

Behold!

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Stewardship Committee announces fall campaign

This past Sunday, September 28, marked the beginning of our fall financial stewardship campaign, with the theme *Follow God's Path*.

Plans outlined by the Stewardship Committee include verbal testimonies in worship, written

testimonials in the Sunday bulletins and weekly newsletters, information/response packets, and the development of a commitment path leading to a replica of our landmark bell tower.

During the next six weeks, every member of our Spring Valley faith community will be invited and encouraged to give deliberate, thoughtful, and prayerful consideration to the increased levels of financial giving that will be needed to fulfill the vision for mission and ministry that God has given this congregation.

As decisions are reached and commitments are made over the course of the campaign, cobblestones will be added to the path, each bearing the name of the person/family who made a financial pledge. As the path is filled with cobblestones and nears the tower, the bell will also be gradually raised, marking our progress and anticipating November 16, Dedication Sunday, when we will celebrate the generosity and commitment of our Spring Valley family in reaching our visionary goal. (The bell tower and commitment path will be duplicated at both the sanctuary and Wesley Hall entrances.)

What can you do? Watch the Behold and Sunday bulletin for articles about the campaign; listen in worship to the personal testimonials; read thoughtfully the information contained in the pledge packet, and – most importantly of all – begin now to pray for the success of our fall stewardship campaign, that together we might ever more faithfully *Follow God's Path*.

World Communion to be celebrated on October 5

During all three services of worship on Sunday, October 5, we will join with Christian communities all across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday.

Our services will be marked with a special sanctuary altar setting, hymns from around the world (Argentina, France, South Africa), and liturgists who reflect the diversity and inclusiveness of our congregation, and liturgical dance at 11:00.

Lay Leader announces town hall meetings

Cynthia Pharr-Lee, our Spring Valley Lay Leader, has scheduled a series of "town hall" meetings to continue our long-range planning process.

Cynthia explains that "the goal of the meetings is to affirm the future direction of Spring Valley United Methodist Church and the resources and actions needed to reach these goals."

In order to facilitate the participation of as many of our members as possible, gatherings have been planned at the church on weekdays and weekends, during the day and in the evening. Please find a time that suits your schedule and plan to be a part of this important planning process for the future of Spring Valley. It would be helpful if you would pre-register your attendance by signing up at the table located in the loggia or by emailing Paula Huffaker at Phuffaker@svumc.org.

On a Sunday, Morning - Asbury Hall (date to be announced), Beacon classroom at 9:45

Monday, October 13 - Dining Room, 7pm

Friday, October 17 - Dining Room, 12noon
(brown bag lunch)

Thursday, October 30 - Dining Room, 7pm

Saturday, November 15 - Dining Room, 10am

Children's Ministries upcoming events

October 1 - Advent Workshop planning meeting at 6:30pm

October 19 - Children's Sabbath and dedication of new Rotation

Sunday School rooms at noon

October 26 - 11:00 Sanctuary service, Third Grade Bible Presentation



Noteworthy news

Upcoming Music

Sunday, October 5

8:30 Men's Choir, *For the Healing of the Nations*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Brother James's Air*

Sunday, October 12

8:30 Ladies Ensemble, *Trust and Obey*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Praise God with Cymbals*

Sunday, October 19

8:30 Youth Singers, *The House of the Lord*

8:30 Youth Ringers, *Timbrel and Dance*

11:00 Children's Choirs, *Joyful Ringers*

Seasonal Singers are invited to sing Handel's *Messiah* December 6. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 15, 7:30-8:10

Youth Singers musical auditions are October 5, 1:30-5:30

Auditions will be held for *Joseph and the Amazing*



Technicolor Dreamcoat. We will teach choreography to "Song of the King" at 1:30 and have group dance auditions. The auditions for individual parts will follow, with results being announced that afternoon.

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 6th grade with homework.

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

Dimes-a-Day supports Habitat for Humanity

A special thanks to the congregation for their generous support of Habitat for Humanity.

Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH) was the recipient of the recent Dimes-a-Day collection of over \$1,300. On behalf of RAIH and Dallas Habitat for Humanity, we want to thank the congregation for both their financial support and the volunteers who work to make our community better, one house at a time.

Construction continues on our current Habitat home every Saturday through November 1st. If you would like to join in the work effort please sign up at the Habitat table near the church office. For information regarding the build call Rhonda Huser at 972-788-1288 or Bill Boyer at 972-661-2570.



Spring Valley Foundation meeting

The Spring Valley Foundation will hold their quarterly meeting on October 8 at 7pm in the Dining Room.

Have you forgotten...?

We still have several pictorial church directories that have not been picked up. Maybe you have forgotten about it, but now is the time to come by the church office and get your directory. For those whose picture was taken or our homebound members, the directory is available at no charge. For others, directories may be purchased for \$3.

also...

...that you need to contact Paula Huffaker in the church office, 972-233-7671, x14, to reserve a hallway table for Sunday morning. We are limiting the numbers of tables to four per Sunday.

