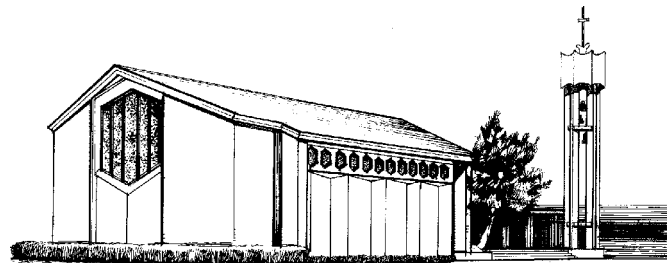


Behold!

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Bazaar highlights include two quilts!

What's on tap for this year's Bazaar? The upcoming 31st Annual Harvest Bazaar, November 10–11, offers not one, but two beautiful quilts by our amazing crafters. It's a longstanding tradition for the Bazaar to feature these unique, labor-intensive masterpieces for raffle and auction.

This year's quilt is a Grandmother's Fan, a beloved classic pattern pieced with many small scraps in a colorful rainbow of fabrics. Spring Valley's crafters have once again created a treasure whose colors will enhance almost any decor.

Dee Yates is this year's Quilt Committee Chair. She's an experienced, dedicated quilter who has had a hand in (and on) a great many past Bazaar quilts, and she says this year's Grandmother's Fan pattern is especially pretty.

Quilts aren't the only attraction at this year's Bazaar. Other intriguing developments are the wooden spoons hand-painted by Pat Newman with — *portraits*. Who'd have thought it possible to capture the unique likeness of our own Larry George on a spoon? (Or is that a mug?) Now, *there's* a one-of-a-kind item.

Calling all Grandmas: Nancy Buchtel's workroom in her home turns out all-cotton, smocked outfits for both boys and girls, in sizes 1 through 4, and Nancy is generously contributing some of her creations in children's clothing for our sale. Nancy is also contributing sets of placemats and napkins and casserole carriers for our holiday dining.

Aren't we a lucky church to have such a talented bunch of people working on this great event? And the proceeds benefit so many people — not just the lucky stiffs who win the quilt raffle.

Go straightaway and mark your calendar now for the Harvest Bazaar November 10 and 11. Look for more Bazaar news in upcoming issues!

Volunteers needed for Harvest Bazaar dinner

The Harvest Bazaar Dinner is always a highlight of the annual event, and volunteers are needed to help cook the dinner at church and to prepare desserts at home. 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

We were asked to write about why we support SVUMC.

This is why:

We support SVUMC because of people like the Husers and the Boyers, who represent our church on such worthwhile projects as Habitat for Humanity.

We support SVUMC because of people like Steve and Dana Taylor who work with Austin Street Centre.

We support SVUMC because of a youth group so close-knit that kids who were not even going to ASP came to church early on a summer morning to say goodbye to their friends that were going.

We support SVUMC because of the Guatemala mission team and also people like Tony Holiday, Ken Phillips and Mickey George who put the "home" in Church Home.

We support SVUMC because of people like Herb & Cynthia Pharr Lee, Earl & Joan Barnette, George & Pam Reese, and Frank & Jan Andersen who put the "family" in Church Family.

We support SVUMC because when asking our six-year-old what he likes about church he said, "I like church because I like the people there. Mr. Baxter teaches us. Ms. Jan teaches us. Mommy teaches us. Annika's mom helps us. Ms. Cindy is our teacher. We get to go to computers, art, movie room, gathering room and children's time. I like church because we can bring our friends."

We support SVUMC because of people like us who are trying to juggle jobs, home, family, school, church, community, and are doing the best we can to raise our kids. We support SVUMC because we can make a bigger difference working together than we can working alone.

Phil, Linda, Nick & Simon West



What's up for YOUth...

Sunday, October 31

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

Due to the Fall Retreat, there are no youth activities on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31.

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

Note to all youth and parents: The monthly youth newsletter is now available on-line at the church website. Look for the November newsletter, complete with calendar soon!

Genesis Women's Shelter - The kids at Genesis are counting on us 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:

Sat., Oct. 30-31	Fall Retreat at Sky Ranch!
Wed., Nov 3 & 10	Genesis Women's Shelter, leave church at 6:30pm
Sun., Nov 21	Youth & Family Holiday Dinner

UMW meets November 8

The next meeting of the United Methodist Women is Monday, Nov. 8. We will eat lunch in **Wesley Hall**, since the Harvest Bazaar preparations will be underway in Asbury Hall.

Everyone's help is needed for the bazaar, so there will be no program this month. Also, mark your calendars for Mon. evening, Dec. 13, for our annual Christmas program. The dinner and program will be a joint meeting of our day and evening UMW groups.

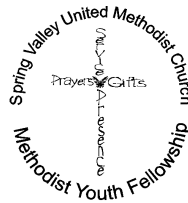


Stephen Ministers reach out to bereaved

During services on October 31, bereaved families will be recognized in memory of their loved one. Part of Spring Valley's ministry to bereaved in our church is the follow up by Stephen Ministers. Each family receives a letter of condolence from the church. A Stephen Minister then contacts the family member and arranges for a visit. This is a time for the person to express "how it's going" and how they are "feeling." A packet of information about grieving and coping skills is left as a gift from the church.

In November, each family again receives a letter from the church with information about holiday coping strategies and "Handling the Holidays" workshop opportunities.

