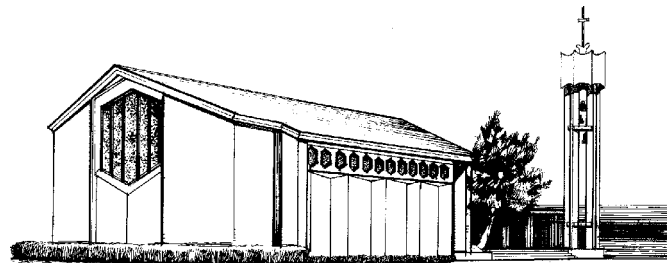


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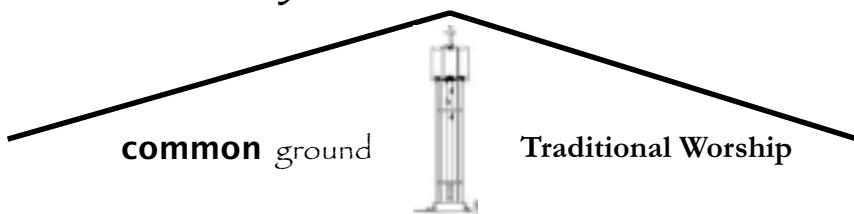
Kairos Prison Ministry making a difference

The Kairos Prison Ministry is asking for help for an upcoming prison ministry weekend. Ministry inside the darkness of a maximum-security prison is not possible without prayer! They need our PRAYER SUPPORT! We can do that!

The Kairos team has prepared a set of colored paper, serrated into strips with specific day and time, (specifically Thursday, October 6 through Sunday, October 9th), to pray for the residents of the prison, administrative staff, unit chaplain and the Kairos team. The Kairos team will cut the prayer strips and make a long, colorful prayer chain to be presented to the 42 residents.

Please look for this prayer list coming thru your Sunday school class or on a table in the hallway on Sunday, September 25. Kairos appreciates our help - please sign up to pray and support this wonderful program!

Come Sunday...



September 25 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 2:1-13
"Let This Mind Be in You"
Megan Williams

Philippians 2:1-13
"Make My Joy Complete"
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

October 2 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost - World Communion Sunday
Beginning of Stewardship Emphasis Month

Genesis 14:17-24
"The Trick of the Tithe"
Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Genesis 14:17-24
"The Origins of An Instinct"
Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

October holds fellowship and study

SVUMC's Community Life together for October includes occasions for worship, fellowship, discipleship and study.

Each Wednesday during October, a special Fellowship Meal will be served in Wesley Hall from 5:30-6:30pm. We will have an opportunity to share a delicious, home-cooked, kid-friendly meal with members of our faith family. To make reservations, call the church office.

In addition, on Wednesdays during the month, Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler will facilitate a class beginning at 6:30 on "God's Politics," a study of the relationship between faith and justice in the political arena. To reserve your space in the class or for information, call Anna at the church, ext. 19.

On Wednesday, October 19, Dr. Don Benton will speak after the fellowship dinner about his personal journey of stewardship. Benton is a former pastor at Spring Valley UMC who now is interim President of Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas. He is a sought-after speaker and has long and faithful ties to the Spring Valley UMC faith community. All are encouraged to attend this very special program.

The month of October is set as Stewardship Emphasis time at Spring Valley. Look for further details about this endeavor and watch for the special "people" who will adorn the church. Sunday, Oct. 2 is also World Communion Sunday-a time of worship in which we remember our connection to Christians all over the world who share the sacrament of the Eucharist that day. October is an exciting time to be a part of this faith community. Make your plans to attend worship and share in the life of Christ which is abundant here.

* please check *NOTEworthy*
news column for music offerings

*Special music by the Praise Band

What's up for YOUTH...

Hello everyone!

Thank God for the ability to reason! We had a great time talking about our ability to reason and how that connects to pop culture on Sunday night. We will be looking at pop culture through several lenses the next few weeks-so don't miss out. !!!ATTENTION!!! Here is the list of events coming up soon...



