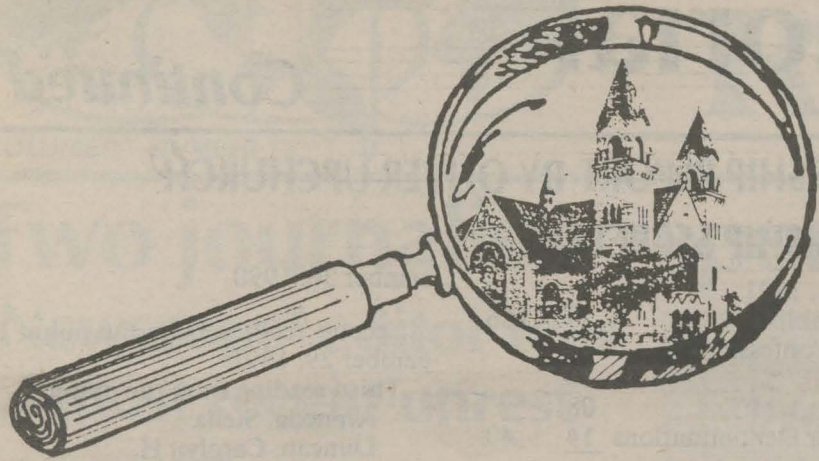


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CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. ELI

The Rev. Dr. George Eli has been accepted into full membership in the Massachusetts Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Congratulations may be sent to 25 Washington Ave., Wenchendon, MASS 01475.

DECEMBER 7-DECEMBER 12

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

INSIGHTS INFORMATION DUE FOR DECEMBER 18-JANUARY 3.

9:15- 1:00 p.m.	Parents' Morning Out	Nurseries
10:00-11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Joy Class
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Weekday School	Middle Joy Class
7:30 p.m.	DCIA Meeting	Bradshaw Room
8:00 p.m.	Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.	Community Life Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:15- 1:45 p.m.	Tuesday Study Group	Joy Class
8:00 p.m.	Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A.	Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:15- 1:00 p.m.	Parents' Morning Out	Nurseries
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Weekday School	Whitford Hall
10:00- 1:00 p.m.	NO Craft/Lunch Bunch	
12:15-12:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Advent Lunch	Whitford Hall
5:00- 6:15 p.m.	Wednesday Meal	Whitford Hall
6:00 p.m.	Prepare Ye for a New Advent	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Stories and The Christmas Story	Joy Class
6:00- 7:00 p.m.	Covenant Disciple Ship Exploration	Whitford Hall
6:15- 7:00 p.m.	Carol Choir	Aldersgate Room
6:15- 7:15 p.m.	Wesley Singers	Choir Room
7:30 p.m.	Bethany Bells	Handbell Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:15 a.m.	Christmas Stories and The Christmas Story	Parlor
7:30- 8:30 p.m.	Men's Study Group	Parlor
12:00 p.m.	Thursday Study Group	Prayer Room
12:30 p.m.	Lillie Duke Class Christmas Luncheon	Whitford Hall
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30 p.m.	Friday Evening Study Group	Call Donna (382-8228)
8:00 p.m.	Al-Anon and A.A.	Community Life Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

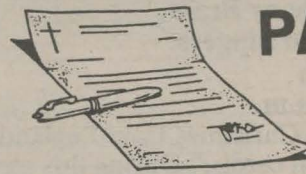
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Wesley Singers/Carol Choir Rehearsal for White Christmas	Choir Room
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Youth Notes

- Sun, Dec. 13 White Christmas 4 p.m. (bring toys wrapped in white), Family munchies 5 p.m., Our Missionaries to Japan (Terhunes) 5:30-6:30, all youth and adults
- Sun, Dec. 20 Christmas Caroling and Fruit Basket delivery to shut-in church members after luncheon, No DMYF, No JOYBells
- Sun, Dec. 27 No DMYF, No JOYBells — Merry Christmas!
- Thu, Dec. 31 New Years Eve Concert (Northgate Mall) and District Lock-In (DMUMC)**

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A Word from the PASTOR



Rev. Mark W. Wethington

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:55 A.M.

I pray that the blessings of this Advent and Christmas season create a joy in every heart and home. And while we admit that some of that joy is rooted in our own family traditions of celebration, much more than that we must acknowledge that our joy and blessings are most deeply rooted in the incarnation of God in Jesus, born in Bethlehem.

God's gift to the world prompts our own spirit of giving in response. I am appreciative of the Mission Committee, which has offered to our congregation an "alternative market" for Christmas giving: from Peruvian Christmas cards, which support the "Breakfast of Love" (a program of one of our Methodist Churches in Peru which feeds 100's of street children breakfast every morning) to the Heifer Project International. You should also be aware of the One World Market on Perry Street, just off of Ninth St., which sells hand-crafted items from the Third World, the profits from which return to the Third World.

In addition, there is our own Good Samaritan Fund here at Duke Memorial. Monetary gifts may be made to this Fund at any time, and it is responsibly dispensed by the pastors to persons with special needs, such as medical, fuel, food, etc. Do you know about Genesis Home here in Durham? It is a transition house for homeless families, but it is not large enough to care for Durham's needs. It is turning away some 30-40 families each week because of lack of space!

What do you give to those who have everything? How about something in their honor to someone who has very little? Two aspects of scripture come to mind: the fact that our Lord was born homeless; secondly, a scripture: "In as much as you did it unto the least of these, you did it unto me."

Grace and peace; and may your joy in this season be truly a gift from God.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Third Sunday Of Advent

FOOD PANTRY — RICE/TOMATOES

9:45-10:45 a.m.	Methodism Class	Aldersgate Class
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ring of the Tower Bells	
10:55-12:00 p.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00- 5:30 p.m.	"White Christmas" Program	Sanctuary
5:30- 6:30 p.m.	Trehunes — Christmas in Japan	Sanctuary
5:00- 6:30 p.m.	DMYF	Whitford Hall
6:30- 7:30 p.m.	JOYBells	Handbell Room
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.	Community Life Center

SERVICE: Rev. Mark W. Wethington

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 146:5-10
Matthew 11:2-11

ANTHEMS: "Christmas Medley" — McKechnie; J.O.Y. Bells
"To A Maid Engaged to Joseph" — Wesley Singers
"To Us is Born Emmanuel" — Praetorius; Sanctuary Choir

USHERS: Tom Hargitt — Captain
Herschel Caldwell, Jr.
Stan Coffman
Bob Cox
George Davis

GREETERS: Clifton McCotter
Margaret McCotter
ACOLYTES: Mark Coffman
Matthew Spence

S.S. GREETERS: Logos Class

ADVENT CANDLES: Maurice Ochola Family

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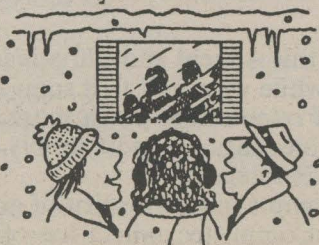


FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

With The North Carolina Symphony Brass,
Sanctuary Choir And Celebration Singers.
Sunday, December 20.

Prelude Begins At 10:45 a.m.

One of the most beloved traditions of Advent and Christmas from England is a form of worship known as the "festival of lessons and carols." During this service God's Word is proclaimed and contemplated in a special sequence of readings, prayers, and both choral and congregational song. Familiar carols accompanied by brass fanfare and organ, and the beautiful Christmas Carols sung by our choirs make this a glorious celebration of the advent of Jesus Christ.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 20
12:00 p.m.
Whitford Hall

Christmas luncheon and caroling follows worship on December 20th.

Luncheon — turkey, ham, and drinks provided by the church. Bring your favorite casseroles, salads, desserts, and other covered dishes to share.

Christmas Caroling — immediately following lunch. We'll divide into groups and go out to share the Christmas spirit and fruit baskets with some of our sweet homebound people. Don't miss this event — bring children (littlest ones will have a sitter). Make a joyful noise if you don't sing! The real idea is to bring cheer to these folks.

DECEMBER 21-DECEMBER 26

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

INSIGHTS INFORMATION DUE FOR JANUARY 1-JANUARY 17.

9:15- 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out	Nurseries
10:00-11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	Joy Class
11:00-11:30 a.m. Weekday School	Middle Joy Class
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.	Community Life Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

12:15- 1:45 p.m. Tuesday Study Group	Joy Class
8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A.	Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:15- 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out	Nurseries
10:00- 1:00 p.m. NO Craft/Lunch Bunch	
5:00- 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Meal	Whitford Hall
6:15- 7:00 p.m. NO Carol Choir	
6:15- 7:15 p.m. NO Wesley Singers	
7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells	Handbell Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 p.m. OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP Candlelight and Carols	Sanctuary
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

No activities scheduled.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY OLIVER UPCHURCH

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

October 01, 1991		
Membership	966	
Received Confession of Faith	18	
From Other UMC's	08	
From Other Denominations	14	40
Removed by Charge		
Conference Action	10	
Member Withdrawal	03	
To Other UMC's	12	
To Other Denominations	04	
Deaths	20	-49

October 31, 1992		
Membership	957	
Third Reading 1992		
Presented to Charge Conference November 1990		
Presented to Charge Conference November 17, 1991		
To be presented to Charge Conference November 1992		
First reading from the pulpit De-		

ember 30, 1990

Second reading from the pulpit December 29, 1991

Third reading from the pulpit.

