

# Behold!



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## We are the Church—living modestly

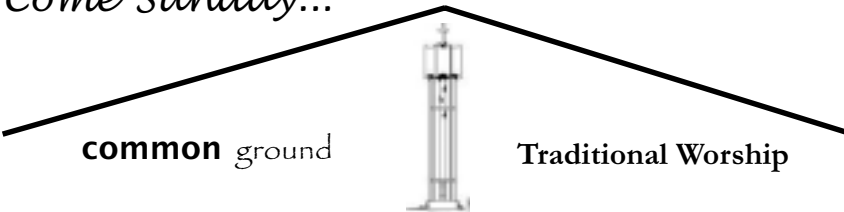
In her book, "Abundance," Marilyn Oden suggests that consumerism "may be the fastest-growing religion in our country." We know well enough the tenets of that religion: spend, acquire, collect, indulge. If all religion is based on either love or fear, this one is clearly grounded in fear, the fear that if I don't get mine now, there may not be enough later.

The religion of consumerism never satisfies its practitioners, of course. For one thing, the dedicated consumer never has enough. The more we have, the more we want. Or as the French put it, *L'appetit vient en mangeant* (The appetite grows by eating). When the CEO of NCNB was asked, during that bank's conquest years, why his company continued its aggressive expansion and takeover of smaller regional banks, he answered simply, "You have to feed the tiger." And the more we feed it, the hungrier it seems to get . . .

What's left for us? If we choose not to feed the tiger, not to grow the appetite, not to buy in to a sell-out culture, what is the alternative? What do we do with the fear of not having enough and the anxiety of not affording what we already have?

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*Come Sunday...*



**October 16 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

### October 16

2 Corinthians 8:8-15  
*A question of fair balance*  
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

### October 23

Deut. 26:1-11, Luke 12:13-27  
*Of Greed and Geese*  
Dr. John Holbert

### October 16

2 Corinthians 8  
*The different sort of having to*  
Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

### October 23

*A personal journey of discipleship*  
Dr. Don Benton

\* please check **NOTEworthy** news column for music offerings

\*Special music by the Praise Band

There is always faith—the religion of God. Faith teaches us that we need not heed the voice of inordinate fear—the one that whispers from billboards and commercials and peer groups: *Have this or be nothing*. Faith says I will walk a little more lightly on this earth and within its human and natural communities, knowing that my thriving is all tied up in the thriving of others. Faith remembers the words of the prophet—so clear they nearly take our breath away: What does the Lord require? That you do justice, love mercy, and walk *modestly* with your God (Micah 6:8).

Modesty. Now there's a word you won't see leaping out at you from the billboards. It doesn't sell . . . but does it ever keep. Keeps, and gives away. Keeps the heart, and gives away the life. Keeps the soul, and surrenders the gifts and graces, the goods and services, the fortunes that come of life accidentally and on purpose. A little for me, more for you, enough for us all. Why the modesty of faith is so extravagant when it comes to giving to God and others I don't know. But there is a way we might find out. Practice.

Grace and peace. *Paul Escamilla*

## Welcome, new member!

**Rodney Arrington**  
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214-274-8587

## What's up for YOUTH!

Hello everyone!

We are finally done with our pop culture series. Thank you all for being to "engaging" with the topic. The rest of the month is very full though, so read on about everything that is going on...



**October** - SMALL GROUPS - On Wednesdays 7-8:30pm (various locations)

16 - UMYF - Let's talk about ... Stewardship!

22 - YAM JAM - in Irving, TX. Morning event. Bring \$\$\$ for lunch out.

23 - UMYF - Say what? - Communication

30 - UMYF - All Hallows Eve Celebration - until 8:00pm

### November

5-6 - FALL RETREAT @ Pine Cove Retreat Center

6 - NO YOUTH EVENING ACTIVITIES

**Attention!!!** The Yam Jam event has been changed. Due to the lack of rain in Northeast Texas, there are no extra Yams to be gleaned this year. They have an alternate event at FUMC Irving distributing potatoes. We will meet at 8am to go to Irving and then go out to lunch before returning to the church early in the afternoon. We hope that everyone will help in attending to the hungry in our world.

Reminders....

Snack Supper has resumed! Sunday nights at 5:30. Cost is \$3.

16 - Kathy Cook and Marci Armstrong

23 - Gina Tucker and Jan Hudgins

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 here at SVUMC. If you have any questions, call us or send us an email. MTLBYAKY, Jared and Megan

## Prime Timers plan next trip

Come take a day trip to downtown Grapevine on Thursday, October 20. We will leave from the back parking lot promptly at 9:30am, transportation will be provided. Grapevine has many interesting sights, shops, and even a railroad museum that we can visit. We have reservations for a buffet luncheon at 11:30. The all inclusive cost for lunch is \$8.88, payable when we leave Spring Valley (exact change, please). We will return by 3pm. There is a sign up sheet on the Volunteer Desk. For more information contact Mary Huffhines.



