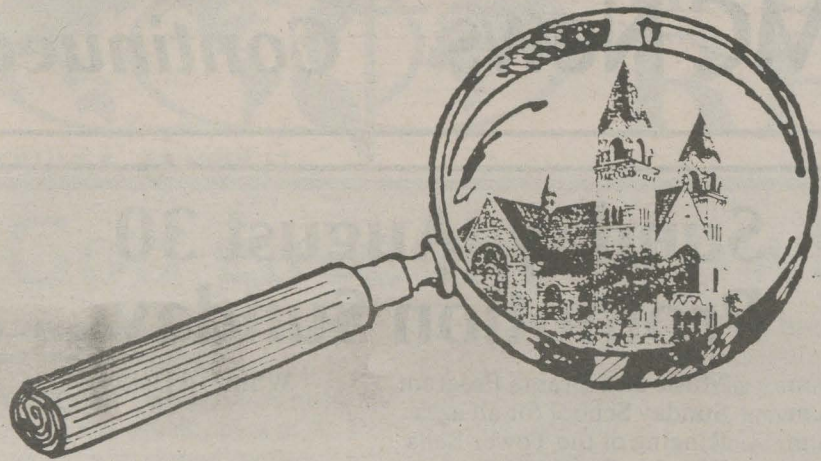


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Flea Market/Silent Auction

Don't Miss The Sanctuary Choir Fundraiser!

 Friday, August 28th, Noon-8 p.m.
 Saturday, August 29th, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
 504 W. Chapel Hill Street

Silent Auction

- * Car/Ford
- * Handmade Quilt
- * Time-Share Condo (week)
- * Signed Basketball by the 1992 Duke Basketball Team
- * Pianos/Organs
- * Singing lessons
- * Lawyer Services



- * Dinner packages
- * Tennis Lessons, plus much more!

Flea Market

- * Antiques
- * Appliances
- * Books
- * Children's Clothes
- * Food
- * Furniture
- * Housewares
- * Records

- * Financial Planning Package (Jim Mentzer)

Sponsored By:

The Adult Choirs
 Epworth United Methodist Church
 Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

'15 Journey to Junaluska or the Christian Ashram'

Earlier this month, fifteen members of Duke Memorial journey to Lake Junaluska for the annual Christian Ashram.

The Christian Ashram movement was started 62 years ago by E. Stanley Jones, a Methodist missionary in India. During his time there, he became familiar with Eastern religion ashrams and believed that Christians could benefit from a time apart for prayer, singing, Bible study, and meditation. Ashrams are held all over the world.

Those who took part in this Ashram weekend were Para, Weston, Daria and William Drake, Ann, Tom, Sherry and Melissa Knight, Susan Teer, Laurie, Mark and Corey Coffman, Ann Stallings, Kelly Stucky and Luke McCary. Children and youth had well planned programs and we all experienced God's love and care. The Christian Ashram is a wonderful way to renew your faith.

Music And Drama Camp Presents:

"St. Francis: Poor Little Man of God"

by Doug Wagner

Friday, August 21, 7:30 p.m.

Whitford Hall

(Camp takes place August 17-21, 9:00 a.m.-noon)

Please bring a friend and support the youth of Duke Memorial and Epworth Churches!

Children's and Youth Choir Schedule for Fall '92

Beginning September 13

Sundays: 6:30-7:30 p.m. JOYBells (6th-12th grades following DMYF)

Beginning September 16

Wednesdays: 5:00-6:00 p.m. Low-cost meal

6:00-7:00 p.m. Wesley Singers (3rd-7th)

6:00-6:45 p.m. Carol Choir (Kdg.-2nd)

* Child care provided

* Adult programming offered simultaneously

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A Weekend of Discovery . . .

How Are You Growing In Your Faith?

Do you have a growing edge? And if so, where is it at this time in your life? What are the personal growth challenges that you have in front of you right now, and how are you doing in facing those challenges?

I know many people who just drift along and who don't seem to have a growing edge. They never seem to be working on anything in their personal development; they are never reading a new book; they seem lacking in their own process of becoming a person.

The Bible calls us to be a growing person. We are never given the luxury of just taking life in stride to such an extent that we can just rock along. We are called to be growing. Paul said, "I beseech you therefore . . . to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, who is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed . . . that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable, and perfect."

We are making a commitment to spiritual growth at Duke Memorial this fall! Our Council on Ministries and Administrative Board have endorsed a Weekend of Discovery on November 5-8 as the focus of our lives together as the Body of Christ during the closing weeks of this Christian year. We want to begin the Advent Season on November 29 — when the new Christian year begins — with a sense of adventure, a sense of direction, and a sense of calling.

We are seeking this meaning to our Christian existence today in the context of a commitment to spiritual growth which includes involvement in a small group of 6-12 persons for 6 weeks beginning in September. The small groups, which may gather in homes, at the church, or various meeting places across the city, are called **search groups**, and our focus will be on the one question: "What's God saying to me?"

Soon you will be asked to participate in a search group that will be studying three documents — the Bible, a book entitled **Called to Be a Layman**, and a pamphlet, "What's God Saying to Me?" You may choose a search group based on the search leader, the day and time a group will meet, or the place that a group will meet. You just need to decide to make a personal commitment to spiritual growth by joining one of these groups!

Persons in an alive church understand that the Sunday experience is not the totality of their religious experience. They perceive the purpose of the church to be a place to prepare people for worship and ministry. Show growing Christians view their responsibility as being outward-looking, rather than inward-looking. They seek a balance between self-development and other-development. Such growing Christians at Duke Memorial on the Council on Ministries, the Administrative Board, and the Weekend of Discovery team are inviting everyone to join them in the greatest adventure on earth — the Christian journey to discover God's purpose for one's life. Will you join us this fall and find a search group in September? Everyone is invited to grow with us!

Clinton W. Spence
 Associate Pastor



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Promotion Sunday
 Sunday, August 30

Held During Worship (11 O'Clock Service) This Year

These rising third graders will be honored by our church by being presented Bibles in the worship service: **Edmond Bailey, Samuel Bilski, Catherine Coman, Karen Gereffi, Brooke Gray, Emilie Guerrant, Richie Kaspar, Marshall Mason, and Meredith Worsley.** Parents and children please sit together near the front.

Classes of children will sit together down front (with parental help). Children will be promoted by classes early in the worship service, and the little ones may be taken back to the church nursery or may sit with their parents during worship.

Teacher Dedication

Will also be held August 30, if we have all our teachers in place.

Please call Ann or Laurie if you can be a helper with children or youth in the fall. 683-3467

Children's classes need helpers in the 2, 3, 4-year old rooms and with first grade
Our Children And Youth Need You!

Durham, Duke Memorial UMC News *Continued*

Sunday, August 23

9:00-4:00 p.m. Loaves and Fishes Retreat — Joy Class
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Ringing of the Tower Bell
 10:55 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
 7:30 p.m. DMYF — Durham Bulls Game (\$3)
 8:00 p.m. 12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. Community Life Center

SERMON: Mark W. Wethington
 SCRIPTURE: Psalm 84 Jeremiah 28:1-9
 Luke 13:22-30 Hebrews 12:18-29
 ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" John Rutter
 USHERS: GREETERS: S.S. GREETERS:
 The JOY Class Youth Wesley Class
 Julie and Sid Allen, Coordinators
 Brenda Bolton
 Brooks Bolton
 Joey Browning
 Josh Glasson
 Sarah Justice
 Danielle Kaspar
 John McCary
 Mark Medlin
 Gus Mixon
 Caroline Ritchie
 Heather Sewell
 Ann Wilson
 Heather Wilson
 ALTAR GUILD: POLLY FARNED
 Beulah Latta
 Martha Thumm
 NURSERY: ANITA SHORE
 Kathy Glasson
 Donna Huessen
 MESSENGER: DORIS BRIDGES
 JR. CHURCH
 To be announced
 ACOLYTES: MATTHEW KASPAR
 Kevin Gray

Sunday, August 30 Promotion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Music and Drama Program Whitford Hall
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Ringing of the Tower Bells
 10:55 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
 No DMYF
 8:00 p.m. 12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. Community Life Center

SERMON: Mark W. Wethington
 SCRIPTURE: Psalm 15 Ezekiel 18:1-9, 25-29
 Luke 14:1, 7-14 Hebrews 13:1-8
 ANTHEM: "Like As a Hart" Herbert Howells
 USHERS: GREETERS: S.S. GREETERS:
 Tom Hargitt (Captain) Hershel Caldwell To be announced
 Herschel Caldwell, Jr. Mary John Caldwell
 Bob Cox
 George Davis
 Holly Eggleston
 Joel Glasson
 Neal Grubbs
 Ed Hammond
 Chris Howlett
 Bill Sewell
 Bob Weynand
 Tom Worsley
 ALTAR GUILD: POLLY FARNED
 Beulah Latta
 Martha Thumm
 MESSENGERS: GEORGE DAVIS
 Tamela Davis
 JR. CHURCH
 To be announced
 NURSERY: KATHY VOKATY
 Kim Roberson
 Kathy Fitzsimmons
 ACOLYTES: BRAD BAILEY
 Mark Coffman

A Look Ahead . . .

