

Behold!

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"Second Helping" night, Wednesday, October 13

Kathy Peel, "America's Family Manager," will present a special program on "Building a Family Team: How to rescue your family from everyday stress for a peaceful, positive home." Kathy Peel is a nationally known author and the owner of a business which provides resources and products to help build strong families.



She offers advice for families with adult children, as well as toddlers and teens. Peel has appeared on *Oprah*, *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show*, *CNN*, *HGTV*, and *The Discovery Channel*. She has also been featured in *Reader's Digest* and *Ladies Home Journal*, and is a contributing editor to *Woman's Day*.

In the "Second Helpings" program, she will address topics that include balancing competitive time demands, self-care for all family members, and how to work smarter — not harder. She will also have copies of her latest book, *The Family Manager Saves the Day*, for purchase and autograph.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 followed by Ms. Peel's presentation at 6:30. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit hurricane relief for the homeless in the Florida Panhandle. Reservations are required for the meal only and may be made by calling the church office.

Children's Sabbath, 2004

On Sunday, October 10, we will observe Children's Sabbath at the 8:30 and 11am services in the sanctuary.

Children's Sabbath is an annual interfaith event celebrated by congregations across our nation. We will join our prayers, services, and voices with thousands of congregations and millions of members committed to assuring love and justice for our nation's children. On this day we will proclaim that every child is a child of God, and we will reflect on God's call to nurture and protect children. We will commit to providing the love and justice that all children need. Thirteen million children live in families not getting enough to eat - each one a child of God...going hungry. Bring a child-friendly food item for our special collection for Network of Community Ministries on the Oct. 10 and help feed a hungry child of God.

Youth Singers will be the service choir at 8:30 and the Children's Choirs will sing at 11:00.



Why are you thankful?

November and Thanksgiving are around the corner, and Congregational Life would like to know what you are thankful for this year. Please consider God's gifts in your life and share your thoughts on paper. We will put them in the curio cabinets in the narthex during November. You may write them down (about 100 words or less) and give them to Mickey George or Gerry Broome, or email Gerry at ggbroome@aol.com. Submission deadline is October 15. Thank you for sharing your gratitude with our church family.



"Purpose Driven Life" study to be offered

A study of "The Purpose Driven Life" will begin on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 7pm in the Confirmation Room. Classes will be held through the first week in December. Facilitators are Dorothy and Richard Milner. This study is for anyone desiring to learn more about spiritual growth. Reservations required. Contact Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, #19.

What's Up For YOUTH

Sunday, October 3

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship

3:30pm Youth Ringers

4:30pm Youth Singers

5:30pm Leave the church parking lot for Plaza of the Americas. Please Note!

For **UMYF on OCTOBER 3**, we will drive to the Plaza of the Americas to play Broomball on their ice rink. It's about \$10, plus snack money. We'll eat sack supper in the vans on the way down to maximize our play time on the ice. This means that we leave the church at 5:30pm. We'll return to the church about 8pm. Tennis shoes and long pants are recommended.

In **Youth Sunday School**, we are using these three classes to learn how to be disciples for Jesus Christ. Pam Reese is leading "Secret Power for Girls." George Reese is leading "Travel the Road." Frank Rahm is leading a study of the United Methodist Church. Each class lasts six weeks, and is designed for you to join at any time.

The **2004 Fall Retreat** is Oct. 30-31 at Sky Ranch! The theme is "Fall to Grace." Registration forms are available at the website. Registration cost is only \$50.

Note to all youth and parents: the monthly youth newsletter is now available on-line at the church website. Beginning in October, the web version will be the only newsletter available.

Our visit to Genesis Women's Shelter, originally scheduled for October 13, will be later in the month. Please make a note of this change!

Mark Your Calendars:

Sun., Oct. 3 UMYF: Broomball! (Bring about \$10 plus snack money.)

Parents, we'll return to the church about 8:00

Tues., Oct. 26 Parents meeting. Youth Singers; general youth ministry business

Sat., Oct. 30-31, Fall Retreat at Sky Ranch!



Sunday School news...

Beacon Class

Oct. 3 CARE...Carrying the Cross

Oct. 10 The Man with Two Umbrellas

Oct. 17 Called to be Christophers

Oct. 24 Red Blood, Black Ink, Night Shifts...and God

Oct. 31 Understanding Is within Your Reach

Christian Parenting

Oct. 3 - *Serving from the Heart*, led by Cynthia Pharr Lee

Oct. 10-31 - *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families*, led by Mickey George

Fellowship Bible Sunday School

We always welcome new faces. Everyone is invited.

Call Bill or Lou Wilkin, 972-392-1486.

Friends

Oct. 3 - *Serving from the Heart*, led by Cynthia Pharr Lee

This new class for mid-20's - early 40's, meets at 9:45am in Room 216. Call Betsy Willis, 972-380-8555, for details, or email her at willisbf@yahoo.com.

Seekers

Oct. 3 - Richard Hearne - local church finances

Oct. 10 - Don Smith - Starting new churches

Oct. 17 - Rusty King on Baptism

Oct. 24 - Lana VanGiesen on Care Facilities

Oct. 31 - Stacy Ellis - Our Neighborhoods

Wesleyan Class

Oct. 3 Pat & Paul Christley: Guatemala Mission

Oct. 10 TBD

Oct. 13 Monthly luncheon at Southern Recipe Café

Oct. 17-31 TBD

Aldersgate Class

Oct. 3 - The actress Evelyn Hinds will portray Corrie ten Boom who survived the Holocaust and traveled around the world with a message of hope and love. We welcome other classes to come.