Araneda, Stella
Duncan, Carolyn H.
Holden, Paula S.
McGregor, Stewart
Tilley, Frances
Tilley, Thomas

Trull, Robert Charles
The Second Reading 1992 was presented for the first time at the November 17, 1991 Charge Conference.

First reading from pulpit December 29, 1991

Hix, Paula C.	White, Mary E.
Kiger, Janeane D.	Whitt, Mary E.
Meredith, Kevin	Waters, Ato
Meredith,	
Mrs. Kevin	Waters, Nana
First Reading 1992	
Strayhorn, William F. III	

Sunday, December 13

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Holly Eggleston
Joel Glasson
Neal Grubbs
Ed Hammond
Chris Howlett
Bill Sewell
Bob Weynand
Tom Worsley

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Minnie Mae Franklin
Dot Hilliard
Joyce Musselwhite
Linda Wilson
JR. CHURCH:
Libby Younts
Karen Ochola
Bruce Ballard

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Randy Sears
Amy Sears

CROSS BEARER:

Brad Bailey

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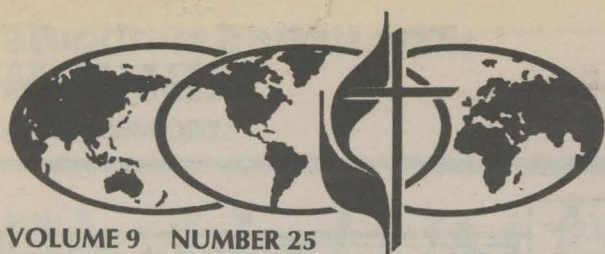
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YOUR MINISTRY OF USHERING AND GREETING
YOUR MINISTRY OF PLANNING A CHRISTIAN WEDDING
YOUR MINISTRY OF PLANNING A CHRISTIAN FUNERAL
YOUR MINISTRY OF BEING AN ACOLYTE
YOUR MINISTRY OF LEADING SERVICES OF DAILY PRAISE AND PRAYER

During the month of December these items will be on display on Sundays in the narthex before and after church; during the week you may see and order them from a sign up sheet in the church library.

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Two journalists report on Bolivia church wrangle

'Newscope' editor tells of most recent unrest

By J. RICHARD PECK

A chain of increasingly serious events has left the Evangelical Methodist Church of Bolivia without a clear national leader and with 11 Bolivian Methodists charged with "trespassing," "property damage," and "attempt to commit homicide."

The charges follow a Nov. 3 demonstration in La Paz protesting a federal district court decision that declared Bishop Carlos Huacani to be the rightful bishop of the 12,000-member Bolivian church.

This angered most members of the denomination because they had voted him out of office following charges against him of sexual harassment, misuse of funds and the arbitrary dismissal of church officials.

Bishop argues assembly wasn't legal

Bishop Huacani argues that the Oct. 1-3 assembly, which elected Zacarias Mamani to replace him, was not legal because leaders did not give him a six-month notification in accordance with church law.

Church members disagree. They claim that the assembly was legal because bylaws permit an emergency session if approved by 75 percent of the coordinating council. They say that requirement was met.

Nevertheless, Bishop Huacani refuses to leave the office, maintains control of the church's checkbooks and allegedly has mortgaged two church properties in an effort to obtain \$150,000.

However, a Bolivian attorney representing the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries intervened with the bank before the final \$40,000 was paid.

Bishop Huacani also allegedly withdrew some \$88,000 from other accounts.

When asked about the withdrawal, Bishop Huacani told "Newscope" that he used the money to buy books for the [church-operated] bookstore and will repay the loan when the books are sold.

When a civil court ruled that Bishop Huacani was the legal bishop, some 200 angry Methodists took to the streets, carrying signs protesting the decision.

They went first to the courthouse, but on their noon-time return they passed in front of a 13-story Methodist-owned office building which houses the bishop's office which Bishop Huacani refuses to leave.

Some claim crowd was taunted

Some persons claim that workers in the office building taunted the crowd. Others say that supporters of Bishop Huacani only tried to close off the iron gates to the building.

In any case, demonstrators forced their way past four security guards and church employees. Many remembered a Sept. 18 attempt by people friendly to Bishop Huacani to forcibly enter Methodist headquarters. Several were injured in that encounter.

Lying in her hospital bed, Marina Ramirez, Bishop Huacani's secretary, told "Newscope" that when she failed to keep the gate closed during the latest encounter, she retreated to the top floor where she, two other women and a 4-year-old boy locked themselves in Bishop Huacani's office.

"We didn't know what they were doing," said Ms. Ramirez. "We heard glass breaking, shouting, loud noises and wood splintering." She said intruders started hammering at their door with a machete, yelling, "Come out, Huacani, or we'll kill you."

Once they broke through the door, they were

Please see Peck on Page 10

Editor's Note:

Two veteran United Methodist journalists recently reported eyewitness impressions of the escalating fight within the Evangelical Methodist Church of Bolivia. Though that church is autonomous, the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, based in New York, owns dozens of properties utilized by Bolivian Methodists (see accompanying chart). Also see related editorial elsewhere in this issue.

Since The United Methodist Review has not sent a staff member to Bolivia, the decision was made to publish major excerpts of the two reports with permission of their respective publishers.

The Rev. J. Richard Peck is editor of "Newscope," a church leaders' weekly newsletter published by the United Methodist Publishing House. He went to Bolivia Nov. 4-8 at Publishing House expense and at the request of the Global Ministries board. His article appeared in full in the Nov. 13 edition of "Newscope."

Roy Howard Beck, a former associate editor of the United Methodist Review and now a freelance writer in Washington, went to Bolivia in October at the request of "Good News" magazine, published bimonthly by the unofficial Forum for Scriptural Christianity, Inc. His article appears in full in the November/December issue of the magazine.

'Good News' article alleges church 'coup'

By ROY HOWARD BECK

LA PAZ, Bolivia—Overthrowing the government is common in this country, which has averaged one coup a year since independence in 1825.

But when Marina Ramirez arrived for work at the Methodist Office building Aug. 18, she quickly realized that her church was in the middle of a full-blown coup.

The 13-story building's lobby was filled with 40-50 Methodists demonstrating before TV cameras.

Ms. Ramirez, secretary to Bishop Carlos Huacani, soon discovered that they were from a large faction of Bolivians backed by the New York-based United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries.

They had occupied the building all night, attempting to claim it for their faction and to oust all supporters of Bishop Huacani.

Still holding them off that Tuesday morning were 11 employees of the church's ICHTHUS Bookstore on the ground floor.

Huacani supporter recounts clash

Juan Javier, bookstore manager, said his faction (pro-Huacani) and the one in the lobby (Global Ministries-backed) had clashed with shouted insults, shoving and some fisticuffs during the night, both sides successfully appealing for help from friends in the police force.

Ms. Ramirez quickly slipped into the store to avoid the lobby.

"I was afraid one of them would try to get the keys to the bishop's office from my purse," she said.

Mr. Javier wanted to keep church financial records out of the hands of the Global Ministries-backed faction. For almost a year, Bishop Huacani and his deputies had talked of uncovering examples of past church leaders (now in the Global Ministries faction) who had misused church funds to provide unethical perks for church officials.

Mr. Javier insisted that the overthrow of Bishop Huacani was being orchestrated to cover up those and other past misdeeds.

The pro-Huacani forces told me they were broken-hearted and angry that American Methodists had thrown their money, personnel and power behind the usurpers.

For Marina Ramirez and many other members of the large and long-oppressed Aymara Indian minority in Bolivia, Bishop Huacani stands as an admired Aymara pioneer in breaking barriers.