Tentative Calendar For August 31-September 5

Monday, August 31
 INSIGHTS INFORMATION DUE FOR SEPTEMBER 11-SEPTEMBER 27
 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out Nurseries
 10-11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting Pastor's Office
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. Community Life Center
 Tuesday, September 1
 12:15 p.m. Tuesday Study Group Room 241
 7:00 p.m. DMYF Counselors Meeting To be announced
 7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting Library
 8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. Community Life Center
 Wednesday, September 2
 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
 7:30 p.m. Circle 7 Pat McConnell's Home
 Thursday, September 3
 7:30 a.m. "The Man in the Mirror" Parlor
 12:00 p.m. Thursday Study Group To be announced
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Choir Room
 7:30 p.m. Multiple Sclerosis Society Community Life Center
 Friday, September 4
 7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Study Group Call Donna Elium (382-8228)
 Community Life Center
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A.
 Saturday, September 5
 No activities scheduled.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

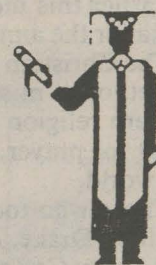
Child And Parent Support Services

- * Are you concerned about child abuse and neglect in Durham?
- * Are you proud of your parenting skills?
- * Are you a good friend?

CAPSS, Child and Parent Support Services, needs caring, concerned individuals who can donate at least an hour per week to help break the cycle of child abuse and neglect. These volunteers, who will be trained as Lay Therapists, provide role-modeling, acceptance, and nurturing for high-risk Durham families. Training classes begin in October. Can you help? Call CAPSS at (919) 286-7112 for more information.

CELEBRATING EDUCATION

"It Takes a Whole Community to Raise a Child"



Join parents, children, teachers and other friends of education as we kick-off the new school year in the spirit of hope and cooperation.

We'll celebrate and showcase the promise our public schools hold for our children. The community will be encouraged to ensure that EVERY child is inspired and given the resources needed to learn and grow.

What: A FREE festival featuring Maya Angelou, well-known author and educator, local speakers and student performances

When: Sunday, August 30, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: Omni Durham Civic Center

Sponsored by Durham Congregations in Action & Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance

Be there on August 30th at "CELEBRATING EDUCATION" and show your support of our children and schools.



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VISITATION TEAM

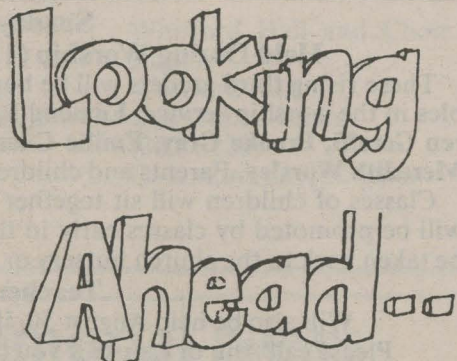
Visitation Days

Thursday August 13 — 9:45 a.m. — Meet in kitchen (too hot to meet in parking lot)

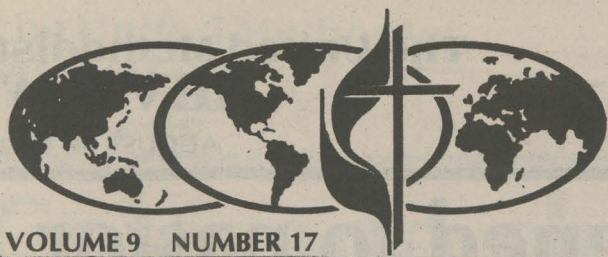
Go out visiting and meet at Damon's for lunch at 12:15.

Thursday, August 27 — 9:45 a.m. — Same as above but meet at Olive Garden for lunch at 12:15

Thanks to Mark Wethington who taught us and to all the dedicated women who came on Thursday, July 30th to hear about sharing communion with our homebound members.



Council on Ministries will meet Monday, August 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Bradshaw Room.



'God gave the growth' for Burundi UM center

By DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL
Associate Editor

GITEGA, Burundi—A hush fell over the crowd of some 1,000 worshippers at St. Peter's Cathedral July 27 as a procession of two acolytes, three crossbearers, 100 clergy and numerous bishops entered the long-awaited service.

What might have been taken for an Anglican or Catholic high holy ceremony was actually a worship service of United Methodists in the rural village of Nyabugogo, just outside Gitega, Burundi, in Central Africa.

Worshippers arrived nearly two hours before the 10 a.m. service to claim a seat on the ebony pews to give praises to God for United Methodist mission work in Burundi.

New Yorkers help build

They were also waiting in anticipation of the dedication of a \$200,000 United Methodist Women's Education and Development Center next to the church. The center is funded primarily through gifts from United Methodists in the North Central and Western New York Annual Conferences.

Some \$56,000 of the total needed for construction has been given by Western New York United Methodists as a tribute to the ministry of their episcopal leader, Bishop Forrest C. Stith. He is ending an eight-year term in the New York West Area and was recently assigned by the church's Northeastern Jurisdiction to the New York Area.

Bishop J. Alfred Ndoricimpa of Gitega, resident bishop of the United Methodist Church in Burundi, told the Review that "one of the church's highest priorities is the education of Burundi women."

This was the reason for creating the women's center, he said.

"Aside from improving their standard of living and expanding their personal horizons, the center

will help Burundian women participate more fully in the education of their children," he said.

"The center will better equip them for the marketplace; help them to become better informed; help them to maintain communications with far-away relatives and better care for their families."

Bishop Ndoricimpa added that the center will offer classes in animal husbandry, agriculture, literacy, accounting, family planning, sewing and home economics.

Bishop Stith was present for the dedication service, as were nearly 40 other United Methodists from the United States, Europe, and other African countries.

Other guests included the governor of the Gitega province; bishops of other denominations; representatives of the U.S. embassy and "Les Tambours du Burundi," or drummers from Gitega.

'God gave the growth'

As he preached during the two-hour service, Bishop Stith reminded the worshippers that "it is not important who planted or watered this project. It was God who gave the growth."

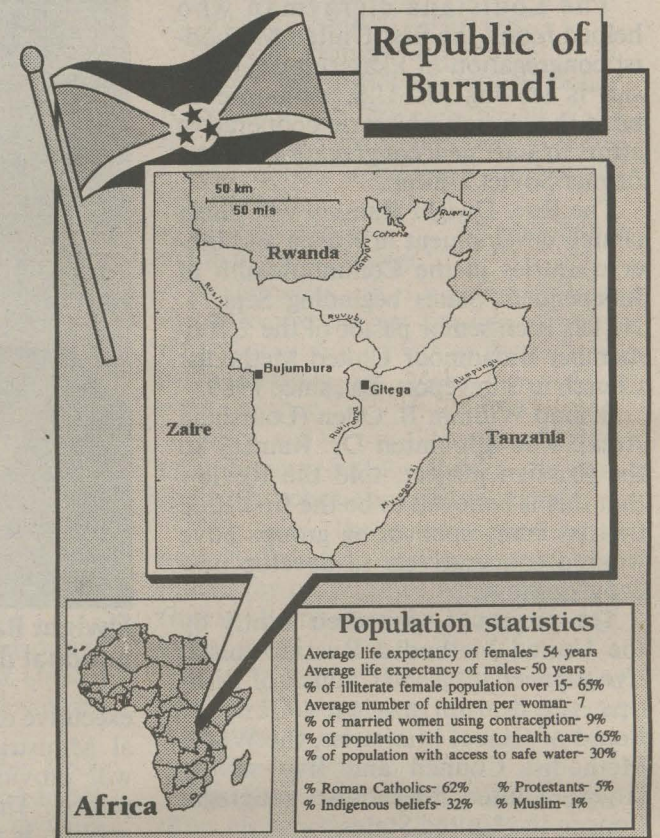
"People of Burundi, in eight years you have done great things in your country. And in the midst of your accomplishments, you must be careful whether you say you did this or that. Remember, God gave the growth."

"When you work in your fields and see your plants grow, you might begin to say, 'Oh, how great I am. But you must hear the whisper in your ear that says, 'God gave the growth.'"

"When the church begins to multiply and you have more new pastors, churches and choirs, you might say, 'How great we are.' But God gave the growth."

Must 'help one another'

Bishop Stith added that this occasion is one example of how Christians must learn to help one another, "if God's growth is to be manifested."



Republic of
Burundi

Population statistics

Average life expectancy of females- 54 years
Average life expectancy of males- 50 years
% of illiterate female population over 15- 65%
Average number of children per woman- 7
% of married women using contraception- 9%
% of population with access to health care- 65%
% of population with access to safe water- 30%
% Roman Catholics- 62% % Protestants- 5%
% Indigenous beliefs- 32% % Muslim- 1%

UMR MAP BY DEBRA MCKNIGHT

"It takes women, it takes men, it takes black skins and white skins," he continued. "It requires all people of Burundi, regardless of their tribe. All of us must work together for church growth."

Bishop Ndoricimpa said he was grateful for the presence of all United Methodists who came from across the globe to witness the historic event.

