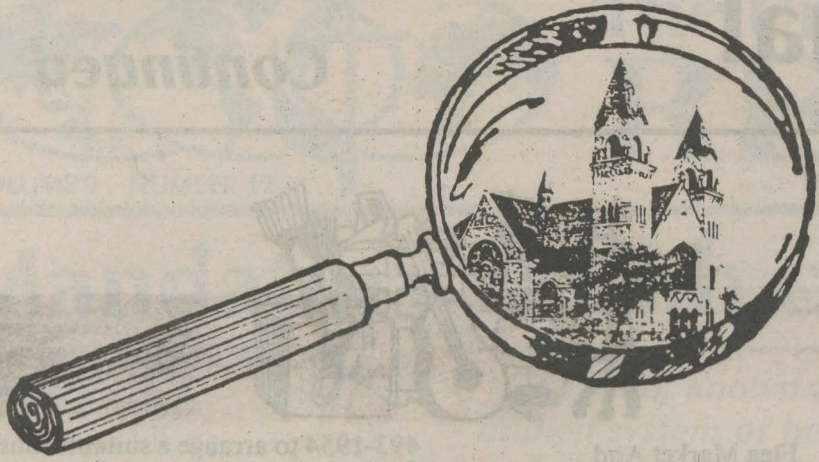


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Sunday, June 7, 1992 Confirmation Sunday

FOOD PANTRY — POWDERED MILK

9:00 a.m.	"Going on to Salvation"	Prayer Room
9:15 a.m.	Bethany Bells	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ringling of the Tower Bells	
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service — Communion	Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Sunday Study Group	Prayer Room
6:00 p.m.	NO DMYF	
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.	Community Life Center

SERMON: Rev. W. Eric Carson

ANTHEMS: "PROCESSION FESTIVAL" — Ivey

BETHANY BELLS

"SEE HOW GREAT A FLAME ASPIRES" Kauffmann

SANCTUARY CHOIR

No. 324 "HAIL THEE, FESTIVAL DAY"

HYMN:

USHERS:

Connie Chandler (Captain)

Tom Adkinson

Tom Chandler

Julie Ellis

Randy Ellis

Debbie Fedyshyn

Jim Fedyshyn

Nancy Lockamy

Charles Medlin

Polly Mixon

Tim Nifong

Gayle Nifong

GREETERS:

To be announced

ALTAR GUILD:

Carolyn Browning

Carolyn Shipp

MESSENGERS:

Tom Worsley

Carol Worsley

S.S. GREETERS:

Asbury Class

NURSERY:

Donna Carper

Kim Robertson

Louis Rollins

ACOLYTES:

Jennifer Boring

Melanie Gray

JR. CHURCH

Deatons

Confirmation — June 7



A group of young Christians will be confirmed on Pentecost, June 7. All are invited to celebrate with them at a reception following the worship service.

A Confirmation Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, and anoint with your power these young disciples who today have offered to you their lives. Confirm their hope, perfect their faith, and delight them with your love. Amen.

**More Duke Memorial
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To All Sunday School Students

Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be held on June 14. Come with your class to Whitford Hall at 10:00 a.m. Help make this time meaningful for our teachers by writing personal thank-you notes. Parents can help younger children. Please give the notes of appreciation to Martha Lynn Ballard or Ann Stallings by Sunday, June 7.

Kirk Singers Youth Choir Concert

Wednesday, June 17

Covered-Dish Dinner At 6:30 p.m.
Concert At 7:30 p.m.

We need ALL our members to join us and bring plenty of food to feed this outstanding Senior High youth choir of fifty members. They hail from the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and present a varied and entertaining program for all ages. Please bring a friend and support this enjoyable music program. You'll be glad you did!!!

Random Thoughts With The Minister

'Swan Song'

Rev. W. Eric Carson

Webster's Third International Dictionary explains the expression "swan song" in this way:

"A song of great sweetness formerly thought to be uttered by the swan just before death."

As I write this last note for the "INSIGHTS," I do so realizing that we are all living "just before death." I would prefer, however, to emphasize "A song of great sweetness." Put briefly, it is that Melissa and I have wonderful memories of our five years at Duke Memorial. We have been the recipients of your great kindness and have felt supported by your love and prayers.

The prayer in the last two verses of Psalm 90 is apposite to what I want to say. "Let thy work be manifest to thy servants, and thy glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hand establish thou it."

A certain degree of pain goes with a departing pastor but that is soon replaced with the promise that comes with the arrival of a new pastor. Melissa and I commend to you our friends, Mark and Bobbi Wethington, and their three children. We encourage you to open yourselves quickly to the fresh promise and hope their coming brings.

Again, thank you for every expression of your love and support. May the favor of the Lord our God be upon us — now and forever.

Church Calendar For Week Of June 7

MONDAY, JUNE 8

INSIGHTS INFORMATION DUE FOR JUNE 19-JULY 3

9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out, Nurseries

12:15 p.m. Steering Committee Meeting, Library

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Bradshaw Room

7:30 p.m. Celebration Singers, Bradshaw Room

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee, Library

8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A., Community Life Center

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

12:15 p.m. Tuesday Study Group, Room 241

8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon and Ala-Teen, Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

NC Annual Conference begins 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out,

Nurseries

10:00 a.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch, Whitford Hall

7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells, Handbell Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

7:30 a.m. "The Man in The Mirror", Parlor

12:00 p.m. Thursday Study Group, Prayer Room

6:15 p.m. Faith Sharing Group, Room 241

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Study Group, Contact Donna Elium (382-8228)

8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A., Community Life Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

NC Conference ends

A Tribute To William Arthur Kale

The teaching that I have done from time to time in this Class at the outset, including some few sessions in which Arthur Kale and I sat together before the Class and exchanged questions, answers, and commentaries, were entirely at the direction of that teacher. There are still a lot of questions I need to ask him, which have occurred to me since his physical condition has prevented him from attending.

I admired him greatly before I found out how distinguished he is. He is indeed one of the memorable personalities in the history of Duke University. His achievements as a scholar and leader have been duly recorded elsewhere.

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A Tribute To William Arthur Kale

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I must add that his moving about in the world has illustrated his zest for adventure.

Some of you may be aware of the Text supplied by William Arthur Kale for a great little book called **Guardians of Worship** about the windows of this Church, to which little book I refer you to obtain further knowledge of this perceptive and profound man.

Arthur is a man of the aesthetic experience and perception that "challenges the mind and delights the eye and heart," produced during all generations by obscure as well as famous people as he saw these works as products of what he called "Biblical thinking." The artistry of man has led him to say, in quoting, "How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!" This he said, quoting 84th Psalm. He dwelt in his contemplation and thinking upon the human content rather than abstractions. He could find it this art a companionship of mankind that lives and speaks in its own way.

He is a student of the human story in which he finds that members of the human race are more than spectators and pawns, but are living and vocal people of God. Through images and symbols, as well as words, they communicate the truth of Biblical thinking for our time. Thus, they can strive "to keep faith in an era of disorder and revolution."

In his intellectual life he also feeds upon the paradox and the element of surprise in history. This, too, is Biblical thinking from Abraham to Saint Paul and beyond. He takes time to tell about Joe Llorens, who, as a teenager; was employed as a barkeeper in a saloon in Atlanta, but by a "dramatic shift in vocation" became the designer of the Duke Memorial windows, as well as of "more than a thousand churches and other buildings throughout the United States."

Not surprising is his great sense of humor, a sometimes overlooked element of Biblical thinking. He speaks of "the artistic portrayals of the Good Samaritan and the Not-So-Good Samaritan Woman being offered the 'Water of Life.'"

To those who know him, the picture of Arthur Kale on the wall of this room will have a significance and inspiration equal to the great Wesley Window at the south end of this Church building.

Daniel K. Edwards
May 24, 1992



Dr. Arthur Kale's portrait
L — Mrs. Arthur Kale
C — Tom Kale
R — Cotty Kale
presented on May 24

Class voted to change its name to the Spence-Kale Bible Class

Religious Newsbriefs

MILWAUKEE (RNS)—Archbishop Rembert Weakland, comparing growing Roman Catholic disaffection with authorities in Rome to events that led to the Protestant Reformation, described the current situation in the church as "unhealthy and worrisome."

The archbishop, who heads the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, made the remarks recently to about 350 members of the Catholic Press Association. He also said that the topic of ordination of women to the priesthood is a key issue that must be addressed by the church.

United Methodist Happenings

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMNS)—A task force to examine racism in the nation's rural population was called for May 15 by the United Methodist Church's top legislative assembly.

Noting that rural populations often are isolated geographically, the resolution asserts that this "often results in a social manifestation that encourages the segregation of people and their institutions."

Racism, the statement states, "remains endemic in many rural areas."

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMNS)—Delegates to the 1992 United Methodist General Conference May 5-15 found their way to the first aid station at the rate of about 60 a day, with throat problems the most common ailment.

Too much talking caused the outbreak of laryngitis and other throat conditions, in the opinion of an attending physician.

Dental problems such as lost crowns, pain and abscesses also were common. One case of chicken pox—in a 30-year-old international delegate—was reported.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMNS)—The United Methodist General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, which narrowly escaped termination at the 1988 General Conference, was overwhelmingly affirmed by delegates at the 1992 session of the church's top legislative assembly.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMNS)—United Methodist Bishop Charles W. Hancock of Montgomery, Ala., was reported May 20 to be making satisfactory recovery from quadruple bypass heart surgery May 9.

He was in Louisville for the church's General Conference.