Sept.

25 - Youth singers & ringers-8:30 worship, Ringers-7:30am, Singers-7:45am
- UMYF - Faith Growth night - Experience (Pop Culture Series)

Oct.

SMALL GROUPS WILL START

2 - UMYF - Faith growth night - Scripture (Pop Culture Series)
- Youth musical Auditions - 1:30pm
9 - UMYF - Faith Growth night - Tradition (Pop Culture Series)
16 - UMYF - Let's talk about ... Stewardship!
22 - YAM JAM - in Golden, TX. ALL DAY EVENT. Bring \$10 for lunch.
23 - UMYF - Say what? - Communication
30 - UMYF - All Hallows Eve Celebration - until 8:00pm

Nov.

5-6 - FALL RETREAT @ Pine Cove Retreat Center
6 - NO YOUTH EVENING ACTIVITIES

Reminders....

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

2 - Doris Simonson and Lisa Phillips

25 - Tracy Rahm and Harriet Carroll

UMYF is on Sunday nights from 6pm (5:30 w/ supper) until 7:30. If there is a change, it will be noted. Youth Music: 3:30-Ringers, 4:30-Singers
Small Groups! Coming in October. Wednesday nights 7-8:30pm. We are looking for vibrant volunteers to help lead our youth in discipleship! If you would like to lead a small group, please call us. We are also looking for host homes that are close to the church. We are looking forward to what God will do in this ministry! 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

Youth group needs you!

The youth department is looking for vibrant adults to mentor youth in a small group setting. These small groups will be modeled after John Wesley's societies, and exist as a place of accountability and prayer for youth. By leading a group of 5-10 youth, you will be able to use the wonderful gifts and experiences God has given you .

For information on this volunteer opportunity, call Megan or Jared at 972-233-7671, or email mwilliams@svumc.org or jwilliams@svumc.org. We look forward to working with you!

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.

Prime Timers plan next trip

The Prime Timers had a fun time on Saturday, September 17 at the Hopkins County Fair. Over 20 went on the trip, and we picked up one more in Sulphur Springs - Ben Dickerson's mother, Annie Lou. She arranged VIP accommodations for us at the Fair site and even made several delicious cakes for our dessert. It surely does help to have friends with connections.



Our next adventure will be a short journey to downtown **Grapevine** on **Thursday, October 20**. (If anybody's mama lives there, let us know.)

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.



Our youth are active outside of church!

Left, Chris McEnaney

Right, Charlotte Carroll



Extending God's Path	
YTD Budget:	\$710,962
Total received to date	689,961
Received Sept. 18	10,965
Attendance, Sept. 18	361
<i>Give God what's right, not what's left</i>	

NOTEworthy news...

Worship & Music Offerings

Upcoming music:

Sunday, October 2

8:30 Men's Choir - *My Gratitude Now Accept, O God*

11:00 Chancel Choir - *What Shall I Render to My God?*

Sunday, October 9

8:30 Youth Singers *Come With Rejoicing*

8:30 Youth Ringers *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

8:30 & 11:00 Risen (Youth Praise Band) *Sing to the Lord, God's in the House, and The Lord's Prayer*

11:00 Carol Choir, Cherub Choir & Joyful Singers

11:00 Children's Bell Choirs



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

Sept. 25 - Dr. Phil Plunk, the Salud y Paz medical/dental clinic in Xela, Guatemala and Camanchaj.

Oct. 2 - Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, the British Methodist Church's response to terrorism.

Oct. 9 - Paul Christley, a presentation on this year's Bolivia Mission trip.

Oct. 16 - Robert Gross, a presentation on this year's Guatemala Mission trip.