"Thanks be to God as well for the presence of everybody, including the visitors within our country," he said.

New center has New York roots

Review Staff Special

GITEGA, Burundi—Dedication ceremonies for the Women's Education and Development Center in Gitega helped fulfill the dream of United Methodists in Burundi as well as for many in upstate New York.

The Rev. Gregory L. Crispell, former Western New York conference secretary for global ministries, said, "The vision of the conference has been wonderful in support mission work in Burundi."

Local leadership nurtures ministry

Review Staff Special

GITEGA, Burundi—In August 1980, when missionaries of the World Gospel Mission left the poor, Central African country of Burundi, local citizens were handed the leadership of the church.

The membership then was 6,119, with five ordained clergy and three permanent church buildings.

Today, under leadership of Bishop J. Alfred Ndoricimpa, the United Methodist Church in Burundi has:

- 40,000 members.
- 93 ordained ministers.
- 60 lay preachers.

- 7 districts.

In addition, U.S. and European United Methodists have supported the Burundi Annual Conference in the remodeling of a guest house in Bujumbura, purchase of a youth center in Gitega and the building of a hospital in Kayero.

Gifts for the most recent major project, the Women's Education and Development Center in Gitega, Burundi, (see related stories) can be made to United Methodist Advance No. 009912-4HN.

—DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL



REVIEW STAFF PHOTO BY DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL

GITEGA, Burundi—Drums celebrate a new beginning for a \$200,000 United Methodist Women's Education and Development Center, funded primarily through gifts from church members in northern and western New York. Resident Bishop J. Alfred Ndoricimpa told the Review that "one of the church's highest priorities is the education of women" in Burundi, where about 65 percent of women are illiterate.

Church-starting role in Russia assigned to pastor

By CYNTHIA B. ASTLE
Associate Editor

The Louisiana clergyman who helped found the first United Methodist congregation in Ekaterinburg, Russia, is leaving his U.S. pastorate to head the church's historic cooperative effort to start new congregations in the former Soviet Union.

The Rev. Dwight Ramsey will direct church development in Russia and other countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States beginning Sept. 1. He has been senior pastor of the 2,700-member Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport, La., since 1989.

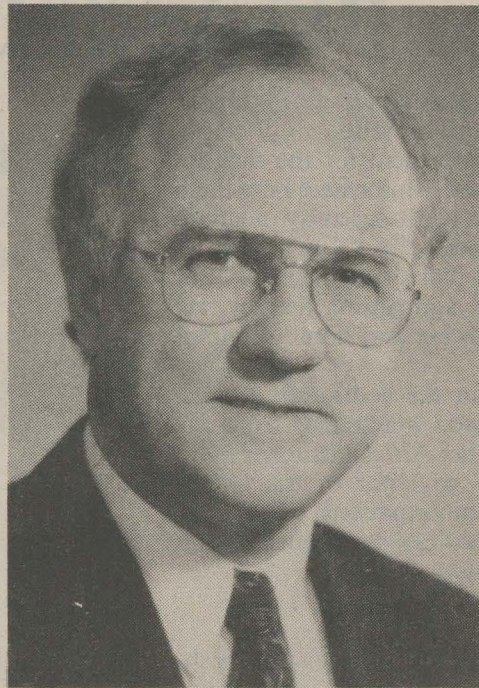
Bishop William B. Oden (Louisiana Area), who appointed Dr. Ramsey to the Russian project, told the Review that this is believed to be the first time that so many sponsoring groups have worked cooperatively to develop new congregations.

The project is sponsored jointly by the United Methodist Russian initiative pioneered by the Council of Bishops, the denomination's General Board of Global Ministries, the World Methodist Council and five of the largest United Methodist congregations in the United States.

The five churches are First UMC, Houston; Christ UMC, Memphis; First UMC, Tulsa; Frazier Memorial UMC, Montgomery, Ala., and Christ UMC, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Two sources of funding

The Rev. Randolph P. Nugent, chief



Dwight Ramsey will direct congregational development in Russia.

executive of the General Board of Global Ministries, said the mission board will provide start-up funding for the project. That amount, which he didn't specify, is to be matched by contributions from the five initial sponsoring congregations, he said.

Bishop Oden said Dr. Ramsey's appointment is the third phase of a three-pronged approach to implement the denomination's Russian initiative.

The bishop said the first phase was to assign Bishop Ruediger R. Minor as

the episcopal leader for the Russian mission area. Bishop Minor's assignment was approved by the 1992 General Conference in May.

The second phase, Bishop Oden continued, was to have the General Board of Global Ministries assign a coordinator to oversee mission work. The Rev. R. Bruce Weaver, immediate past director of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, was appointed to the coordinator post last month.

Hope many involved

"[Dr. Ramsey's appointment] is the beginning of what we hope will be the involvement of large numbers of annual conferences, districts and local congregations in new church development in the former Soviet Union," said Bishop Oden.

The bishop explained that Dr. Ramsey's project will be overseen by a "management team" representing the cooperating partners.

Bishop Oden and Dr. Ramsey said the team will include:

- ✓ Senior pastors and lay representatives from the five initial sponsoring congregations;

- ✓ A lay representative from Broadmoor UMC;

- ✓ The Rev. H. Eddie Fox, World Evangelism Director of the World Methodist Council;

- ✓ Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn (Houston Area), 1989-92 president of the General Board of Global Ministries;

- ✓ Dr. Nugent and Bishops Oden and Minor.

Dr. Ramsey said he plans to replicate the "Broadmoor model" of starting churches in the former Soviet Union. The essence of this model is to link each new Russian congregation with one in the U.S. for spiritual and financial support.

'Global circuit rider'

"I'm going to be a kind of global circuit rider," Dr. Ramsey told the Review. "My family and I will continue to live in the U.S., but we haven't determined where."

"In addition to the one in Ekaterinburg, I've already organized new congregations in Moscow and St. Petersburg."

Dr. Ramsey and Broadmoor UMC made headlines in June 1991 with the founding of the first United Methodist congregation in what was then Sverdlovsk, Russia. At that time Sverdlovsk, an industrial center in the Ural Mountains, was one of the most closed cities in the U.S.S.R. because of its military connections. The city resumed its historic name of Ekaterinburg last September after the fall of the Soviet Union.

Broadmoor continues to support the Ekaterinburg congregation, which now has nearly 1,000 members.

In addition to continuing to serve Dr. Ramsey, the "Broadmoor model" of church development has been adapted by a new program, "Connecting Congregations," founded earlier this year by the World Methodist Council.

So far, "Connecting Congregations," which is overseen by Dr. Fox, has concentrated its work in eastern Europe.

Guess who made the newspaper in Ukrainian republic

United Methodists visiting the Ukrainian community of Kerch made front-page news in the July 2 issue of the local paper, the "Kerch Worker." So did Jesus Christ!

A newspaper story about visitors from First United Methodist Church in Morristown, N.J., carried, for the first time in the paper's 20-year history, the name of Jesus Christ.

The article also carried the official cross-and-flame emblem of the United Methodist Church.

The Morristown church was one of two United Methodist congregations—the other was St. Luke's UMC of Oklahoma City, Okla.—that recently sent members on friendship visits to the former Soviet Union.

The Rev. Jim White, pastor of the Morristown church, described the visits as a "mission of reconciliation and trust" between two groups of people who for years had been taught to be suspicious of each other.

A new congregation?

Out of his church's visit, he said, a new United Methodist congregation is expected to emerge in Kerch.

Several Kerch families signed a document expressing their intent to start a new church and asked their visitors for guidance.

Mr. White said the visitors assured their hosts they had come in a "common search for God who made us," not to "bring God or an American brand of Christianity."

"We were meeting up with the remnants of a Christian community that was worshipping in Kerch 500 years before Columbus came to North America."

—The Rev. Jim White

"After all," he told United Methodist News Service, "we were meeting up with the remnants of a Christian community that was worshipping in Kerch 500 years before Columbus came to North America."

Mr. White will return to Moscow and Kerch in August. About 26 people, most from Kerch, will visit Morristown in September.

While the New Jersey United Methodists were in Kerch, Oklahoma United Methodists were visiting the Russian city of Ulyanovsk (see UMR, July 31).

Christianity reemerging

According to the Rev. Robert Long, St. Luke UMC's senior pastor, what the Oklahoma visitors witnessed in Russia could not be called a rebirth of Christianity because it had never died. Rather, Mr. Long said, it was a re-emergence of Christianity.

The St. Luke's group of 40 people traveled 800 miles east of Moscow to spend eight days in homes of ordinary Russians in Ulyanovsk, not far from the European-Asian border.

They distributed Russian Bibles and held worship services. They met with

public officials and university educators and toured a collective farm, museums, rural villages, hospitals, schools and children's centers, a veterans' and workers' home.

They sang, danced, picnicked, shared gifts with their hosts.

And they experienced numerous individual surprises.

Mary Frow's surprise happened at a country church 60 miles west of Ulyanovsk.

The Orthodox priest there, Father Vladimir, said he had never seen an American before Dr. Frow appeared with her hosts, Alexander and Tanya Malstev.