## Plans slated for future Guatemalan trips

As we were unable to accommodate everyone for this year's mission trip to Guatemala, we have the dates for the 2006 trip. We believe that because of the high interest and this church's commitment to this mission that we can fill two 15-person teams. The dates for the first week are July 22 to July 30, and the second week, July 29 to August 6. Please note that these dates are before most schools start to accommodate any families with youth who want an unique educational and service vacation. There will be an organization/educational/informational meeting after Jan. 1.

## Drs. Benton and Holbert to speak at Spring Valley

Dr. Don Benton, former pastor at Spring Valley, will be guest speaker at a Fireside Chat on Wednesday, Oct. 19, following a complimentary fellowship dinner provided by the Aldersgate Class.



Dr. Don Benton

Dr. Benton will speak on his personal journey of discipleship. He will also be guest preacher in the Sanctuary services on Sunday, Oct. 23.

Dr. John Holbert, Professor of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, will be the featured speaker at a Leadership Dinner on Oct. 18. He will be guest preacher in the Common Ground Contemporary service on Sunday, Oct. 23.



Dr. John Holbert

Dr. Holbert is an internationally known and respected author, lecturer and preacher. His sermon topic will be "Of Greed and Geese," based on Deut. 26:1-11 and Luke 12:13-27.

## Grief Recovery Group announced

A Grief Recovery Group begins Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 6:30pm at Lovers Lane UMC, Epworth Hall, #210. This is a six-week group facilitated by Carmen Scroggin, a Licensed Professional Counselor. It will be held on Wednesdays through Dec. 7. To register: online at [www.llumc.org](http://www.llumc.org); by phone: 214-706-945, or by e-mail at [cscroggin@llumc.org](mailto:cscroggin@llumc.org).

## Has your email address changed?

If so, please be sure to contact 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.

### Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$761,483
Total received to date	762,524
Received Oct. 9	11,122
Attendance	445

*Give God what's right, not what's left*

## NOTEworthy news...

### Worship & Music Offerings

#### Upcoming music:

#### Sunday, October 16

8:30 and 11:00 Max Taylor, *Panis Angelicus, O Lord Most Holy*

8:30 and 11:00 Blake Denzer, *I Could Only Imagine*

11:00 Chancel Choir *Shepherd Me, Lord*

#### Sunday, October 23

8:30 and 11:00 Chamber Singers *Let There Be Praise*

8:30 Chamber Singers 11:00 Chancel Choir *When the Saints*

With clarinet, trombone, bass and drums

### Two upcoming Youth Singers meetings

Tuesday, October 18

6:00 Youth Supper

6:30 Youth Bible Study

7:00-8:30 Youth Singers *Celebrate Life* Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 25

7:00 Youth Singers Parents/Members meeting

7:30 Combined Youth Group/Youth Singers meeting

At this meeting we will look at choir tour, at fund raisers, and particularly at the combined fund raiser – Mardi Gras Madness. Barry Carroll is the chair of MGM this year and is close to filling leadership positions.

### Fall fellowship slated for October

Each Wednesday a home cooked dinner will be served at 5:30 for a time of church family fellowship. The cost is \$5/person; \$12/family. Our meal for Oct. 12 is chicken breast with Southwestern sauce, carrots, salad and dessert. After dinner, Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler will lead a study on "God's Politics," an examination of the relationship between faith and justice, based on the book by Jim Wallis. Classes will follow the fellowship meals at 6:30. All are invited to attend. Please call the office to make reservations for dinner.

### Bazaar time is almost here!

It is the time of year that everyone begins to prepare for our upcoming annual Bazaar. Everyone will be coming to buy all those special goodies that the ladies prepare. We need your favorite desserts, pies, cakes, breads, candies, pickles, preserves, jellies, and jams. Call or email Betty Hopper at 972-386-4670, or ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net, and let her know what you would like to contribute. Thank you! Remember, the Harvest Bazaar is November 9-10, Wednesday and Thursday. On Wed., the time is 5pm-8:30; dinner is 5:30-7pm. On Thurs., time is 11am-2, with lunch 11:30-1pm. See you there!



### Audiovisual help needed

The Common Ground PowerPoint team is looking for new volunteers to help with the audiovisual component of the contemporary service. Anyone with some degree of computer literacy is invited to be a part of this exciting worship planning team. Hands-on training will be provided. For information or to volunteer, contact Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church.



### 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

Oct. 16 - Robert Gross, Guatemala Mission trip.

Oct. 23 - Rusty King, hymn theology

Oct. 30 - Please join us for a classroom brunch while you check out Aldersgate.

