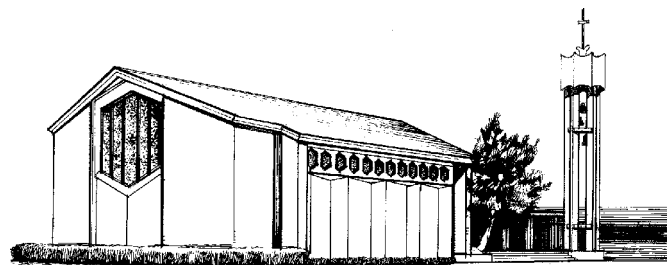


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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Interfaith Children's Sabbath to be celebrated Sunday

Children's Sabbath is an annual interfaith event celebrated by congregations all across our nation. At Spring Valley we, too, will join our prayers, hymns, and voices with thousands of congregations and millions of members committed to assuring love and justice for our nation's children. Children's Sabbath will be celebrated in the sanctuary at both the 8:30 and 11am services this Sunday, October 10.

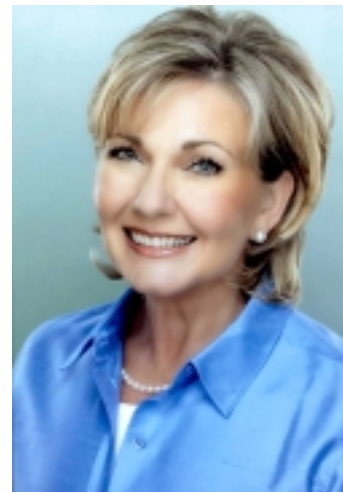
During our worship we will renew the Gospel proclamation that every child is a child of God, and we will reflect on God's call to nurture and protect children. We will have opportunities through the liturgy of the day to recommit ourselves to providing love and justice for all children, recognizing that around the world some 13 million children live in families where they do not get enough to eat - children of God, going to bed hungry. To respond in an immediate, positive, and local way, you are encouraged to bring child-friendly food items for our second-Sunday collection for the Network of Community Ministries as you come to worship.



Youth Singers will be the service choir at 8:30am, and our Children's Choirs will sing at 11am in the Sanctuary.

Reservations Needed for "Second Helping"

Our October "Second Helping" fellowship event will offer a meal provided by Youth Singers' parents to benefit hurricane victims of a sister United Methodist congregation in the Florida



Panhandle. The menu for the 5:30 - 6:30 dinner on Wednesday, October 13, will be poppy seed chicken, salad, and homemade desserts (\$4.50/person; \$15/family max). Reservations are required for the meal, so please call the church office, 972-233-7671.

At 6:30 we will be privileged to have as our guest speaker "America's Family Manager," Kathy Peel. Ms. Peel is a nationally known author who has appeared on Oprah, Good Morning America, The Today Show, CNN, HGTV, and The Discovery Channel. She has also been featured in Reader's Digest, Ladies Home Journal, and is a contributing editor to Woman's Day.

Ms. Peel's topic will be "Building a Family Team: How to rescue your family from everyday stress for a peaceful, positive home," as she addresses families with children from toddler age through adulthood.

Groups from other congregations are already planning to join us for this unique program; so mark your calendars and, if you plan to share in the meal, make your reservations for dinner as soon as possible.

The Faith We Sing hymnals to be dedicated on Oct. 17

Through the generosity of several members and groups of our congregation, copies of the new United Methodist hymnal supplement - *The Faith We Sing* - have been provided for our church. We have already begun enjoying the music and experiencing the richness this new resource adds to our worship.

The new hymnals will be dedicated during our sanctuary services at 8:30 and 11am on Sunday, October 17.

Give thought to your thankfulness

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to share your thoughts on thankfulness with the congregation. Please reflect on why you are thankful, then put a few of those thoughts on paper (about 100 words or less) and send them to Mickey George or Gerry Broome for display in the loggia curio cabinets. (You may also email Gerry at ggbroome@aol.com.) Submission deadline is October 15.

Thank you for sharing your gratitude with our church family.

What's up for YOUTH

Sunday, October 10, 2004

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 Worship

1:30 p.m. "Star" auditions

4:30 p.m. Youth Singers

5:30 p.m. \$3 Snack Supper

6:00 p.m. Discussion Night! John Sumner, Travis Carroll, and

Will Meier will lead us in a discussion on the drug culture.

