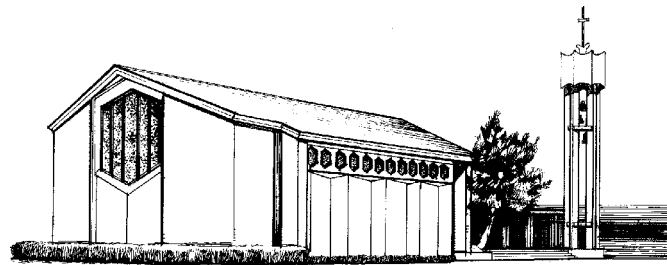


Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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Ice cream social enjoyed by all!



Allison Wood, Caitlin, Ryan, Lauren, and Megan Earl manage the toppings.

Kids did the serving...



...and everyone had fun!

Alice McElroy visits with Gabriela Hernandez.



Gene Harrell, Joan Barnette...



...Don Barnes, and Mickey George play the "Getting to Know You" game!

Save this date for a great fellowship event!

Cheer the hero and boo the villain!

ALL-CHURCH ROUND-UP!



Sunday, September 26

Chili Supper 6:00-6:45
(\$3/person; \$10 family maximum)
Sing-a-long 6:45-7:00
Melodrama 7:00-7:30

"The Old Cookie Shop"

- or -

*"Nellie Was a Baker
Cause She Kneaded the Dough"*

Directed by Anna Hosemann-Butler
Produced by Mickey George
Music by John Tarver & Paula Huffaker

Over-acted by

Jan Hudgins, as Miss Nellie O'Grady
Nancy Guerra, as Mrs. Rosie O'Grady
Burt Copeland, as H. Harry Goodman
Larry George, as Mortimer Whiplash
Max Taylor, as Doctor Gilbert
Judi Hitch, as Mrs. White (and perhaps Mrs. Darbey!)

The Congregation Life Committee is looking for 20 folks to bring a pot of chili to serve 10; the committee will furnish the rest of the meal. If you can help, please contact Mickey George at 972-701-0976 or lmgeorge@sbcglobal.net.

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.



Children's choirs are going strong!

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*

Dimes-a-day collection

September 19 is our third-Sunday collection for mission programs we at Spring Valley think are important.

These include Habitat For Humanity (see accompanying article); support of Bill and Jerri Savuto, our missionaries; Slany Methodist Church in The Czech Republic; and NETWORK of Community Ministries.

This month the Mission Core spent about \$1,000 to assemble health kits for persons left temporarily homeless due to natural disasters or acts of human aggression. These personal hygiene kits packed in ziplock plastic bags are shipped to the United Methodist Depot in Baldwin LA. From there they are sent wherever needed. Hundreds have gone to Florida for those persons displaced by the hurricanes.

During the singing of the last hymn at each third-Sunday worship service, please place your financial gift at the chancel rail and say a silent prayer for all those persons who are depending on our generosity. Thank you for being so faithful in support of these ministries.

Come and help build Kendra's home

Spring Valley's participation in building Kendra Pope's Habitat for Humanity home begins this Saturday, September 18, and continues through October 30. Jobs are plentiful, and volunteers are needed all Saturdays of construction. Stop by the information table any Sunday in the hallway near the church offices for details, maps, and driving directions to the habitat site at 2615 Wilhurt in East Oak Cliff. Liability forms can be filled out early, saving time at the construction site. For more information on volunteering, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.



Noteworthy news Upcoming music



September 19

8:30 & 11:00, Chamber Singers,
Show Me Thy Ways

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Credo*

September 26

8:30 Youth Singers, *Be Not Afraid*

Youth Ringers, *You Are My All in All*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Canticle of Praise*

October 3

8:30 Men's Choir

11:00 Chancel Choir,

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

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.

Hymn supplement in use now

On Sunday, Sept. 12, our congregation used our new *Faith We Sing* hymnal supplements in the sanctuary. The comments were very favorable. Dedication Sunday is October 17 at 8:30 and 11:00. Several donations made this idea a reality. We want to thank the men who fold the *Behold* for putting the labels inside the front covers, and also those who made donations. Thank you to Gloria Smith, Elizabeth Kilgore, and Charlie and Chris Whisenand for placing the books into the sanctuary.