Bishop a source of pride to Indians

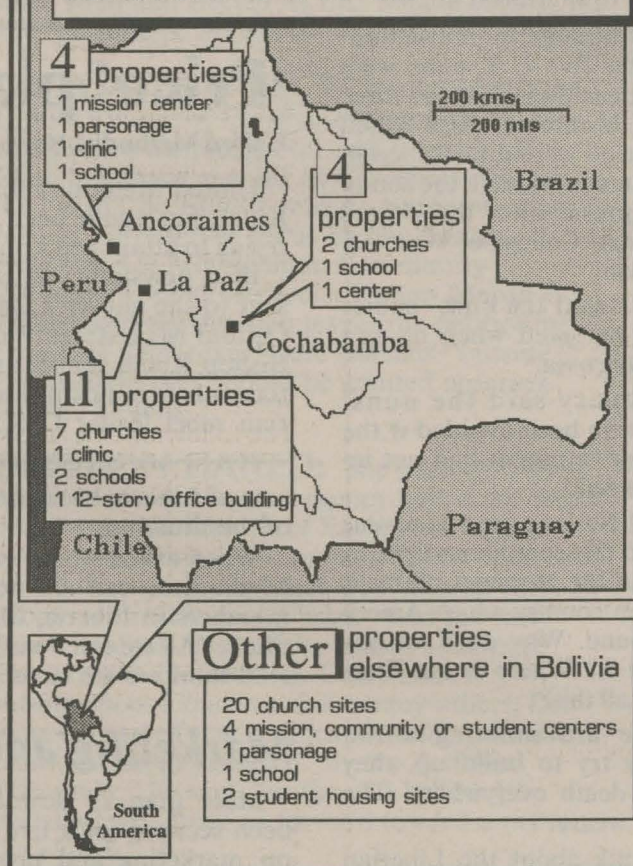
His position as leader of the autonomous Bolivian church has been a source of fierce pride among many Indians—one which they said they would not passively allow the New York mission board to help take away.

Bishop Huacani and top church leaders suggested that the attempt to depose them was related to their opposition to liberation theology, their resistance to paternalistic control from the New York mission agency and their recent, secondary relationships with the Atlanta-based Mission Society for United Methodists, an unofficial agency rejected by most U.S. bishops.

Out in the lobby, however, all issues looked different. Leaders of the Global Ministries-backed faction told me that they agreed with Mr. Javier that the financial records were very important.

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What does the UM church own in Bolivia?



UMR ILLUSTRATION BY DEBRA MCKNIGHT



Advent observances gain among Christians

By DIANE HUIE BALAY
Associate Editor

*"A voice cried out:
In the wilderness prepare the way of
the Lord,
make straight in the desert a high-
way for our God."*

(Isaiah 40:3)

The season of Advent, which began Nov. 29, is when Christians around the world prepare for the coming of Christ.

Three theologians at United Methodist-related Candler School of Theology say that a growing number of Christians worldwide, frustrated by the overwhelming commercialism of Christmas, are returning to the traditional celebration of Advent, which means "coming."

No 'instant Christmas'

"The greatest single source of human pleasure is anticipation," said the Rev. Fred B. Craddock, professor of preaching and New Testament at Candler. "I don't want an instant Christmas."

More and more Christians are sharing his views.

"It's just extraordinary the number of non-liturgical churches that are becoming interested in Advent," said Dr. Craddock.

"Two points are starting to be emphasized in mainline denominations: the extending of the Easter season to 50 days and the season of Advent.

"Churches are beginning to realize that these seasons have a purpose and an appeal to their members."

Each of the four Sundays of Advent has its distinctive theme, according to the United Methodist Book of Worship. These are: Christ's coming in final victory (first Sunday), John the Baptist (second and third Sundays), and the events immediately preceding the birth of Christ (fourth Sunday).

Success's secret

Special colors—purple or blue—are suggested for sanctuary decorations in Advent to symbolize penitence and royalty.

The secret to success for Advent worship services, said the Rev. Don E. Saliers, professor of theology and worship at Candler, is the interaction of music, prayers, preaching and readings.

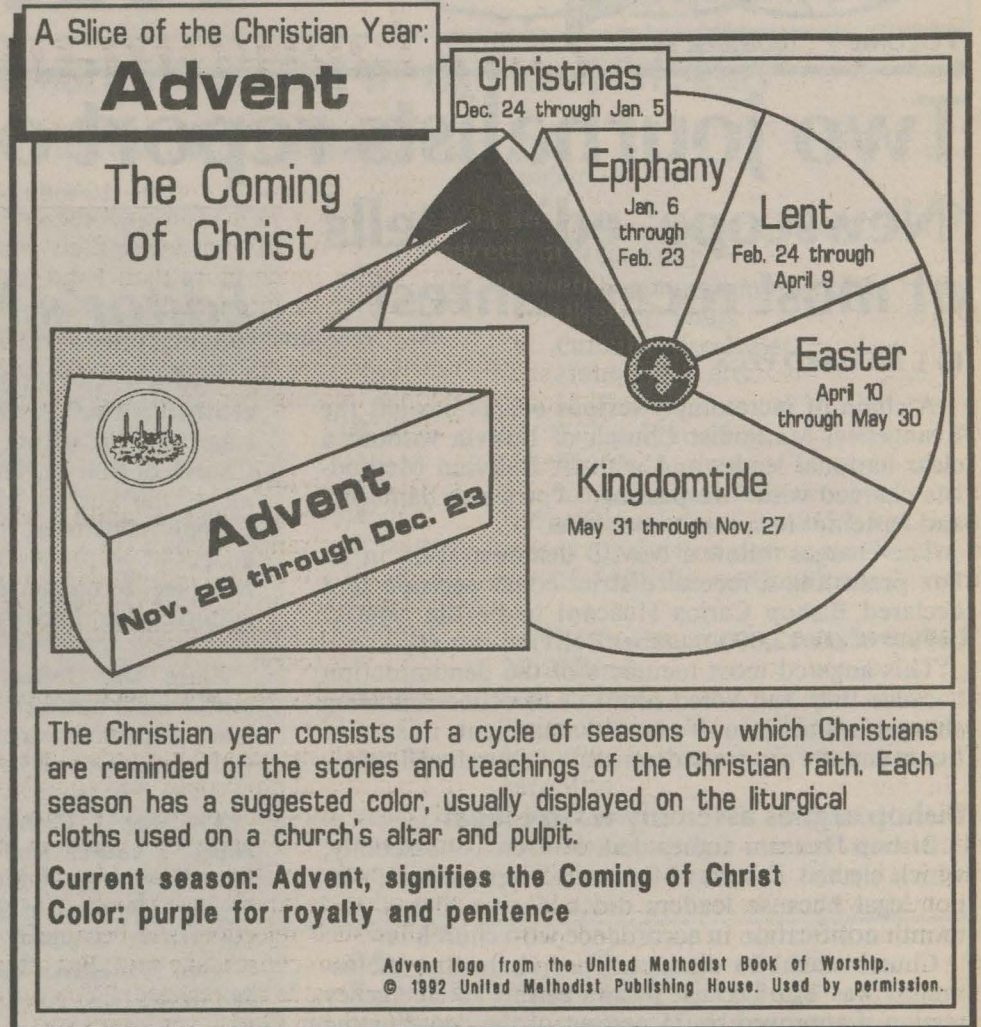
"There is so much richness to the music, the prayers, the text sources, that it opens up possibilities for folks who haven't known these sources," said Dr. Saliers.

"The Advent hymns now appearing in the hymnals give us the chance to share these new resources with others."

More ideas

Ideas for sanctuary decorations, liturgy and special music can also be found in the new United Methodist Book of Worship.

Advent studies for adults and children, ideas for family observances, children's musicals and guides for personal preparation are available from



UMR ILLUSTRATION BY DEBRA MCKNIGHT

Cokesbury.

Drs. Craddock and Saliers and Candler's choral music program director Steven F. Darsey are planning a series of Advent worship services and a two-day Symposium on Advent Worship during the second week in December.

The worship services are intended as models for preachers, liturgists and musicians.

"Worship is the most important thing we do as Christians," said Dr. Darsey. "If we offer our best to God it illuminates our lives."

Videotapes of the services will be available through Dr. Darsey at 404-727-5607.

Advent ends on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, followed by the liturgical season known as Christmas.

Last UM missionaries leave Liberia for second time

By DENISE JOHNSON STOVALL
Associate Editor

The last two United Methodist missionaries assigned to Liberia have again said "goodbye" to that country where three groups battle for control.

The Rev. William and Grace Warnock of Maryville, Tenn., returned to the United States last week after West African peace-keeping forces and Liberian rebel fighters bombed the capital city of Monrovia.

The couple escaped Liberia Nov. 7 by going to Freetown, Sierra Leone. They arrived in the United States Nov. 11.

Although there is no longer a United Methodist missionary presence in Liberia, Mr. Warnock said the church is still alive through United Methodists led by Bishop Arthur F. Kulah (Liberia Area.)

"I talked to Bishop Kulah for five minutes on the Saturday before I left," said Mr. Warnock. "He is doing all right. He will be in Liberia for a while longer but plans to come to the States soon."

A clergy member of the Holston Annual Conference, Mr. Warnock described in the Review the horrors of the three-year civil war between rebel leader Charles Taylor and his opponent, Prince Johnson.

