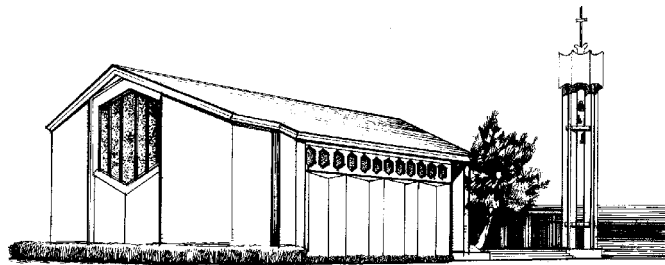


# Behold!

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## It takes a congregation...

As Daniel Milner gave a wonderful message in contemporary Service last Sunday, a book title by a former president's wife made me think, "It takes a congregation to raise a minister."

The members of Spring Valley United Methodist church can be enormously proud of Daniel Milner as he prepares for seminary next spring. When a young person from SVUMC answers God's call to enter ordained ministry, it is in part because of our Children's ministry, our Youth programs, our Music department, our staff, our pastors, and each individual who says a kind word, helps out in a program, teaches a class, provides financial support, and lifts up prayers for God's work. None of this diminishes Rich and Dorothy's role in rearing a fine young man (you only have to shake hands with them to see the pride in their eyes), but every member should feel that he/she is also part of his development.

Although Daniel will be working with another church and will be gone from our weekly fellowship, we still have a responsibility to support him with our prayers, letters and emails. As his home church we will affirm our support for his training each year at Charge Conference.

Each of us plays a part in teaching, encouraging and developing young Christians, and watching Daniel last Sunday helped me realize again what a wonderful job we do of that here at Spring Valley UMC. It truly takes a congregation to raise up a minister.

*Frank Andersen, Chair  
Administrative Board*



## Welcome, new members



**Lisa and Chris Newton**

**Brayden and Allie**

7711 El Padre Ln.  
Dallas, 75248  
972-788-0089

## Aldersgate class extends invitation

*Sunday, September 21*

The Spring Valley Guatemala Mission Team will report to the Aldersgate class on their mission trip. Come and see the images, and hear the personal reflections of the nine team members as they explain painted rocks, 27 speed bumps, the Mayan Tim Conway, bad sheep, and napkin and toilet paper art. The overwhelming success of this trip was due to Spring Valley's membership support, a lot of hard work, and faith in God. All are welcome to join us on the 21st.

*Sunday, September 28*

"Spiritual Gifts Defined" - Elizabeth Gross will lead in a study of the biblical foundation of spiritual gifts with the goal of gaining an appreciation for how such gifts manifest themselves today. "Serving from the Heart" is a series Aldersgate will periodically study throughout the fall.

## Habitat for Humanity



Construction on the Habitat house is continuing at a fast pace. There are only 7 more Saturdays left to work on the house. It will be completed on November 1st and dedicated on November the 8th. If you are want to become involved in this mission project, contact Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

Remember the Dimes-a-Day offering on Sunday, September 21, will go to Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat and be used to build Habitat houses for deserving families here in Dallas. Your generous support will be appreciated.

## Red letter day on October 5

Make that red letter "B" for blood. That's the day Carter BloodCare will be at Spring Valley for its semi-annual blood drive.

Besides the good feeling of knowing your donation might save someone's life, each donor is eligible to join Carter BloodCare's Life Plan. With enrollment, there are some personal financial savings if you or your family ever need blood. For more information, call 1-800-366-2834, Ext. 5125.

Our drive will be held in Asbury Hall from 9am-1:45pm. If you reserve a time period, plan to spend about 45 minutes. However, walk-ins are welcome as well. Sign up tables are in the hall each Sunday morning. Volunteers are also needed to help with sign-ins and serving refreshments following donation. For more information and/or to volunteer, call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

## Steve Blow to speak on October 29

Dallas Morning News columnist Steve Blow will be in Wesley Hall on Wednesday, October 29, for a program and book signing. The Spring Valley UMW is sponsoring this event, which is a benefit for the C.C. Young Auxiliary. Signed copies of the book "Blow by Blow" will be on sale benefitting the auxiliary. Coffee is at 10:00 in Wesley Hall, and the program, at 10:30.

Tickets are \$10 and are available now. Please see Betty Hopper or Barbara Zoeller for tickets.

## SMU football anyone?

Join Congregational Life for college football, SMU vs. Boise State, on Saturday, October 18, United Methodist Day at SMU. Tickets are \$10 and must be ordered by September 24. We'll take orders and money on Sundays, September 7, 14, and 21. Your \$10 ticket is also your dart rail ticket to the Mockingbird station where a shuttle will take you, at no extra cost, to SMU's stadium. Come early and march with the band down the Boulevard before the game, or just meet us at the stadium. We'll see you there.

Alice and Dianne

## Noteworthy news

### Upcoming Music

September 21

8:30 & 11:00

solo, Jeanne Larrañaga

11:00 Chancel Choir

*Go Out with Joy*

September 28

8:30 Youth Singers

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

8:30 Youth Ringers

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

clarinet, Irling Iverson

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Look at the World*

### Youth Singers planning meeting

Tuesday, September 30, at 7pm, is our first business meeting of the year. Everyone is needed to help. As we look at our calendar, the fund raisers, the Florida choir tour, our musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, we do in fact have visions of how we can be a part of those activities that God is blessing. We need you! Parents - we can't accomplish our goals or be all that God wants us to be as the organization of the Youth Singers without your help.