Dr. Scott Somers to teach

Dr. Scott Somers will teach a four-week class on the fundamentals of United Methodism on Sundays during the month of October. Classes will begin October 3 and run through October 24 in the Parlor, from 9:45 to 10:45 each week. All new members of the church are invited to attend, as well as anyone seeking more in-depth knowledge of our faith tradition. For more information, contact Rev. Anna Hoseman-Butler, ext. 19.

What's up for YOUTH...

September 19

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 Worship
3:30 p.m. Youth Ringers
4:30 p.m. Youth Singers
5:30 p.m. \$3 Snack Supper
6:00 til 7:30 UMYF - Discussion Night! Emily Rahm will lead a discussion called, "God-talk in the Movies." We'll watch some movie clips and look for comments about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, faith, scripture, forgiveness, repentance, sin, joy, happiness, love.

Big Thanks to John Sumner and Steve DeFoe for leading our discussion on "Abuse" at UMYF on September 12. You did a great job!

These are the three classes we are offering this fall in Youth Sunday School:

Pam Reese is leading "Secret Power for Girls," 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 is leading "Travel the Road," a video series about two adventurers willing to risk their lives to share the Gospel. We'll discuss missionary work, spiritual growth, faith, how we should respond to hardships and trials, endurance, and bearing fruit.

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

Best wishes to: Chris Haney, who has a broken elbow.

Ann Michele King, who is nearing completion of her chemo treatments.

Caitlin Tucker, who is awaiting results of her MRI.

Diana White, who has been ordered to bed-rest, until the baby comes.

Mark Your Calendars:

September 15 6:30 p.m.: Genesis Women's Shelter visit

October 30-31 Fall Retreat at Sky Ranch!

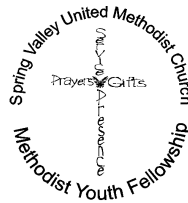
Why are you thankful?

Even though it's September, November will be here before we know it. With November comes 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 and 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.



"Spanish for travelers" class offered

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



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.



Sunday School news...

Aldersgate Class

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

Sept. 26 - Robert Gross will speak on the Guatemala Mission Team's experiences, accomplishments, and emotions. The presentation covers the places visited, the work, the people, the lessons learned, and how the team's faith was strengthened.

Beacon Class

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

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. 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. 19, 26 - Don Bowen

What's going on at NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE COUNCIL September, 2004

2005 "ENTERTAINMENT PASSBOOKS" for sale- only \$20.00

Help NSCI raise money! If each of the congregations that work with NSCI managed to sell 40 Entertainment Passbooks, it would result in \$10,000 to help scholarship children and youth in NSCI's free programs after-school and summers! The books make great gifts for friends, children, employees, etc. The book quickly pays for itself (and more) even with just one use! Enjoy discounts on dining from the Malachite Room's Sunday brunch to McDonald's, pizza, donuts, the Mesquite Rodeo, Six Flags, discount car washes, limousine service, \$5 grocery store discounts, rental car discounts, and more.

Please let Ana Melo or Janis Dumas know the dates your congregation is interested in selling. (We'll get books to you. Unsold books can be returned.) See if your Youth groups are interested in helping with booth sales. This is a great opportunity for Youth to help Youth. Call (972) 239-3501.

Volunteer "Fall Roundup" - Sept 16, 10:00 - 12:00

New and returning volunteers are invited to Neighborhood Service Council, Inc. for its Fall Roundup, Thursday September 16, at 10:00 a.m. There are many exciting things happening. You are welcome to bring a friend! This will be especially helpful to those ROC (Religious Organization Committee) Representatives who are recruiting BUG volunteers. Call (972)239-3509 to RSVP. For more info, ask for Janis Dumas at that number or leave a message for her at (972) 233-7671 ext. 25.

English as a second language (ESL) for adults

Registration will be September 15th and 16th from 3:00-7:30 p.m. Classes are every Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 7700 Spring Valley Road downstairs in the Youth Center. For more information, call Ana Melo (972) 239-3501.

