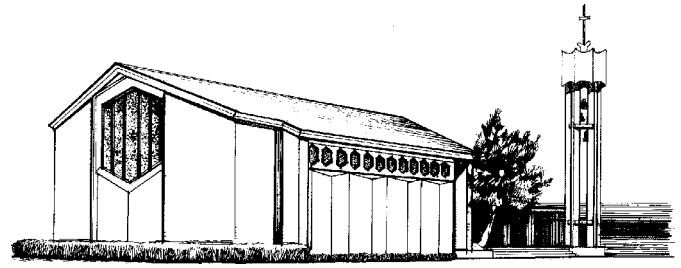


# Behold!

Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas



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## Spring Valley welcomes new Children's Director

We are delighted to announce that Jan Hudgins has joined our ministry team as the new Director of Ministries with Children and Families.

Jan brings to this staff position experience as an elementary school teacher in the Dallas ISD, core courses toward certification in Christian Education in The United Methodist Church, and experience in both children's ministries programming and day school administration in a local church.

Our community of faith will not only be enriched by Jan's ministry but also by the presence of her family. Jan's husband, Charles, is a teacher of beginning music in the Dallas ISD; and their three children are Caleb (11), Emma (5), and Reece (2). Their current mailing address is

P.O. Box 263  
Ferris, TX, 75127.

Welcome to the Spring Valley ministry team, Jan!



## Welcome to our new member

Madge Prince:  
1216 Chippewa Drive  
Richardson, TX 75080  
972-783-7551



## Weekday Preschool News

On Tuesday, our Weekday Preschool & Kindergarten students returned after a long, hot summer. The church was alive with

lots of giggles and a few tears—separating from mom is hard for some of us at first. The school staff was prepared for both the giggles and the tears, after participating in in-service training, Open House, and home visits. We're all delighted that we're back in session.

This year's school staff is:

<i>Carrilaine Schneckner</i>	Director
<i>Beth Anschutz</i>	Secretary
<i>Katie Madsen</i>	Music Teacher
<i>Susan Tucker</i>	
<i>&amp; Melissa Whaley</i>	Toddler Co-Teachers
<i>Janice Banks</i>	
<i>&amp; Audrey Durante</i>	Crayon Co-Teachers
<i>Suzu Saverline</i>	Butterfly Teacher
<i>Sara Guerrero</i>	Lamb Teacher
<i>Stephanie Wagner</i>	Pony Teacher
<i>Ann Rankin</i>	Bear Teacher
<i>Rose Alyce Beasley</i>	Mice Teacher
<i>Lynette McHam</i>	Clown Teacher
<i>Ed Sinyard</i>	Duck Teacher
<i>Jan Weaver</i>	Kindergarten Teacher
<i>Sheila Patton</i>	Kindergarten Aide

We still have a few openings in our Bear, Mice, Clown & Duck classes. If you'd like information or a tour of the school, please call Beth, 972-233-2317.



## New Habitat house construction begins September 6

Construction starts this Saturday, September 6th, and continues on Wednesday, the 10th, Thursday, the 11th, and Saturday, the 13th. The remaining work days will be on Saturdays. Maps are available at Habitat table.

Amelia Snell and her three children, Krystal, 15, Alicia, 12, and Phillip, 10, will be acquiring the new Habitat home in Greenleaf Village at 4050 Vine Maple. Spring Valley is responsible for food and drinks at the work site on Thursday, the 11; and volunteers to work and serve are welcome. Please stop at the Habitat table near the church office to sign up. For more info, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

## Food Collection "ZONE" for NET

School's open again and blinking lights remind us to slow down. On September 14, slow down for Spring Valley's "FOOD ZONE", the monthly collection of non-perishable food. Qualified persons living in the Richardson School District can apply for food to meet urgent needs.

Since school is in session, please include some nutritious items for kids' lunches. Containers are located in the hall for your food offering. Financial contributions earmarked for NETWORK can be dropped in the collection plate or left in the church office. And do always remember to slow down for school AND food zones!

## SMU football anyone?

Join Congregational life for college football, SMU vs. Boise State. Saturday, October 18, is United Methodist Day at SMU. Tickets are \$10.00 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 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*



## UMW meeting set for September 8

The first fall meeting of the UMW will be Monday, September 8, in Asbury Hall. Mr. Charles Russ, a volunteer from the Dallas Arboretum, will present a slide program about the organization, work, and environmental aims of the group. Lunch is at 11:30 and the program is at 12:15. See you there!

## Please make Sunday table requests early

Please request your tables prior to Sunday mornings if you are involved in sales and/or sign-up events. This will cut down on last minute chaos and eliminate the confusion involved in setting up your event. Please contact Paula Huffaker in the church office at 972-233-7671, x14, to reserve a table before the Sunday you need it.

## Noteworthy news



*Sunday, September 7*  
Men's Choir, *Love, Mercy and Grace*

11:00 Chancel Choir,  
*In Dat Great Getting' Up Morning*

## Choir start dates

*Youth Ringers*, Sunday, September 7, 3:30-4:30  
*Youth Singers*, Sunday, September 7, 4:30-5:30  
*Carillon Ringers*, Sunday, September 7, 6:30-8:00  
*Youth Singers Orientation Meeting, Open House*  
Tuesday, September 9, 7:00 pm

We plan to be in the new children's theatre room for members' and parents' orientation of an overview of the year. The business meeting will be on Tuesday, September 30, at 7pm. We will view DVD's of choir tour and *Godspell* performances, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which is this year's musical.

