

Behold!

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Harvest Bazaar: A stitch in time

The Harvest Bazaar, a most-enjoyed tradition at Spring Valley UMC, has endured for more than thirty years and yielded more than \$55,000 to underwrite church and community programs.

During that time, thousands of stitches and gallons of paint have been applied to handmade Bazaar products energetically created by volunteers in the Craft room, said 2004 chairman Elizabeth Kilgore. "Over the years, craft workers became close friends as they worked on their craft items," she said. "Many longtime friendships were knit and quilted, too."

The craft ladies have had expert help from the men of the church all along, notably from woodworkers extraordinaire like John Dorsett and Ralph Detwiler, who kept their jigsaws busy cutting out wood items for the ladies to decorate. "Now that the Bazaar has additional woman and man-power from the UMW and men of the church, this year's event will keep a wide variety of volunteers busy," Elizabeth commented.

And the volunteers will be ably supervised. Among their leaders: Betty Hopper (Country Store), Dee Yates (Quilt), Nippy McManus (usually on call for Carter BloodCare drives, she's herding White Elephants), Joe and Sundra Culver (Book Sale), and Mickey George (get your mouth set for another delicious dinner).

The Bazaar offers a golden opportunity to see the artistic talents of this church's crafters up close and available at famously affordable prices. You can browse and shop for handmade gifts, and chat with friends at dinner. It's a front-row ticket at the kickoff of a nostalgic holiday season. At the same time, your participation and purchases help fund many a worthwhile cause.

Thanks to the hard work of the Harvest Bazaar's dozens of helpers, we have a time-honored tradition to enjoy, whatever our age and stage.

Be a part of this wonderful tradition this year: the Harvest Bazaar will be November 10 and 11. Stay tuned for more news in upcoming issues!

Harvest bazaar dinner

The Harvest Bazaar Dinner is quickly approaching, and volunteers are needed to help cook the dinner and prepare desserts. Food preparation will be done on Tuesday evening, November 9, and beginning at noon on Wednesday, November 10. If you would like to help, please sign-up in the volunteers' office at the church, or call Mickey George at 972-701-0976.



Extending God's Path

For the Curbo family, "Extending God's Path" is an appropriate title for this year's stewardship campaign but possibly not for the obvious reasons. We believe that Spring Valley has already extended God's path for us, and it remains our responsibility to do the same for the church.

We initially visited Spring Valley because of our relationship with Larry and Mickey George. Jill grew up with Larry as her pastor and he married us ten years ago. While Larry's oratory ability keeps us intellectually and spiritually engaged each Sunday, Spring Valley as a church has done much more than that. The church has extended God's path through our participation in Sunday school classes, where Jill and I have grown stronger in our relationship with Christ. We've made some life-long friends at this church, and feel connected to a group of people in a way that we never have before. Moreover, our children are truly at home here. While both initially protested any separation from Mom and Dad, Sunday has now become a highpoint for the Curbo children. The children's staff and volunteers are excellent, and we know that Ellie and Alexa are in God's hands. The Preschool and Vacation Bible School are cornerstones of our children's spiritual education.

In our family's walk with God, Spring Valley has extended this path for us and we will reciprocate, supporting the church with our prayer, presence, gifts, and service.



Paul and Jill Curbo

What's up for *YOU*th
Sunday, October 24, 2004
9:45am Sunday School
11am Worship
3:30pm Youth Ringers
4:30pm Youth Singers
5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper
6pm UMYF: Spiritual Growth Night! Melissa DeFoe & Amanda



Nicholas will lead a discussion called *The Cross and Other Religious Symbols*.

Youth Sunday School News: The next six-week session begins Sunday, Nov. 7, so start thinking about which class you want to take next. We are using 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 for you to join at any time.

The 2004 Fall Retreat is October 30-31 at Sky Ranch! The theme is "Fall to Grace." Registration forms are on the website, and the cost is only \$50.

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

Genesis Women's Shelter: Due to scheduling conflicts, we will not visit Genesis in October, but we will go twice in November! On Wednesday nights, Nov. 3 & 10, we leave the church at 6:30pm and return at 8:30pm. Please join this important mission.