If you feel called to serve our church in any way that Stephen Ministers function, a training class is planned for early January. Please contact one of the pastors or active Stephen Ministers (Roger Boldt, Alice Cromwell, John Dvorak, Betty Hopper, Elizabeth Kilgore, or Myrna Ridings) for more information.



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.

Prodigals Class - Room 212

(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 - Room 200

Oct. 31 - Stacy Ellis - Our Neighborhoods

Wesleyan Class - Wesley Dining Room

Oct. 31 - Paul & Pat Christley: Guatemala Mission

Nov. 7, 14 - Oliver Axtell

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

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!

Nov. 7 - Jerry Cornelius, Lesson 5, "Passionate Living," from *Joy Under Pressure*, by Tim Stafford

Beacon Class - Asbury Hall

Oct. 31 - Understanding Is within Your Reach

Christian Parenting - Room 210

"Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families," led by Mickey George

Fellowship Bible Class - Room 214

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

Friends - Room 216

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

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

Blood drive successful

On behalf of the Mission Core Process Group, I want to thank everyone who donated blood on Oct 17. Added to those who donated at Carter BloodCare Centers, we 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*, Blood Drive Chair, 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.

Czech leader meets with SVUMC mission committee



Betty Reichel, Missions Chair, and Neil and Betty Williams, Immediate Past Missions Co-Chairs, talk with Jana Krizova, Lay Leader of the Czech Annual Conference, about the state of the church and Volunteers in Mission opportunities in the Czech Republic.

Thank you from the mission team

Spring Valley's 2004 Guatemala Mission team thanks you for your generous support of this year's mission trip. Your gifts, donations, prayers, and encouragement demonstrate God's love to the Mayans who are being served by the clinics. After Sunday's All-Church Thank-You Dinner, JoAn Dwyer remarked how amazed she was by the number of people who attended the video presentation. Your presence communicated to her the genuine interest and support for the Salud y Paz medical/dental clinics and the people they serve. If you want copies of the recipes served at the luncheon, the information is available from Jo Martens via e-mail at rjmartens@aol.com.



Noteworthy news

Come and sing the joy of Christmas:

Seasonal Singers are invited to join rehearsals on Wed. evenings, 7:30-8:10pm, plus two Sat. 10am practices on Nov. 5 and Dec. 4 as we prepare John Rutter's "Gloria."

Children will present "Miracle at Midnight" at 5pm on Christmas Eve. All children are invited to take part as shepherds, sheep, angels, stars and Wise Men. Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 for rehearsals. Call Paula Huffaker or Nancy Guerra, 972-233-7671, for information.



Children and Faith

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die...



Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a

On Sunday, Oct. 31, we will celebrate All Saints Day in worship. We will remember those who have died and now live with God, celebrating their life and journey of faith. It is a wonderful time to honor our loved ones who have died, and children enjoy hearing stories about them. By celebrating All Saints Day in the home, children will know that it is okay to talk about those who have died and know that they are not forgotten.

Celebrate this day as a family with this spiritual activity. Make small tissue paper flowers (one per loved one who has died) by cutting small circles of tissue paper and poking a pipe cleaner through the center. As you make each flower, share stories about the person being remembered. Use florist tape to make a corsage or string the flowers together to make a necklace. Wear the flowers and remember with love those who are now in heaven.

Grandparents: If you have grandchildren who don't live near you, send them flowers with a story for each person remembered. Remind them that their loved one is now with God in heaven. This is an activity from First Steps Spirituality Center, founded and directed by Rev. Leanne Hadley, dedicated to providing spiritual care & healing for children & teens and support & training for the adults who work with them. You may visit their website at www.1stSteps.net

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

Freda Clark	Don Barnes' brother, Keith Barnes,
Floy Naugle	and cousin, Elizabeth Moore
Marsha Lasater	Lisa Lantz' aunt, Mary Beltz
Belanta Maddison	Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon
Grace Truex	Edwin Samuel, and fiancée, Preethi Jasmine
Jimmy Lockett	Beth Copeland's friend, Alma Payne
Terri Hartman	Lola Copeland's friends, Steve Choppin & Scott Hudgins
Prissy Shaffer	Betty Hopper's cousin, David Burright, & friend,
Les Smith	Marcella Kennedy
Nancy Troth	Chuck Winberg (former member)
Catharine Gebhardt	Barbara Zoeller's sister-in-law, Kathy Broussard
Homebound members	Nichole Fiorentino's brother, Andrew Feige
	Chris & Lisa Newton's friends, Kathy & Dwight McDuffie
	Molly Schrader's co-worker's daughter, Elena Villeneuve
	Bruce & Gina Tucker's friend, Hilda Zapata
	Paula Tarver's sister, Martha Jane
	Former member, Betsy Dyche
	Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney

Extended Church Family

Kay Southard
David Clegg's sister
Robert Leedy's friend
Suellen Turner's friend

Kathy Cook's grandmother
Glenna Dodson's son, Jay Wylie
Jerry and Patti Malone's son-in-law
Watson family's friend, Minnie Sigler
People of Sudan
All persons serving in the military
Our missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Deepest Sympathy to:

Nancy Haugen and family in the death of Nancy's daughter, Sharon

Congratulations to:

Cindy Sumner, Gail & Layton Pettigrew and family on the marriage of Cindy's daughter, Britney Sumner to John Dressler