#### Beacon Class

Oct. 16 - The Holy Spirit

Oct. 23 - The Holy Catholic Church

Oct. 30 - Communion of Saints

Nov. 6 - Forgiveness of Sins

Nov. 13 - Life Everlasting

Nov. 20 - Our Response to the Creed

#### Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying Dawn Billings' book, *Greatness and Children*.

#### Friends Class

All young adults, 20s-40s, married and single, are invited to join us for the video series, *That the World May Know*, by Ray Vander Laan. This is a history of the Old Testament and its applicability to the New Testament and our lives today.

#### Seekers Class

Oct. 16 - "Howdy Do"

Oct. 23 - "A Message From the Mountain," A study of "The Sermon on the Mount"

Oct. 30 - "Back to the Mountain," A continuation of the study of "The Sermon on the Mount"

#### 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.

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### Christmas Schedule

*Christmas Eve:* Sanctuary services at 5:30, 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

## Dimes-a-Day is October 16

Your support of this special third Sunday offering is crucial to Spring Valley's commitment to our mission support of our sister church in Slany, The Czech Republic. This little church struggles. But like the flower which grows in the sidewalk crack, this congregation is determined to bloom! They just need our assistance with a little feeding and watering.

Please continue to pray for our fellow congregation members. They're so grateful for our gifts and support.

## Blood drive is October 16

Carter BloodCare will be in Wesley Hall from 9am-2pm on October 16. If you can donate, please call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915. For more information about donating blood, visit the web site: [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org)

## Austin St. Centre October 16

In addition to the usual serving of breakfast on October 16, extra effort is being focused on assistance in placing homeless families into more permanent housing. One small way in which we can help is to bring non-perishable food. This will then allow families to have staple food as they begin a more independent life. Call Dana or Steve Taylor, 972-234-9867, if you'd like more information about our ministry with Austin St. Centre, or visit their website at <http://www.austinst.org/services.htm>.

## Habitat for Humanity progressing on

Wow! What a great time we had on Saturday, Oct. 8, working on the Habitat house; and what a great lunch we had, thanks to the generosity of the Prodigal Sunday School Class. Our church was well represented by Paul Escamilla, Ted Butler, Rhonda Huser, David and Pauline Greenwell, Gary and Cara Sheroke, Mark and Heather Johnson, Blake Denzer, Melissa Veach, Stephanie Chapman, Dan Malin and Bill Boyer. All were busy caulking, painting, and installing siding.

Thanks to all who participated, and a special thanks to the Prodigal Class for the delicious BBQ sandwiches they provided for lunch.

Next Saturday, Oct. 15, we will be hanging the interior doors, installing the interior trim and shelving, and painting. If you would like to help, call Rhonda Huser at 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer at 972-661-2570.



As you can see, our pastor enjoyed the opportunity to pound a few nails.



## Charitable birthdays yield donations

The information on the Birthday Bash hosted by Cynthia and Herb is as follows:

Due to the generosity of our friends and church family and their caring concern about the plight of hurricane-afflicted people, our fund-raising celebration on October 1 did the following:

Raised donated goods and money for UMCOR valued at \$7,800!

- Built 50 buckets
- Funded another 88 buckets
- Collected 14 health kits
- Collected 28 sets of bedding
- Approximately 60 people attended & helped
- Another 24 sent in donations

The supplies were so desperately needed that a truck driven by an UMCOR volunteer team from Howe (Texas) United Methodist Church, picked up supplies by 7:30pm on Saturday night and drove them to south Texas on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Thanks, *Herb and Cynthia Pharr Lee*

## Arrington family mission report

Money collected from individuals and Sunday school classes currently total \$4,114.47.

The money purchased linens for 19 beds and gift cards for 27 individuals to buy clothing, funds spent total \$3,837.46.

\*This report does not include the many furniture and household items donated by this generous congregation.

## Golf tournament announces winners

The Aldersgate Open golf tourney, sponsored by SVUMC, was won by a team consisting of John Clark, Greg Nicholas, Ron Schwars, and the designated "Pastor Putter," Paul Escamilla.

We would like to thank our sponsors, El Chico (Spring Valley @ 75), the String Bean Restaurant, Mendenhall Automotive, and Jason's Deli @ Dal-Rich Village for donating their goods and services for our tournament. We encourage SVUMC members to patronize these companies and thank them for their support.

The Aldersgate Class was able to donate \$1,500 to the hurricane relief fund. We really appreciate everyone who participated in this fun-filled event.