Flea Market And
Silent Auction
Coming Soon

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!
MAKE A DONATION FOR
THE CHOIR TODAY!**

The Sanctuary Choir needs your donations of **FURNITURE, HOUSEWARE, BOOKS, AND ANYTHING** else we might be able to sell for our huge flea market and silent auction, August 28 and 29 in Whitford Hall.

Storage space is available. Items may be delivered to the church during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., M-F). If you need the items to be picked up, please call Jim Crawford at

493-1954 to arrange a suitable time.

We have not yet received too many donations. Below is a list of some suggestions for the silent auction. As you can see, everyone can lend a helping hand.

Silent Auction ideas:
antique items
quilts and handmade goods
a dinner party
a free weekend at your beach house!
an oil change
collectibles
services (accountants, caterers, musicians, dentists, doctors, lawyers, etc.)
Duke memorabilia
Other ideas welcomed!!

Attention: Duke Memorial Travelers

Oliver and Helen Upchurch have retired as Host and Hostess of Duke Memorial Travelers after leading the groups on 36 trips since 1981.

Omar and Helen Fink are now your Host and Hostess. You can look forward to some interesting trips planned by them. They will be in touch with

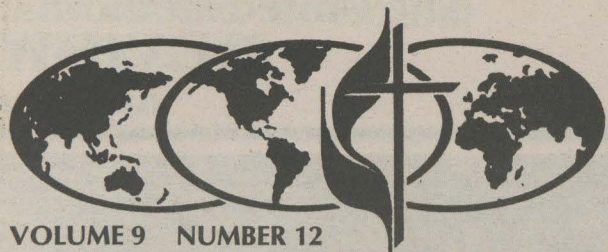
you.
We have enjoyed the planning and going on trips very much. Our travelers have been such a happy and cooperative group. It has been a great pleasure and a very rewarding experience for us. We thank you so much for everything!
Oliver and Helen



**God is in
all things**

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." Psalm 24:1

CHESTER H. LINSCHIED
PHOTO



Mandatory health care plan to start in 1994

By DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL
Associate Editor

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The United Methodist Church has a denominationwide health care plan, thanks to the 1992 General Conference.

By a vote of 512-421, General Conference is requiring U.S. bishops, staff members of the church's general agencies and some 80,000 clergy including those serving local churches in the U.S., retirees, spouses and others to participate in the insurance plan, effective in 1994.

The plan, known as UMCare, is designed to provide a unified system of health insurance coverage for clergy and other church employees and their families. This plan will replace a variety of separate plans.

Local churches, districts, annual conferences and general agencies of the church will be considered "sponsors" of the plan. It will be administered by the church's General Board of Pensions in Evanston, Ill.

Participation will be mandatory for

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all United Methodist clergy with the exception of clergy members of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Annual Conference.

Many Indian Missionary conference clergy receive health care from the federally-sponsored Indian Health Service.

Retired ministers also will be allowed to enter the program, receiving similar benefits as active participants.

Robert W. Stevens (Pacific-Northwest conference), chairman of the churchwide health insurance task force, told General Conference delegates that although UMCare was only a "plan document"—not a specific medical plan—it would have "premium stability, claims predictability and benefit uniformity."

"And we hope we can save the denomination some money along the way," said Mr. Stevens, treasurer of the Pacific-Northwest Annual Conference.

Despite many appeals in recent years to the general church to help ease annual conference health insurance troubles, many General Conference delegates opposed the UMCare proposal.

Some, like the Rev. William R. Harvey (East Ohio conference), said annual conferences should have the freedom to enter the plan after it has been perfected by the General Board of Pensions.

Mr. Harvey headed a group who wanted the plan's approval postponed until the 1996 General Conference.

"As the plan is demonstrated on a smaller scale, let excellence attract the

other conferences," said Mr. Harvey, pastor of Church of the Savior United Methodist Church in Canton, Ohio.

The Rev. Charles E. Lippse (Holston conference) asked for a ruling of the Judicial Council—the church's "supreme court"—in regard to required participation in the plan.

He said UMCare's requirement that "sponsors"—such as local churches which pay for pastors' health insurance—are prohibited from "directly or indirectly" participating in plans other than UMCare is too restrictive.

"I don't even think the federal government would prohibit that," said Mr. Lippse, pastor of Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church in Johnson City, Tenn.

The nine-member Judicial Council—meeting as needed throughout the General Conference—later ruled that it is constitutional to require mandatory participation in the plan.

However, Judicial Council president Tom Matheny of Hammond, La., said he expects to receive a request for another ruling in October.

Final 1992 actions embrace genetic science, investing

By THOMAS S. McANALLY
United Methodist News Service

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—In final actions May 15, the 1992 United Methodist General Conference:

- endorsed a report on new developments in genetic science, which would expand education and dialogue around ethical issues, produce educational resources, and continue to monitor legislative and governmental actions related to genetic technologies;

- approved an amendment on "investment ethics" that includes divestment of (or refusal to purchase) holdings in companies related to tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or gambling; nuclear, chemical or biological warfare materials; and selected Department of Defense contractors;

- approved May as "Christian Family Month," with emphasis on family worship in the home, on setting aside a day of prayer for the family, and on the family in local church worship and program planning;

- approved a change in the church's constitution saying that transfers of bishops across jurisdictional lines will require consent of the jurisdictions involved and their respective committees on the episcopacy;

- approved a Disciplinary change to add "federated church or church of another denomination" to the list of responsibilities that can be defined under the word pastor;

- concurred with 20 almost-identical petitions asking retention of the

General Conference approved May as "Christian Family Month."

church's prohibition of ordaining homosexual persons;

- celebrated the work of the Scarritt-Bennett Center (formerly Scarritt College) in Nashville, Tenn.;

- amended Disciplinary restrictions on spending church money on "gay" causes so as to avoid penalizing education and ministries related to the HIV epidemic;

- affirmed acts of disobedience as a last resort to oppose unjust laws and laws enforced "discriminately."

Following the conference's 11:17 p.m. May 15 adjournment, Bishop Joseph Yeakel preached during a worship service.

Bishop Yeakel (Washington Area), newly installed president of the Council of Bishops, listed several accomplishments of the 1992 sessions. Among them:

- Changed terminology from "ministers" to "clergy" to define who is ordained within the church;

- Reaffirmed church leaders' responsibility to teach what the church says on any subject, no matter how controversial, then to give one's personal opinions on that subject.

Bishop Jack Tuell (Los Angeles Area), presiding over the final session, declared the conference adjourned at 11:50 p.m.



UNITED METHODIST NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY JOHN C. GOODWIN

Best view in the house
LOUISVILLE, Ky.—This little girl had a choice vantage point as her family and others joined in a worship service during the 1992 United Methodist General Conference.



Young delegate admits to 'awe' of conference

By DIANE HUIE BALAY
Associate Editor

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—In the Spring, while many college sophomores are spending their free time at the lake or in the mall, one perky United Methodist spent her free time in legislative sessions at General Conference.

"I really enjoy politics," Alice Fleming said, bubbling with enthusiasm, when she was asked why she chose to be a delegate to the church's top legislative body.

"I have been a delegate to my annual conference each year since junior high. I chaired an annual conference legislative committee when I was in high school," continued the 19-year-old delegate from the West Michigan conference.

Ms. Fleming was one of 13 delegates to General Conference from age 16 to 22.

"I'm proud of our youth delegates," she said. "We talk legislation and we are involved. We speak out on the floor and in legislative committees. But we are

disappointed so little money was approved for campus ministry."

So what did she think about General Conference?

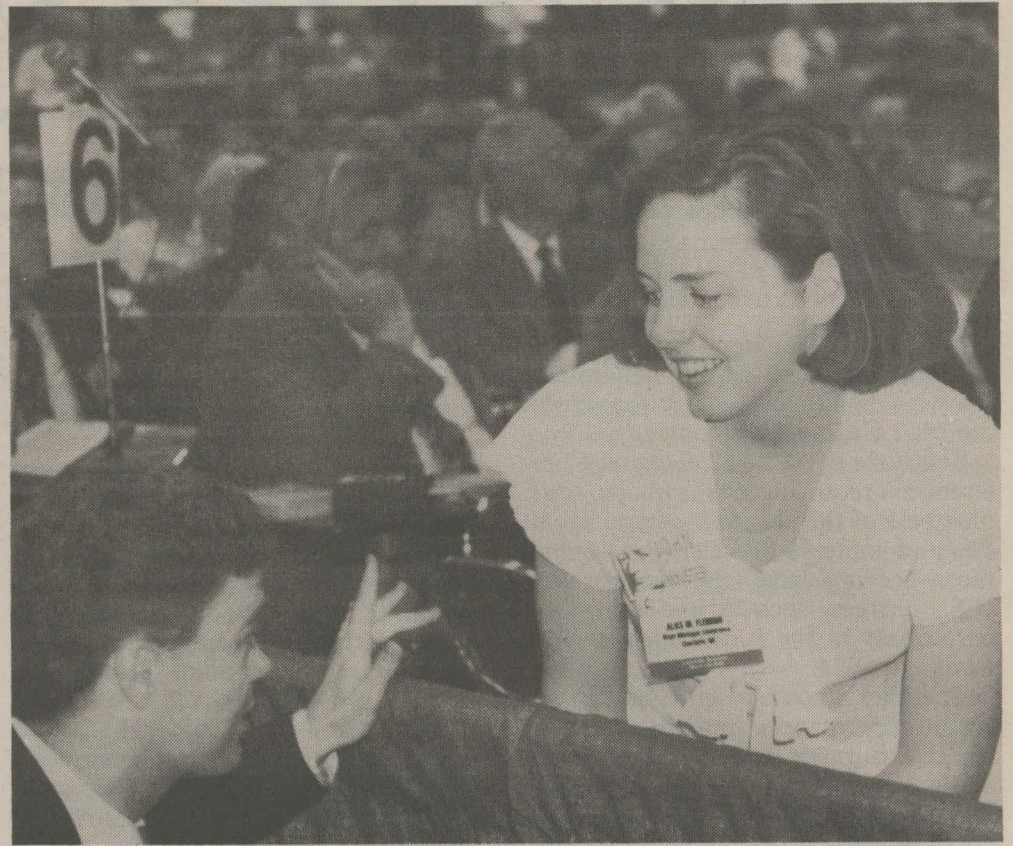
"It's more fun than I thought it would be. I was impressed and awed by the system."