Last month the internal struggle to

control Liberia became an international incident after five U.S. nuns were shot to death near their convent three miles outside Monrovia. Also killed during that period were three Liberian novices and Simeon Russell, the son of John Russell, president of the United Methodist-related College of West Africa in Monrovia.

Mr. Warnock said the nuns' bodies had not been retrieved when he and his wife left Monrovia.

The missionary said the nuns' deaths could have been avoided if the United States government had not ignored Liberia's war.

"The United Nations must intervene to put an end to this continuous fighting in Liberia," said Mr. Warnock. "This is the only African country which Americans helped found. Why don't we say anything about it? Where is our State Department in all this?"

"The people are suffering a lot. Whatever they try to build up, they lose. There is death everywhere. The people are war weary."

"When I think about the Liberian friends that I hold very dear it's painful to see their faces. Their faces and eyes are dark. They are tired. There is no way for the church in Monrovia to communicate with the church in the

'Price' placed on bishop's head

United Methodist News Service

United Methodist Bishop Arthur F. Kulah has again been threatened for trying to attain peace in Liberia.

In a newsletter dated Oct. 22 and sent to the church's General Board of Global Ministries World Division, Bishop Kulah said his efforts to negotiate a halt in hostilities between Liberian rebel leader Charles Taylor and

rest of Liberia because of the severity of the situation."

When asked what American United Methodists can do to help church members in Liberia, Mr. Warnock replied, "All we can do is pray."

"I think we are so used to wanting to

the interim government had been to no avail.

The bishop told of being held at gunpoint at a roadblock until peace-keeping forces could establish his identity.

"By the way," his newsletter continued, "there is a price on my head with 'wanted' posters outside [the capital city of] Monrovia. Pray for us."

send food and supplies that we fail to remember the power of prayer, especially in our society when we are so goal oriented. Prayer is extremely important right now, with pastors trying to work with these people who are so poor. The Liberians are depending on us."

Marketing and promotion teleconference set

More than 25 downlink sites have been secured for a live teleconference on marketing and promotion scheduled for March 2.

"Making News and Sharing It: Promotion Planning for Congregations" is the theme of the 90-minute training session sponsored by United Method-

ist Communications and the interfaith Religious Public Relations Council.

The two-way teleconference, the second one within a year, will highlight campaign planning, market research and budget organization along with advertising tips and guidelines for media relations.

Disabled UM laywoman plumps for 'PHUMPers'

By DIANE HUIE BALAY
Associate Editor

Watch out, world, here come the PHUMPers! (Physically Handicapped United Methodist Persons, that is.)

PHUMPers were so named by Jo D'Archangelis, a member of Fallbrook (Calif.) United Methodist Church, in "Wings," a quarterly newsletter she writes for physically challenged United Methodists.

Classified as severely handicapped herself because of spinal muscular atrophy, Ms. D'Archangelis has been in a wheelchair since she was 10, more than 40 years ago.

'Laywoman of the year'

Yet her contributions to the church are such that she was named "Laywoman of the Year" in the California-Pacific Annual Conference in 1991.

In her newsletter column, "From Where I Sit," Ms. D'Archangelis says she tries to address the subject of living with physical disabilities with "honesty without being sentimental."

Among the trials handicapped people must bear, she said, are people who make theological judgments about them or their families because of their condition.

Several years ago, for example, someone told her family that her birth was punishment from God.

Ms. D'Archangelis writes that she finds such an idea "hard to swallow."

She can't see herself as "Divine Retribution."

"Sure, my disability was often a heavy burden on my family," she said, "but a lot of children make their parents suffer much more than I did just by growing up into jerks!"

She recounts running into various reactions such as stares, remarks and people treating her as if she weren't "all there."

Exorcism tried

"Once when I was a child," she writes, "a strange woman came up to me on the street, laid her hands on my head and tried to exorcise the evil spirit from me (in vain, I might add). Now THAT was scary!"

Thankfully, she said, such experiences are rare.

Although she earned master's degrees in English and philosophy and completed course work for a doctorate in philosophy at the University of California at Los Angeles in the 1960s, Ms. D'Archangelis was unable to get a job.

After such rejection, she became estranged from church, she said. But after a 20-year hiatus she realized, "You may leave God, but God never leaves you."

She became a part of a worshipping community again.

When she moved to Fallbrook in 1985 she volunteered to be treasurer for Fallbrook United Methodist Church. She's been doing the job ever since with

the help of a computer the church placed in her apartment. Because she has relatively little strength in her arms, she manipulates the keyboard with a pencil held with both hands.

Computer an aid

The computer also allowed her to produce "Wings," which is sent to nearly 600 churches or individuals in her annual conference.

One of her columns tells about people who praise her courage.

"I sometimes wish," she said, "that I did have all those lovely virtues that the non-disabled like to impute to the disabled: unwavering courage, unlimited patience and undaunted optimism in the face of adversity."

"But I don't. Someone once asked my mother (right in front of me, too), 'Is she always this cheerful?' My mother answered—not very tactfully, perhaps, but honestly, 'No, she's just like the rest of us.'"

And as for the never-ending search for the right words to use for people with handicapping conditions, she writes, "I personally find 'physically handicapped' or 'physically disabled' acceptable."

She said she appreciates the effort people make to use words that are more inclusive, not because it makes her feel better about herself but because it makes her feel better about society.

She has created her own word, however: PHUMP.



Jo D'Archangelis
... 'just like the rest of us'

She added "persons" after United Methodist, she said, because "PHUM has such a dull, wimpy sound. That ending 'P' sound in PHUMP is decisive and forceful, like all Physically Handicapped United Methodist Persons! So let's hear it for all us PHUMPers!"

Marie Losh, a free-lance writer in Pomona, Calif., contributed to this article.

Faith Watch

Compiled from news and staff reports

NO 'QUICK SOLUTION': Religious leaders recently asked President-elect Bill Clinton to go slow on one of his key campaign issues, reform of the nation's health-care system. In a letter to Mr. Clinton, members of the Interreligious Universal Health Care Campaign said they want the new administration not to look for any "quick solution" to the complex health care crisis. The interreligious campaign, made up of 30 national faith groups, has been working on health care reform for a year. Among its members is retired United Methodist Bishop Leontine T.C. Kelly.

ISRAEL PETITIONED: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has been petitioned by the Middle East Network of United Methodists to allow the Rev. Alex Awad and his family to resume their missionary work among Palestinian Christians. The newly organized group, supported by the unofficial Methodist Federation for Social Action, sent a petition containing 2,296 signatures to the prime minister. Mr. Awad and his wife, Brenda, were commissioned as missionaries three years ago by the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries and assigned to Israel. Currently they serve as mission interpreters in the church's South Central jurisdiction.



Alex Awad

COMES UP SHORT: Following two days of heated debate in which the thorny issue of ordination of women was a dominant theme, the nation's Catholic bishops last week came up short of the votes necessary to approve a pastoral

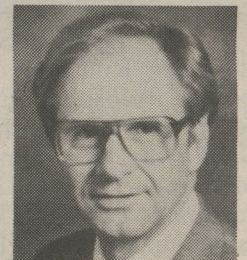
letter on women's concerns. The 137-110 vote fell short of the two-thirds majority required to pass a major statement of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. In contrast, The United Methodist Church has ordained women since 1956 and elected its first female bishop, the late Marjorie S. Matthews, in 1980.

DELEGATES OBJECT: United Methodist, United Church of Christ and American Friends delegates to the recent National Council of Churches board meeting in Cleveland objected to the board's decision to take no action on a request for observer status by the United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. United Methodist Bishop Melvin G. Talbert said the decision leaves the petitioning church of homosexuals and lesbians "outside." "We believe they should be granted observer status," he said.

DECISION HAILED: The head of United Methodism's ecumenical agency hailed the recent decision by the Church of England to ordain women as priests. "United Methodists have been certain for many years that God calls all sorts of people to preach Jesus Christ," said the Rev. Bruce Robbins, head of the church's General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. Like many others, Dr. Robbins agreed that Anglican-Roman Catholic relations "seem damaged" by the decision. "However," he said, "in the end I think [the decision] will move us forward toward unity in the church."

MODELS FOR TELLING GOSPEL: During a closed-door session, United Methodist bishops agreed recently to seek new models for

looking at the world. "One shift is in communications—how we present the gospel," Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel of the Washington Area, president of the Council of Bishops, regarding the discussions. "While United Methodism has done well on public service, we may not have done as well telling and demonstrating to people how to live the Christian life on a daily basis," Bishop Yeakel said.



Joseph Yeakel

'WAKE-UP CALL': Rioters' cries of "no justice, no peace" in Los Angeles earlier this year should also be the rallying cry of U.S. Christians concerned about perpetual, debilitating racism in this country, an assembly of United Methodist deaconesses and home missionaries was told Nov. 6. Declaring that the United States "has never lived up to the promise of democracy," Loretta J. Ross of the Center for Democratic Renewal in Atlanta urged United Methodists and other Christians to be leaders in racial healing and justice in the land.