Father Vladimir said his grandfather—also a priest—had been executed as part of the Lenin/Stalin purges. Father Vladimir said he became a priest to honor his ancestor's memory.

"In that holy place, I felt an intense sense of community," Dr. Frow said. "It was like a haven for the oppressed."

The Oklahoman asked for and received the priest's blessing.

"I didn't know his words, but what mattered was the sincere communion of his heart to mine," Dr. Frow said.



Kathy Williams puts on protective slippers before she and other St. Luke's United Methodist Church members visiting from Oklahoma City toured Zagorsk Monastery near Moscow.

Father Vladimir called it a miracle that Dr. Frow, "probably the only American who would ever see his church," had come.

Compiled from reports from United Methodist News Service and correspondent Mary Jo Nelson.

Colorado churches help out-draw Klan

By DIANE HUIE BALAY
Associate Editor

While some 50 members of the Ku Klux Klan raised their stiff-armed salute in a Colorado Springs parking lot July 19 and chanted "White power! White power! White power!" 250 anti-Klan protesters shouted back across a wall of police officers.

But several thousand people found more positive responses elsewhere to the Klan rally and recruitment effort.

They attended some of the six festivals, concerts, discussions and contests organized to offset the Klan's white supremacist message—two of them sponsored by United Methodist churches in coalitions with other churches.

Pastor steps forward

About six weeks earlier, when the community learned of the planned KKK demonstration, the Rev. Harvey Martz, senior pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church, was one of the first to step forward with a plan for a positive response. He did so at a meeting of the city's Human Relations Committee, of which he is a member, according to the Colorado Springs "Gazette Telegram."

Mr. Martz told the Review that the idea for the Festival Ethnic Diversity, attended by some 1,000 people at the Village Green Park about 10 miles

"It was an evangelism event in the broadest sense of the word because it helped unchurched people see that The United Methodist Church is deeply concerned about racism and bigotry. It also let people have fun."

—Harvey Martz

from the KKK rally, grew out of a staff meeting at the church.

The festival, which included musical performances, food booths and displays, was pulled together by a coalition of churches, businesses and public radio station KRCC. For four hours, the crowd was entertained by country-western recording artist Chuck Pyle, rap artist Billie Jean, rockers Shakedown Street, rappers Drug Free Zone and Christian music composer Ken Medema.

"Mr. Medema—who really moved the crowd with his songs of freedom and justice—waived his usual \$3,000 fee and flew from San Jose, Calif., at his own expense to be a part of the event," Mr. Martz told the Review.

All artists performed without charge, he said.

An evangelism event

The concert, reflecting black, white and Hispanic influences, was designed to attract youths and young adults, he

continued.

"It was an evangelism event in the broadest sense of the word because it helped unchurched people see that the United Methodist Church is deeply concerned about racism and bigotry," Mr. Martz said. "It also let people have fun."

Several interracial families attended the festival, he said.

"One father told me, 'My kids get called names at school, but I know this is a place they will be accepted.'"

A different coalition of eight downtown churches, including First United Methodist Church, sponsored yet another alternative program.

Only a few blocks from the KKK rally, some 650 people attended a concert at First UMC by choirs of two Korean United Methodist churches, a Catholic Hispanic choir, and a black choir from Denver known as "Voices of Faith," made up of former street children.

"As people were leaving the church

following the performance," said the "Gazette Telegram," "they were handed different colored carnations.

"Several flowers were held by 8-year-old Jenna Boyles, whose father, Roger, said he had told her all about the Klan—and why they had come to a rally where a different philosophy was preached.

"I told my kids . . . All people are made in God's image."

Nevertheless, in Colorado Springs, the Klan did not get the ugly counter-demonstration it counts on for national press coverage, Mr. Martz said. "They want violence."

Police called the Colorado Springs episode uneventful—thanks, in part, to the churches, the newspaper said.

"We think the positive alternative here in Colorado Springs is a possible model for other cities when the KKK invite themselves to recruit," Mr. Martz said.

The "Gazette Telegram" reported that the Klan plans recruiting rallies in Alabama, Illinois and Florida in the next few months.

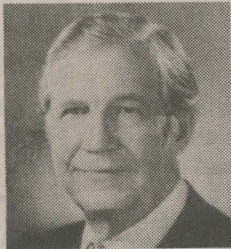
The Klan may hope for less competition elsewhere. In Colorado Springs, the crowd of all of the churches, the community events and the KKK together paled beside the one drawn by country singer Reba McEntire at the nearby Air Force Academy the same afternoon. Ms. McEntire drew 18,000.

Faith connections

Compiled from news and staff reports

YOUTH CAMPERS DIE: Two boys attending a United Methodist senior high camp in Wisconsin died June 26 in a one-car accident unrelated to camp activities. Dead were **Mike Milner**, 16, and **Jason Muenzel**, 15, both members of Faith United Methodist Church in Neenah, Wis. Injured in the crash was **Brian Messman**, 16, a member of First United Methodist Church in Madison, Wis. A car owned by Mike Milner, reportedly traveling at high speeds, ran off a rural road near the camp and crashed.

AWARD ANNOUNCED: Trustees of the Swami Pranavananda Peace Awards Trust recently announced that retired United Methodist Bishop **James K. Mathews** is the recipient of the trust's 1990 award for Gandhian Literature. He was cited for his book, "The Matchless Weapon: Satyagraha" published by the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay [*"satyagraha" often is translated as "soul force"*]. A cash prize and citation will be presented to Bishop Mathews Oct. 2.



James K. Mathews

SOUTH AFRICAN APPEAL: The Methodist Church of Southern Africa has proposed a four-part response to South Africa's ongoing racial crisis. Officials of that church have called on the world Christian community to support: sending teams from international organizations to South Africa to monitor the violence; conducting an international investigation into the violence in South Africa, especially activities of so-called death squads; installation of an interim government in South Africa immediately; guaranteeing by international

organizations of free and fair elections in South Africa based on universal suffrage.

A FEMINIST SAMPLER: A United Methodist ecumenist has commended a new book, "We Belong Together: Churches in Solidarity with Women" to help Christians separate fact from fiction about feminism in faith. The Rev. **Jeanne Audrey Powers**, a staff executive with the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, said the book "opens up a way for men and women unfamiliar with major issues present in the church for the last two decades to sample feminist theology, language, ethics and understanding of self, faith and mission."

NOT VERY MERRY: Christian psychiatric clinics are no less "merciful" in their fees than their secular counterparts, says a recent survey by "The Joyful Noiseletter," a publication of the Fellowship of Merry Christians. "The cost at any one of these Christian clinics would range from \$7,000 to \$8,000 for one week," the newsletter reported. Moreover, the newsletter reported, most Christian clinics won't accept charity cases.

EDITOR RETURNS: The Rev. **J. Richard Peck** resumed the editorship of "Newscope" with the July 10 issue. He succeeds **Tom Tozer**, who took the post in June 1991. Mr. Peck was editor of the weekly newsletter published by The United Methodist House from 1977-86 and had more recently been its editorial director. He also edited the "Daily Christian Advocate" for the church's legislative General Conferences of 1988 and 1992.



Richard Peck

SPORTS STARS: Two United Methodist young men are among people featured on a new religion-oriented series on the Entertainment Sports Network (ESPN). On the Aug. 10 show was **Shepherd Clark**, national amateur ice-skating champion, who grew up in St. James UMC in Atlanta. The Aug. 6 show included marathon cyclist **Rich Wagner**, a member of Trinity UMC in Lapel, Ind. He was shown cycling across the U.S. to raise funds for Haitian medial relief. The series produced by Challenger Films of Atlanta is intended to feature young people who credit God for gifts of talent or motivation for accomplishment.

FINISHING THIRD: A recent Times Mirror Center survey of 3,517 people reported that Americans rate computers and technology higher than churches as a source of positive influence on the country. The nationwide polling placed religious institutions ahead of environmentalists, newspapers, the courts and Congress, but the church groups ranked only third—behind people who run their own businesses, and computers and technology.

DROUGHT RESPONSE: In response to what may be the worst African drought of the century, six international relief agencies have agreed to combine forces in providing aid to the continent. The six groups—Caritas Internationalis, Catholic Relief Services, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Lutheran World Federation, Oxfam and the World Council of Churches—have launched appeals totaling \$65 million to combat the shortages of food and water threatening almost 13 million people.



Editorial

Might God be killing the church—or parts of it?

Is God killing the church—or at least parts of it?

A Duke University Divinity School scholar recently suggested just such a disturbing possibility.

The Rev. D. Stephen Long, whose speciality is Christian ethics, pointed out during an interview that churches in Africa, Mexico, El Salvador are "alive and vibrant while in the United States there is increasing capitulation to wealth and power and the church is dying."

Noting that many church growth experts take for granted that "God is not present" in the declining U.S. church, Dr. Long demurred.

"We don't control the church—God does. If the mainline Protestant church in our country is dying, maybe God is killing it."

Provocative image! Whatever else one might say about it, such an image provides an unconventional starting point to reflect on actual conditions in the church of Jesus Christ.