Ms. Fleming, a member of Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte, Mich., is a sophomore at Michigan State University majoring in social relations. She said that's a discipline which combines ethnic, gender, family and religious studies.

She added she hopes to attend seminary and become an ordained minister eventually.

Ms. Fleming noted that she and several other students have revitalized campus ministry by starting a Wesley Foundation on the Michigan State campus.

"There are about 40 of us now who regularly attend," she said, her eyes sparkling with enthusiasm. "It's great seeing what happens when youth get excited about their faith!"



REVIEW STAFF PHOTO BY DIANE HUIE BALAY

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Delegate Alice Fleming (West Michigan conference) confers with reserve delegate Greg Hastings (Oregon-Idaho conference) about the campus ministry proposal which was subsequently approved by General Conference.

Homosexuality study process offered as model

By CYNTHIA B. ASTLE
Associate Editor

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Rev. Nancy S. Yamasaki, chair of the churchwide Committee to Study Homosexuality, started life in Seattle as an ill-omened baby in a basket.

Ms. Yamasaki, 53, said she was born in a year considered by her Japanese-American culture to be an unlucky time for a woman to bear a daughter.

The midwife who attended her mother advised Ms. Yamasaki's family to place the baby in a basket on the street for the evil omen to be dispelled.

"But we lived on a dead-end street, and when the midwife said I had to be placed at an intersection, my family thought that was too much," Ms. Yamasaki said, laughing.

A half-century later she ended up at the intersection of one of United Methodism's most controversial issues.

Four days after the 1992 General Conference finished voting on the work of the study committee she chaired, Ms. Yamasaki looked back on her experience with a mixture of satisfaction, regret and hope.

"All my rational expectations were met, although my hopes were not," she said.

Ms. Yamasaki supported the deletion of the church's language condemning homosexual practice, which delegates defeated. She also supported sending the homosexuality report to local congregations for study, which delegates approved.

Presiding over the study committee brought her a deeper spirituality, she said.

"After my first fears [on being appointed to chair the committee], I came to a greater sense of being open to the guidance of God's spirit.

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"It's not rhetoric to say that we on the study committee tried really hard to listen to one another and respect one another. That experience made it possible for me during General Conference to come more quickly to acceptance and healing after the actions of people who disagreed with the report."

—Nancy Yamasaki

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Ms. Yamasaki credited her co-panelists and her 1982-88 experience on the church's General Commission on the Status and Role of Women with teaching her vital skills as a presiding officer.

"We used the consensus process of decision-making and we worked in a collegial style, both of which are COSROW models," she explained.

"Where the collegial model gets tough for most of us is when it bogs down and takes time. At those moments, I learned to have patience, to trust the other study committee members and to trust God's spirit to work through us."

Ms. Yamasaki described her 23 companion study panelists as "unique."

"Many people have asked me, 'Wasn't chairing the homosexuality study committee a horrible experience?'" she recounted. "In some ways, I must say yes, it was, but I must also convey what a rich spiritual experience it was. It was a great thrill to see the study committee members sharing their gifts in community."

Having become one of The United Methodist Church's most widely inter-

viewed female leaders through her work with the homosexuality study committee, Ms. Yamasaki encouraged other women in the church to accept the challenges of leadership.

"It's important for a woman to trust the gifts God has given her and to use them to serve the church and the world," she told the Record.

"As women, we're taught to sublimate ourselves to such a point that we deny or are unaware of our gifts. When we're called to leadership, it's important to allow these gifts to flow. And when our gifts are acknowledged from the outside, that affirmation enables and enriches us."

Among leadership skills she commends, Ms. Yamasaki cited willingness to:

- Take risks;
- Accept one's authority;
- Speak one's mind;
- Accept affirmation from men and women for what one accomplishes;
- Allow oneself to be cared for by others.

She also had some counsel for those United Methodists for whom the General Conference actions on homosexuality issues might be a temptation to leave the church.

"I really understand those feelings," she stressed. "I would still want to encourage people who feel that way to be open to God's spirit.

"It's all right to give up on people; it's



Nancy Yamasaki
... dangerous intersection

all right to give up on institutions. But if you are willing to trust God, then perhaps you will give the church another chance, knowing that God's spirit is still working, even though not in the way we'd like at the present time."

Declines office

United Methodist News Service

PARNU, Estonia— The pastor of the United Methodist congregation in Parnu has said "thanks but no thanks" to an invitation to become the city's mayor.

The Rev. Ullas Tankler was asked by the city council after its mayor stepped down because of complex economic and social difficulties faced by the city since the fall of communism.

The clergyman declined, saying he felt the need to complete the new Agape Church and Community Center in Parnu. The center is **Advance Special Project No. 115362-AN**, sponsored by the General Board of Global Ministries.

Ministry confusion shows new procedure needed

By DIANE HUIE BALAY
Associate Editor

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Ruth Daugherty wore a pink carnation on her lapel when she went to lunch the day after eight years' work had landed in a heap at the feet of the Council of Bishops.

For the past four years—and for four years before that—she had chaired special commissions to study



Ruth Daugherty
... "could have answered"

United Methodist ministry.

Concerned well-wishers—like the one who had sent her the carnation—crowded around her at the restaurant.

She was disappointed

Yes, she told them, she was disappointed that instead of accepting recommendations of the latest commission, the General Conference referred the document to the Council of Bishops for further study.

"My sorrow is for the church," she said. "We are not presently structured for missional outreach."

Later, she told the Review, "In a fast-paced world, we're still organized like a horse pulling a cart that is so overloaded it will fall down on its wheels."

Of particular concern to her was the necessity for a redefined order of deacon who would not be concerned with preaching or administering the sacraments but would lead the laity in works of mission and service.

Despite the General Conference's unwillingness to move ahead on the recommended ordering of ministry, she smiled as she talked about the ex-

perience of working with the commission members, who came from very diverse backgrounds "theologically, sociologically, almost every way you can describe."

Church's best interests

Although not all on the 35-member commission agreed 100 percent with the final report, she said, they voted unanimously for it because they believed the recommendations were in the best interest of the church.

"And personally, I've learned so much about ministry and the church," she continued.

But many frustrations accompanied the job, she said.

One of the most frustrating events, she said, came at General Conference itself when she became "boxed in" by conference procedure.

Under conference rules, the chair of the conference's legislative committee which presented the main report had the option to call on her but chose not to do so.

Delegates' many questions about the study report generated considerable confusion about what the legislation

would mean to the church, Ms. Daugherty said.

"I could have answered all of the questions," she said, "but I was never called on."

Experience worthwhile

Despite setbacks, however, Ms. Daugherty said the experience was worthwhile.

She said she has learned much more about the church's political process and about the need for changes so that such complex studies can be presented to General Conference in a clear and understandable way.

Ms. Daugherty said she'd like to see such studies presented in an open forum with provision for a question-and-answer time separate from formal voting sessions.

Just as important as the lessons about political process was her conviction that the study commission had done a good job and that she had maintained her personal sense of integrity.

"The study is now the property of the Council of Bishops," she said. "And I know the commission has presented the bishops with good work."

English to be included in Spanish language hymnal

United Methodist News Service

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Should the new hymnal for Hispanic United Methodists be in Spanish only, to commemorate and affirm the common language, or in both English and Spanish to serve a significantly bilingual U.S. constituency?

The 13-member panel developing the new hymn and worship book pondered this and other issues recently as the multicultural group continued its work

on the first official hymnal for the denomination's Hispanic members.

Language debates netted significant attention during this second meeting of the hymnal committee. While all members agreed on Spanish as the base language, some disagreed about the possible use of English in the new book.

Puerto Rican members—anticipating their region's impending autonomy later this year from the mostly Anglo United Methodist Church, an

action subsequently approved by the 1992 General Conference—argued strongly that the new hymnal should be in Spanish only.

However, representatives from California and Texas pushed for at least some translations into English, citing the large number of bilingual Hispanics in the church, as well as families in which younger generations are more fluent in English.

In the end, the group agreed to have both languages—at least in some sec-

tions of the book—said Diana Sanchez, staff member of the United Methodist Church's Section on Worship.

"We decided it would be a pastoral gesture to have some resources in both languages, especially for children and youth," Ms. Sanchez said.

Confirmation and baptism services will likely be printed in both English and Spanish, she said, as well as hymns well-known in both languages, like "Santo, Santo, Santo" ("Holy, Holy, Holy").

Faith watch

Compiled from news and staff reports

STAND AGAINST RACISM: Leaders of 31 United Methodist congregations and organizations in eastern Pennsylvania's Delaware County are among 115 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish signers of an advertisement protesting recent outbreaks of racially and religiously motivated violence in their area. The advertisement affirms ethnic, racial, religious and political diversity as "a gift of God for the enrichment of community life." The Rev. John Nesbitt, pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Broomall, Pa., helped organize the protest. United Methodist Bishop Susan M. Morrison (Philadelphia Area) is among the signers.

