Phuffaker@svumc.org), to insure your receipt of the weekly *Behold* newsletter more quickly than ever. More and more members are receiving their *Behold* by email. Just tell Paula your email address and your newsletter will appear on your computer the day after it's published. We can save postage, time, and trees by delivering it this way. Thanks for your cooperation in this effort.

## What's new with YOUTH...

Hey everybody! Whirlyball was really fun! Sunday night lived up to all the hype. The adults pulled out a win over the Sr. high in the feature match of the night! December will have us doing lots of different things because of the holidays - so be sure to check your email, the *Behold!*, bulletin, and your December newsletter. Here is what we have coming up in **December...**

**4** - UMYF - Christmas Caroling until 8:00! Bring your guitars, Christmas stocking, and a bag of candy. We will share our candy and hot chocolate when we return from singing.

**11** - UMYF - Game night - Come and relax before finals! Bring your favorite board game.

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

**24** - Youth singers lead in Christmas Eve service at 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.

**4** - Deborah Shaw and Nori Neuner

**11** - Nancy Watson and Elizabeth Escamilla

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 at SVUMC. If you have questions, call or send us an email - our door is always open. MTLBYAKY, Jared and Megan



## NOTEworthy news...

### Worship & Music Offerings

#### Upcoming Music

**Dec. 4**, 8:30 Men's Choir

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

8:30 & 11:00, Jeanne Larson and Peggy West

*He Shall Feed His Flock*

11:00 Chancel Choir,

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

*Hymns*

#196 *Come, Thou Long*

*Expected Jesus*

#206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**Dec. 11**, 8:30 & 11:00 Chancel Choir,

Seasonal Singers and Orchestra

*Hymns*

#220 *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

#2098 *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

#238 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Dec. 18**, 8:30 Youth Ringers

*Carols of the Nativity*

8:30 Youth Singers, *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

8:30 Youth Singers *Betelehemu*, with percussion

11:00 Carillon Ringers *Bring a Torch, Jeannette,*

*Isabella, & Night of Silence*

11:00 Chancel Choir & brass,

*Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*

*Hymns*

#209 *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

#216 *Lo, How A Rose*

#234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*



## Primetimers enjoy Thanksgiving lunch, November 16

Everything was yummy at the Primetimers' Thanksgiving lunch! The entertainment was provided by Carlos Nascimento's son, Thiago, who beautifully played the piano during lunch. If you haven't attended a Primetimer event, check the *Behold* for future outings; they are great fun!



## Dec. 4 deadline to purchase poinsettias

December 4 is the last day to purchase poinsettias from the Youth Singers. They are \$10 and can be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one or simply given to the glory of God.

## Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata on Dec. 11, 8:30 & 11:00

Sunday, December 11, is the time the Chancel Choir with Seasonal Singers and Orchestra will be sharing their Christmas Cantata as a Witness to the Word. The title of this compilation is *Christmas From Around the World*. In addition to those services, it will also be offered on Sunday, December 18, at 3pm in the sanctuary.

## 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](mailto:phuffaker@svumc.org).

## 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!



Prissy Shaffer 709 Hyde Park Richardson, Tx.75080	Barbara Zoeller 7652 La Verdura Richardson, TX75080	Betty Hopper 13416 Mill Grove Dallas, Tx. 75248
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[svcookbook@sbcglobal.net](mailto:svcookbook@sbcglobal.net)   [barbarazoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbarazoe@sbcglobal.net)   [ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net)

## 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

**Dec. 4** - Janice Dumas, Exe. Dir., will give an update on the Neighborhood Service Council, including new programs initiated.

**Dec. 11** - Rosemary Rumbley, lecturer, author, columnist, experienced actress, and teacher will delight us in her own unique style. Please join us to hear this master storyteller of life. You will be sure to leave with a smile!

### Beacon Class

*"The Journey Into Christmas"*

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

**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

**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

**Dec. 4** - The Three Kings, Part I, Don Bowen

**Dec. 11** - The Music of Christmas, Paula Huffaker

**Dec. 18** - The Three Kings, Part II, Don Bowen

**Dec. 25** - Christmas Day, No Sunday school

### 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.



## 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.

## Turkeys For 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 for Community Ministries.
- ...directly to NETwork at 741 S. Sherman St., Richardson (just north of Spring Valley, east of Central Expy)



## Another Habitat home completed

The Blackmon Habitat home is all but complete thanks to the many volunteers that built on faith and hard work. A special thanks is extended to those members of Spring Valley United Methodist Church that gave their time and financial contributions. Because of our many volunteers, Andrae and Ruthie Blackmon will soon experience the joy of owning their first home; and their 4 children, Shannon (13), Nehemiah (10), Shakimah (8), and Allyah (6) will enjoy a secure home and a wonderful new neighborhood. What a blessing for all that participated – especially Andrae and Ruthie.

You can still share in this blessing by attending the dedication of the Blackmon home, which will be held on December 3 at 11am. As a reminder, their house is located at 1822 Reinthal Court in the Pleasant Grove area. For those attending the dedication we ask that you help stock the shelves of the Blackmon's pantry by bringing non-perishable goods. If you have not attended a dedication in the past, please take this opportunity to join us on the Dec. 3 and experience this very special ceremony and lunch.

