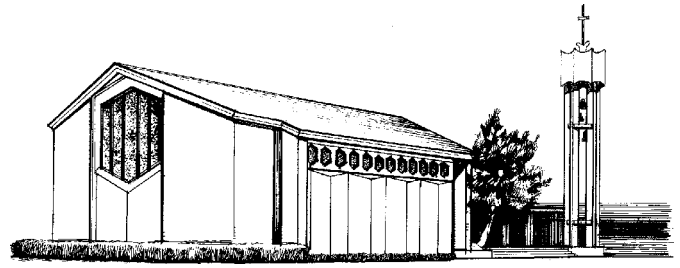


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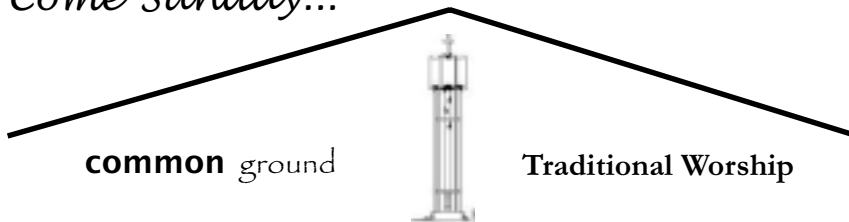
When having and giving find peace

In a fascinating book on the subject of personal calling, Robert Coles has made the observation that when one baby in a nursery begins to cry, other babies in proximity will begin to squirm and fidget and even cry themselves. Coles says this is not a matter of their eardrums being aggravated by the bothersome wailing of another baby, but of their innate sense of feeling for another's distress.

I don't think I'll write a book about it, but I'd venture to talk about that phenomenon from another angle, based on my own observations: when a toddler or child laughs or frolics, babies who happen to be close by, say, sitting in a high chair, tend to put on a grin themselves, and coo and dribble and maybe even throw their spoons in delight.

Coles would say it is the desire of every human being to make connections with other human beings, either in their elation or in their pain. The Bible might suggest it is our being made in the image of god, who has always shown a strong instinct for *incarnation*, which translated means something like "being with."

Come Sunday...



October 23- 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 23

Deut. 26:1-11, Luke 12:13-27

Of Greed and Geese

Dr. John Holbert

October 30

Joshua 3:7-17

Goin' to the Promised Land

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

October 23

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

We Are the Church:

Presents or Presence

Dr. Don Benton

October 30

Ephesians 2:1-10

The way God writes poetry

Dr. Paul Escamilla

* please check *NOTEworthy*
news column for music offerings

There's another beautiful thing that is at work in us all through our lives--what we call self-definition, or "creating our own personal space." This development has to do with saying, "This is who I am, as distinct from you," or at a younger age, "MINE!" It's what we sometimes call having.

Having is something we do just not for its own sake--or so we hope. We have things in order to help define ourselves, reflect our values, express our unique tastes and idiosyncrasies. The Bible might say having, in a sense, is just another expression of God's-image-in-us, reflecting another of God's strong qualities: the instinct for set-apartness.

Giving and having. Having and giving. From diaper to shroud we tussle with both like we'd juggle two beachballs on a windy day. Here we lose our shirts trying to help somebody out; there we lose our souls trying to keep it all for ourselves. But every now and then we find that graceful balance between having and giving, so that we end up losing all the right things and finding our lives.

Frederick Buechner put it this way: We become fully and undividedly human, I suppose, when our passion for having finds peace with our passion for giving...

On Sunday, we will gather as the Church to consecrate our gifts to God and the gospel work. May that act of worship truly be a moment in which having and giving find peace in our lives.

I'll see you Sunday.

Paul Escamilla

*Special music by the Praise Band

What's up for YOUTH!

Hello everyone!

Wow! This has been a busy fall so far. We are half-way through with the fall semester! And we still have a lot going on in the second half of it. Please remember to get in your sign-ups for the fall retreat. They are due on Sunday, Oct. 23! Also, the party on Oct. 30 - be thinking about your costume! Here is everything that is coming up...

October

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

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

13 - UMYF - What are sacraments?

15 - Youth Singers - Dinner, Bible Study, and Rehearsal

20 - UMYF - R.E.S.P.E.C. WHAT?

27 - UMYF - Whirly Ball - Until 8:00pm

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.

23 - Gina Tucker and Jan Hudgins

30 - Carol Nicholas

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*

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.



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. This is the last notice, so come if you can--we promise a great time!



From Terry Crist, NETWORK of Community Ministries

The 8th Annual Billye Meyer Golf Tournament, Church Challenge Division

Why: To Benefit the NETWORK of Community Ministries

When: Friday, October 21, 2005

Where: Sherrill Park Golf Course, Richardson

How: Either as an individual, or on a church-sponsored team

Details: www.THENETWORK.org

Email: BILLYEMEYER@THENETWORK.org

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, or by e-mail at 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, to insure your receipt of the weekly *Behold* newsletter.

Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$778,403
Total received to date	774,690
Received Oct. 16	12,265
Attendance	410

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

NOTEworthy news...

Worship & Music Offerings

Upcoming music:

Sunday, October 30

8:30 Ladies Ensemble *My Hope Is Built*

11:00 Chancel Choir *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Tuesday, October 18

6:00 Youth Supper

6:30 Youth Bible Study

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

Two upcoming Youth Singers meetings

Tuesday, October 25

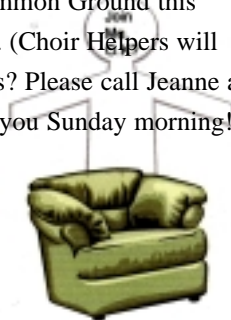
7:00 Youth Singers Parents/Members meeting

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 the leadership positions.

Attention Children's Music Participants!

Please remember that all choirs will be singing in Common Ground this Sunday, Oct. 23! Please come to Wesley Hall at 10:30. (Choir Helpers will collect children in Sunday School.) Thanks! Questions? Please call Jeanne at 972-233-7671 or email her at jlanson@smu.edu. See you Sunday morning!



Warren Hogan to speak in November

Warren Hogan, president and CEO of the Hogan Center for Performance Excellence, will be our featured speaker on two Sundays in November, the 6th and the 13th. His topic will be "Biblical Values in the Workplace." His appearance, sponsored by the Christian Parenting Class, will be held in Room 210 upstairs in the East Wing. All are invited to attend.

Family Fellowship dinners slated through Wed., Nov. 2.

Next Wednesday, Oct. 26, the menu includes

Mexican Enchiladas	Kids
Taco Rice	Chicken Nuggets
Fruit Salad	
Chocolate Cake	

Dinner is at 5:30. Please make your reservations by Sunday if possible by calling the church office. The final session of "God's Politics" will follow the meal on Oct. 26, and is planned as an extended session until 8 pm.

On Wed., Nov. 2, Don and Gloria Delaplain, former United Methodist missionaries to the Holy Land, will be the featured speakers after dinner in Wesley Hall. Reservations can be made by calling the church office. Make your plans to attend this very exciting and timely presentation.



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. 23 - Rusty King, hymn theology

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

Nov. 6 & 13 - Entrepreneur Warren Hogan will speak on Theology in the workplace.

Beacon Class

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.

Seekers Class

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.

Quest Class

Join us as we study the book of Revelation.

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

Church in Slany, our sister in the Czech Republic

Did you ever try to carry a 6 foot table by yourself? How much easier it is to have a partner with whom to share the load. And so it is with burdens of life. Going it alone can be tough, whether it is a physical task or the challenge of faith issues. The good news is that not only do we have a partner when God is part of our lives, we as United Methodists have brother and sister partners worldwide. Our church is a connectional church. We never stand alone!

Spring Valley is partnered with Slany United Methodist Church in the Czech Republic. Their new pastor Daniel Hottmar has many challenges working with the tiny congregation. After 40 years of Communist oppression, there are only a few trained pastors, and much of the Methodist literature has not been translated into the Czech language. Still the little congregation is thrilled they are free to worship!

And there is a definite historical connection with Texas. In 1920, Rev. Joseph Dobes returned to his Czechoslovakian homeland from Texas for the purpose of forming Methodist Congregations.

Spring Valley's financial support of Slany United Methodist Church is through our Dimes-A-Day program. Yes, we are connected by our faith and our mutual dedication to make Slany a success!

Blood drive collects 26 units

Thanks to all of you who helped with the blood drive. We collected 26 units with 14 more planning to donate at the Campbell Road site.

Though it was a rocky start due to Carter BloodCare's late arrival, we appreciate your patience in this unfortunate incidence. The important goal of providing blood to those who need it can not be overlooked, and we're grateful to all of you who helped.

If you can donate on behalf of our church's account you may schedule a time with Carter BloodCare, 322 W. Campbell Rd, Richardson. Their phone is 972-437-4483. Thank you. Pat Hill, Blood Chairperson, 972-669-3915.

Working hard for Habitat



Pastor Paul and Chuck Apthorp taking a break from volunteering on Friday at the Habitat Warehouse.



Three Habitat Saturdays remain

With only three Saturdays remaining, the time is now to work on your construction skills at the Aundrae and Ruthie Blackmon home. Join us this next Saturday as we finish the exterior paint, hang interior doors and install interior trim and shelving. You'll also have the opportunity to meet and work side-by-side with Ruthie and Aundrae (as seen in the picture). Remember no previous experience required – just the desire to help this deserving family enjoy their future home.

The address of the Blackmon's home is 1822 Reinthal Court in the Pleasant Grove area. (Since this is a new subdivision, to find directions online use 2020 N. Masters Dr., Dallas, Texas 75217).

Maps and detailed information about the build can be found on the Habitat table near the church office or you may contact Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.



Aundrae and Ruthie Blackmon

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.