NEW FUTURE: A "Fiesta Con Jesus" drew an estimated 3,000 people to San Juan's Central Park April 26 in the conclusion of what was the last annual conference for Puerto Ricans as part of the United Methodist Church. The United Methodist General Conference approved the Puerto Rican church's becoming an independent Methodist church. An organizational meeting will be held later this year and a bishop for the church elected.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: Members of the 300-member Fortuna (Calif.) United Methodist Church sang songs of praise without the church's historical pipe organ last month. The organ—

being repaired from a 1974 earthquake—was heavily damaged during one of five earthquakes recently in northern California. The Rev. Debra Foster, pastor, told the Review that one earthquake on April 24 was recorded as high as 6.9 on the Richter scale, breaking nearly every window in the town's business district. Another earthquake caused the organ pipes to pop out of the rack. The church is some 300 miles north of San Francisco.

ABORTION DEBATE: Sweet Home United Methodist Church in Amherst, N.Y., unexpectedly provided a middle ground when demonstrators on both sides of the abortion issue clashed recently in the Buffalo, N.Y., area. About 25 percent of the estimated 200 persons attending worship wore red-and-white carnations identifying themselves as part of Operation Rescue, the national anti-abortion group that had pledged to shut down area clinics offering abortion services. One clinic was near the church. The pastor, the Rev. Stephan Calos, decided to provide sanctuary for clinic patients, although the church was not working with the clinic nor providing escort or counseling services.

WORSHIP WRITING: Noted British theologian and hymn writer, the Rev. Brian Wren, will lead a five-day workshop on "Writing for Worship" July 20-24 at Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville. Tuition, 4 nights lodging

and meals will cost \$355. Registration is limited to 40 participants. Registration deadline is \$10. For information write the center at 1008 19th Ave. S., Nashville, Tenn. 37212-2166.

LEADS ASSOCIATION: United Methodist Bishop Ben Oliphint (Houston Area) will become president of the Texas United Methodist College Association following his retirement from the episcopacy this year. Bishop Oliphint will succeed Dr. Joe Elmore, who retired from the association in 1991 after eight years as president. The association's board is composed of the presidents of United Methodist-related schools in Texas: Wiley College, Southwestern University, Texas Wesleyan University, McMurry University, Huston-Tillotson College, Southern Methodist University and Lon Morris College.



Ben Oliphint

CHAIRS PRESENTED: The World Methodist Council presented replicas of John Wesley's three-legged chair May 8 in Louisville, Ky., for contributions to the world Wesleyan movement. Recipients were Donald D. Hankey, an Atlanta physician; the Rev. Norman E. Dewire, president, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and the Rev. Maxie D. Dunnam of Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis.



Editorial

Then God said: 'Let there be light' — BANG!

Science and technology converged recently in a poetic and even prophetic description of distant clouds that scientists say confirm the "big bang" theory of life's origin.

According to University of California physicist Joel Primack, the clouds are "the handwriting of God."

Wow!

Who could have anticipated such a "theo-poetic" description of what scientists are calling "one of the major discoveries of the century"—from scientists!

Dr. Primack isn't alone in his use of God-language to talk about the discovery of clouds or "ripples" in the radiation of outer space. The ripples provide long-hoped-for evidence of how an ancient explosion—a "big bang"—produced matter that eventually clumped together to form stars and galaxies.

Added Dr. George Smoot, lead astronomer at California's Lawrence Berkely Laboratory where the discovery was made: "If you're religious, it's like looking at God."

Indeed, the theory that the finding supports—that creation started with a "big bang" or explosive flash of matter—sounds strikingly similar to the corresponding biblical account: "And God said, 'Let there be light'" (Genesis 1:3).

We applaud the willingness by respected scientists to mention God openly in the same breath with a major scientific breakthrough. This is a refreshing contrast with frequent less-than-open acknowledgment or even denial that religion and science are complementary ways of construing reality.

Countless scientists are people of faith. Nevertheless, it requires courage to risk using religious lan-

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guage that "respectable" scientist typically avoid on the premise that doing so would be viewed as naive or discrediting.

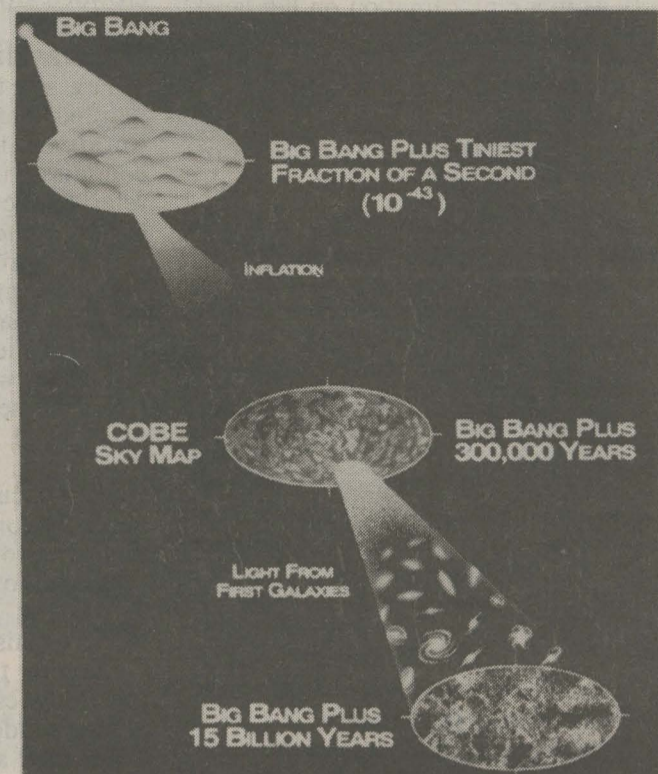
Surely the time is long past, however, when astronomers or biologists or physicists should be discredited or even ostracized for openly acknowledging the reality of God.

Likewise, theologians and ethicists need not apologize for using insights from the world of science that throw light on life's spiritual and moral dimensions.

Even so, the secular mindset of our times makes it premature to declare the end of the age-old science versus religion debate regarding which of the two has a superior perception of reality.

But findings of "ripples" in space in which even their scientist-discoverers detect the "handwriting of God" are an assuring sign that the reconciliation of all things—perceptions and people—is indeed the will of God.

In the face of recent news about the world's lack of reconciliation—from race riots in the U.S. to a brutal civil war in the former Yugoslavia—such a prophetic sign, almost literally from outer space, surely is cause for wonder and thanksgiving.



Neither scientists nor theologians need apologize for using insights from science, such as this depiction of the 'Big Bang' theory, that throw light on life's spiritual and moral dimensions. Findings of "ripples" in space which scientists call the "handwriting of God" are a sign that the reconciliation of all things is the will of God.



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Letters to the Editor

Let's stop condemning each other

This is in response to the April 10 letter headlined, "Moral leadership needed."

As a Christian, I realize that God came into the world to save it and not condemn it. So I've often wondered why we Christians spend so much of our energy condemning others.

The author of this letter, although entitled to freedom of speech, openly rejects others who think differently than he does. What if Christ rejected everyone who did not believe or think the way He did?

If all the energy and time that is spent in arguing could be redirected in a positive way, perhaps more people could learn how Christ can fill the emptiness in their lives.

If being a Christian really means to act as Christ acted, I think we all need to accept people where they are on their level. We are called to hate the sin and not the sinner.

Nancy Minton
Tyler, Texas

Group compared to Pharisees

The Memphis Declaration supporters represent a very sincere but surprisingly unaware group. Their language and doctrinal demands resemble more closely than any of them would admit the Pharisee style of the New Testament.

Pharisees wanted a very specific way required to relate to God—right

language and right respect for God's law. Jesus proclaimed God's grace to all. Pharisees were angered because Jesus bypassed their formula. The Memphis group offers a 1992 version.

They affirm baptism as a means of grace but in the same sentence insist that a person must accept Christ by their prescribed formula. If they would read the conditions in the liturgy for baptism it would be clear that accepting Christ is prelude to baptism. It is awareness of grace—God's overwhelming grace in Christ—that brings us to Christ.

They resemble the elder brother in the parable in Luke 15 who resented his father graciously receiving his brother back after his prodigal days. The elder brother would have made some conditions, but the father merely rejoiced that the son had returned.

So it is with God's mercy in our day. Let us pray for the Memphis group that they may receive a wider view of God's mercy and grace.

Robert Schumm
St. Charles, Illinois

Memphis statement needed

Congratulations are in order for Rev. C. Joseph Sprague on his April 10 "Here I Stand" column. In the article Mr. Sprague has clearly demonstrated the unfortunate need for the Memphis Declaration.

He says that Jesus Christ is made an

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idol by the Declaration. Does not the first affirmation of faith in our United Methodist Hymnal affirm Jesus as "God from God, Light from Light . . . of one Being with the Father?" How is it then that the worship of God the Son is called idolatry?

My other concern is that Mr. Sprague has stood truth on its head. It is not those who drafted or signed the Memphis Declaration who are guilty of cultural "Me-ism." It is Mr. Sprague.

He would seem to want the free, autonomous, almighty individual to choose his or her own way to God without regard for Scripture or tradition. In other words, Mr. Sprague has created a politically and culturally left-wing tabernacle and has ordered God and all theological discourse inside.

It is as if his world were created yesterday and the whole history of Christian tradition and teaching is irrelevant. His low view of Scripture is easily understood when one considers the threat that a high view of Scripture presents to his culturally and philosophically enslaved theology.