Beacon Class

Sept. 25 - GOD

Oct. 2 - Jesus, Part I

Oct. 9 - Jesus, Part II

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

Sept. 25 - Rev. Renshaw - Prayer in Public Schools
Please join us at 9:45am (9:30-coffee & sweets) for discussion of these important and controversial subjects. Bill Hunter, 1-719-379-2558

Parents of Teenagers - Room 192

We are studying a book called *Making Love Last a Lifetime*, by Adam Hamilton. We will go to lunch following church, so we hope you can join us.

Choirs are off and running for the Fall...

Shown are Chamber Singers...



...Youth Ringers

...and Youth Singers!



Appeal to help extended church family

Thirty-one members of the Arrington extended family have relocated here from New Orleans with nothing. The Mission Core resolved to help and emergency monetary gifts were made. Beds have been donated, as family members were moved into 10 apartments. The following items are ways in which you can help:



1. Bed linens, blankets, towels
2. Household items needed for kitchen and bathrooms
3. Furniture, new or in good condition (beds not needed)
4. Clothing needs for Arrington family
5. Paper goods for kitchen and bathroom

BOYS —CLOTHES 6 – 7 – 8

SHIRTS —12/14—14—18—L

PANTS — 12/14—16—18

SHOES — 5—7—9—10 ½—11

LADIES –

DRESS — 14/16—16—18

SHIRTS — M—L—XL—2X

PANTS — 6/7 T—14—16—
18—9/10—18/20T

SHOES — 8 to 10 ½—(9W)

GIRLS – CLOTHES 7—10/12

SHOES — Kids 12—(6 ladies?)

MENS –

SHIRTS —L—XL—1X

PANTS —32/30—32/31—36/32
—38/32—36/?

SHOES —8 to 11

6. Job Opportunities:

construction/bricklayer, human resource in health care, athletic coach, teacher, cashier, restaurant manager.

We're trying to provide furnishings for 10 apts. for this extended family so they can have the needed basics. We ask you to be very specific when responding with these items, number of items, and sizes when applicable.

Also needed is a truck, SUV, and/or Van and volunteer to help with delivery of donated goods. E-mail Neil Williams at nbwms@comcast.com, or call him at 972-238-5608.

Blood drive is October 16

Carter BloodCare has asked Spring Valley to donate additional units of blood as part of our regularly scheduled drive. Much of their Louisiana blood supply was lost in the hurricane. Additionally, of course, there are thousands of ill and injured persons as a result of Katrina.

If you have never felt motivated to donate, now is the time to step forward. There are very few donor restrictions. Let's do what we can at Spring Valley to insure that those who need blood have that resource available!

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 ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net, or 972-386-4670, and let her know what you would like to contribute. Thank you!



Mission, continued...

On World-Wide Communion Sunday, Oct. 2, take an extra moment at the chancel rail and remember the scriptures related to Jesus *shedding* his blood for us. Now it's our turn to *share* our blood with an individual in need. All around the world, fellow Christians will be receiving this glorious sacrament.

You are invited to sign up beginning Sept. 25. For details about eligibility, visit the church website at www.carterbloodcare.org or call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

Habitat home is progressing

Volunteers are working every Saturday in Balch Springs on the latest house for Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH). By December it will be a completed **home!**

Already great progress has been made on walls, roof, and sheathing. The location is 1822 Jim Reinthal Court, in southeast Dallas, named in memory of RAIH Habitat volunteer Jim Reinthal. For more information and carpooling information, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288.

What a great way for us as a congregation to think of the gospel as a verb rather than a noun!

Oct. 16 our Sunday at Austin Street Centre

Spring Valley will serve breakfast to homeless men, women, and children on Oct. 16. From the usual capacity of 350 people, the numbers have now swelled to over 400 people each night. Spring Valley members will take sandwiches, fruit, juice, and cooked eggs, leaving the church at 4:30am.

We're also asking for non-perishable food so that when people are moved into permanent housing, they can take the food with them. Please bring the food on the third Sunday and we'll take it on a separate trip.

