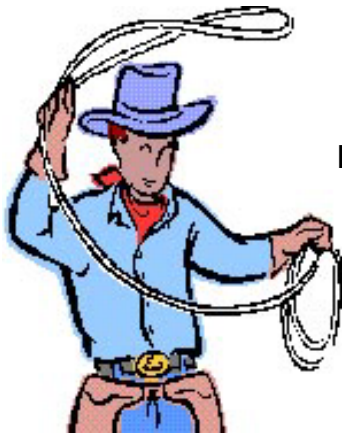


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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It's almost fall, and that means

... back to school,
... back to church,
... and time for our

ALL-CHURCH ROUND-UP!

Sunday, September 26, 6:00pm

Sponsored by Congregational Life

Mark your calendars and join in the fun:

chili supper,

western songs,

and an old-fashioned melodrama,

"The Old Cookie Shop" - or -

"Nellie Was a Baker

'Cause She Kneaded the Dough"

"Spanish for travelers" class offered

Spring Valley is offering a Spanish for Travelers class (adults only) on Thursdays, 7-9pm, starting September 7 and continuing through December 9. There is no textbook, but you will need a battery-operated tape recorder and a 3-ring notebook. Total cost for 13 classes is \$39, and all proceeds will benefit the "Salud y Paz" project in Guatemala. For details, call Jo Martens, 972-387-3158.

"Grandparents" to be celebrated at ice cream social

You are invited to attend the Grandparents' Day Celebration Ice Cream Social, given by the children of SVUMC to honor our "grandparents in the church." Come for ice cream and fellowship this Sunday, Sept. 12, 3-4:30pm, in Wesley Hall. Come have fun with us!



Why are you thankful?

Even though it's early September, November will be upon us before we know it. With November comes the time for Thanksgiving, and Congregational Life would like to know what you are thankful for this year. We would like for you to consider God's gifts in your life. If you are willing to share your thoughts, we will present them in the curio cabinets in the narthex during the month of November. You may write them down (approximately 100 words or less) and give them to Mickey George or Gerry Broome, or you may email Gerry Broome at ggbroome@aol.com. Submission deadline is October 15. Thank you for sharing your gratitude with our church family.



New unit begins this Sunday, September 12

Character Counts! Come join us in Sunday school as we learn that our character counts in leading our daily lives. We'll look at Joshua's example of leadership and learn how faithful leaders can bring about new beginnings. As we follow Joshua from entering the Promised Land to his farewell address, we will learn about the qualities of a good leader who trusts and obeys God. Fairness, justice, obedience, and trust are some of the character traits we will explore to help all of us to understand how we can be God-like leaders in our daily lives, just like Joshua.



Upcoming events:

September 12 - Grandparents' Day Ice Cream Social -- Children and families are invited to come and serve ice cream and play games with the elders in our church 3:00 -- 4:30 pm.

September 12 - Acolyte training at noon for all 5th and 6th graders who would like to serve as acolytes in worship. We'll go to Mr. Gatti's for pizza. Permission slips are required!

Children's choirs begin September 8

All children - kindergarteners through 6th grade - are invited to participate in Spring Valley's children's choirs. We meet on Wednesday nights upstairs in the adult Sunday School wing, beginning with a gathering time from 6:15 to 6:30pm. We then break into different age groups and activities at 6:30.

So join us! We will present music in various worship services all year, a Christmas musical on Christmas Eve at 5pm, and a full musical in May.

Your directors, *Paula Huffaker, Nancy Guerra, and Michael McElroy*

Habitat scheduled to start soon

Spring Valley's participation in the building of Kendra Pope's Habitat home is less than two weeks away on September 18 and will continue through October 30. Jobs are plentiful and volunteers are needed on every Saturday of construction - even for those that believe they are handy-challenged.

While we encourage Spring Valley volunteers throughout the build, September 25 will be a special day for our congregation because our church will be responsible for providing lunch that Saturday. Not only are food volunteers needed but also we encourage a big turnout of workers. For details about volunteering and to sign up for food donation, stop by the information table each Sunday in the hallway near the church offices. Maps and driving directions are available to the habitat site, 2615 Wilhurt, in East Oak Cliff. Liability forms can be filled out early to save time at the construction site. To volunteer or for more information about the building of the Popes' home (remember: it's the one in East Oak Cliff, not the one in Vatican City!), call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.



Noteworthy news

Upcoming music

September 12

8:30 & 11:00, Melissa DeFoe, solo

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

8:30 & 11:00 Chancel Choir,

All Things Bright and Beautiful

September 19

8:30 & 11:00, Dave Jones and Rusty King,

Where Shall I Run?

8:30 & 11:00 Chancel Choir, *Credo*

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 could 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.

"Faith We Sing" hymnal dedication, Oct. 17

Our new hymnal supplements have arrived! We will start using them on Sept. 12 at our 8:30 and 11am traditional services, and dedicate them in worship on Sunday, October 17.

The Faith We Sing has a rich collection of worship music in unique formats. It includes:

- ~New hymns written in the past 15 years
- ~Praise and worship music
- ~Global (world) music from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and more
- ~African American spirituals
- ~Classic "gems" from days gone by
- ~Liturgical chants from the Taize community

This book will not replace our hymnals; it is a supplement. Some of the familiar titles are *Star Child*, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, *Living for Jesus* and *The Lily of the Valley*.