God bless those 117 faithful persons responsible for the Memphis Declaration.

Alan E. Hitt
Weatherford, Texas



Here I Stand

Grace, not 'getting it right,' is church's hope

By WILLIAM K. McELVANEY

"This is a clear example of why The United Methodist Church has been losing members."

In recent years this claim has been attached to dozens of perceived problems in the church and in particular to whatever is most objectionable to the person making the statement.

The chosen culprit ranges from joyless worship to lack of evangelistic zeal to positions on sexual orientation (claimed by both "sides") to United Methodist Review editorials ("the editorial's mindset is a sterling example of why millions have left The United Methodist Church," etc.)

Could be many causes?

Would it be reasonable to suggest that there could be many causes for membership decline rather than our personal particular grievance?

More importantly, we are told by numerous writers and speakers that

"Here I Stand" is a forum through which Review readers may express opinions and concerns about issues facing the church. The Rev. William K. McElvaney is LeVan Professor of Preaching and Worship, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas and a clergy member of the North Texas Annual Conference.



Any reader may submit an article for consideration (two typed, double-spaced pages maximum length) to "Here I Stand," United Methodist Review P.O. Box 660275, Dallas, Texas 75266-0275.

The United Methodist Church will not survive unless we . . . "start new churches, reach a certain segment of the population, change our worship one way or another, make a greater effort to respond to vexing social issues, and/or . . ." The content of someone's latest speech or book is held before us as the answer to save the church.

What troubles me in these statements are the Pelagian assumptions that what we do or do not do will determine the survival of The United Methodist Church.

Many of the recommendations to reverse the church's membership decline may well be wise and needed.

However, the survival of the church depends on the same reality which initiated the church against all odds: God's grace. Unmerited. Unbounded. Unconditional.

The faithfulness of the church depends on the day-by-day witness of countless laity and clergy in the contexts of the local and global community, the family or home, the workplace and the institutional church. We can no more ensure the survival of the church than we can save ourselves.

When we begin to think that the church's survival depends on our "getting it right," especially our latest scheme, we have seduced ourselves by a collective sense of works

righteousness.

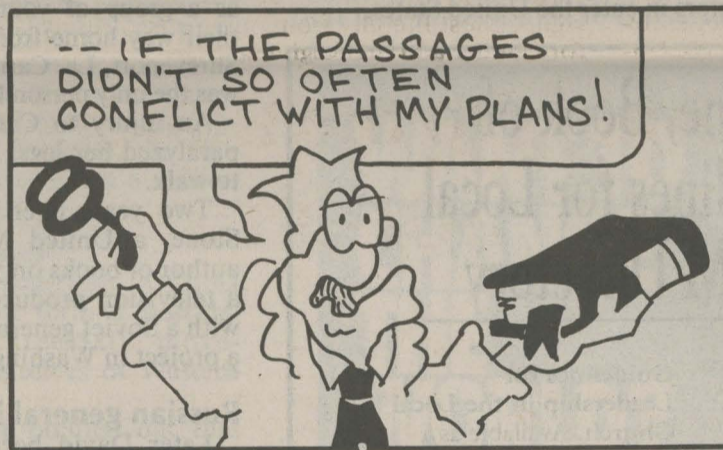
Church survives apostasies

The Church Universal and The United Methodist Church have survived more apostasies than we can recall: to be sure grace calls us to good works, including intelligent use of both biblical and contemporary insight and knowledge; to be sure where there is grace, there is responsibility, calling us away from fatalism to sanctified hope and bold action.

We want our faithfulness to be used by God for effectiveness, and pray that it will be so, but we are poor historians and even poorer theologians if we think church survival depends on even our very best efforts. If that's what we think, our god is too small!

Faithfulness is our calling. Survival is in God's hands. As we United Methodists emerge from General Conference, let's not confuse what is in God's hands and what is given to our hands.

Pontius' Puddle



Faithfully yours

If some of us had a hammer . . .

The speaker had made good use of the old story about the shade-tree mechanic who charged \$800 for starting a car.

The car owner demanded an itemized statement. The mechanic complied thusly:



"For hitting the engine sharply with a ball peen hammer, causing it to start, \$1.00.

"For knowing where to hit it, \$799.00."

The audience laughed heartily. Then the speaker made his real point:

"In these three people we honor tonight, I am convinced that we have folks who 'know where to hit it.'" The audience roared.

This was the United Methodist Publishing House annual dinner honoring winners of the Circuit Rider Award.

How many might know where to strike the church's "engine" with their hammer and get it "started"?

It's a comparatively new national-competition award, first given in 1987 to honor people who show that they know how to build or revitalize a congregation.*

In other words, they know how to use a hammer!

That made me wonder what might happen if someone provided each representative to our respective annual conferences a hammer. How many might know where to strike the church's "engine" with their hammer and get it "started"?

A goodly number, I should think. I'm not prepared to live with the ca-

cophony which might ensue if all annual conference members had actual hammers in hand, so I'll let the metaphorical suggestion suffice.

But the same intensity and tenacity which this year's Circuit Rider Award three winners exhibited, if multiplied by the hundreds or thousands or millions, might "start" more than a church. It might start a Christian revolution.

Happy hammerin', sisters and brothers. Let's start something!

—JOHN A. LOVELACE

Mr. Lovelace is Managing Editor of the Review.

*Winners of this year's Circuit Rider Awards, each worth a \$1,000 Cokesbury gift certificate and a plaque, were the Rev. Pat Spearman of Jackson Chapel UMC, San Marcos, Texas; the Rev. Michael F. Bailey of Good Shepherd UMC, Memphis, Tenn., and the Rev. C. Eugene Koth of Walnut Hills UMC, West Des Moines, Iowa.

What others—
—are saying

"We dedicated our business to Jesus Christ and yet the business didn't take off like a Patriot missile, as we had hoped. At first I asked God how He could let a business dedicate to him flop around like a fish out of water . . . But we kept on praying, and working hard, too. Through faith, we saw the business slowly begin to grow and stabilize. Now we've reached the point that even though we want the business to succeed, we've placed its success or failure in the Lord's hands . . . And our faith allows us to accept the consequences."

—United Methodist layman Ray Hunter, Downingtown, Pa.

"Over and over again in our lives, there is the contrast of the deep sadness of becoming aware of our denials of God . . . and the breaking forth of new life in resurrection presence of Christ. It is the brightness and hope of that resurrection presence that holds for us the promise in the bleakest moments of life."

—The Rev. Tom Brennan, Minneapolis, Minn.

"Everyone should take seriously the question of where they invest their money. The ethics of investing are so diverse and changeable that it's hard to say what they should be. . . In 42 years [on the board] at Princeton Theological Seminary, we have never been able to agree on what is questionable. So we just say, 'If the product is harmful, then the investment is questionable.'"

—John Marks Templeton, founder of the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion.



Growing Cuban church 'a great sign of hope'

By DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL
Associate Editor

LOUISVILLE—A growing young church with "new possibilities to share the redeeming Gospel of Jesus Christ" is "a great sign of hope" for the Methodist Church in Cuba," says its leader, Bishop Joel Ajo.

Bishop Ajo was speaking during final moments of the 1992 General Conference this month in Louisville.

Since April 1990, said the bishop, Methodists in Cuba have had a series of opportunities to fulfill their mission. He called that a stark contrast from the role of the church in Cuba over the past 30 years.

For example, in 1963, the Methodist Church in Cuba had 108 church buildings, 70 Cuban pastors and 50 U.S. missionaries.

The period of revolution

During the late 1960s only a handful of lay pastors—including the bishop—became Methodist ministers in what the bishop calls "the period of the revolution."

Now, he said, hundreds of young people under age 25 have expressed an interest in the ministry.

A new crop of United Methodist missionaries, such as Philip Wingeier of Harlingen, Texas, is again present in the country.

"From the day the revolution declared itself a socialist process and accepted the Marxist, Leninist philosophy of the party, many of our pastors and missionaries left Cuba," continued the bishop.

"U.S. missionaries were recalled, by order of the U.S. president. Cuba then had only nine pastors instead of 70 and 2,500 members instead of 5,000.

30,000 Methodists

"Today, we give praise for 80 Cuban Methodist pastors—a third who are women—108 churches, plus 90 new house churches meeting in members' homes, and 30,000 Methodists," he said.

Bishop Ajo had been scheduled to address the United Methodist Council of Bishops in April in Lexington, Ky., and then come to Louisville for General Conference.

However, the bishop did not arrive in the U.S. until the second week of the legislative meeting in Louisville. He had been detained in Havana and not given a visa to attend the bishops' meeting.

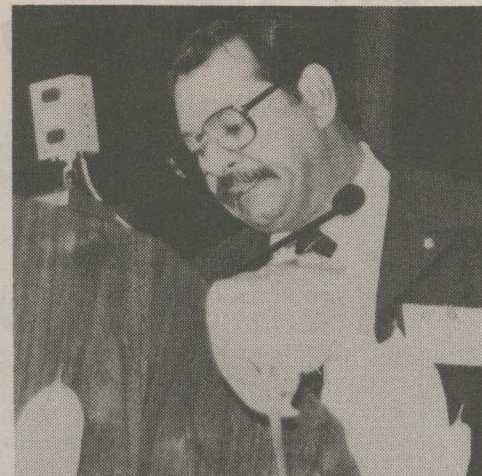
The Rev. Renaldo Hernandez, a Methodist pastor accompanying Bishop Ajo to Louisville, said Methodists in Cuba have a difficult time persuading U.S. customs officials to allow Cuban pastors to enter the United States.