Spring Valley Travelers trips, 2003

November 5-7 - Ozark Fall Foliage	\$419
December 6 - Norwegian Country Christmas day trip	\$ 52
December 31-January 1 - Branson New Year's Celebration	\$159
August 31, 2004 - Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 23 days	\$3,478
September 26, 2004 - Leisurely National Parks, 8 days	\$1,699
Call Chris Parton for details at 972-239-3369.	

What's new with YOUTH?

Sunday, October 5

9:30am Gather for Sunday School *Note starting time!*

11:00am Worship

1:30pm Youth Singers' Auditions for *Joseph!*

5:30pm \$3 Snack Supper

6-7:30pm UMYF: A discussion on "Religious Diversity"

led by Kay Holstien & Melissa DeFoe

Youth Sunday School News

After only two Sundays of our University Style Sunday School, the reviews are in-everybody is very positive about this format! Students are learning more, teachers are enjoying it more, and it's a spiritual experience for everybody there. There is always room for you, so please join us every Sunday morning!

Each Sunday, we will all gather 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.

UMYF News: Our new Youth Rooms are really providing a super place for our group to grow in spirit and in fellowship. This Sunday, our own Kay Holstien & Melissa DeFoe will lead a discussion on *Religious Diversity*. It's sure to be a great time together, so please come to support Kay & Melissa.

For UMYF on October 12, we have a special event planned! We will go to the Skyview Planetarium for a special lesson on God & Creation. This is a free event, and it's going to be awesome!

Youth Singers: During this Sunday's auditions for next spring's Youth Singers musical, *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, the youth rooms will be open for fellowship, homework, rest, hanging out, watching football on TV, and more.

Youth Bible Study has returned to Wednesday Nights for the fall semester. Please join us from 7:45-8:45 this semester for Bible study. We will take a spiritual walk through the Gospel according to Mark. Make plans to be there.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Sunday, October 12 – UMYF at the Skyview Planetarium

Saturday, October 18 – Day trip to the State Fair of Texas, free admission courtesy of Steve Ledbetter (thanks Steve!), but money still needed for snacks and rides, but there is plenty to see and do for FREE at the fair!

Nov 1-2 – Fall RETREAT

Dining out?

Please consider going to Steak and Ale, as our partnership with their restaurants will provide a refund check to the church for 10% of the net amount of your guest receipt. They have expanded their lunch

and dinner menus to include many "other than beef" items. Enjoy your meal, then drop off your itemized receipts in the marked basket in our workroom.

Questions - contact Betty Williams 972-238-5608.



Seekers class

October 5 - Oliver Axtell will speak about his mission trip to Brazil last August.

October 12 - Roger and Jo Martens will talk about their SVUMC mission trip to Guatemala.

October 16 - Dr. Don Renshaw will speak on the Middle East (a follow-up of a talk in September).

Beacon class

October 5 - "Troas: Tragedy or Triumph"

October 12 - "Life at the End of a Bungee Rope"

October 19 - "God's Plan for Human Suffering"

October 26 - "When Death Knocks at the Door"

These messages will deal with the kind of interruptions that come to all of us in life - death, disease, disappointment, disillusionment, heartbreak, broken dreams, broken relationships, job loss, career changes, and the need for forgiveness and reconciliation. The Beacon Class meets in Asbury Hall from 9:30 - 10:45am. All visitors are welcome - singles and couples. John Dvorak will lead the class in this series.

UMW meets on October 13

The UMW will meet on Monday, October 13, in Asbury Hall. We will hear a report from Nancy DeCourcy, a member of the Guatemala Mission Team, about their recent trip to Guatemala. Lunch is at 11:30 and the program is at 12:15. We'll see you here.



Aldersgate class

October 5 - "Serving from the Heart" - an exploration of spiritual gifts - continues with a session on Talents and Resources. The class will gain an understanding of talents as distinguished from spiritual gifts and see how our resources can affect our ministries within our church. Visitors are welcome.

October 12 - Aldersgate will focus on the importance of individuality in using our spiritual gifts. Ephesians 4:4-7: "But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift." Looking at personality types, participants will discover our own individuality and the implications for the ways style can affect serving God in church and community. Visitors welcome.

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.

Hospitalized

Verleen Sloan, Richardson
Regional Medical Center

SVUMC Church Family

Nancy Bryan
Nancy Guerra
Troy Sumner
Bob McGuire
Gene Mundy
Georgie Ann Davis
Tryna and Kevin Knox
and family
Stephanie Cronenberg
Joe Lees
Zoe Thompson
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

Darlene Twiss' friend, Marlyn Redd
JoAnne Norwood's mother
Tommi and Levon Ezell's friend, Dr. Guy Kindred
John Dvorak's daughter-in-law, Lillian Dvorak
Amy Garrow's mother
Ted Dumas's mother
Betty Hopper's friend, Jo Kay Gary
Barbara Cornelius's friend, Arlene Lynch and family
Steve and Jolene Harper's daughter, Staci Smith and family
Layton and Gail Pettigrew's son-in-law, Brent
Herb and Cynthia Lee's daughter-in-law's
sister, Ann Waldron
Herb Lee's father, Ed
Those with ongoing concerns
Our Missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church

Joys:

to Tom and Linda Christian on the
arrival of their granddaughter, Faith