It's important to begin by observing that Dr. Long's image exaggerates the actual situation.

Not all U.S. churches are dying, at least not numerically. Even among denominations that have experienced numerical decline for more than two decades, countless congregations flourish. Signs abound of a God who, far from killing the church, is giving it new life.

Even congregations experiencing lit-

tle or no numerical growth often can point to signs of God's life-giving presence—for example, a person's turn from despair to hope or an estranged couple's reconciliation.

More loudly than they often do, both kinds of churches—those that are visibly active and vital and those that are quietly effective in subtle but sure ways—should proclaim the life that is within them. By doing so, they put the lie to misleading suggestions that the church is dying or that God is killing it.

Nevertheless, Christians—of all people!—dare not forget that God is also a God of judgment. The image of God destroying those who claim di-

vine favor but who betray the divine covenant is rooted in Scripture (see, for example, Jeremiah 19).

Hence, it is not farfetched to suggest that God might be killing parts of the church, particularly those that fail to reflect God's will.

Where such is discerned to be the case, the faithful response can be agonizing, namely, letting parts of our life together die so that other parts can live more abundantly.


Might there be aspects of our denominational structure that no longer fulfill God's will, but whose continued existence detracts from our mission as Christ's followers?

Might there be parts of our own congregations—a committee that has outlived its usefulness or a program that no longer builds up the body—that justly could be allowed to die?

Might we be experiencing a new call from God—a call to give up our preoccupation with saving our institutional lives so that we can be genuinely focused on saving life itself?

These are hard questions. They suggest that God, acting in both love and judgment, might indeed be killing portions of the church that, in reality, cease to be the church.

They are questions, though, that followers of Christ dare not let die.

 Pontius' Puddle


FaithLine

Sainthood 'self-test' response varies

The Review recently invited readers to tell their views regarding a "self-test" for sainthood developed by George H. Gallup Jr., and Timothy Jones, co-authors of "The Saints Among Us" (see Review, July 17).

Readers were asked to reflect on such questions as: What, if anything, did you learn from the "saints" test? How would you put into practice what you've learned? In what ways might your congregation benefit from a discussion of the "saintly" characteristics the test poses?

Following is a sampling of your responses:

Donald D. Dunn, McAllen, Texas: I found the saints self-test to be very illuminating and challenging for my personal life. I feel it could be a useful tool in getting members of the congregation which I serve to reflect upon their own lives and the emphasis they put in their lives and the way they deal with the world around them. I'd be interested to know whether or not we should get permission to reprint the "Saints among us" self-test.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Permission to reprint the self-test can be requested by contacting The George H. Gallup International Institute, 100 Palmer Square, Princeton, NJ 08542.

Perry Miller, Concord, North Carolina: In reading the article on the "Saints among us self-test," I decided

that I would make that the focus for my sermon this weekend and by printing the test in my bulletin. I hope that was all right [see Editor's Note above]. I'm using it to help us think about an agenda for living. I thought it was very helpful. Thanks a lot.

Pauline Corrigan, Wicksboro, Pennsylvania: My heart was thrilled when I thought of the people of my church and realized that we had so many saints today. I've called on 12 of them to make a witness and take a stand at one of our Sunday worship services. I think it would build their self-confidence and self-esteem to help them to put their faith into practice and make

our corner of the world a better place to live. "When the saints go marching in," there is no limit to what can be accomplished.

Donald Langreck, Buffalo, New York: The statement "I do things I don't want to do because I believe it is the will of God" is absolutely incorrect. If it is the will of God, I will do them because God has changed my mind so that I want to do them. I do things that I want to do that I never would have considered before because God has changed my mind. Therefore I do it because I believe it is the will of God.

Letters to the Editor

You can't measure sainthood!

Regarding the July 17 article discussing George Gallup's determinations of who is, and by implication who is not, a "saint":

How astonishing that Christians, who profess to follow the Christ who proclaimed the love of God for all creation, persist in setting parameters for who is "in" and who is "out."

I have no sense that sainthood—or belonging to the Holy One—is determined by a rating of 1-5 on a scale.

Ruth M. Maedel
Pottsville, Pennsylvania

Gifts of gays affirmed

I write in response to the July 17 article headlined, "Homosexual issues need less politics, more ministry."

It is unfortunate that efforts continue to be made to attempt to change homosexual people in the name of ministry.

It is not surprising that most gay people stand outside the church. Nevertheless many consider themselves spiritual and continue to seek God in other forms of spiritual practice. Harvey Nystrom
Chicago, Illinois



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Bananas, babies and the women of Burundi

BUJUMBURA, Burundi—The Rev. Amos Nizigama was barely able to pack my luggage into the crowded little van, already filled with eight adults, two children and three tiny babies—not counting all the green bananas in the back!

The pastor had offered to take me to my hotel in the Central Africa country of Burundi. I was leaving the small town of Gitega high in the mountains to travel to the capital city of Bujumbura, some two hours away.

As I sat waiting for us to depart, one of the four African women in the vehicle asked me through an interpreter if I had any children.

I was already homesick for my 8-year-old son, Leonard, and my daughter, Deanna, who has just joined the ranks of “the terrible 2’s.” This was my signal to pull out my “photo gallery.”

“Yes, I have children,” I said. “Would you like to see pictures of them?”

The pastor’s wife alone knew a



Denise Johnson Stovall
... on assignment in Burundi

little English and understood what I said. But when I whipped out four pictures of Leonard and three of Deanna, the women smiled and said, “Oui, oui!”

“Beautiful, beautiful children,”

said one woman in limited English. “It must be sad to leave them so far away. We would like to know their names.”

Forgetting my nearly illegible handwriting, I quickly said, “Oh, their names are on the backs of the photos.”

But then I remembered: Most women in Burundi—more than 65 percent of them, by some statistics—have not had the opportunity to learn to read. Even fewer would know how to write their children’s names on the back of a color portrait—if they were fortunate enough to have such a portrait!

Humbled by my realization, I said, “My son is Leonard, after his father. And that’s my baby girl, Deanna. She’s still in diapers, just like your babies.”

With our limited knowledge of each other’s language—they spoke Kirundi or French and I only English—we tried to describe our children to each other. Then, as she

balanced a toddler on her back, the pastor’s wife said, “May I keep this picture of you and your baby? I would love to have pictures.”

I said, “Yes,” and gave her the picture.

A day later in my hotel I again pulled out my children’s photos—minus one—and stared out the window towards the mountains between me and Gitega. Then I recalled those United Methodist women in the church van.

Maybe one day I’ll return to Burundi to visit that pastor’s wife and her church members to show them more photos of Leonard and Deanna.

If that day ever comes, I’ll be glad if one of those women, proud in her new-found literacy, is able to say to me: “Your handwriting is awful. Let me show you how to clearly write your children’s names.”

—DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL
Ms. Stovall is Associate Editor of the Review.

Here I Stand

Watergate has meaning for Christians

By LOVETT H. WEEMS JR.

During this summer we remember the Watergate scandal which resulted from a burglary 20 years ago.

Watergate forced the American people, perhaps fortunately, to reconsider the values and principles that we have traditionally assumed to form the foundation of our government and society.

Although the governmental crisis that we refer to as “Watergate” was political in nature, this trying experience can teach church people some important lessons.

While these lessons are by no means new, they tend to be easily forgotten by the people of a nation. Though free to ignore such lessons, we do so at our own peril.

What are some lessons Christians might learn from the Watergate chapter of American history?

‘Piosity’ versus morality

First, we should never let an official’s “piosity” serve as a substitute for genuine personal and social morality.

One reason why so many people were surprised at the “expletive deleted” tone of the White House transcripts was that former President Nixon had presented a generally “religious” image to the public.

Too often church people look no deeper than outward piousness in evaluating a public official. In other words, we tend to judge a person’s moral and religious commitments only in terms of religious observances and words.

We must demand more from our leaders than attendance at prayer

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breakfasts and friendship with famous preachers. The piety we seek should be a genuine piety that finds expression in personal integrity and social responsibility.

Second, the Watergate nightmare should remind us again that our first and ultimate commitment as Christians is to God, not to any person or government.

Many of the White House officials who pleaded guilty or were convicted of coverup charges became involved in these illegal activities because their ultimate loyalty had been given to a human being.

All are judged by God

We affirm again that all stand under the judgment of God. This belief will lead us to maintain vigorously the freedom of the church and its pulpit. The church must never become a tool of any government.

When President Ford assumed office, one hopeful sign was that on his first Sunday in office he went to church. When former President Nixon wanted a sermon he brought the church to him in the form of “White House Services.” The President even presided at these services which featured carefully selected preachers delivering non-offensive sermons.

The whole idea behind these questionable “church services” and the very structure of the services tended to say more about the sovereignty of the Presi-

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dent of the United States than about the sovereignty of God.

The example of John Wesley is helpful. “Subversion never crossed his mind,” said Albert Outler of Wesley’s loyalty which came from a strong Tory heritage, “but neither did blind obedience.”

Third, a positive lesson of the Watergate experience should be a renewed appreciation for people of conscience, principle, and unshakable integrity.