### Youth Singers musical auditions

October 5, 1:30-5:30

We will teach choreography to *Song of the King*, starting at 1:30, and have group dance auditions.

## Common Ground Praise Band to hold auditions

Our Praise Band currently needs a male lead vocalist and lead guitar player. Auditions will be held this Sunday, September 21, and next Saturday, September 27. Call or email Sara Pair for more information or to schedule an audition, 972-233-7671, spair@svumc.org.



## Just a reminder...

...that you need to contact Paula Huffaker in the church office, 972-233-7671, x14, to reserve a hallway table for Sunday morning.

## Spring Valley Travelers trips, 2003

November 5-7 - Ozark Fall Foliage \$419

Call Chris Parton for details at 972-239-3369.

## What's new with YOUTH...

Sunday September 21

9:30am Gather for Sunday School

*Note starting time!*

11am Worship

5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper

5:50-8:30pm UMYF: Speaker, Michael Franzese at Highland Park UMC. Free!

This Sunday at UMYF, we will travel to Highland Park UMC to hear speaker Michael Franzese. Mr. Franzese has an amazing, thrilling, terrifying, renewing story about his life in the mob, his conversion to Christianity, and how he walked away from life as a connected criminal. We will leave promptly at 5:50pm and return shortly after 8pm. This is a free event!

**Note Time Change for this week only!**

### Youth Sunday School news

This Sunday, September 21, we will begin our "University Style" Sunday school. There are still some spaces left in each of the four classes, and that means that there is room for you! See you on Sunday!

Each Sunday, we will all gather together at 9:30 for announcements, prayer, and singing, etc. Then we will disperse to our different classes. Your teachers urge those students enrolled in "Case for Faith" and "Bad Girls of the Bible" to remember your reading.

### Best wishes to:

Chandler Knox, who was injured in last Friday's football game.

### Bible study update

Youth Bible Study has returned to Wednesday Nights for the Fall Semester. Please join us from 7:45-8:45 most Wednesdays this semester for Bible Study. We are going to take a spiritual walk through the Gospel According to Mark. Make plans to be there. You'll be glad you did!!

### Mark Your Calendars!!

Sept 27 Day Trip to Dr Pepper Museum, \$5, plus lunch and snack money

Sept 28 Paint-Ball for UMYF, we leave church at 1:15 p.m.

\$20 plus snack money

Sept 28 Matt Neely free concert at FUMC Richardson, 6:30pm

Nov 1-2 Fall RETREAT

July 9-18, 2004, ASP 2004

## Children's Ministries upcoming events

*Saturday, September 20*

Confirmation Field Trip to Temple Shalom

*Sunday, September 21*

Noon, October Sunday School

teacher training meeting

*Sunday, October 19*

Children's Sabbath

and 3rd Grade Bible Presentation



## Seekers class

September 21 & 28 - Rev. John Ogden

## Beacon class

### "CARE"-actors in the Book of Acts

*The story of the leaders of the early "Jesus" Movement and how their lives impact us as we seek to be "followers of Jesus" in the 21st Century.*

September 21 Philip, the Ideal Evangelist

Join us in Asbury Hall at 9:30am. John

Dvorak leads this series dealing with characters (CARE-actors) in the Book of Acts.

## Basic Bible study to begin



Don Barnes will teach a 14-week basic Bible study starting September 28 on Sunday mornings at 9:45. Call Sara Pair, 972-233-7671, to sign up and for more information.

## There's still a chance...

...to participate in the Christian Writers study group. This group will continue through next year, and plans to meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in Asbury Hall.

## NSCI has service opportunities

There are a variety of ways in you can offer support to the children served by the Neighborhood Council after-school and summer-camp programs:

**Passbooks:** Entertainment Passbooks are for sale for only \$20 (most groups sell them for more).

The books make great gifts and quickly pay for themselves with useful discounts.

**Tutors:** Volunteers are needed weekdays from 4:30 – 6pm to help students in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade with homework.

**Van Drivers:** NSCI needs drivers Monday through Friday for after-school pickups, beginning at 2:30pm.

**Soccer Coaches:** Volunteers are needed to coach teams K-12<sup>th</sup> grade; no prior coaching experience is needed.

For Passbook orders and/or volunteer information, call 972-239-3501.



## 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.

### Hospitalized

Verleen Sloan, Richardson  
Regional Medical Center

### SVUMC Church Family

John Hutchins  
Betty Schoonover  
Randy Smith  
Fayrene Pospisil  
Bob McGuire  
Dottie Cheek  
Georgie Ann Davis  
Sandra Guthrie  
Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Sharon Hall's mother, Carolyn Ozment  
Herb and Cynthia Lee's daughter-in-law's  
sister, Ann Waldron  
Elizabeth Wood's grandmother  
Jeanne Larranaga's nephew, Bill Clark  
Roger Martens' father, Walter  
Herb Lee's father, Ed  
Those with ongoing concerns  
Our Missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church

### Congratulations to:

Jeff and Cheryl Seay on the birth of a son,  
Ethan Walker Seay  
Jolene and Steve Harper on the birth of a grand-  
daughter, Samantha Gayle Smith