32nd annual Harvest Bazaar

Wednesday, November 9

5-8:30pm

Harvest Dinner 5:30-7pm

\$6 Adult, \$2 Child



Thursday, November 10

11 to 2pm

Lunch 11:30 to 1:00

\$5 Adult, \$1 Child

A host of talented Spring Valley UMC craft ladies (along with a willing group of gentlemen) has been working diligently on an array of handmade items including the traditional quilt, which will be sold at the annual bazaar. The proceeds will help the UMW to continue underwriting their church and outreach programs. The Bazaar offers an opportunity to see the artistic talents of this church's crafters up close and to purchase unique gifts at famously affordable prices. You can browse and shop for handmade gifts, homemade baked goods, white elephants, and books as well as chat with friends at the Wednesday night dinner and Thursday lunch. What better way to kick off the Holiday Season?

This year's event is keeping a wide variety of volunteers busy including (but not limited to) Elizabeth Kilgore, Chairman; Betty Hopper, Country Store; Pat Currin, White Elephants; Sundra and Joe Culver, Book Sale; Joyce Boyer, Jolene Harper, and Jane Hoffman, Harvest Dinner and Lunch. Contributing their time and talent to the traditional quilt are Dee Yates, Shirley Barnes, Norma Booth, and Joann Shampine.

Don't miss out on being a part of this wonderful tradition. Stay tuned for more news in the upcoming issues of Behold.

Volunteers needed for Bazaar dinner

The Fall Bazaar Dinner is coming soon, and we need your help for a successful evening. How can you help?

1. Please buy your dinner tickets on Sunday morning
2. Bake a dessert. The sign-up sheet and recipe are in the office.
3. Volunteer to help Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of bazaar week. (Sign up in the office)

If you have questions call Joyce Boyer, 972-661-2570, or Jolene Harper, 972-235-6154. Many thanks for your help.

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!

Prissy Shaffer

709 Hyde Park

Richardson, Tx. 75080

Barbara Zoeller

7652 La Verdura

Dallas, Tx. 75248

Betty Hopper

13416 Mill Grove

Dallas, Tx. 75240-5536

svcookbook@sbcglobal.net barbarazoe@sbcglobal.net ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net Thank you!

Guatemala dental clinic well strikes water

As you know one of our mission groups has worked at a dental clinic in Guatemala for the past three years. The drinking water in Guatemala, as in third world countries, is not always safe and can cause diseases such as dysentery and worse. Most of the drinking water comes from surface water and is contaminated and must be boiled so it is safe.

There are very few water wells in Guatemala. The dental clinic in Camanchaj tried digging a well several years ago by hand. Yes, I said by hand. Someone actually dug, with a shovel, down, down and down--until they gave up.

The reward to find good drinking water is great. Not just for the clinic but the surrounding community as well. They decided to try again, but this time using a drilling rig. It has been expensive. Although most of the money Spring Valley United has donated for this mission has gone for medicines and building supplies for the clinic, a very small amount has gone for the well.

There had been no geological study to show they would hit water. Only prayers. We have just learned that indeed they did hit good, quality water, fit to drink. This is great news for the health of the people in the area. Our next team, or indeed teams, to the area will not be as dependent on bottled water as in the past. More importantly, once the natives get used to the idea of drinking water from below ground, [that's another story] there will be much less sickness. Spring Valley had a part in this success.

Tom Purcell

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.



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.

Hospital

Lauren Rogers

SVUMC Church Family

Mary Jo Walker

Frances Dale

Helen McEnaney

Randy Smith

Joe Tureckey

Bill Darnall

Ann Michele King

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Former member, Kathy Brunson

Bruce Weaver

Dale Klosterman

Cecil Gibbs

Dan Haefs

Garan Webb family

SVUMV friend, Greg Haase

Suellen Turner's friends, Curtis & Brenda

Barbara Zoeller's brother James, and the

Zoeller's son-in-law

Emily Meier's friend, Estalle Peason

Martinez family friend, John Baker

Nikki Chapman's friend, Steven Mills

Barbara Cornelius's cousin, Debra Sutphen,

and friends, Dolores Maxwell &

Tiffany Cotney

David and Shirley Hughes' relative, Martha

Caleb Hudgins' great grandmother,

Beth Mayberry

Randy & Margaret Smith's daughter, Camille

Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson

Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,

Gary and Jacqui Hopper

Donna Campbell's friend, Ashley Wilson

The Holburn family's friend, Jose Medrano

Morris Arrington's sister, Joyce Brown

David and Shirley Hughes' relative,

Martha Hughes

Jody and Clay Cox's friend,

Roger and Sarah Compton

Denyse Ngandi's uncle, Jean Bobe

All persons serving in the military

SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to:

Scott Somers and Isabel Docampo who

were married Saturday, October 15

Sympathy to:

Dee Yates and family in the death of

her husband, Jim

Jo Alice Patton in the death of her

friend, Sandi Frank