"If we say we are tourists, we can enter this country," said Mr. Hernandez. "But if we say we are ministers, then we are detained."

Not only is the Methodist Church of Cuba growing numerically, said the bishop, but it is growing stronger in its sense of responsibility to its country.

Although Cuban Methodists recognize the benefits of Fidel Castro's government, Bishop Ajo said, the church has asked the Cuban government for radio and television air time so more Cubans can have freedom of speech.

"They feel we should only have one political party, which should be the party of all Cubans, but there are voices not following the state's lead."



Joel Ajo
... fulfilling mission

Father's love of daughter led to Soviet openings

By STEPHEN L. SWECKER
Associate Editor

MOSCOW—The growing United Methodist presence in Russia—or at least some of it—can be traced to an improbable chain of events involving an automobile accident, a young woman's courage and a father's love.

The accident happened six years ago as a group of young people were on their way home from Dallas, Texas, to Shreveport, La. Carlana Stone, then 17, was the only person hurt.

An injury to Carlana's spinal cord paralyzed her legs, leaving her unable to walk.

Two years later her father, David Stone, a United Methodist layman, author of books on youth ministry and a television producer, became friends with a Soviet general while working on a project in Washington, D.C.

Russian general intervenes

Later David became aware of experimental work being done in the Soviet Union on victims of spinal cord injuries. He contacted his Soviet friend, Gen. E. A. Nosin, for information.

That contact set off a series of events that resulted in Carlana's going—by this time she was a wheelchair-bound student at the University of Colorado—to Moscow for an operation and therapy. After numerous visits and treatments, she has lived in Moscow continuously since June 1991 and continues in therapy.

During visits in Russia with his daughter, David, with Gen. Nosin's assistance, arranged numerous youth group exchanges between Russia and the U.S.

Introduction made

It was during one such exchange that David introduced the Rev. Dwight Ramsey, pastor of Broadmoor UMC in Shreveport, to the mayor of Ekaterinburg. That introduction led to the formation last fall of a United Methodist congregation in that city.

And the existence of that congregation sparked the idea for a televised Easter worship service linking United Methodists in Russia with Broadmoor

UMC in Shreveport. David was the show's Moscow producer (see UMR, April 24).

David recently acquired a grant from the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries to help other United Methodist congregations contacts in Russia similar to those between Broadmoor and Ekaterinburg.

In a recent interview, David said, "Our whole company has turned in this direction now, all because of Carlana.

"What we're about," he continued, "is building relationships. We're not exporting Western civilization. We're sharing our faith."

Then he told a story. Following Carlana's injury, the Stone family attended a dance. David, after dancing with his other two daughters, saw Carlana beckoning to him from her wheelchair.

"Get me out of here," she said. Outside, David asked Carlana what was wrong.

"I just want to dance with my daddy," she sobbed.

Since then, David said, he has reminded Carlana of all the good that has happened as a result of her accident six years ago.

"I point to those things and I tell her, 'Honey, now you're dancing with your daddy.'"

A vibrant 23-year-old

And Carlana herself? She's a vibrant 23-year-old living in a Moscow apartment with many Russian friends with whom she speaks fluent Russian.

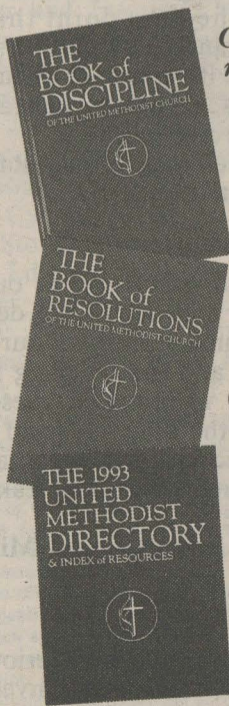
Chevron oil company has offered her a job in Moscow, and she's contemplating what to do beyond her scheduled return home in May.

She's hopeful about her physical condition and with good reason: She now takes regular walks balancing between parallel bars. "I'm definitely walking," she said.

"I'm not certain what I think about God at this point," she said candidly, "but I'm a lot healthier not being absolutely certain and still searching than if I just stopped searching."

Besides, she said, "Life is fantastic. It's just great!"

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UMCOR urges legal support for Haitian refugees

By DIANE HUIE BALAY
Associate Editor

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is urging United Methodists to write the U.S. Attorney General in support of some 5,000 Haitian immigrants now in Miami.

In a prepared statement, UMCOR said the Immigration Act of 1990 gives Attorney General William P. Barr power to grant temporary protected status "to any national group for whom conditions in their homeland do not permit a safe return."

This provision does not admit refugees permanently, the statement continues, but "gives them a chance to get on with their lives until the situation improves in their countries."

Some 32,000 have fled in small boats with little food, water or protection from the elements. Recently 18 refugees, two of them children, drowned when their dilapidated boat capsized.

The exodus of Haitians began after a coup ousted President Bertrand Aristide in September 1991.

Some 32,000 have fled in small boats with little food, water or protection from the elements. Recently 18 refugees, two of them children, drowned when their boat capsized.

The total number of drownings since the exodus is unknown but expected to be high.

Some 12,000 have been repatriated

to Haiti, UMCOR reports. To date, some 5,000 have been admitted to the United States.

United Methodist individuals, congregations, the Florida Annual Conference and interchurch agencies have been active in giving aid to the Haitians.

Haitians who reach Miami have 90 days to file for political asylum.

"Because the U.S. government insists that each Haitian follow this difficult and costly process instead of

simply recognizing all the people as refugees," UMCOR staffer Lilia Fernandez says, "the church agencies have an enormous burden."

The money needed for job training and placement, shelter and other services must be spent on lawyers.

"Temporary protected status would relieve pressure on church agencies which have to provide legal assistance," Ms. Fernandez continued. "It would also assure refugees that they have found a safe haven."

More information about the Haitian refugee situation is available through Ms. Fernandez at the UMCOR Refugee Office, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1374, New York, NY 10115; (212) 870-3806.

Chinese leader tells of church's new 'space'

United Methodist News Service

NEW YORK—Despite the tightening of political freedom in China since 1989, Christians are still given enough "space" to worship, according to Bishop K.H. Ting.

Bishop Ting, who as head of the China Christian Council and a member of the National People's Congress has long straddled the sometimes dangerous antagonism between church and state, delivered his assessment during a press conference recently sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

"The gains of 10 or more years since the cultural revolution cannot be swept away all at once," said Bishop Ting.

In fact, he added, the intellectual climate for Christians "is better today than any time in the past 40 years."

Supportive writings

Non-Christian scholars have written books supportive of Christianity and some Chinese have become cultural

Christians even though they do not attend worship services, he said.

Although Buddhists and Muslims still outnumber Christians in China, the country has 5 million-6 million Protestants and 3.3 million Roman Catholics.

Protestants have more than 7,000 church buildings and 13 seminaries with 800 students, about one-third of whom are women.

"We are in a hurry to produce the leaders of the next generation," Bishop Ting said.

Through the Amity Foundation—supported by several denominations—and United Bible Societies, the Chinese are able to print about a million Bibles a year now.

Shunning influence

In the 1950s, Protestants in China merged together to form a post-denominational "Three-Self" movement, ridding themselves of Western influence.

But Bishop Ting pointed out that

some theological differences among Protestants remain.

Within the China Christian Council, "we emphasize mutual respect in matters of faith and worship," the bishop said. "This is the level of unity we can achieve so far."

Significant step

He called the council's admittance into the World Council of Churches in February 1991 an "important step" that will make Chinese Christians

"more conscious of being a part . . . of the universal church, the historic church."

But as a small body, Protestants of China must continue to concentrate on its "responsibilities and opportunities" within the country, according to Bishop Ting.

"We are not theologically and intellectually prepared to take part in the dialogues of the World Council of Churches," he explained.

Health unit honors winners

The United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries announced individual and group award winners at its recent 52nd assembly in Indianapolis.

Lee and Lucille Dale, volunteers at The United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur, Ga., were named as individual volunteers of the year.

Group of the year was Mail Room Volunteers, serving Epworth Children's Home in Webster Groves, Mo.

The Rev. Stanley J. Mullin, director of pastoral care for Methodist Hospital of Indiana in Indianapolis, was honored as chaplain of the year.

Administrators of the year were David M. McFall of Wesley Manor in Frankfort, Ind., aging section; Terrel J. DeVille of Louisiana Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, La., children, youth and family section; and John W. Estabrook of Nebraska Methodist Health Systems in Omaha, hospitals section.

Development director of the year was the Rev. August E. Aamodt of Louisiana Methodist Children's Home

in Ruston, La.

Trustee of the year was George Bonadio, president of the board of directors of Methodist Home for Children in Philadelphia.