What a great time we had last Sunday playing broomball! Thanks again to Rusty King for the use of his van so that we all could go! What a joy it is to take a caravan of three vans into the world for fun and fellowship.

In **Youth Sunday School**, 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;" and 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.

The **2004 Fall Retreat**, "Fall to Grace," is October 30-31 at Sky Ranch! Registration forms are available at the church website. Cost is \$50.

Note to all youth and parents: The monthly youth newsletter is now available on-line at the church website. Beginning in October, the web version will be the only newsletter available.

Our visit to Genesis Women's Shelter, originally scheduled for October 13, will be changed to later in the month. Please note this change!

Mark Your Calendars:

Tues., Oct. 26 Parents meeting, Youth Singers; youth ministry business

Sat., Oct. 30-31 Fall Retreat at Sky Ranch!

Preschool teaches by example

The year is well under way at Spring Valley United Methodist Preschool, an outreach ministry of our church. We have a marvelous group of children whose families celebrate their faith in a variety of ways in many different religions. As representatives of SVUMC, teachers teach in the best United Methodist tradition—by example. They show children of different faiths and cultures that they are valuable in our eyes; then we show them that they are valuable in the eyes of God. A chapel service is held on the first Thurs. of the month at 9:30am. Please feel free to come and visit our preschool or join us for chapel. For information about the school or to inquire about student openings, call Carrilaine or Beth, 972-233-2317.



Mrs. Ann Rankin and some of the Bears Class (5-day, 3-year-olds) learn about recycling and ways to take care of God's creation.



Join us for Sunday school Christian Parenting

Oct. 10-31 - *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families*, led by Mickey George

Fellowship Bible Sunday School

We always welcome new faces. Everyone is invited. Call Bill or Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486.

Friends

Mid-20's - early 40's, meets at 9:45am in Room 216. Call Betsy Willis, 972-380-8555, for details

Seekers

Oct. 10 - Don Smith - Starting new churches

Oct. 17 - Rusty King on Baptism

Wesleyan Class

Oct. 3-24 Rev. Dr. Scott Somers: United Methodism

Aldersgate Class

Oct. 10 - Amy Cummins, from the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, Texas.

Oct. 17 - Frank Rahm, missions of SV youth.

Beacon Class

Oct. 10 The Man with Two Umbrellas

Oct. 17 Called to be Christophers

Pine Island says "thank you"

I want to thank each and every one of you who were so generous in donating clothes and other wares to all of my friends and neighbors on Pine Island. Our little piece of paradise really took a tough shot from Hurricane Charley, leaving many families completely homeless and hundreds of others with tremendous damage and loss. My personal family and property were spared but so many have really suffered.

I have lived and loved on this island for 26+ years; and like SVUMC, we are a very close community. No matter what one's walk of life, we are Pine Island. When I heard that the church I was born and reared in was collecting donations for our island, I was so very touched. It is obvious that it was from all of you and my parents that I learned the spirit of community.

There are no words for your fantastic generosity, but hopefully you can understand how deeply I feel about my island and about you for caring so much, too.

Bless you, *Carolyn Copeland Herring*

Habitat build continues

Volunteers continue "hitting the nails" on the head to construct the home for the Pope Family in South Oak Cliff. Kendra will provide 400 hours of "sweat equity" as part of the agreement with Habitat. The Popes are very excited at the prospect of buying a new home at a reasonable cost to them.

We invite you to volunteer a few hours next Saturday or just come out to see the progress being made. For more information, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

Blood drive slated for October 17

Because giving blood saves lives, the Mission Core is recruiting blood donors for the upcoming drive. Drop by the sign up table next Sunday to select a convenient time to donate. Walk ins are welcome as well.

Though there are a few restrictions to giving (often related to living in a foreign country), persons taking medications are most often eligible. Recent surgery or an infection would temporarily disqualify a person from donating.