Acting on conscience

It is difficult for us to value, or even try to understand, the person who acts on the basis of conscience if we personally disagree with the action.

How wonderful it would be if we could come truly to believe that the sun shines on nothing more beautifully or majestically than a person of integrity and principle.

If this were the case, then we would reserve our highest honors for those who say with Job, “Till I die I will not violate my integrity.”

What others are saying

“One of the modern miracles is how preachers can take the most dramatic, exciting, world-changing story ever written—the story of Jesus—and make it seem dull and prosaic. But some do.”

—United Methodist Bishop Jack Tuell at the Western Jurisdictional Conference, Las Vegas.

“Don’t use ‘God’s will’ as an excuse for inactivity. Love the whole world for whom God felt no price was too high to pay. God wants the church to be a humble, gentle, powerful people who preach and talk less and live better!”

—Retiring United Methodist Bishop Edsel A. Ammons, Columbus, Ohio.

“All suffering refines faith. It pushes us into a deep well. We fall smack down on the rock bottom. And there’s nothing else down there—just our faith and its author.”

—Vicki Selles, Christian Reformed missionary in Taiwan.

“The Great Confuser [Satan] is stalled and blocked by order and discipline. This is not to say that disciplined Christians are immune to violence and rage touching their lives; it is to say that such a framework of personal piety and social justice undergirded by a weekly process of mutual accountability with other Christians is a filter through which confusion cannot enter without scrutiny.”

—The Rev. Phyllis Tyler-Wayman, director of Covenant Discipleship program, Nashville, Tenn.

“The temptation of rich Western Christians is to rush to the east with programs instead of openly listening to Christians who have had to suffer . . .”

—Lutheran Bishop Eero Huovinen of Helsinki, Finland



New bishops define their role in mission

Bishop Kenneth L. Carder (Nashville Area): "As a bishop, I will not cease to be a pastor but will just transfer my congregation to a larger area. I see my election as bishop as a call to help the church discern God's vision for the world. This is God's vision, not my vision. I'm committed to open itineracy, to re-connecting with the poor and to developing strategies to proclaim in word and deed the meaning of grace within the church."



EDITORS' NOTE: In a recent editorial, the Review called for "mission-formed" leaders, that is, bishops and others whose lives are shaped by a sense of God's mission (see Review, July 3). As follow-up, we asked each newly elected bishop at the first jurisdictional conferences about his or her mission as an episcopal leader. Here are their responses:

Bishop Robert E. Fannin (Birmingham Area): "It is time for us to re-capture—or capture—in a new way a sense of evangelism in the Wesleyan tradition. Our efforts should be holistic in terms of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and show a deep understanding about what it means to be the church. That includes concern about the church's membership loss, the morale of ministers and diluting the strength of our connections by not focusing on our commitment."



Bishop Hae-Jong Kim (New York West Area): "The total Korean-American community has a mission. We've been a people in 'diaspora' [scattered outside one's homeland]. The Korean-American population is increasing. I decided long ago that I had a place as a bridge-builder. As bishop, I intend to carry on that role at a different level by helping to build bridges between the Korean-American community and the rest of the church."



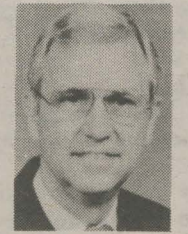
Bishop Mary Ann Swenson (Denver Area): Internally, I want to be in mission with the church to find ways to re-organize, streamline and simplify our structures. It is time for fresh new approaches while honoring our traditions. But we must go beyond the church. The needs of the world are dramatic. I want to find ways for us to be better stewards."



Bishop Joel N. Martinez (Nebraska Area): "The first of my driving motivations is to respond to the Holy Spirit and its involvement in all life. I will challenge people to not fear crossing societal and economic borders so the world can be transformed into a world of God's children. Lay and clergy would know that mission means being open to crossing boundaries. I will give some quality time to ecumenical work, and I will pound the table about stewardship."



Bishop Marshall L. Meadors Jr. (Mississippi Area): "My major concerns have been evangelism and mission. The symbols in my mind have been of a warm heart and a helping hand, particularly families and children. We need to be children-friendly. We've got to be committed to children to be committed to the needs of the community."



Bishop Alfred L. Norris (Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area): "I will bring an emphasis to bridge-building. We have chasms in relationships we need to bridge. I don't know how I'll do it, but I want all people to know we are all related and connected. I will bring a philosophy that no person has to remain where he or she is. I model that."



Bishop Donald A. Ott (Michigan Area): "The church needs to be 'midwives' to God's creativity in the same way the Hebrew midwives were, by defying pharaoh's order and helping God's creativity in the birth of Moses. We need to be prepared for what comes and to be ready to help bring a new mission into being. For examples, I think of two ministries in Milwaukee: an ecumenical network of churches working with at-risk children to prevent dropping out of school and a network of congregations working as community dispute mediators."



Bishop A. Frederick Mutti (Kansas Area): "My model for being a bishop includes involvement in the global church, such as ministries of nurturing, teaching, pastoral care, and loving people. I'm convinced that what lifts morale is programming that's exciting and vital."



Bishop William W. Morris (Alabama-West Florida Area): "We need to remember that our mission is in the Book of Matthew: 'Go and make disciples.' We are going to have to re-learn that. That's what we are in the business for. All of us—not just staff persons—are evangelists."



Bishop Sharon Z. Rader (Wisconsin Area): "We must become more fully the people who are heading out to the world to embody God known in Christ. I think when we do that we will excite people to want to know who we are. Then we can invite them to come see who we are. I hope we're in the process of learning a new language—to share the Gospel in the language of our times and of the future."



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READING, Pa.—Newly elected Bishop Hae-Jong Kim, the church's first Korean-American episcopal leader, is escorted to the platform following his election by retiring Bishop C. Dale White (left) and retired Bishop Roy C. Nichols.

Bishop Ann B. Sherer (Missouri Area): "My mission is to be a United Methodist elder who serves the position of bishop. My primary role will be to articulate a vision of who God calls us to be as the church. My primary actions will be to share that vision, invite others to share that vision, and together shape the church. I am a 'program' person. It's important to develop structures. We need skills, and programs are one way we build those skills."



Bishop S. Clifton Ives (West Virginia Area): "I sense a transition underway in what leadership means. Others of us and I will be working through that transition and what it means to be episcopal leaders. For my part, I've been impressed with a lot that's been written about 'servant leadership,' particularly Max Dupree's idea of leadership as an art whose first task is to 'define reality' and the last is to 'say thank you' to those one would lead."

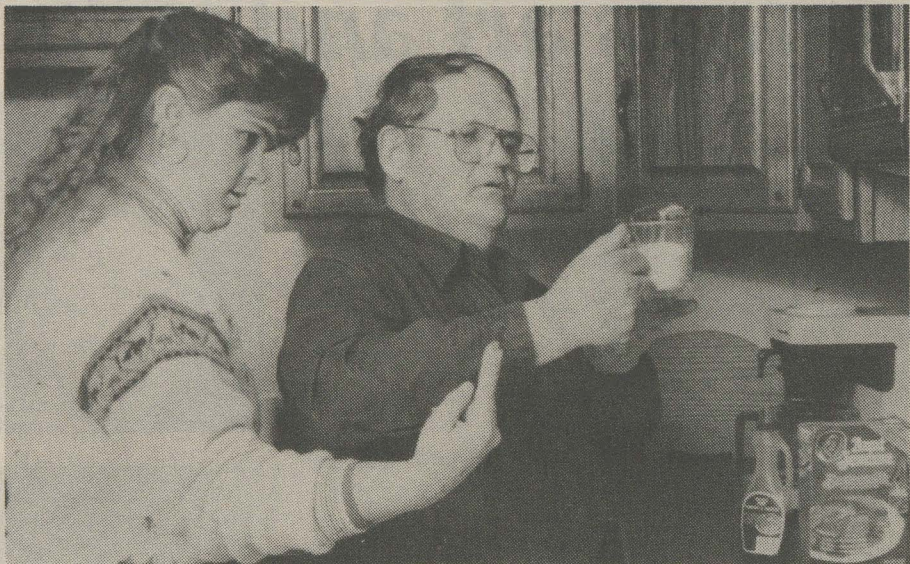


Bishop Charles W. Jordan (Iowa Area): "We need to loosen ourselves from preoccupation with survival and become the church of Jesus Christ. When we are clear about our identity, we will be willing to be an organism concerned with improving the quality of life for all the human family as well as saving souls. We'll be a genuinely inclusive church willing to turn the world around!"



Bishop Raymond H. Owen (San Antonio Area): "The first of the great needs of the church is to be focused again. Nothing of substance happens until someone is willing to take risks. That includes making priorities of stewardship, worship and a deliberate effort to be about nurturing our souls. I will move immediately to connect local churches to some mission project."





METHODIST MISSION HOME PHOTO

Mission home pilot site for deaf program

SAN ANTONIO—An instructor teaches cooking skills to a hearing-impaired client in the Methodist Mission Home's new program. The home has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to be one of two pilot sites for an independent learning curriculum for hearing-impaired people.

The new service enables deaf clients who have successfully completed job training at the home and who have found full-time employment to move to a community-based apartment complex.