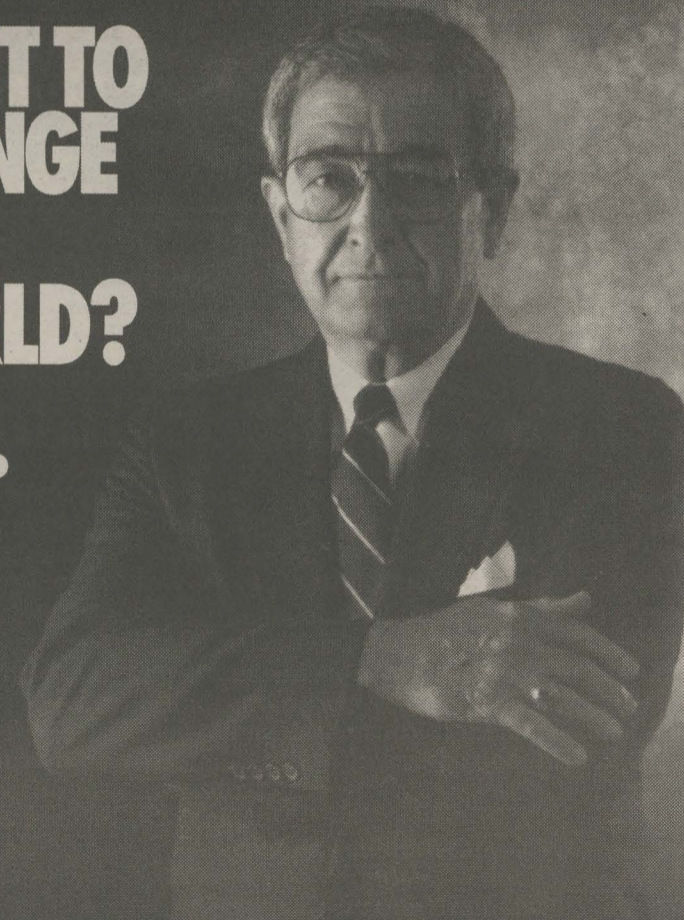
Organization of the year was Wesley Manor of Frankfort, Ind., a 400-plus resident continuing care retirement community.

Distinguished service by a local congregation was awarded to Otterbein Home United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Ohio.

Frederick B. Smith of Peoria, Ariz., was named to the Hall of Fame in Philanthropy for his financial support of Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont, Minn.

The association, headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, lists members as 190 retirement and long-term care centers, 27 hospitals, 53 child treatment and family service agencies, 41 of the church's 72 regional conferences in the U.S., 13 community centers and dozens of individuals interested in quality church-related health care and human services.

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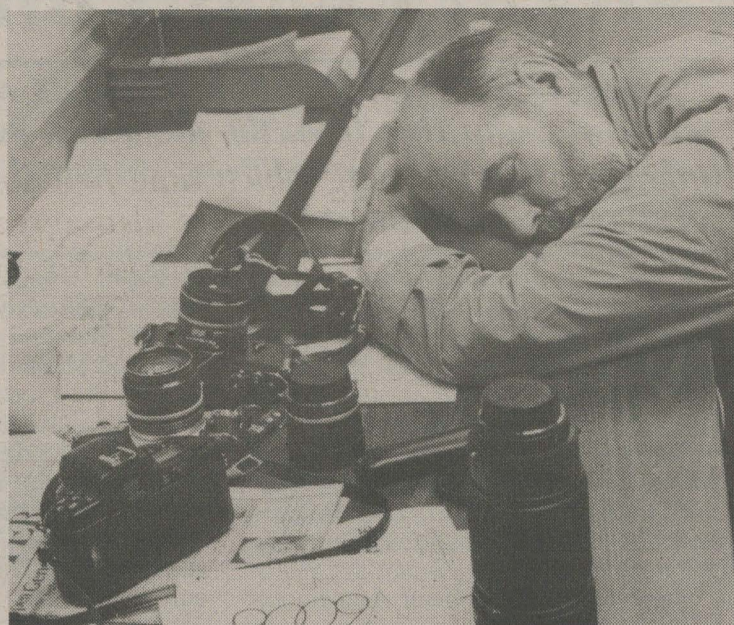
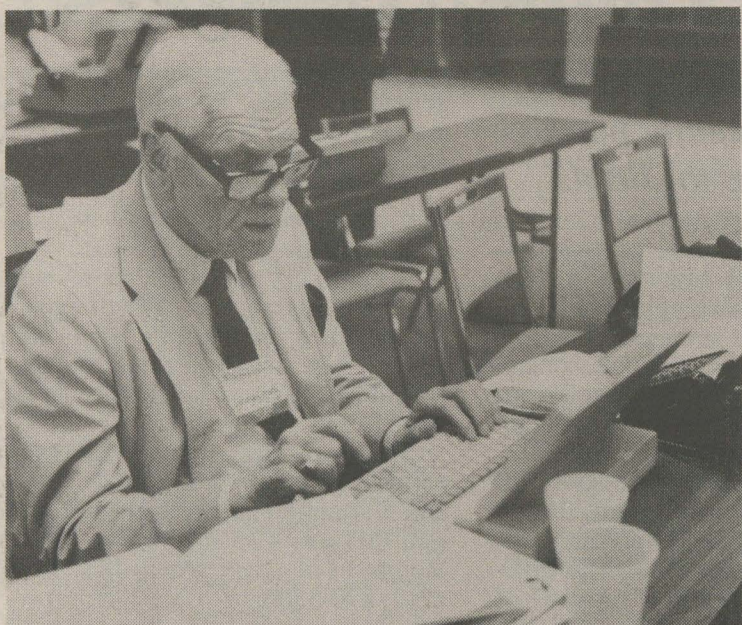
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LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Associated Press Religion Editor George Cornell (left) was among a bevy of news people covering the 1992 United Methodist General Conference. Also a veteran but a bit weary from miles of covering the conference floor daily was photographer John C. Goodwin, a staff member of the church's General Board of Global Ministries.

Publishing difficulties told in developing countries

United Methodist News Service

NASHVILLE—Many Methodists face a challenge equal to the struggle of circuit riders to provide printed material across the U.S. frontier.

Publishing representatives from various Wesleyan denominations around the world met at the United Methodist Publishing House recently and heard from colleagues from developing countries stories of paper shortages, inflation, political confrontations and

lack of technology.

Participants heard Monique Rocourt share the difficulties of publishing in Haiti, where electricity is available only two hours a day and presses are dependent on generators and an unpredictable diesel fuel supply.

Expecting nothing

"In Haiti we get used to expecting not to have anything," Ms. Rocourt explained. "Everything is expensive but we have to keep the price of our

materials down. As a result, she said, the Methodist Publishing House located in Port-au-Prince is "lucky to break even."

French is the official language of Haiti; the popular language is Creole. The Methodist Publishing House was the first to put the Creole language of Haiti in written form, Ms. Rocourt reported.

"There was no existing material in Creole and foreign material that was available was unsuitable," she said. The publishing house is now the second largest producer of school materials in the island nation, where 80 percent of the population is illiterate and 75 percent of the children do not attend school.

"Many parents can't pay the \$3 monthly school fee for their children," she said, "and they can't pay more for books."

Unstable economy

While the publishing house has been financially independent since January 1988, she said "its financial situation is still very precarious since it depends totally on the fluctuation of the price of all basic materials on the local market and receives no subsidies from abroad."

Despite political difficulties in re-

cent months, Ms. Rocourt said the publishing enterprise is one of the few businesses in Port-au-Prince that has not lost business or fired employees.

"It is important to keep that confidence up as other structures in the society are going down the drain," she said.

The political divisions of the country are affecting the church, she continued.

"The gap between different classes is causing great social tension now. ... It has to do with a history of oppression of one social class on another. The church is working mostly with the poor people in the country and in the slums and that is where the anger is not easy to control."

The Haitian publishing house, which began with a crude, hand-operated machine in 1976, now employs 23 persons. It has received equipment and other assistance from Methodists in England and the United States, including the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Hugo O. Ortega of Argentina said the ecumenical La Aurora publishing house, organized in 1925, will probably close at the end of this year because of inflation, government efforts to tax income and diminishing ecumenical support.

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Religion's influence is questioned with Pat Robertson at UPI's helm

By DARRELL TURNER
Religious News Service

Will United Press International, the once powerful international news service, become Pat Robertson's latest pulpit?

The jury is still out on the question regarding UPI under the ownership of Mr. Robertson, founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach, Va. Mr. Robertson's \$6 million bid for the ailing news agency in Washington was approved recently by Bankruptcy Judge Francis Conrad, and the final contract will be signed June 12 in New York City.

Conflicting comments

Mr. Robertson caused some confusion about his plans with two statements he has made. Speaking on his syndicated "700 Club" television program, he said that the media are "part of what God wants to touch. He wants to touch it with his truth and his love, and so this is may be one little opportunity."

But the same day he told the Associated Press that UPI under his ownership "is not going to be a religious news gathering operation. I think that would be a terrible mistake."

Several analysts of the media and of

Mr. Robertson's purchase bid was approved on the condition that he be allowed 30 days to examine the finances of UPI, during which time he could lower his offer or back out altogether. He also agreed to pay \$10,000 a day to keep UPI going during this time period.

televangelism agreed with his statement to the Associated Press, but they said Mr. Robertson will have to prove that he is not out to mix the kind of religious approach taken in his Christian Broadcasting Network programming with the traditionally secular approach of UPI.

The UPI name "doesn't mean a thing except that it retains some prestige and some clients, and if it becomes an instrument for Pat Robertson's worldview and proselytization, the prestige is lost and so are all the clients," said Jeffrey K. Hadden, a University of Virginia sociologist who has written books about Mr. Robertson and other Christian broadcasters.

Turner made similar purchase

Mr. Hadden speculated that UPI under Mr. Robertson's ownership may be similar to the Cable News Network

under Ted Turner, which has won respect for its journalistic accomplishments despite the fact that he has made his views well known on some major issues like the environment and East-West relations.

David Anderson, former religion writer for UPI said, "I think Ted Turner probably has some problems with elements of the business community who would see some of his environmental concerns reflected in an overabundance of environmental programming at Cable News Network, but I think the news is generally done straight."

The former UPI staffer said that if he were to return to the agency as religion writer under Mr. Robertson's ownership, "I'd want some things in writing about freedom to pursue the beat without editorial interference."