Oct. 10 - Amy Cummins, community relations officer, and a student Ambassador from the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, Texas, will speak about life at the Methodist Children's Home.

Melodrama proves a "dramatic" success!



From left to right: Alice McElroy, Burt Copeland, Jan Hudgins, Judy Hitch, Max Taylor, and Larry George

Blood drive is October 17, free t-shirts for donors

Asbury Hall is the site for Spring Valley's blood collection through Carter Blood Center. The need for all blood types is urgent, so you are encouraged to donate if you qualify.

Stop by one of the tables on Sunday, Oct. 3, to reserve a time best suited to your schedule. The entire process takes about 45-60 minutes. The feeling of having done a "very good thing" will last much longer! Think of this as an opportunity of gratitude to give a gift of life in the name of our Lord. What better way could we possibly humble ourselves before Christ than to give of our own blood? Volunteers are also needed to assist during the collection time. If you can help, please call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915.

Habitat thanks Spring Valley

Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat extends a special thanks to Spring Valley for its participation in

Saturday's September 25 build day. A great meal was enjoyed by all volunteers, thanks to the Chancel Choir and other members from the congregation. Spring Valley was also well represented at the work site with the construction skills of Chuck Apthorp, Bill Boyer, Ted



David Greenwell

Butler, David and Pauline Greenwell, Fred and Rhonda Huser, Mark and Heather Johnson, Rusty King, David Clegg, Dan Malin, and Gary Sheroke. Not only did everyone work hard but we also enjoyed the fellowship of others and sharing our time and skills.

If you want to experience this fellowship, join us any Saturday between now and October 30. To volunteer, stop by the Habitat table near the church office or contact Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

Help!

Pam Hiam needs pictures of SVUMC at its beginning. If you have any pictures you could share for the website, contact her, 972-596-9637, or email, phiam@aol.com. Your photos will be returned!

October UMW meeting scheduled for October 11

Our speaker will be Janis Dumas of Neighborhood Service Council, who will speak on NSCI's ministry to the children and youth of the SVUMC neighborhood. Lunch is at 11:30, and the program will begin at 12:15. Please call Betty Hopper if you need child care.

Our November meeting is Monday, November 8. We will have lunch and complete our preparation for the 31st Annual Harvest Bazaar on November 10 and 11. Also, mark your calendars for the evening of Monday, December 13, for our annual Christmas program. The dinner and program that evening will be a joint meeting of our day and evening UMW groups.



Noteworthy news

Upcoming music

October 3

8:30 Men's Choir, *Spirit of God*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord*

October 10

8:30 Youth Singers, *For the Beauty of the Earth*

11:00 Children's Choirs, *The Parable of the Sower*

The Unexpected Guest

Hymn Supplement Dedication Sunday,

October 17 at 8:30 and 11:00

Several donations made our new hymnals a reality. We thank Alice McElroy, Beacon Class, Aldersgate Class, Virginia Thomas, Mickey and Fran Starks, Charlie and Chris Whisenand, and an anonymous donor. Please join us for worship in the sanctuary!

Please remember ...

... to reserve a table for sign-ups in the hallway on Sunday mornings. We would also ask that you request a table for no more than four consecutive weeks. Thanks ahead of time for your cooperation. *also...*

Dr. Scott Somers will begin his class on the fundamentals of United Methodism from October 3 - 24 on Sundays in the Parlor, at 9:45am each week.

Lost and found

After the July 4 celebration, there was one unclaimed ice-cream scoop left. There was also a scoop missing. If you lent us an ice-cream scoop, please check to see if you arrived home with the same one. You may go to the Volunteer's Desk in the front office to make the switch.

You are invited to lunch!

Following the 11am services on Sunday, Oct. 24, the SVUMC mission team will serve a Guatemalan Appreciation Lunch to thank everyone for the support the mission team has received. It will be our joy and privilege to have Mrs. Joanne Plunk, Director of the Salud y Paz Mission, as our guest speaker. There is no cost for this luncheon...just come and enjoy the native cuisine! RSVP to the church, 972 233-7671, by Oct. 17. This is essential so that we will know how many to prepare for. Thank you for your support in making a difference in the lives of the Guatemalan people.



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

Floy Naugle

SVUMC Church Family

Jimmy Lockett

Terri Hartman

Rudy Guerra

Courtney Elliott

Caitlin Tucker

Susan Kasten

Prissy Shaffer

Vera Phillips

Les Smith

Ted Dumas

Nancy Troth

Catharine Gebhardt

Ann Michele King

Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Susan Kasten's brother

Nicole Fiorentino's brother, Matthew Feige

Helene Sherman

Chris & Lisa Newton's friends,

Kathy & Dwight McDuffie

Caroline Watson's friend, Minnie Sigler

Greg Huffaker's mother, Ina Huffaker

Paula Tarver's mother and sister

Jerry and Patti Malone's son-in-law

Jan Hudgins' cousin

Alice Cromwell's friend, Betsy Dyche

Kurt McEnaney's father, Dan McEnaney

Tracy Rahm's mother, Betty Wilson

Chris & Lisa Newton's friends,

Kathy & Dwight McDuffie

Larry & Mickey George's friend, Mike Nichols

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

Mark Wood's parents

Gerry Broome's father, George Gordon

Flood victims in Florida

People of Sudan

All persons serving in the military

Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Slangy United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

Tracy Rahm and family in the death of
her uncle, Vernon Hart

Mark your calendars: The Aldersgate Golf Tournament, is Thursday, October 7, at Sherrill Park Golf Course. The entry fee is \$100. Please call Ben Dickerson, 972-437-0345, or email him at BDickerson4@aol.com for details.