This ministry is one of the most personal and satisfying ways to be in mission. Serving breakfast and the return trip to the church is always completed in time for your attendance at the worship service of your choice...thus, a time for a prayer of gratitude for all the gifts we have been given. Sign-up tables will be in the hall beginning Oct. 2. For more information, call Steve or Dana Taylor, 972-234-9867.

Elementary School news

Kindergarten through 5th grade students are learning about three Bible characters, Peter, Paul, and Priscilla who were all transformed by Christ. Through the Holy Spirit they were made into "new creations."



We are also learning about the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control from Galatians 5:22-23. The fruits of the spirit are character traits in each one of us and allow others to see that we have been transformed by Christ.

Sunday, Sept. 25	Sunday, Oct. 3
Game: 4th/5th	Game: 2nd/3rd
Video: K/1st	Video: 4th/5th
Computer: 2nd/3rd	Computer: K/1st

October 9 is our Celebration Sunday. On this day we will celebrate the unit and all that we have learned.

We need teachers and shepherds for future units. If you would like to volunteer in this important teaching ministry of the church, please call Jan Hudgins, Director of Children and Family Ministries at 972-233-7671 or email jhudgins@svumc.org

Time to get your nametag

We still have many nametags left that people have not claimed. For those of you in the Common Ground service, check the table in the Loggia and see if your nametag is there. Thank you for helping us to get this program working.

Plans slated for future Guatemalan trips

As we were unable to accommodate everyone who wanted to go on 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.

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	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 barbarazoe@sbcglobal.net ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net

4th annual Aldersgate golf tournament

This golf tournament benefits Aldersgate charities and the Katrina relief funds. It is sponsored by Spring Valley United Methodist church. It will be on Thursday, October 6, at Sherrill Park Golf Course at 1pm with a shot gun start.

We would like to challenge all North Texas Conference churches to enter as many teams as possible. The winning team will have their names and their church's name put on a silver trophy which they will have the opportunity of keeping until the following year.

Barbeque and beverages will be served following the tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. We look forward to enjoying a great day of golf and fellowship for a worthy cause. Please complete the registration form and mail as soon as possible. You may sign up as an individual and be placed on a team or provide your own team with an A,B,C, and D player. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, please indicate your choice of either donating a prize, sponsoring a hole or monetary donation. Checks should be made payable to Aldersgate Golf Tournament and mailed to Spring Valley United Methodist Church, 7700 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX, 75254, Attention: Don Finnie. For more info, call Ben Dickerson, 972-437-0345, or email BDickerson4@aol.com.

Name _____

Handicap _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Team Registration: Please complete a form for each player and mail in as a team.

___ Enclosed is my \$100 entry fee

___ Unable to attend, but I can contribute \$ _____

___ Unable to attend but can sponsor a hole for \$100

___ Unable to attend but would like to donate a prize or giveaway.

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

Erin Rogers

SVUMC Church Family

Mary Jo Walker

Lisa Phillips

Terry Holburn

Charles Hudgins

Randy Smith

Eva Dawkins

Betty Carter

Nancy Bryan

Joe Tureckey

Bill Darnall

Ann Michele King

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Megan Mendenhall's friend, Adriane Garner

Caleb Hudgins' great grandmother,

Beth Mayberry

Harriet Carroll's mother and father

Dorothy and Rich Milner's granddaughter,

Caitlin Robertson

Suellen Turner's dad, Dick Donley, and

her friend's brother-in-law, Bob Drummond

Cassie Dickerson's friend's family

Randy & Margaret Smith's daughter, Camille

Steve and Beverly Curtis' grandson, Owen

Jim Yates

Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson

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

Gary and Jacqui Hopper

Kim Cox

Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson

Greg Haase

Donna Campbell's friend, Ashley Wilson

SVUMV friend, Greg Haase

Barbara and Frank Zoeller's friend,

Meg Brophy

Roger and Jo Martens' daughter

All persons serving in the military

SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos

Slay United Methodist Church

All Katrina hurricane victims

Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Bill Hunter in the death of his cousin,

Sherman Clifton