UMW meeting slated for Sept. 13

The UMW meets on Monday, Sept. 13. Our speaker is Bill Bache, Coordinator for Volunteers in Mission for the North Texas Conference, who will speak on Missions, including missions in Cuba. Lunch is at 11:30, and the program begins at 12:15. Please call Betty Hopper, 972-386-4670, to reserve child care.

If you are interested in participating in UMW but prefer evening meetings, please call Betty Hopper or Anna Hosemann-Butler. We will begin our evening meetings soon.



What's up for YOUTH...

Sunday, September 12

9:45am	Sunday School
11am	Worship
3:30pm	Youth Ringers
4:30pm	Youth Singers
5:30pm	\$3 Snack Supper
6 - til 7:30	UMYF - Discussion Night! John Sumner and Steve DeFoe will lead us in a discussion about abuse.



Mark your calendars:

The 3rd Annual Aldersgate Golf Tournament, benefiting Aldersgate Charities and sponsored by Spring Valley United Methodist Church, is Thursday, October 7, at Sherrill Park Golf Course. Barbeque and beverages will be served following the tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. The entry fee is \$100. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, you may donate a prize, sponsor a hole, or make a monetary donation. Please call Ben Dickerson, 972-437-0345, or email him at BDickerson4@aol.com for details and information.



Two weeks ago, we held our Renewal Retreat. This Sunday, September 12, is a Sunday of Renewals in Youth Ministry at Spring Valley.

In Sunday School, we renew our University Style classes. You choose which class you want to take, and that class lasts for six weeks. In the seventh week we change classes, renewing us yet again. The three classes we are offering this fall are really exciting!

Pam Reese will lead "Secret Power for Girls." This is a video series with in-depth profiles of five Christ-following girls facing the real world -- the real world's challenges, stresses and conflicts.

George Reese will lead "Travel the Road" - a video series about two adventurers willing to risk their lives to share the Gospel. We'll share discussion about missionary work, spiritual growth, faith, and how we should respond to hardships and trials, endurance, and bearing fruit.

Frank Rahm will lead a study of the United Methodist Church. Why do we exist? What do we believe? How can youth be a part of its present and future?

Youth choirs renew regular Sunday afternoon rehearsals this Sunday. Youth Ringers, our handbell choir, rehearses at 3:30pm. Youth Singers rehearse at 4:30pm.

Mark Your Calendars:

- September 12** Youth Ringers & Youth Singers resume rehearsals
- September 15** 6:30pm, Genesis Women's Shelter visit
- October 30-31** Fall Retreat at Sky Ranch!

Spring Valley Travelers trips planned in 2004

- Sept. 25** Ride 7 Rails in Colorado, \$1,279 per person, dbl. occupancy
- Oct. 16** Oktober Fest, \$48
- Nov. 11** Hawaii Cruise, "Legends of the Seas" 10 nights
Balcony, \$2,099 Ocean View, \$1,499 Interior, \$1,299
(including airfare)
- Dec. 30** New Years at Sea Senior Special! 11-night Panama Canal
Interior, \$930 Ocean View, \$1,460 Balcony, \$1,820

Please call Chris Parton for details, 972-239-3369.

Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

Sept. 12 - Gloria Smith, Gwen Bowen, and Maxine Bryson - history of Spring Valley United Methodist Church.

Sept. 19 - Nancy Kerley, volunteer coordinator for the Salvation Army's Carr P. Collins Social Service Center will speak.

Beacon Class

Sept. 12 - Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, speaker

Sept. 19 - "Punching Holes in the Darkness"

Sept. 26 - "God's Intensive Care Unit"

Christian Parenting

Mickey George, facilitator

Sept. - *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families*

Fellowship Bible Sunday School

Sept. 12 - 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus

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

Friends

This new fellowship class for singles and couples, mid-20's - early 40's, meets at 9:45am in Room 216.

Sept 12 - Proverbs & Parables, *Let the Wise Listen*

Sept. 19 - Peter Jennings' special, "Jesus and Paul"

Sept 26 - *Materialism and the Moral Yuppie*

Call Betsy Willis, 972-380-8555, for details, or email her at willisbf@yahoo.com.

Wesleyan Class

Sept. 8 - Luncheon, Southern Recipe Café

Sept. 12 - Dan Kasten

Sept. 19, 26 - Don Bowen

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.

Hospitals

Jimmy Lockett

SVUMC Church Family

Tommi Ezell

Prissy Shaffer

Bonnie Reed

Andrew Staton

Vera Phillips

Les Smith

Ted Dumas

Nancy Troth

June Lees

Catharine Gebhardt

Ann Michele King

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Judy Coke

Alice Cromwell's friend, Betsy Dyche

David Willis' aunt

Roger Horn's stepmother

Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney

Pam Reese's cousin, Brandon

Jeannie James' grandchild

Barbara & Frank Zoeller's son's friend and family

Lois Murphy's friends, the Timothy Taylor family

Willdene Rowland's son, Randy

Mark Wood's parents

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Steve Cronenberg's parents

Janet Robertson's friends, Tom & Stacy Preisser
and Melinda & Randy Foster

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:

Lori and Rueben Joswiak, who were married on
September 6

Linda and Ed Holstien on the birth of a grandson,
Logan Thomas Holstien

Deepest Sympathy to:

Family and friends of Georgie Ann Davis, who
died September 7