COUNCIL OFFICERS: Bishop William W. Dew Jr. (Portland, Ore., Area) is the new president of the United Methodist Church's chief coordinating body, the General Council on Ministries. Other new officers are Della C. Escareno of San Antonio, Texas, first vice president; William E. "Buddy" Arnold Jr. of North Little Rock, Ark., second vice president; the Rev. Heinrich Meinhardt of Berlin, Germany, secretary, and Nathaniel L. Bishop of Christianburg, Va., treasurer.



Editorials

Morality, teens and us: 'Walking' what we 'talk'

How should Christians respond to recent findings that high percentages of young people say they lie, cheat and steal?

Following are some findings by the Los Angeles-based Josephson Institute for the Advancement of Ethics:

■ 61 percent of high school youth and 32 percent of college students admit to having cheated on an exam.

■ 33 percent of high school youth, 16 percent of those in college, say they have stolen from a store.

■ 33 percent in each group say they are willing to lie on a resume or job application to get a job.

If your initial reaction to these findings is alarm and even outrage, we hear you "loud and clear." The somber assessments of Josephson Institute officials sum up what many of us sense.

One said, for example, that the study reveals "a hole in the moral ozone" of American society. Another lamented that "we're creating a society where cheaters prosper and you can't honestly tell children that honesty is the best policy."

Bemoaning the moral laxity of large numbers of young people, however, may miss a larger, equally disturbing issue.

Specifically, Josephson officials point out that the study doesn't suggest young people are "moral mu-

tants." Rather, they typically mimic and exaggerate the behavior of others—particularly their parents.

In other words, "they" are us. Since other surveys have found that the conduct of Christians tends to mirror that of the wider society, you and we are included in the "us."

Consequently, we who proclaim God's moral law but too often fail to heed it should be chastened by the Josephson findings. Thus chastened, we should:

✓ Examine our own less-than-noble behavior and consider with humility the impact our example has on others, particularly young people.

✓ Reflect on the following question: Could we in good faith recommend that others pattern their moral conduct after ours? If not, why not?

✓ Repent of behavior that we know misses the mark God sets for us and resolve, with God's help, to "not weary in doing what is right" (2 Thessalonians 3:13).

It would be hypocritical for Christians to content ourselves with merely expressing self-righteous alarm and outrage at the morality of "the younger generation."

Our call as Jesus' followers is far more demanding: to be the kind of people that he and we challenge people of all generations to become.



Teaching our children about morality will take more than just somber talks. We must examine our own behavior—which our children mimic—and resolve with God's help to be more the kind of people we as Christians challenge others to be.



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A chance to stimulate social transformations

As post-election reaction gives way to sober consideration of challenges facing the incoming federal government, we invite you to reflect on these thoughts from the Rev. Robin W. Lovin, dean of United Methodist-related Drew University Theological School:

"What is wrong with our elections reflects the failure of all our institutions, including religious institutions, to sustain a discussion of societal goals and values. . . .

"The necessary [next] move is to leave the complaints to others and turn our attention to the unique op-

portunities that churches, synagogues, meetings and mosques have to stimulate the encounters and transformations that could eventually give the candidates something to talk about."

To Dr. Lovin's essay published in "The Christian Century" magazine, we add a hearty "Amen!" and an even heartier challenge.

Specifically, as local congregations prepare for a new year with new plans and new officers, our challenge is this:

Plan now for ways in which your local congregation can become a site for community discussions of goals and values

such as those Dr. Lovin describes.

A post-election media litany of America's troubles clearly outlines how much such discussion is needed:

- ✓ An ailing economy;
- ✓ Runaway health costs;
- ✓ Rampant crime and, most of all,
- ✓ Rifts between races and economic classes that flare periodically into violence such as the spring riots in Los Angeles and the recent beating death of a Detroit motorist.

We contend that all these examples—involving, as they do, relationships between God's creatures and God's creation—constitute parts of our communal life where religious faith and the values it transmits are integral to any public discussion.

Given such evidence that we as a nation have lost some of our moral and ethical bearings, what better service could a local congregation provide than to help facilitate community discussions that will help us find our way as a society again?

Even if we contribute to the discussion little more than ancient questions—"Am I my brother's keeper? Who is my neighbor?"—we will add an essential dimension unlikely to be brought as fully by any other source in our society.

Indeed, we as Christians are mandated to foster such public discussions and to offer ourselves and our faith perspectives to the public discussion. In this way we will fulfill Jesus' instruction to be "the light of the world."

Why care about Bolivian church rift?

Any but the most careful reader might look at the latest reports of unrest within the Evangelical Methodist Church of Bolivia (see stories elsewhere in this issue) and ask, "Who cares?"

The Bolivian church is, after all, autonomous. That means it has no structural ties to United Methodism.

But that doesn't begin to tell the whole story. Our church's official mission-sending agency, the General Board of Global Ministries, holds title to Bolivian properties worth millions of dollars. Those properties were dedicated to Christian ministry and never intended to be caught in a provincial tug-of-war.

Further, United Methodists are partners in mission outreach in Bolivia via 24 projects funded through The Advance for Christ and His Church. Our official "second mile" method of mis-

sion, born out of the ashes of World War II, is caught up, ironically, in the battlefield of name-calling, machete-swinging claimants and counter-claimants to church property in Bolivia.

The General Board of Global Ministries has the responsibility to protect our church's material and missional interests in Bolivia and to continue to work in partnership with that church's legitimate leaders.

If the board through interference or indifference falters in these matters, it should be held accountable for its action or inaction.

Meanwhile the board's elected members and staff deserve a chance to do the work assigned to them in Bolivia without a United Methodist version of name-calling.



My Witness

We need to push out our churches' walls

By WILLIAM W. McDERMET

My wife and I are innkeepers. We live in a quiet, tranquil, historic village of 31 people, eight dogs, many deer, opossums, rabbits, squirrels and birds. We provide a space in God's world "away from it all," where our guests may relax, regroup and become refreshed before they go back into our crazy competitive world. We enjoy our role of hosting, where we can provide a bit of calmness.

Prior to innkeeping, I served for 29 years as a pastor in local congregations. When we made this transition I vowed that I would not discuss/debate/demythologize religious issues with guests. They did not come for preaching, but for renewal.

I reflected that my understanding of the Gospel is that we live in a world family, and that priority must (not should) be given to sisters and brothers with major needs.

For our meals I fill the role of waiter—not a dumb one, but as a friendly servant—and I just bite my tongue when the table conversation drifts toward comments which I believe are not compatible with the Christian faith.

Recently I met my most difficult challenge. I was pouring breakfast coffee for two couples when one woman started "grousing" (her term) that their United Methodist conference had raised the apportionments for their local church.

With some irritation she asserted, "It's too bad the conference is doing

this as we need more dollars for our own church, because *that's where it's at!* We need to take care of our own."

I kept pouring and said nothing—for a few moments—then I entered the conversation. (Bed-and-breakfast hosts are often encouraged, indeed invited, to participate in guests' conversations.)

I reflected that my understanding of the Gospel is that we live in a world family, and that priority must (not should) be given to sisters and brothers with major needs. I continued (in what I hoped was a non-preaching tone) that we must heed the words of

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an old hymn to "Rescue the perishing, care for the dying."

I believe our guest was a typical church member. She was sincerely concerned about the ministry of "her" church. However, she needed to push those church walls out so that all of God's children are included and served.

I shared with our guests my belief that congregations can provide ministry in both places—here and there. Local congregational life and work simply takes time and planning, but no big bucks: Bible study, prayer groups, and fellowship events need a place to meet and a few supplies.

Worldwide, "out there" ministry—consisting of feeding, clothing, healing and sheltering—does require big bucks and we must provide them, gladly.

So, unrehearsed, we had breakfast conversation about the Kingdom of God. Two or three or more can discuss the purpose of the church, any time, any place.

Our guests left the table with the comment: "Great breakfast and thanks for the chat. It was enjoyable, really."

I responded, "Shalom."

Here I Stand

It was a benefit, but was it truly worthy?

By BETTIE WILSON STORY

The benefit promoted a worthy cause: leukemia research. The local restaurant, part of a national chain, also hoped to make the Guinness Book of World Records.

The project? A 2,000-foot-long burrito created in the restaurant parking lot.

Donors paid \$2 per foot but because of health department regulations, they couldn't eat a single bite.

The band played on, pledges poured in, and volunteers helped roll the monstrous burrito one day this fall in our town. It contained 250 pounds of cheese, 1,000 pounds of cooked beef, 2,200 tortillas, and 300 pounds of dry beans that expanded to 1,000 pounds after cooking, plus the lettuce.