## Elementary Sunday School News

On Sunday, October 16, we begin a new rotation unit titled *Faith Challenges for God's Children*. We will learn the Two Great Commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; and love your



neighbor as yourself," Matthew 22:37,39. The Prayer, Dance, and Worship workshops will explore ways of loving and worshiping God. The meaning of loving our neighbors as ourselves by being challenged to put God's commandments into action in our daily lives will be a part of the Art, Computer, and Mission workshops. Here is the schedule for the next two weeks:

### October 16

K-1st—Worship  
2nd-3rd—Prayer  
4th-5th—Dance

### October 23

K-1st—Prayer  
2nd-3rd—Dance  
4th-5th—Worship

## Preschool Sunday School News

This fall the 3 and 4 year-olds are learning the great stories of our faith from the Old Testament. Each week your child will receive a worship sticker showing a picture relating to the day's Bible story. When you pick your child up from Sunday school, ask who or what is on the sticker. Let your child tell you about the picture. It is a great way to begin that age old conversation "What did you do today?" Upcoming lessons are: October 16: Jacob Tricks Esau and October 23: Jacob's Ladder.

## Historian Committee

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 up 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, or by e-mail at [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! We want everyone to contribute a favorite recipe. Please type or print a favorite recipe(s) on a card or paper, sign your name, and turn it in as soon as possible. A basket has been placed in the office for the recipes, or you can mail them to the coordinators listed below. The deadline is January 30, 2006. Please hurry!

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Prissy Shaffer	Barbara Zoeller	Betty Hopper
709 Hyde Park	7652 La Verdura	13416 Mill Grove
Richardson, Tx. 75080	Dallas, Tx. 75248	Dallas, Tx. 75240-5536

[svcookbook@sbcglobal.net](mailto:svcookbook@sbcglobal.net) [barbarazoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbarazoe@sbcglobal.net) [ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net) You are an example for us all.

## Spring Valley UMW receives awards



In September, Betty Hopper, President of our United Methodist Women, attended the Northeast District of Women Annual District Meeting at First Church in Richardson. Betty reports that our unit received three awards.

One award certificate was in recognition of having completed "The Criteria for being a Mission Today Unit" of United Methodist Women.

Another certificate was for having studied and acted on the Principles and goals stated in the Charter for Racial Justice.

The big certificate was given for the *Five Channels of Undesignated Giving* which are: Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Pledge, World Thank Offering and Special Mission Recognition. Also, five ladies from our unit received certificates of recognition for reading U.M.W. books from our library. They are, Alice McElroy, Catharine Gehhardt, Opal Peyron, Barbara Zoeller and Betty Hopper.

## Speaking of Betty Hopper...

For 25 years+, Betty Hopper has been cutting Campbell Soup labels for Bethlehem Center and Wesley Rankin. Betty and her late husband, G.C., took food and labels to both of these places.

In December when the Visiting Nurse Association wraps gifts for Meals on Wheels clients, Betty has been a captain for one of the tables. Then she and her son deliver the gifts to the people. Each month Betty participates in the Dimes-a-Day offering. She has helped in NSCI, the Youth program, Hispanic Ministry, gifts of money and food for Habitat for Humanity workers, Austin St. Centre, been a Stephen Minister for 5+ years, a Beacon Sunday School officer and Sunshine Chairman, 26 years in Arts and Crafts, held several offices in UMW including President for the past 3 years.

The list goes on. Betty is a faithful worker wherever she is asked to serve. That's why she was presented with the Special Mission Recognition from the Women's Division General Board of Global Ministries, the United Methodist Church of the North Texas Conference, and also received a beautiful Mission label pin. Congratulations, Betty.

## 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.

### Hospital

Lauren Rogers  
Nancy Bryan

### SVUMC Church Family

Dorothy Willhite  
Mary Jo Walker  
Frances Dale  
Charles Hudgins  
Helen McEnaney  
Randy Smith  
Eva Dawkins  
Betty Carter  
Joe Tureckey  
Bill Darnall  
Ann Michele King  
Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

John Tarver's mother  
Bruce Tucker's friend, Cameron Bodell  
Cynthia Pharr Lee's friend, Lt. Mario Smith  
Chris Newton's grandfather, Tony Harris  
Caleb Hudgins' great grandmother,  
Beth Mayberry  
Jo Alice Patton's granddaughter, Brooke  
Harriet Carroll's father  
Randy & Margaret Smith's daughter, Camille  
Jim Yates  
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson  
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,  
Gary and Jacqui Hopper  
Greg Haase  
Donna Campbell's friend, Ashley Wilson  
SVUMV friend, Greg Haase  
Roger and Jo Martens' daughter, Molly

David and Shirley Hughes' relative,  
Martha Hughes  
Greg Huffaker's mother, Ina  
The Holburn family's friend, Jose Medrano  
Jody and Clay Cox's friend,  
Roger and Sarah Compton  
Morris Arrington's sister, Joyce Brown  
Denyse Ngandi's uncle, Jean Bobe  
Greg and Judy Harris' friends,  
the Streeter family  
Evan Walker family  
Garan Webb family  
All persons serving in the military  
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church  
All Katrina and Rita hurricane victims  
Those with ongoing concerns