For more information, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

## NSCI Christmas

Christmas through the eyes of a child can be magic! Remember how as a child you looked forward to receiving those special gifts? Not much has changed about that excitement. We have the opportunity to help some special children and their families experience Christmas right here in our church neighborhood.

Neighborhood Service Council, Inc., located in our church, provides low income children of the Spring Valley-Coit Road area access to after school programs. Spring Valley member, Janis Dumas is the Executive Director.

Why not consider a donation to this worthy non-profit organization in lieu of buying one more gift trinket that your loved ones really don't need? NSCI also needs additional volunteers to assist. Call 972-239-3501 or e-mail: [nsci@nscikids.org](mailto:nsci@nscikids.org) or visit the web site: [www.nscikids.org](http://www.nscikids.org) for more details.

## Like to sew? Want to help Katrina evacuees?

Joanna Shampine is seeking one or more ladies to help her make blankets for single and double size beds from donated fleece. This is a short term project, someone to cut the fleece and someone to sew the pieces together. If you are willing to help please call Joanna at 972-690-8439 or the church office and leave your name and telephone number at the volunteer's desk.



## Last chance to buy Bazaar items

The craft room will be open on Sunday, December 4, from 9am to 12:30. Please stop in to visit and see if we have that unique item you would like as a gift for someone special.



## UMW Christmas Banquet planned for December 12

The Spring Valley United Methodist Women invite the women of the church and their guests for a special evening on December 12. Our distinguished guest is the Reverend Dr. John Thornburg, who will present a program on "The Music of Christmas."

John Thornburg is the son, grandson, and great grandson of Methodist ministers. He was the song leader of the North Texas Annual Conference for ten years. John is a published hymn poet whose hymn texts appear in six different hymnals.

Our evening begins at 6:30 with a dinner of roasted pork loin and all the trimmings. Tickets are \$10 and are available now. Please call Gail Pettigrew if you have any questions.

### Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$903,741
Total received to date	872,552
Received Nov. 13	10,089
Attendance	435

*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](mailto:jhudgins@svumc.org), or 972-233-7671.

## 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. Cash donations may be made out to Spring Valley UMC marked for Dobie Toy Drive, too.



*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.***

**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](mailto:willisbf@yahoo.com), if you can help deliver the toys on Mon., Dec. 12.

## 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. There are 1000+ nativity sets from all over the world being displayed 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 our 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 holiday project is near!



The workshop is scheduled in Wesley Hall on November 30 and December 1.

You are invited to participate in two ways: First, you can donate any of the following items 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      lotion      8-13 oz bottle hand

Secondly, you are invited to Wesley Hall to help in bringing the spirit of the holidays to patients who receive the bags by helping to wrap them. 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!

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

Times:    Wed., Nov. 30      11am - 8pm  
          Thurs., Dec. 1      2pm to 8pm

***Note new times this year!***

## Children benefit from toy drive

Kay Reynolds,  
Principal of Dobie  
Primary, will speak



on the student experience there. Join the Friends Sunday school class, Room 214, during the Sunday School hour for a glimpse into the lives of these children who will benefit from the SVUMC Dobie toy drive. We hope to see you there.

## 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](mailto:dallasal@swbell.net) for any prayer concerns. These concerns will stay on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

### SVUMC Church Family

Donna Campbell  
Terri Hawkins  
Ed Pierce  
Harriet Macauley  
Betty Carter  
Bob Morriss  
Betty Lou Noble  
Bonnie Reed  
Luiz Santos  
Randy Smith  
Bill Darnall  
Ann Michele King  
Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Roger Martens' friend, Bill Grimm  
Margaret Tucker's friend, 1st Sgt. Mansu Knox, Sr.  
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,  
    Gary and Jacqui Hopper  
Camille Smith  
Martinez family friend's new baby, Regan Smiddy  
Marita Malek's relative, Jason Malek  
Paula Huffaker's brother-in-law, Howard Kliver  
Gene Harrell's sister, Audie Ingram  
Joyce Covey's grandson, Shawn Roberts  
Jackie Palmer's son, Scott Palmer  
Alice Cromwell's aunt, Lou Maxwell  
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson  
All persons serving in the military  
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church  
Those with ongoing concerns

### Joy for:

Arrington family on the birth of Terrell  
    Isaiah Morriss, born on Nov. 23  
Thad and Ellie Sims on the birth of grand-  
    daughter, Emily Elizabeth Coleman  
Fatmata Barric and Harry Karoma on the  
    baptism of their son, Malik Koroma  
Mike and Pam Metzger on the baptism of  
    their son, Matthew Mayo Metzger

### Sympathy to:

Flo Pierce and family in the death of her  
    sister and brother-in-law  
Family and friends of Doug Tipton  
Charles and Nippy McManus in the death  
    of Charles' stepmother, Hazel  
Alice McElroy and family in the death of  
    her mother-in-law