"Here I Stand" is a forum through which Review readers may express opinions and concerns about issues facing the church. Bettie Wilson Story is a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Ill., (Central Illinois Annual Conference). This column is reprinted with permission from the Central Illinois conference edition of the Review's sister publication, the United Methodist Reporter.



Never mind that all that food would be trashed. The big burrito brought in funds that otherwise might not have been given, folks said, and good fun was had by all. Besides, the manager said it

would set a record and he would "open it (the burrito) up and let people slide on it like a big bean slide."

Obviously, these folks hadn't heard, or had not cared, that food lines lengthened this summer at local agencies, that thousands of children in America go to bed—if they have a bed—hungry at night, that the worst drought of a century in Africa was devastating whole populations with 2,000 to 5,000 people dying daily in Somalia alone. In comparison, the benefit seemed an obscene gesture.

Would the donors, volunteers, and restaurant sponsor give an equal amount of time, energy, food and funds to the hungry in this global community of ours? I hope so. But I'm afraid to ask.

Faithfully yours

I experienced a Holy Land filled with peace

Mango and olive trees dotted the countryside. A few sheep shuffled lazily along the slope of a nearby hill. An old fishing boat rocked on the gentle waves of the lake. A few orange groves and an abundance of oleander gave the air an almost holy fragrance.



Richard Stark

The road sign indicated that Kfar Naum ("Capernaum") was to the right, only two kilometers away.

On this Sunday morning in "the Galilee," peace was on my mind and in my heart. Inner peace. Political peace. Peace on Earth.

The view of the Sea of Galilee from the Hospice of the Beatitudes, on a beautiful hillside overlooking what is thought to be the place where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, was a grace-filled comple-

ment to my peaceful, easy feeling.

Our Israeli guide, Oded, pointed out a weathered stone tablet with an inscription from the sermon, words spoken by Jesus generations ago from these same hills.

"Blessed are the peacemakers..." (Matthew 5:9).

Almost prayerfully, Oded whispered in English, "I wish everyone knew that."

A few moments later, Oded exchanged greetings in Italian with a nun who was awaiting a group that would celebrate a Catholic Mass in the chapel.

"What did she say?" I asked him.

"She said she was glad to see us and wanted to know if we had heard that the Pope might visit Israel," Oded replied. "She said, 'He's coming. It's nice. But the important thing will be his message.'"

"She said she hopes it will be a message of peace," our guide concluded.

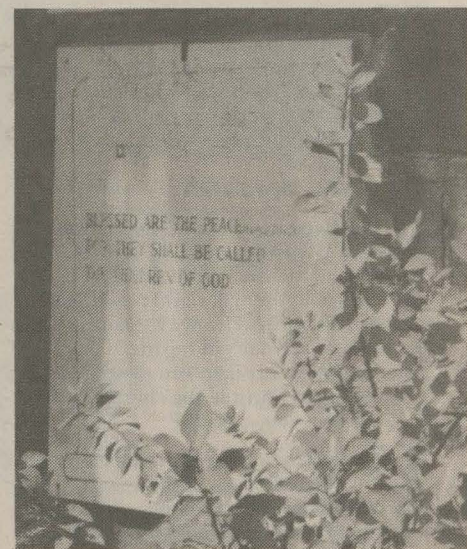
This holy place—only a short automobile ride from the troubled Israel-Lebanon border and the Golan Heights and Syria and Jordan—seemed already to be a place of peace. Indeed, for me it was a place of peace. But lasting peace is elusive.

In the five hurried days I spent in Israel recently as the Review's representative, I experienced a peaceful place and peaceful people. And I heard numerous expressions of hope that a peaceful and just solution will come soon from the Middle East peace talks.

As a Christian, I held that prayerful hope before I traveled to Israel. Having seen the land and met some of the people, I pray even more fervently for the Holy Land and for all the world—"May it be a message of peace."

—RICHARD P. STARK

Mr. Stark is Associate Publisher of the Review.



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CAPERNAUM, Israel—A weathered stone tablet at the Hospice of the Beatitudes bears Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount.



Florida bishop sees Andrew recovery taking years

By TOM HUGHES

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga.—Stating that “years will be required in the rehabilitation effort” following Hurricane Andrew, Bishop H. Hasbrouck Hughes Jr. (Florida Area) recently thanked the church’s Council of Bishops for their pastoral concern throughout the church’s relief efforts. **Hasbrouck Hughes**



“The Miami District is not a great stronghold of Methodism—2 million

population, 22,000 United Methodists,” said Bishop Hughes. “But the leadership evidenced in this catastrophe, supported by the United Methodist connection, should serve as a model for disaster relief elsewhere.

“This catastrophe offers no short-term solutions. Years will be required in the rehabilitation effort. We’re in it for the long haul and ask your continued prayers in this ministry.”

After Hurricane Andrew ravaged the Florida and Louisiana coasts in September, a special appeal was made to the entire church by the 100-member Council of Bishops for financial

gifts through the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

The Florida bishop proudly told his peers in the council that United Methodists, led by the Rev. David Brewer, Miami District superintendent, and the Rev. Anne Burkholder, disaster coordinator, through the help of UMCOR and countless others, are “rendering a remarkable ministry of relief and rehabilitation.”

The district has received:

- ✓ 132 semi-tractor trailer loads of food and other essentials;
- ✓ 97 24-to-28-foot “straight” trucks;

✓ 149 vans, cars and pickups at the Lester Coggins Warehouse, the distribution hub in Miami for United Methodist relief materials.

✓ 1,770 volunteers for food distribution, home repairs, cleanup, child care, counseling, office assistance and countless other tasks.

“Many groups will be needed over the next two or three years, and many are on schedule for the months ahead,” Bishop Hughes said.

Mr. Hughes (no relation to Bishop Hughes) is editor of the Florida conference edition of The United Methodist Review.

UMCom to beef up promotion efforts for funds

United Methodist News Service

NASHVILLE—A major finding of a recent United Methodist Communications study shows that the agency’s tradition of sending promotional materials directly to local churches has bypassed bishops and district superintendents as key leaders and promoters of churchwide giving.

That was the report of Roger Burgess, chief executive of the official communications agency of The United Methodist Church, to a recent meeting of the agency’s board of directors.

Dr. Burgess said that directing more

training and resources to bishops and cabinets will be at the heart of UMCom’s new effort to “revitalize faith and commitment to the connectational system.”

The new emphases will include a study of giving during churchwide Special Sundays with offering.

Dr. Burgess reported that receipts on these special days have dropped steadily in recent years, and only 50 percent of United Methodist congregations now order resources for the observances.

During their 1993-96 organizational meeting, members of the General Commission on Communication elected the

Rev. Arvin Luchs of Portland, Ore., associate general secretary of UMCom’s Division of Program and Benevolence Interpretation. He will begin duties in Nashville Feb. 1.



Mr. Luchs, 47, is council on ministries director for the church’s Oregon-Idaho Annual Confer-

ence, with prior experience as a district superintendent and local church pastor.

He succeeds the Rev. Donald Collier, who transferred to a new assignment in UMCom’s New York office in July.

Mr. Luchs was selected from among six finalists. He has an undergraduate degree from Lewis and Clark College in Portland and a doctor of religion in communications degree from the School of Theology at Claremont (Calif.).

Laywoman to keynote '93 consultation on violence

United Methodist News Service

The United States is probably the most violent industrialized society in the world.

United Methodist laywoman Deborah Prothrow-Stith not only holds that opinion. She urges the church to do something about it.

A physician and assistant dean of Harvard University’s School of Public Health, Dr. Prothrow-Stith will be the featured speaker at “Youth and Violence: A National Emergency and a Call to Action” April 29-May 2 in Chicago.

The conference for United Methodist youth and adult counselors is sponsored by the United Methodist National Youth Ministry Organization, affiliated with the church’s General Board of Discipleship.

Author of “Deadly Consequences” and an adviser for “Here and Now,” a TV show about inner-city youth produced by entertainer Bill Crosby, Dr. Prothrow-Stith has gained wide recognition for her assertion that youth violence is a public-health crisis.

She cites statistics that one in 31 black men in the United States will become a homicide victim before his

20th birthday. Although young white men fare much better, their chances are still an appalling one in about 200.

Planners of the NYMO-sponsored meeting say the hastily organized conference was spurred by calls from church-related youth organizations and leaders around the nation, who feel besieged by drug-, gang-, media- and family-related violence that has moved from shocking newspaper headlines into their own back yards.

Angela Gay Kinkead, NYMO executive, recounted one distress call from a United Methodist youth coordinator in North Texas who “returned to her office after a conference and was told that one of the kids she worked with had been killed.”

Information and registration materials are available from Ms. Kinkead, c/o NYMO, P.O. Box 840, Nashville, Tenn. 37202-0840.