Mark Your Calendars:

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

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

Wed., Nov 3, 10 Genesis Women's Shelter, leave church at 6:30pm

United Methodist Women receive awards

On September 18, the Dallas Northeast District of United Methodist Women met at Allen. They were celebrating 135 years of women in mission, 1869-2004. Our local unit at Spring Valley won three awards and they were presented to Betty Hopper, President. They were "The Five Channels of Undesignated Giving," "Charter Membership", and "Certificate of Recognition" for completing the criteria for being a Mission Unit. Also, Alice McElroy, Opal Peyron, Barbara Zoeller and Betty Hopper received awards for completing the Reading Program.

Lupus Educational Symposium, October 30, 1pm-4pm

As a part of our church's community outreach, we provide a meeting room for the bi-monthly Lupus Support Group meetings. Since October is National Lupus Awareness Month, the Lupus Foundation of America is sponsoring an educational symposium at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. The speakers include local and out-of-state physicians, and a representative from the Social Security Administration. The program is FREE, however space is limited. Please call to register at 972-345-4824.

Join us for Sunday school

New Sunday school class forming

A new adult Sunday school class will be formed in the next few weeks for parents of teenagers and youth. If you are interested in being part of this class, call Rev. Hosemann-Butler at ext. 19.

Friends

Oct. 24 - "Proverbs and Parables," interactive discussion

Oct. 31 - Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, "Tapped on the Shoulder by God," sharing her personal story of being called

Nov. 7 - "Spiritual Gifts" (meet with Parenting Class)

Prodigals Sunday School Class

(formerly known as the College Class) This class will undertake a correspondence ministry to those connected with Spring Valley on active military duty. If you or a loved one is in this situation, please call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the Church, ext. 19, with contact information.

Seekers

Oct. 24 - Lana VanGiesen on Care Facilities

Oct. 31 - Stacy Ellis - Our Neighborhoods

Wesleyan Class

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

Oct. 31 - Paul & Pat Christley: Guatemala Mission

Aldersgate Class

Oct. 24 - JoAn Dwyer, of the Salud y Paz medical/dental clinic in Camanchaj, Guatemala, will speak.

Oct. 31 - If you have been thinking about joining a Sunday school class, come for our class brunch. No program this time, just a social get-together with food! Please join us!

Beacon Class

Oct. 24 - Red Blood, Black Ink, Night Shifts - & God

Oct. 31 - Understanding Is within Your Reach

Christian Parenting

Oct. 24 - *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families*, led by Paul Curbo

Fellowship Bible Sunday School

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

Blood drive successful

On behalf of the Mission Core, I want to thank everyone who donated blood on Oct 17. Added to those who donated at Carter BloodCare centers, we have received credit for an additional 40 pints (units) from Sunday's drive. Lives will be saved through your generosity!

Thanks to the many who volunteered to assist with the drive. Your efforts are very much appreciated as well.

Church members who receive blood can use the church blood account through Carter BloodCare to be reimbursed for part of the cost. For more information, please call me, or contact the church office.

God bless, *Pat Hill*, Chair blood drive, 972-669-3915

Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat house construction is continuing at a rapid pace, thanks to many volunteers from SVUMC. The roof is complete and about 40% of the siding is done. We have also done work on other Habitat houses in the neighborhood. Thanks to all who are participating in this worthwhile project. You are doing a great job.

The Unity Church of Dallas will sponsor a golf tournament on Sat., October 30, at Country View Golf Club, 240 West Beltline, Lancaster, TX. Proceeds will benefit Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat. Registration begins at 11am. For more information, call Bill Boyer at 972-661-2570.

Personal feeling from a Stephen Minister

What does serving Spring Valley as a Stephen Minister mean to me?