Fall Programs

Help NSCI identify students for the following programs. We don't want any child left out. Call (972) 239-3501 with names of children - or to volunteer.

Adventure Time

NSCI opened its doors for the 2004-2005 "ADVENTURE TIME After-School Program" on August 19th. Registration is on-going for area low-income, latchkey children in need of supervision. Please help NSCI identify students who would otherwise be home alone in the apartments after school while parents work. Volunteers are needed to tutor and drive the van. (See below)

Soccer

NSCI is registering low-income youth for the upcoming soccer season which begins Sept. 13th. Students register with NSCI as part of the Soccer Start Program and play in the Dallas North Soccer Association (DNSA). No child will be turned away because of inability to pay. Equipment and uniforms are furnished. NSCI Registration forms are available at local schools and the NSCI office at 7700 Spring Valley Road. Call Jessie McClelland (972) 239-3501 for more information. Note: Coaches Meeting Sept. 23, 2004, 6:30 p.m. for U5-U6 and 7:30 p.m. for U8-U10.

Fall volunteer opportunities

Training is provided for all volunteers. (See "Training Sessions" below)

Tutors

Each year schedules change and even with all the wonderful returning volunteers, more volunteers are needed weekdays from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. to help ADVENTURE TIME students in Kindergarten - 6th grades with homework, reading, math skills, and computers. Tutoring is conducted in the B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) Room of NSCI offices located at Spring Valley United Methodist Church, 7700 Spring Valley Road. Call (972) 239-3501 for more information.

Van drivers

NSCI needs drivers Monday through Friday for after-school pickups beginning at 2:30. The NSCI van is insured and used for all program transportation. The van never rolls without an NSCI staff person on board in addition to the driver. Drivers must be at least 25 years of age and have a safe driving record. Please call Jessie McClelland (972) 239-3501 or Janis Dumas (972) 233-7671 ext. 25 for more information.

Soccer coaches

Area Youth Need Your Help! The fall soccer season is fast approaching and NSCI is on the lookout for fall coaches. Community volunteers willing to coach are needed for teams for 5 - 14 year old. No prior coaching experience needed. North Texas Coaches Clinics will help you no matter what level of experience you have. NSCI Soccer is a great way to help youth avoid gangs and delinquency. Please call (972) 239-3501 or (972) 233-7671 ext. 25 for more information or to volunteer.

Training sessions

KEYS (Keeping Every Youth Safe) TRAINING - Sept 14, 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.

This is an excellent (and required) orientation and training session for individuals wishing to volunteer their gift of time to help children in NSCI programs. Call (972) 239-3501 to reserve a spot for this September 14th training. Please help spread the word!

Cottonwood Park cleanup

Join Texas Instruments for a morning trash pick-up and stay afterwards for a volunteer thank-you party. Cottonwood Park Dallas, 8500 Midpark Road, September 25th, 10am - 2pm. Bring your work gloves, tools and friends. RSVP Carolyn Holubec (214) 480-6891. See how far this project the churches worked on in the early 1900's has come. *"Working Together Works!"*

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

Courtney Elliott

Caitlin Tucker

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

Carol Barge's friend, Roberta Hoag

Tom and Donna Campbell's friend,

Marvin Burford

The Elliott family's friend, Helen Fogerty

Rachel Harries' friend, Theresa

Greg Huffaker's mother, Ina Huffaker

Paula Tarver's mother and sister

Bruce and Clay Tucker's friend, Clark Mitson

Jerry and Patti Malone's son-in-law

Jan Hudgins' cousin

Judy Coke

Alice Cromwell's friend, Betsy Dyche

Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney

Steve Cronenberg's parents

Janet Robertson's friends, Tom & Stacy Preisser

and Melinda & Randy Foster

Mark Wood's parents

Pam Reese's cousin, Brandon

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

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:

Dave Booth and family in the birth of his first
great granddaughter, Madeline Claire Carlson

Deepest Sympathy to:

Mike Saverline and family in the death
of his grandmother