‘Don’t isolate elders’ says interfaith group

Despite their potential for a variety of contributions, older persons often are not involved in church life in an active, meaningful way, according to a recent survey.

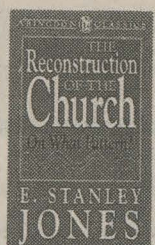
United Methodists were among people from six Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic organizations participating in a series of focus groups related to the National Clergy Leadership Project To Prepare for an Aging Society.

The report said seniors within faith groups are often segmented into special groups, fostering isolation and solidifying negative impressions of aging.

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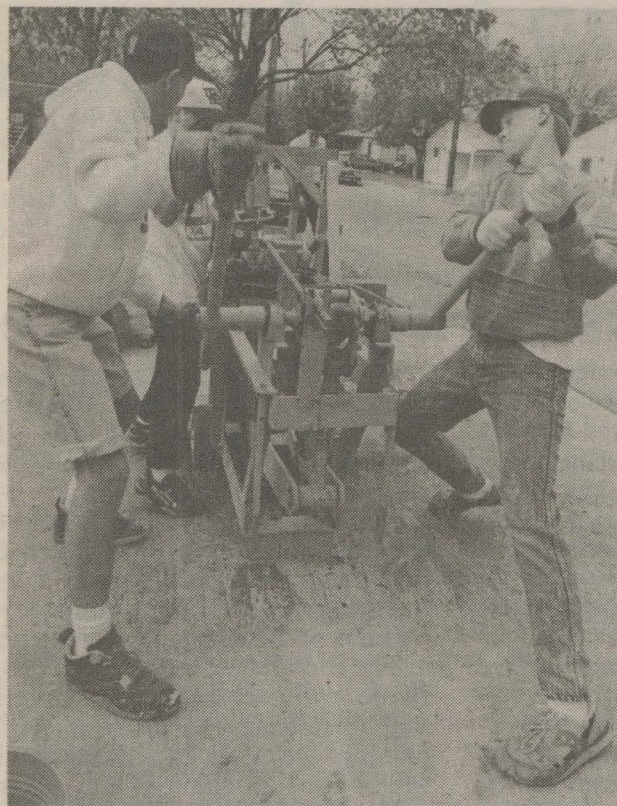
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Brick by brick, a parsonage will rise

United Methodists in the Dallas area are turning out handmade bricks by the hundreds in an effort to construct a parsonage for predominantly Hispanic Nueva Esperanza United Methodist Church. Among latest volunteers were youths from Plymouth Park United Methodist Church in nearby Irving, Texas.

At left, Chad Ray (left) and Tad Fielder release the levers of a brick-making machine.

At right, Mr. Ray watches Laura Richards lift a 23-pound brick from the press. The bricks are then stacked in a drying tent to cure for at least two weeks.

The building project, sponsored by United Methodist-related Wesley-Rankin Community Center, will require about 15,000 bricks.

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Millsaps College gets \$20 million anonymous gift

United Methodist News Service

United Methodist-related Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., has received an anonymous gift of at least \$20 million.

The gift, from a trust, is reportedly the largest ever received by a college or university in the state and one of the largest individual contributions ever received by a United Methodist-related school.

According to an announcement from Millsaps, the gift was made after the death of a "long devoted friend" who, with his wife, had previously provided support for scholarships.

Because of the nature of the trust's assets, the precise total of the gift may not be known soon, according to Millsaps President George M. Harmon.

In a statement released by Millsaps, the donor's wife said the scholarship support she and her husband had con-

tributed "gave us the opportunity to become acquainted with Millsaps and see firsthand how our gifts made a difference in these young people's lives."

"It was my husband's wish, as it is mine, that this additional support provide the means to position Millsaps to be an educational leader in the 21st century," she continued.

In a challenge to friends and alumni of the school, she urged that they "give an additional \$2 for every \$1 of our gift."

E. B. Robinson Jr., chairman of the college's board of trustees, said the challenge has been accepted by that group and details of a major fund-raising effort will be announced later.

Mr. Harmon described the gift as "one of the most significant events in the 102-year history of the college." He said it would be an incentive for others to "join with us so that Millsaps will have the resources necessary to

achieve its potential as a first-rank institution for the 21st century."

Millsaps, one of three United Methodist-related colleges in the state, has 1,200 students.

Institutions of higher education related to the United Methodist Church include 88 four-year colleges, 12 two-year colleges, 13 schools of theology and one professional school.

Chaplains endow Africa U. chair

United Methodist News Service

A \$300,000 fund-raising drive by United Methodism's chaplains' unit has given Africa University in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe, its first endowed professorship for the faculty (college) of theology.

Establishment of the James M. Walker Chair in Pastoral Care culminates more than four years' work by members of the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries, a unit of the church's Board of Higher Education and Ministry, based in Nashville.

The position is named for a Sequin, Texas, layman who was president of the division from 1988 until his death in 1991.

African United Methodist bishops expressed in the late 1980s the need for specially trained pastors to work in African prisons and hospitals and in ecumenical contexts, said the Rev. James Townsend, executive of the division.

As the denomination developed

plans for Africa University, the chaplains' division began a drive to endow the Walker professorship.

Africa University opened in March 1992.

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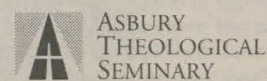
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New Puerto Rican bishop rolls up his sleeves

By M. GARLINDA BURTON
United Methodist News Service

RIO PIEDRAS, Puerto Rico—In a practical, but symbolic, initial act as the first bishop of the new Methodist Church of Puerto Rico, the Rev. Victor L. Bonilla rolled up his sleeves and removed the hinges from a locked door so that church delegates could enter the meeting hall.

Bishop Bonilla, 49, superintendent for the former Puerto Rico District of the United Methodist Church, was elected bishop during the first General Conference of the Puerto Rico church since it gained independence last May.

Bishop Bonilla greeted news of his election saying, "I am not a leader but a servant, and I will continue to serve the church and the people I love. If they need a carpenter or a chauffeur, I will do whatever is needed with the help of God."

Elected on the first ballot cast by 140 clergy and lay delegates, Bishop Bonilla—selected from a slate of five clerics nominated for the office—garnered 105 votes.

The conference later named two re-

tired pastors, Gildo Sanchez and Rafael Boissen, as honorary bishops, recognizing their long careers as conference leaders. Bishop Sanchez edited the new church's Book of Discipline.

Effective Jan. 1, 1993, Bishop Bonilla becomes temporal and pastoral leader of more than 10,000 full members, 85 congregations and 100 pastors.

Under the Puerto Rico church's newly adopted Book of Discipline, a collection of church law, Bishop Bonilla will serve a four-year term and may be elected for an additional four years. In contrast, United Methodist bishops in the United States are elected for life, retiring by the age of 70.

Bishop Bonilla's election was celebrated with bells, cheers, hugs and tears, as it signaled the end of a 20-year process of negotiation for the former mission church's autonomy.

Before autonomy, the Puerto Rico Annual Conference was related to United Methodism's Northeastern Jurisdiction, and shared a bishop first with the Eastern Pennsylvania and then with the New York annual conferences.

Bishop Bonilla has been a key leader

in negotiating the affiliated, autonomous status for the Puerto Rico church.

As a United Methodist pastor, he was a delegate to three United Methodist General Conferences, and represented Puerto Rico as a member of the

denominationwide Commission on Religion and Race, the General Council on Ministries and the Junta Consultiva de Comunicaciones (Hispanic advisory committee for United Methodist Communications).

Tears, cheers mark independence

United Methodist News Service

RIO PIEDRAS, Puerto Rico—More than 200 Puerto Rican United Methodists cheered, wept, prayed, sang, adopted their own church laws and elected their first bishop as the new, independent Methodist Church of Puerto Rico.

Meeting for the last time as a United Methodist unit and, subsequently, for the first time as an independent church body, Puerto Rican delegates vowed continued cooperation with the 8.5-million-member U.S.-based church.

Independence becomes official and the new bishop takes the helm Jan. 1, 1993, although the new church will continue to relate to United Methodist agencies during an eight-year transition period.

A delegation from United Methodism's New York Annual Conference presented the new church with a bell commemorating Methodism's 1984 bicentennial celebration.

Retired Bishop C. Dale White, former episcopal leader of Puerto Rico and New York, and Bishop Forrest Stith (New York Area) presided over sessions of the organizing conference.

The conference outlined plans to affiliate with several Latin American and Caribbean church councils, including the Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches of Latin America and the Caribbean Council of Churches.

—M. GARLINDA BURTON

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angered not to find Bishop Huacani there.

Newly elected Bishop Mamani has a different view of the same event.

"There were five Huacani supporters at every level of the building to block us," said Bishop Mamani.

"They poured lime down the stairs at us and filled the hallway with tear gas, so we had to break out the windows."