Centenarian bishop enjoys church's birthday greetings

United Methodist News Service

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C.—A thousand United Methodist tongues joined July 14 in singing "Happy Birthday" to the denomination's oldest living bishop on his 100th birthday.

By coincidence, retired Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Atlanta reached the century mark on the opening day of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

He is believed to be only the third bishop in the Methodist or Evangelical United Brethren traditions in the United States to reach 100.

With a dozen members of his family looking on, Bishop Harmon heard colleague bishops hail him for his gra-



Nolan Harmon

ciousness, his intellectual achievements and his editorial acumen.

The latter, speakers said, was demonstrated in his overseeing two of the major United Methodist-published works in the past half century—"The Interpreter's Bible" and the "Encyclopedia of World Methodism."

He also has written a number of books on Methodist structure and served pastorates in Maryland and Virginia.

"We come to celebrate not only the years but the quality of life of this man," Bishop Thomas B. Stockton of Richmond, Va., said in introducing Bishop Harmon.

Retired Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, said that, of the approximately 500 persons elected to the episcopacy in Wesleyan and related churches in 200 years, only two others—Isaac Lane of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and Herbert Welch of The Methodist Church—lived past 100. Bishop Short is 90.

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UMC's Africa conferences to elect bishops this month

From staff reports

Elections of United Methodist bishops in Africa will take place during August.

United Methodist bishops in Africa typically serve a four-year term and then are elected for life, said retired Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr. of Lake Junaluska, N.C. Bishop Finger is assistant to the secretary of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Melvin G. Talbert (San Francisco Area).

The West Africa Central Conference, consisting of Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Liberia, will meet Aug. 11-16 in Moyamba, Sierra Leone.

Delegates will elect a successor to retiring Bishop Thomas Bangura (Sierra Leone Area). The first United Methodist bishop for Nigeria also will be elected. Bishop Arthur F. Kulah will continue in the Liberia Area.

The Africa Central Conference, consisting of Burundi, Zimbabwe, Angola and Mozambique will meet Aug. 15-22 in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Delegates will elect a successor to retiring Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa (Zimbabwe Area). Bishop Joao Somane Machado (Mozambique Area) and Bishop Moises Domingos Fernandes (East Angola Area), both elected to four-year terms in 1988, are expected to be elected for life.

Bishops Emilio J.M. de Carvalho (East Angola Area) and J. Alfred Ndoricimpa (Burundi) will continue to serve their respective areas.

The Zaire Central Conference, consisting of North Shaba, Central Zaire and Southern Zaire, will meet Aug. 15-22 in Kinshasha, Zaire.

There will be no episcopal elections for Zaire. Bishops Kimba Wakadilo Ngoy (North Shaba Area), Fama Onema (Central Zaire) and Kainda Katembo (Southern Zaire Area) will continue to serve.

Associate Editor Denise Johnson Stovall contributed portions of this report from Africa.

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Banners express their creator's art and faith

By CYNTHIA B. ASTLE
Associate Editor

ADRIAN, Mich.—They floated like enormous vivid butterflies at the front of the hall where the United Methodist North Central Jurisdiction conference took place July 14-18.

Decked in hues that progressed from fiery Pentecost red through stately blue to the lush green of Kingdomtide, the three banners announced the conference's themes:

"Proclaim the faith. Build the church. Serve the world."

For their creator, Millie Janka, the banners were more than just a way to present the conference themes visually. They represented a major expression of how the United Methodist laywoman from Dearborn, Mich., weaves together her art and her faith.

"Art is my ministry," Ms. Janka told the Review.

Ms. Janka said her training is in calligraphy, textiles, clothing and related arts. She taught calligraphy at the University of Michigan at Flint for five years and currently teaches in the Birmingham, Mich., area.

"I thought I'd be a home economics teacher, but then I married a minister," she said.

Her husband, the Rev. Ralph W. Janka, is senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Dearborn. Ms. Janka sings in the choir, plays handbells and is a speaker and retreat leader for church and community groups.

The couple have three grown offspring—Karl, Kevin and Kristin. Kristin is also an artist; Kevin, as his mother's "design consultant," helped with the North Central banners.

For the jurisdictional conference, Ms. Janka served as the setting designer for worship as well as creator of the three 5-by-11-foot banners.

She began work on the banners' design in January after the jurisdiction office sent her the conference themes. She returned black-and-white drawings in February for reproduction for the conference advance journal. Then she set to work on the banners.



ADRIAN, Mich.—Banners created by calligraphic artist Millie Janka (inset) form the backdrop for the Rev. Marvin-R. Rosa, song leader for the recent North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

"I used some synthetics that wouldn't wrinkle because the banners had to be folded," Ms. Janka explained. "Usually I prefer to work in natural fibers to show my strong feeling for preserving the earth and its peoples."

Ms. Janka envisioned the banners as a "progression of colors."

Information on how to borrow the banners for church events is available from Millie Janka, 106 South Highland, Dearborn, Mich. 48124.

New center has New York roots Continued from page 3

churches have made a long-term commitment."

Dr. Crispell told the Review that for six years, parsonages and churches for Burundi United Methodists have been built by volunteers from Bishop Stith's episcopal area.

A new goal of raising another \$100,000 to support the Women's Center on the grounds of St. Peter's United Methodist Church has helped

area churches "stretch the vision," he added.

—DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL



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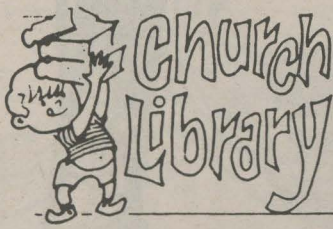
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The Library has moved again!

We are now settled in our beautiful new area. Come visit us soon. We have a copy of the 1991 and 1992 Directory of Durham Community Resources. Given by Judy Walling.

New Books:

- 1) **Devices and Designs** — by P. D. James
- 2) **Murder on the Links** — Agatha Christie

New books for children:

- 1) **When I Learn to Dress Myself** — Meredith Johnson
- 2) **What If** — Robert Pierce

If you want to find some interesting reading, check the "COM section" of the Library! We have many new volumes.



From the Sewell Family
Church Members,

The family of Ann Housworth is gratefully appreciative of all the visits, cards, prayers, phone calls and other demonstrations of your love which was so generously given to us during and after my mother's burial. Church families mean everything at times like this. Our love and prayers go with each of you.

Yours in Christ,
Bill, Ellen, Heather, and Heath

Congratulations, Recyclers!

This is just an update on the items we can recycle on our own curbs and those which you can bring to the church:

On your curb

- Newspapers
- Clear glass
- Cans: Tin, Aluminum or steel

To the church

- Office Paper: White, blend or Computer paper
- Heavy cardboard — flattened
- Plastic bottles, i.e. milk, soda, etc.

Keep up the good work
— Elizabeth Bookhout

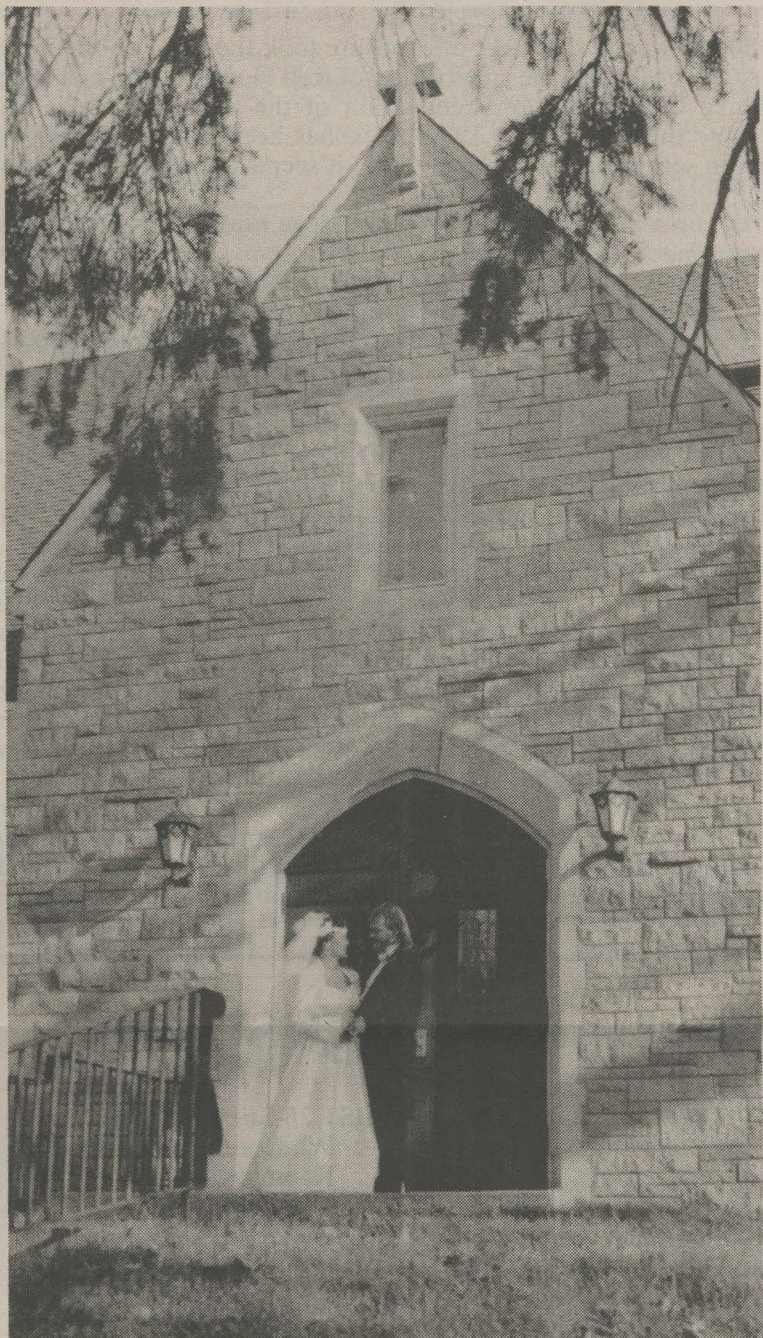


Comfort for God's people

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. . . . A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God."