- ~ Tangible assistance to someone in need
- ~ Establishing meaningful relationships
- ~ Challenge of supporting a care receiver in coping a little bit better
- ~ Learning to listen better
- ~ Knowing that I can't "fix" anything, but as a friend, allow the care receiver the chance to know that that he is not alone
- ~ Appreciating the value of "being there"
- ~ Enjoying the good feelings when the care receiver shows his appreciation
- ~ Acknowledging God's ability to work in mysterious ways
- ~ Experience the joy and love that is part of serving with fellow Stephen Ministers--like a family



Roger Boldt

Dallas Northeast District sponsors training sessions

The Dallas Northeast District Lay Speaking Ministries will sponsor training sessions on Nov. 6 and 13 covering *Contemporary Worship*, *Adult Basic*, *United Methodist Heritage*, and *Lay Speakers Lead Bible Study*, at Buckingham UMC in Garland from 9am-3pm, followed by a consecration service on Nov. 13. Cost of each course (includes text) is: Adult Basic: \$12; United Methodist Heritage, \$12; Lay Speakers Lead Bible Study, \$13; & Contemporary Worship, \$15. Call John Barham, 972-564-2157.

Noteworthy news

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*

ALL children invited to sing!

Have you been thinking about children's choirs on Wednesday nights? Children may come *anytime* during the year because the choir door is always open, and children are always welcome.



Our children's choirs will present *Miracle at Midnight* on Christmas Eve, in the 5pm worship service. All children are invited to take part as shepherds, sheep, angels, stars and wisemen. Try-outs for speaking parts will be held during the *Halloween Party on Wed., Oct. 27*, at the regular rehearsal time-6:30pm. Children may wear not-too-scary costumes and we'll party that evening!

Come each Wednesday for our Halloween party and Christmas Eve rehearsals. Our sanctuary will fill with joy and excitement on Christmas Eve, as we experience the story of our Savior's birth. Call Paula Huffaker or Nancy Guerra, 972-233-7671.

Stephen Ministry is Christian care

Spring Valley's pastoral ministry to our congregation is growing through a lay program called Stephen Ministry. After 50 hours of training, lay caregivers provide one-on-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis.

Stephen Ministry is a transdenominational Christian education organization that provides high quality training and resources to strengthen and expand lay ministry in congregations. There is also a built-in structure and support, and ongoing supervision of each Stephen Minister through meetings and continuing education. A training series begins in January for potential Stephen Ministers. Call a pastor or Stephen Minister (Roger Boldt, Alice Cromwell, John Dvorak, Betty Hopper, Elizabeth Kilgore, or Myrna Ridings), or see the web site: www.stephenministries.org.

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

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon
Floy Naugle Edwin Samuel, and fiancée, Preethi Jasmine
Marsha Lasater Grace Truex's son, Terry
Connie Redus Beth Copeland's friend, Alma Payne
Belanta Maddison Lola Copeland's friends, Steve Choppin & Scott Hudgins
Grace Truex Larry George's friend, Mike Nichols
Connie Peterman Betty Hopper's cousin, David Burrignt, & friend, Marcella Kennedy
Jimmy Lockett Chuck Winberg (former member)
Terri Hartman Barbara Zoeller's sister-in-law, Kathy Broussard
Prissy Shaffer Annette Davis's son-in-law, Mike Hogg
Les Smith Nichole Fiorentino's brother, Andrew Feige
Nancy Troth Chris & Lisa Newton's friends, Kathy & Dwight McDuffie, and Chris's brother
Catharine Gebhardt Molly Schrader's co-worker's daughter, Elena Villeneuve
Ann Michele King Bruce & Gina Tucker's friends, Hilda Zapata & Doris Siskin
Homebound members Monty Rozelle, Audrey, and Peggy Rozelle's nephew & cousin
Helen Green, Audrey & Peggy Rozelle's sister & aunt
Paula Tarver's sister, Martha Jane
Former member, Betsy Dyche
Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney
Tracy Rahm's mother, Betty Wilson

Extended Church

Family

David Clegg's sister
Kathy Cook's friend

Jerry and Patti Malone's son-in-law
Suellen Turner's friend
Perry Hawkins' mother
Jolene Harper's father
Robert Leedy's friend
People of Sudan
All persons serving in the military
Our missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to:

Diana and Jayson White on the birth
of a daughter, Kennedy Corene
Tony Holiday and family on the
marriage of his son, Jay

Deepest Sympathy to:

Don Coke and family in the death of
his wife, Judy Coke
Charles and Jan Hudgins in the death
of his grandmother, Thelma Payne
Tom and Donna Campbell in the death
of their friend, Marvin Burford