## Please check your closet!

If you have taken a costume home at anytime, please return it to Rusty or the choir room ASAP! Thanks!



## Laptop computer is needed

If you are upgrading to a new laptop, we could use your old one in our new Children's theater! Call the church office or music office for details.

## New group is formed

A United Methodist group is being formed to address the needs of parents and families of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons. The first meeting of this Parents Reconciling Network (PRN) is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, at 7:30pm at Northaven UMC, 11211 Preston Road, Dallas. Brochures about PRN and local persons to contact for further information are available in the SVUMC office.

## What's new with **YOUTH...**

### Sunday, September 7

9:30 a.m.	Gather for Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship
3:30 p.m.	Youth Ringers
4:30 p.m.	Youth Singers
5:30 p.m.	Snack Supper
6-7:30 p.m.	UMYF



### Youth Sunday School News

Starting in September, we are offering Youth Sunday School classes University style!! Youth will sign up for a course from a selection of four courses. Each course lasts six weeks, and the classes are limited to ten people. On the seventh week, we have re-registration, and people sign up for a different course. And this cycle repeats itself until everybody has had a chance to take each course. Registration is September 7 & 13. On one of those Sundays, we will also dedicate our new classrooms downstairs in the renewed Youth Center. Classes start Sunday, September 20 and will end on October 26. Then we go on retreat, and we will register for the next round of classes in that same timeframe.

Each Sunday, we will all gather together for announcements, prayer, and singing, etc. Then we will disperse to our different classes. Your Youth Leadership and your teachers are very excited about this new model.

The four classes are:

- 1) A History of Angels – Ever have the feeling you weren't alone? So did many people in the Bible. We'll find out what that's all about.
- 2) The Biblical Battlefield – The Book of Peace has many accounts of war and conflict. Jericho, the Wadi-Kishon, the Heavenly Battle between good and evil.
- 3) The Case For Faith – Got questions? About evil? Suffering? Evolution? Doubts? Then, this is the class for you.
- 4) Bad Girls of the Bible – In the movie, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, Jessica Rabbit said, "I'm not bad. I'm just drawn that way." Are these Biblical women really bad? Or has history drawn them that way?

### Mark Your Calendars!!

Sept 27 – Day Trip to Dr Pepper Museum

Nov 1-2 – Fall RETREAT

Youth Bible Study returns to Wednesday nights on September 3. Please join us from 7:45-8:45 most Wednesdays this semester for Bible Study. We are going to take a systematic walk through the Gospel according to Mark. Make plans to be there. You'll be glad you did!!

*Congratulations* to Ann Michele King on being appointed to the Plano ISD Superintendent's Advisory Committee

### There's still a chance...

...to participate in the Christian Writers study group. This group has decided to continue through the next year, and will plan to meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in Asbury Hall. Come join this exciting group!

## Seekers class

September 7 - Rev. Don Renshaw

The Middle East - What spawned today's crisis

September 14 - Bill Hunter

Methodism at the Crossroads: The 2004  
General Conference

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 7 A Chosen Instrument

September 14 A Good Man

September 21 Philip, the Ideal Evangelist

Join us in Asbury each Sunday at 9:30am as John Dvorak leads this series dealing with characters (CARE-actors) in the Book of Acts.

## Aldersgate class

Sunday, September 7 and 14

"Serving From the Heart" will be featured.

Everyone is welcome! We will participate in "Discovery of Your Unique Spiritual Gifts," part of the put-it-all-together to discover JOY, not drudgery, in your ministry for Christ. Cynthia Pharr Lee will facilitate.

## Christian T-Shirts for Children's Ministries

Four distinctive Christian adult T-Shirt styles are available to Spring Valley as a Children's Ministry fundraiser. They are a Hanes heavyweight, 100% cotton with Christian messages on a white background. Cost: \$12.00 each Sizes: S, M, L, XL

## Powerteam volunteers are needed

We are in urgent need of Powerteam volunteers for the Common Ground service. We are losing Steve and Yvonne, due to a job transfer to New Jersey, and even though we can't replace them, we need to find people to run the presentations during church. If you are interested, please call the church office and we'll put you in contact with the right people.

## 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

Sandra Guthrie

### SVUMC Church Family

Wanda Bettis

Jimmy Mays

Fayrene Pospisil

Bernice Schofield

Howard Ellis

John Hutchins

Sue Cummings

Frances Ward

Jerry Rainey

Bob McGuire

Jim Pipkin

Betty Taylor

Dottie Cheek

Georgie Ann Davis

Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Mark Reese's friends, Gene and Dena Garrow

Layton and Gail Pettigrew's son-in-law, Brent

Elizabeth Gross' brother, Randy Smith

Floy Naugle's husband, Russell

Herb Lee's dad, Ed

Kristine Nash's grandmother

Dottie Cheek's sister-in-law, Patricia

Paula Huffaker's neighbor, Bev Johnson

Joyce Boyer's friend, Bertha Jordon

Beth Copeland's sister, Dorothy Garrett

and Beth's friend, Parkes Dibble

Those with ongoing concerns

Our Missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

### Sympathy to:

Carlos Nascimento and family in the death of his father, Joaquin Nascimento

Margaret and Gus Coker and family in the death of her uncle in Sierra Leone

John Tarver and family in the death of his aunt, Lucille Hanover

Robert Blome and family in the death of his great-aunt, Katie May, and his godmother, Marie Cunningham