Isaiah 40:1,3
MIKE CLEMENTS PHOTO

"Listen to my words, O Lord, consider my inmost thoughts; heed my cry for help, my king and my God. In the morning, when I say my prayers, thou wilt hear me." (Psalm 5:1-3)



Marriage honored

"Marriage should be honored by all . . ." Hebrews 13:4
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A privilege to be here

What do we deserve?

This question has come up in many forms throughout my lifetime. We often say, "It's what he deserves," or, "Everyone deserves the right to do this or be that," and we have said it so often that most of us believe we deserve everything.

But I wonder, do we really? Rather, do we really deserve anything?

If we truly understand what the gospel message is, the concept of deserve has very little to do with life. For the gospel says . . . it is by grace, not by works, nor by merit, nor by race, nor by color, nor by creed. None of these causes us to deserve anything. Grace, alone, provides.

Rereading one day Gerald Kennedy's book, WHILE I'M ON MY FEET, I noticed the title of one of his chapters, IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE, and I immediately thought, "that's the antidote to deserve."

Of course, his title was taken from speeches he had made, when he would generally acknowledge to his audience, "It's a privilege to be here." But taken to a more basic level we can all say the same thing.

Each one of us should think that it is a privilege to be here . . . to be alive, to be interested, to be able to work, to be able to enjoy family life . . . to be able to think, and plan, and succeed.

What more do we want? How can we, when we trace down the endless print-out of benefits and blessings that meet us face on every day, think that we deserve more. To me, everything that we could possibly need, want, expect is already here. We are surrounded by quantities of basic provisions, an inordinate amount of luxuries, and an almost embarrassing amount of blessings.

Do we deserve more.

I think not.

For me, it's simply a privilege to be here.

By the Way — DeDe Casad

Ten Years Since Bell Tower Restoration

For nearly 84 years, Duke Memorial Methodist Church has been blessed with the tower bells, installed in 1908. These ten bells were given by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stagg as memorials to their mothers, Sarah Durham Stagg, and Mary Duke Lyon. First played on December 9, 1908 for the NC Methodist Conference, they served the church well.

By the early 1980's however, the years of exposure took their toll on the infrastructure of the east tower. Under the supervision of Ken Howard, who had experience with the Duke Chapel carillon, renovation of the tower and bells was undertaken from June through August 1982. As it has been a decade since the bells were put back in service in mid-August 1982, it seems appropriate that this episode be revisited.

Our ten bells make up a set of chimes: had we thirteen more, we would have a carillon. Duke Chapel has 52 bells, correctly called a carillon. Our bells were manufactured by the Meneely Company of W. Mineola, N.Y. apparently by the poured-cast method; both the method and the company are no longer!

In 1982, Ken Howard had determined that the tower frame and bell supports were showing significant water and weather damage, and renovation was scheduled for that summer. In June, the bells were removed and sent to a Durham machine shop to have their bearings retooled with graphite. The bell frame and the flooring of the tower were in need of replacing. The bell frame was disassembled and the pieces were duplicated on the grounds with juniper wood, reputed to be extremely weatherproof. Once the frame was replicated on the ground, it was taken apart and reassembled inside the tower, which now had new flooring with a copper overlay. The bells were then replaced in their original positions on the new frame. The original wooden dowel linkages were replaced by the Verdin Company with cables, pulleys and springs, which connected to the original console levers. Within days of the August 11 bell replacement, J. V. Hoyle initiated the new revised edition of the Duke Memorial chimes. Mr. Hoyle, who just recently observed his 31st consecutive year as Chimer, is one of the three current chimers. Al Buehler (six years service), and Stuart McCracken, "apprenticed" for 8 months, assist Mr. Hoyle in the daily playing of the chimes.

As a celebration of this decade of the refurbished bell tower, the bells will be played at the end of the service on August 23, 30, and September 6. Those who would be interested in visiting the tower at that time on those Sundays are welcome: children under the age of 6 probably should not visit during these times.

— J. Stuart McCracken



YOUTH news

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| Aug. 23 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Loaves and Fishes Retreat | |
| Aug. 30 | 10:55 a.m. | Promotion Sunday | Sanctuary |
| Sept. 11-13 | | Beach Retreat (probable date) | |
| Jr. Joy Class: | | | |
| Aug. 23 | 6:45 p.m. | Durham Bulls game — Meet at church \$3 plus food — pick up at church | |
| Aug. 30 | 10:55 a.m. | Promotion Sunday | Sanctuary |
| Sept. 13 | 5 p.m. | DMYF begins | |
| | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | JOYBells | |
| Sept. 25-27 | | Friendship Retreat at Camp Chestnut Ridge | |

August 17-August 22

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| MONDAY, AUGUST 17 | | |
| INSIGHTS INFORMATION DUE FOR AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 13 | | |
| 9-12 p.m. | Music and Drama Camp | Whitford Hall and Choir Room |
| 9:15 a.m. | Parents' Morning Out | Nurseries |
| 10-11:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting | Pastor's Office |
| 8:00 p.m. | Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. | Community Life Center |
| TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 | | |
| 9-12 p.m. | Music and Drama Camp | Whitford Hall and Choir Room |
| 12:15 p.m. | Tuesday Study Group | Room 241 |
| 6:30 p.m. | Steering Committee Meeting | Library |
| 7:00 p.m. | Inter-Neighborhood Council | Whitford Hall |
| 7:30 p.m. | Administrative Board | Bradshaw Room |
| 8:00 p.m. | Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. | Community Life Center |
| WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 | | |
| 9-12 p.m. | Music and Drama Camp | Whitford Hall and Choir Room |
| 9:15 a.m. | Parents' Morning Out
NO Craft/Lunch Bunch | Nurseries |
| 7:30 p.m. | Bethany Bells | Handbell Room |
| 7:30 p.m. | Wesley Women | Home of Debbie Fedyshyn (Group 1) |
| THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 | | |
| 7:30 a.m. | "The Man In The Mirror" | Parlor |
| 9-12 p.m. | Music and Drama Camp | Whitford Hall and Choir Room |
| 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary Choir | Choir Room |
| FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 | | |
| 9-12 p.m. | Music and Drama Camp | Whitford Hall and Choir Room |
| 7:30 p.m. | Music and Drama Program | Whitford Hall |
| 7:30 p.m. | Friday Evening Study Group | Call Donna Elium (382-8228) |
| 8:00 p.m. | Al-Anon and A.A. | Community Life Center |
| SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 | | |
| No activities scheduled. | | |

August 24-August 28

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| Monday, August 24 | | |
| 9:15 a.m. | Parents' Morning Out | Nurseries |
| 10-11:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting | Pastor's Office |
| 6:00 p.m. | Youth Council | To be announced |
| 7-8:30 p.m. | C.O.M. | Bradshaw Room |
| 8:00 p.m. | Al-Anon, A.A. and Ala-Preteen | Community Life Center |
| Tuesday, August 25 | | |
| 12:15 p.m. | Tuesday Study Group | Room 241 |
| 8:00 p.m. | Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. | Community Life Center |
| Wednesday, August 26 | | |
| 9:15 a.m. | Parents' Morning Out
NO Craft/Lunch Bunch | Nurseries |
| 7:30 p.m. | Bethany Bells | Handbell Room |
| Thursday, August 27 | | |
| 7:30 a.m. | "The Man in the Mirror" | Parlor |
| 9:45 a.m. | Visitation Team | Meet in Kitchen/Whitford Hall |
| 7:30 p.m. | Sanctury Choir | Choir Room |
| Friday, August 28 | | |
| 12-8 p.m. | Sanctuary Choir Flea Market | Whitford Hall |
| 7:30 p.m. | Friday Evening Study Group | Call Donna Elium (382-8228) |
| 8:00 p.m. | Al-Anon and A.A. | Community Life Center |
| Saturday, August 29 | | |
| 7-5 p.m. | Flea Market/Silent Auction | Whitford Hall |
| 6:30 p.m. | Jr. High Teachers Covered Dish | Davis' home |

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