Wesley Pippert, a UPI correspondent for 20 years before becoming di-

rector of the Washington program of the University of Missouri Journalism School in 1989, cautioned against discounting the news agency under the ownership of a religious broadcaster "any more than we should discount NBC because it's identified as a corporate giant."

Mr. Hadden suggested that Mr. Robertson may attempt to use UPI to gain more legitimacy for himself in the world of secular journalism. He noted that this has been done by the Christian Science Church through its daily Christian Science Monitor newspaper and by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, through his daily Washington Times newspaper.

The Washington Times "is, to be sure, an instrument for conservative thought, but it is not a direct instrument of proselytizing for the Unification Church," Mr. Hadden said.

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'City of Joy' examines poor family's values central to economic survival in urban India

By HILEY H. WARD

The movie, "City of Joy," has more values enunciated per frame than many films put together.

But unfortunately it has one of the most wooden and melodramatic scripts. Every good thought and deed—and misdeed—sparks a statement.

Or to put it another way, people talk at one another, as few opportunities are lost to put in leaden words to anchor down obvious messages.

Nevertheless, the film may be worth it for what it does say and do.

"City of Joy" is about a poor family—a father (Om Puri) and mother, daughter and two small sons. The father brings them all along to seek work in one of India's teeming cities. The devotion of the family members to one another and the cohesiveness of the family are strongly underscored.

Enter Patrick Swayze as Max, a young American doctor. He's given up on his profession (it seems he couldn't save the life of a little girl at one time). He is in India to search for his soul and roots but is fed up to his neck with gurus and shows it by trashing their literature in an ashcan.

In the early going, he is brutally mugged. Barely escaping with his life, he is nursed back to health by Joan (Pauline Collins), a free-wheeling head of an independent rag-bail clinic. She is somewhat overweight and homely and a welcome character casting compared to how Hollywood usually casts such roles. So we have superstar, handsome Patrick Swayze developing an implied romance interest in some-



PHOTO BY TRISTAR PICTURES

Partick Swayze plays an American doctor who finds a new commitment to life in one of the poorest quarters of Calcutta in "City of Joy." The doctor forms deep friendships with the community's struggling families.

one who is not Miss America calibre.

There are altruistic values galore, as "St. Joan," as she is sometimes referred to, and her self-help clinic serve the poor and try to serve the lepers. By

reaching out to the lepers, the clinic is stormed by hordes who think their "neighborhood" is going down the drain.

But with all this uplifting emphasis

and preachments on what is right and good and the dramatizing also of what is wrong in society, there are also political, democratic and social values to ponder.

Sunday, June 14, 1992

9:00 a.m. "Going on to Salvation"	Prayer Room
9:30 a.m. Celebration Singers	Choir Room
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages	
10:00 a.m. Teacher Appreciation Day	Whitford Hall
10:30 a.m. Ringing of the Tower Bells	
10:55 a.m. Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. UMW Luncheon	Whitford Hall/ Bradshaw Room
	Prayer Room
3:30 p.m. Sunday Study Group	Home of Allen Browning
4:00 p.m. DMYF — Swim Party/BBQ (\$2) 4-7 p.m.	Community Life Center
	S.S. GREETERS: Logos Class
8:00 p.m. 12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.	

USHERS:	GREETERS:	S.S. GREETERS:
Connie Chandler (Captain)	To be announced	Logos Class
Tom Adkinson		
Tom Chandler		
Julie Ellis		
Randy Ellis		
Debbie Fedyshyn		
Jim Fedyshyn		
Nancy Lockamy		
Charles Medlin		
Polly Mixon		
Tim Nifong		
Gayle Nifong		

ALTAR GUILD:	NURSERY:
Carolyn Browning	Karen Bradsher
Carolyn Shipp	Sharon Allen
	Donna Huesgen
MESENTERS:	ACOLYTES:
Amy Johnson	To be announced
Warren Johnson	



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"Pinocchio"

Rising 1st and 2nd graders will see the movie "Pinocchio" in June or July at Willowdale Theater. Theater says they only know a week ahead when a movie will play. We need 1 or 2 mothers to help call other parents to inform them. Please call Ann at 683-3467. Will also need parents to stay at movies and possibly take children treats.

Supplies Needed For Children's Sunday School Class

Staplers	Pencils	Folded computer paper
Colored Paper	Tape	Glue
Markers	Large pieces of clean carpet	
Cloth for curtains in children's rooms		

Please bring items to office. Please call Ann if you have any carpet or if you can help make curtains.

Vacation Bible School

We still need a teacher for the 2-year olds, a helper for the 4-year olds, a helper for the 5-year olds, and snack helpers. Snack people can work for one day, but need to stay most of the morning. Call Jennifer Nifong (490-5188), Kathy Glas-son (732-8616), or Ann (683-3467).

Music Week At Lake Junaluska

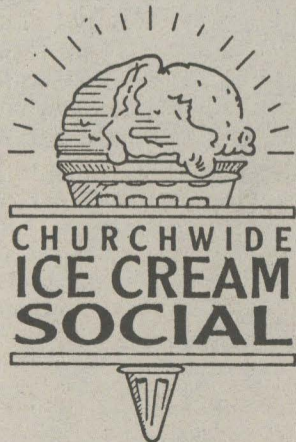
On Sunday, June 21, twelve of our Wesley Singers/Carolers, and four adult chaperones will board the van for a trip to the mountains. During our trip we'll sing with hundreds of other youth under the direction of some of the country's finest musicians. We'll sing, worship, swim, play, and learn a lot about being children of God! Our week will end with a closing concert on Thursday evening. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel, and celebrate in our outstanding participation in this southeast jurisdictional event!

News From The Kitchen

Items left in the kitchen over a length of time will first be placed in the clothes closet. These items at a later date will be taken to shelters or to the Salvation Army. Please check kitchen and clothes closet if you have left items in the kitchen.

DMYF — Swim Party & BBQ

Sunday, June 14, 4-7 p.m. at the home of Allen Browning (\$2). Invite a friend for dinner, diving and devotions!



Plan to enjoy the fellowship and fun of a summer Sunday on the grounds at 6:00 p.m., June 28. If you can, bring a freezer of ice cream, a plate of brownies, or other tasty delights. Contact Kelli Stucky (471-9880), Cheryl Conrad (493-7382), or Laurie Coffman (683-3467). Invite friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors to a casual evening at church.

Church Calendar For Week Of June 14

MONDAY, JUNE 15

9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out, Nurseries
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Bradshaw Room
7:00 p.m. Girls God-Talk, Middle School JOY Class
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and Ala-Preteen and A.A., Community Life Center

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

10:00 a.m. Circle 8, Bradshaw Room
12:15 p.m. Tuesday Study Group, Room 241
7:30 p.m. Administrative Board, Bradshaw Room
7:30 p.m. Inter-Neighborhood Council, Whitford Hall
8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A., Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out, Nurseries
10:00 a.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch, Whitford Hall
10-12:30 Preschool Day of Discovery
6:30 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner,

A Rose Is A Rose Is A Rose!

The roses have bloomed quickly during May and hopefully are a source of enjoyment for everyone. Please resist the temptation to pluck a rose or pick off a dead rose and drop it into the bed.

There is a certain way to cut roses in order to maintain attractive bushes. Quite a few long rose branches have been broken off in the bed which will eventually damage bushes.

The members of the Rose Committee know the proper way to cut roses. They do a great job of cutting them for church use, and try to cut dead roses before they shatter into the beds.

If you as a member of our church ever wish to have some cut roses, please contact me or a member of the Rose Committee. I appreciate your help in keeping our roses a source of pleasure for everyone. — Holly Eggleston (493-1611)

Whitford Hall
7:30 p.m. Kirk Singers
7:30 p.m. Wesley Women, To be announced
THURSDAY, JUNE 18
7:30 a.m. "The Man in the Mirror," Parlor
9:30-1:30 Elementary Trip, Coke/Herald Sun Newspaper
12:00 p.m. Thursday Study Group, Prayer Room
6:15 p.m. Faith Sharing Group, Room 241
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room
FRIDAY, JUNE 19
7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Study Group, Contact Donna Elium (382-8228)
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A., Community Life Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 20
No activities scheduled.

Calling All Jr. High Girls!



"God-Talk"
A Sharing Group
Monday, June 15, 7 p.m.

Membership Update

Oliver Upchurch — Membership Secretary

Membership as of April 21, 1992		954
April 24	Louise Brasher transferred to First United Methodist, Salisbury, NC	- 01
April 26	Emily Few transferred from Chapel Hill, NC Church of the Holy Family, Episcopal	+ 01
April 30	Evelyn Petty died	- 01
May 09	Marshall Stewart, Sr. died	- 01
Membership as of May 18, 1992		952

UMW June Meeting

UMW is having a fun and enriching meeting for June on Sunday, June 14. We will be served lunch by the Wesley Women following the worship service at 12:15 in Whitford Hall. Our special honoree will be Portia McAdams who will be living in our completed Habitat for Humanity House. Circles can bring housewarming gifts for Ms. McAdams if they like. Following lunch, Laurie Coffman will lead our program on Meditative Prayer (listening to God). Please plan to join us for this special time!

Welcome Anita!

We welcome Anita Saunders who will be assuming the duties of director of the weekday school on July 1, 1992. Anita has been the director of Grace Baptist Day Care for the past four years. Prior to that she taught at Duke Memorial Weekday School for ten years from September 1978 until June 1988 and was outstanding! She says she feels like she is "coming home" in returning to Duke Memorial, and we are delighted to have her back.

Anita is an active member of First Presbyterian Church and is a warm, loving person whom I look forward to having you meet.

— Caroline Sasser

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