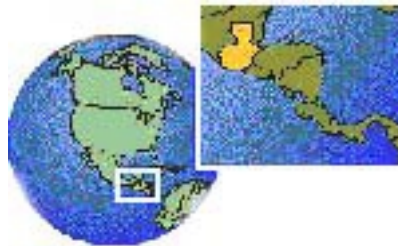
Blood is desperately needed. Free T-shirts will be given to donors. "Saving the World Starts with ME" is more than just a T-shirt slogan. It's life-saving! For more information, call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

Austin Street Centre needs breakfast servers, Sunday, Oct. 17!

Please help by signing up to serve breakfast to the 350+ homeless persons at the Austin Street Centre, or call Steve and Dana Taylor at (972) 234-9867.

You are invited to lunch!

Following the 11am services on Sunday, Oct. 24, the SVUMC mission team will serve a Guatemalan Appreciation Lunch to thank everyone for the support the mission team has received. It will be our joy to have Mrs. JoAn Dwyer, Director of the Salud y Paz Mission, as our speaker. This is a free luncheon...come and enjoy the native cuisine! We will be premiering the **2004 mission trip DVD**, too! You **must** RSVP to the church, 972 233-7671, by **Oct. 17**. Thank you for your support in making a difference in Guatemala.



Help!

Pam Hiam needs pictures of SVUMC at its beginning. If you have any pictures you could share for the website, contact her, 972-596-9637, or email, phiam@aol.com. Your photos will be returned!

Please remember ...

... to reserve a table for sign-ups in the hallway on Sunday mornings. Please request a table for no more than four consecutive weeks. Thanks ahead of time for your cooperation.



Noteworthy news

Upcoming music



October 10

8:30 Youth Singers, *For the Beauty of the Earth*
8:30 Melissa DeFoe, *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

11:00 Children's Choirs, *The Parable of the Sower*
and *The Unexpected Guest*

October 17

8:30 and 11:00 Chancel Choir, Orchestra,
20 guitarists, and "Risen"

8:30 and 11:00 Chamber Singers, *Jubilate Deo*

October 24

8:30 and 11:00 Carillon Ringers, *God of Grace*
and *Within the Darkest Night*

8:30 and 11:00 *Where Shall I Run?*

Dave Jones and Rusty King

11:00 Chancel Choir *Stayed on Jesus*

Centenary College Choir is coming

Centenary College Choir will sing on Sat., Nov. 20, at 7:30 in the sanctuary and needs housing that evening for 60 people. If you can host a member in your home or help serve a prepared dinner for them at 6pm at the church, call Rusty at 972-233-7671, ext. 24.

October UMW meeting

scheduled for October 11

Janis Dumas of Neighborhood Service Council will talk about NSCI's ministry to the SVUMC neighborhood children. Lunch is at 11:30, and the program will begin at 12:15. Call Betty Hopper if you need child care.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 8. We will have lunch and complete our work for the 31st Annual Harvest Bazaar on November 10 and 11. Also, mark your calendars for the evening of Monday, December 13, for our annual Christmas program. The dinner and program that evening will be a joint meeting of our day and evening UMW groups.



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 Extended Church Family

Jimmy Lockett	Nicole Fiorentino's brother, Matthew Feige
Terri Hartman	Chris & Lisa Newton's friends,
Prissy Shaffer	Kathy & Dwight McDuffie
Vera Phillips	Molly Schrader's co-worker's daughter,
Les Smith	Elena Villeneuve
Ted Dumas	Bruce & Gina Tucker's friend, Hilda Zapata
Nancy Troth	Greg Huffaker's mother, Ina Huffaker
Catharine Gebhardt	Paula Tarver's mother and sister
Ann Michele King	Jerry and Patti Malone's son-in-law
Cindy Stamps, &	Jan Hudgins' cousin
husband, Bob	Alice Cromwell's friend, Betsy Dyche
Homebound members	Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney
	Tracy Rahm's mother, Betty Wilson
	Janet Robertson's friends, Tom & Stacy
	Preisser and Melinda & Randy Foster
	Mark Wood's parents

Flood victims in Florida
People of Sudan
All persons serving in the military
Our missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to:

Ray & Barbara Williams on the birth of a
 granddaughter, Elliott Georgeanne Williams,
 on September 28
Lynette McHam, preschool teacher, on the birth
 of a grandson, Wyatt Owen Saunders

Deepest Sympathy to:

Steve Ledbetter and family in the death of his
 mother, Dorothy Travis Ledbetter