Forty-nine demonstrators were initially held, but only 11 were taken to the police station where they were charged with damaging property, trespassing and attempted homicide.

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They wanted to seize them so they could prove Bishop Huacani had been mismanaging funds since being elected bishop in January 1990. They were moving to prevent him and his supporters from a church coup.

... Meanwhile, Ms. Ramirez copied all computer records onto disks and

erased the computer memory. Late in the afternoon while police and opposing Methodists yelled from the hall, Ms. Ramirez tossed two boxes of disks and paper records out a back window. She said they landed 12 floors below without breaking and were picked up on cue by pro-Huacani Methodists whom she had called to drive by at that moment.

Mission executive still faces charges in Bolivia

United Methodist News Service

A United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries executive remains in Bolivia while charges against

him are investigated.

Donald Reasoner—arrested in La Paz during a Nov. 4 altercation between two factions of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia and later

released—still faced some charges as of Nov. 19, according to the board's World Division.

Meanwhile, the Bolivian church is awaiting a ruling by that country's Supreme Court on whether former Bishop Carlos Huacani or newly elected Bishop Zacarias Mamani has legal claim to the episcopal position.

Retired United Methodist Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt, who was in Bolivia Nov. 5-12, said he does not expect the split in the church to be resolved soon. He said "a determination on both sides to maintain their position and their seat of power" is slowing the resolution process.

Bishop DeWitt, who headed the mission board's World Division eight years ago, added that Bishop Huacani told him personally that he has "no desire on his part to communicate and have reconciliation."

Instead, Bishop Huacani said he was calling a meeting for March 1, 1993, and would submit his resignation then, allowing delegates to decide whether to re-elect him.

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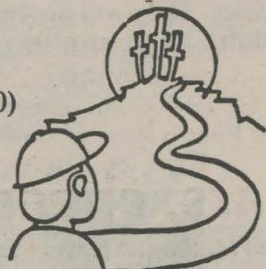
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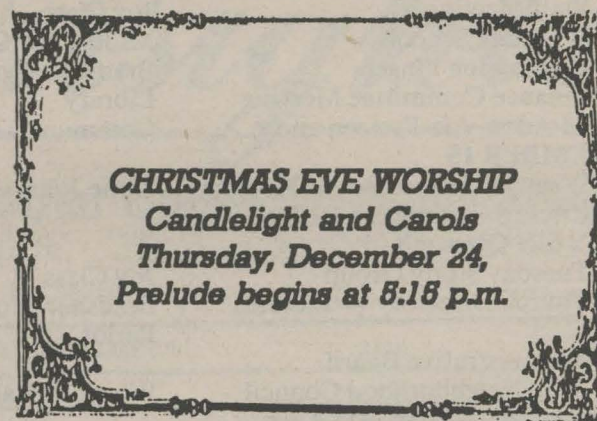
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Sun, Jan. 3 No DMYF, No JOYBells
 Sun, Jan. 10 DMYF 5:00, JOYBells 6:30
 Jan. or Feb. Possible Ski Trip! (cost < \$100)
 April 4 CROP Walk
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"This is how we know
 what love is: Jesus Chr
 laid down his life for us:
 1 John 3:16a



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
 Candlelight and Carols
 Thursday, December 24,
 Prelude begins at 8:18 p.m.

Religious Newsbriefs

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (Lutheran World Information)—The new Danish translation of the Bible recently went on sale in bookshops throughout Denmark.

Some 100,000 copies will be printed in eight different editions. Half of all copies had been ordered more than one month before publication.

It is the first time in 250 years that a new translation of both Old and New Testaments has been available in Denmark at the same time and is the first Bible translation common to all churches in Denmark.

DALLAS (Baptist Press)—Southern Baptist retirement plan members paid in more than \$159 million in the first nine months of 1992, a 13 percent increase over the same period in 1991.

Annuity Board Treasurer Harold D. Richardson said the surge in contributions helped push assets to \$3.77 billion on Sept. 30, up 12.9 percent in 12 months.

Annuity Board trustees were told that earnings were positive for all investment funds in the third quarter; the Church Comprehensive Medical Plan continued to show financial stability and the property and casualty insurance program returned a modest profit.

NEW YORK (NCC News)—A new ecumenical hymnal designed for use in hospitals, nursing homes and prisons has been published by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Nearly 200 well-known hymns were selected to carry a ministry of comfort and hope to residents of institutions as well as to such other non-denominational groups as passengers on cruise ships and visitors to national parks, according to Peggy L. Shriver who supervised publication of the volume.

The book, known as the "Hymnal for Worship," is the fourth edition in a decade. The new version includes worship resources utilizing the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

NEW YORK (Ecumenical Press Service)—Concerned about boundary developments and ethnic tensions in Eastern Europe, the World Council of Churches's Program Unit on Justice, Peace and Creation recently organized a colloquium in Lund, Sweden.

WCC officials said communities like the Roma, Jews, refugees and immigrants in many newly independent states as well as in the former Yugoslavia, Romania, Poland, Germany and Scandinavia, are experiencing a rising tide of racism.

At the consultation, 40 participants from churches, ethnic minorities, action groups and other faith communities shared experiences of racism and ethnic conflict as well as ideas about how to effect change.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (NCC News)—The National Council of Churches Department of Worship and the Arts recently presented an award for academic excellence to J. Irwin Miller, head of Cummins Engine Company.

Mr. Miller, a member of North Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), received a trapezoidal block of Tiffany crystal engraved with the seal of the National Council of Churches and a tribute citing his "lifetime of service to worship and the arts."

From 1960 to 1963, Mr. Miller served as president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. He was the first lay person to hold that position.

INDIA (Ecumenical Press Service)—Prasanna Samuel was recently appointed executive secretary of the Madras-based United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India, becoming the first woman to hold the position.

She succeeds Kunchala Rajaratnam, who has retired.

INDIANAPOLIS (Disciples News Service)—A mission volunteer project run by the Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) recently received a \$23,000 boost from the Week of Compassion program for 1993.

The Week of Compassion Committee increased its support of Volunteers in Mission from \$10,000 to \$33,000.

"We want people to have the opportunity for first-hand experiences in mission," said the Rev. Johnny W. Wray, the new administrative director.

Mr. Wray expressed concern for the 14 percent drop in regular offerings for the program. Designated offerings, however, are up more than 234 percent, he said.

Disciples contributed more than \$365,000 from August through October for relief efforts following Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki.

MUNDELEIN, Ill. (Lutheran World Information)—"This is a time of confusion," a United Nations official recently told the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Task Force on Peace.

B. G. Ramcharan, director in the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, said the world needs a "moral compass."

Mr. Ramcharan and Dorothy Jones, visiting scholar with the Department of History of the University of Chicago and research associate at the Newberry Library in Chicago, addressed the task force.

The 16-member task force is developing a social teaching statement on peace and international relations. A first step in that process is to produce a study document that will help the church discuss peace issues and contribute to the writing of the statement.

United Methodist Happenings

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NASHVILLE (UMNS)—Plans for United Methodism's Africa University in Zimbabwe are proceeding "on schedule," but if financial support by local churches fails to increase, opening of the schools of management and administration and education may be delayed, according to denominational educational officials.



Angels spoke from on high

"... The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'"
 Luke 2:10-11

DECEMBER 14-DECEMBER 19

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:15- 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out	Nurseries
10:00-11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	Joy Class
11:00-11:30 a.m. Weekday School	Middle Joy Class
7:30 p.m. Celebration Singers	Bradshaw Room
7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	Library
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.	Community Life Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:15 a.m. Weekday School Board Meeting	Katie Johnson Class
11:00 a.m. Circle 8 — Covered Dish at Ella Glasson's	
12:15- 1:45 p.m. Tuesday Study Group	Joy Class
3:00- 9:30 p.m. Church Directory — Pictures	Bradshaw Room Parlor
7:30 p.m. Administrative Board	
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, DECEMBER 16

9:15- 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out	Nurseries
9:30-10:00 p.m. Weekday School	Whitford Hall
10:00- 1:00 p.m. NO Craft/Lunch Bunch	
12:15-12:30 p.m. Advent Devotion	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Advent Lunch	Whitford Hall
3:00- 9:00 p.m. Church Directory — Pictures	Bradshaw Room Parlor
5:00- 6:15 p.m. NO Wednesday Meal	
6:15- 7:00 p.m. Carol Choir	Aldersgate Room
6:15- 7:15 p.m. Wesley Singers	Choir Room
7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells	Handbell Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30- 8:30 p.m. Men's Study Group	Parlor
9:30-10:00 p.m. Christmas Party — Weekday School	Whitford Hall
12:00 p.m. Thursday Study Group	Prayer Room
3:00 p.m. Church Directory — Pictures	Bradshaw Room Parlor Choir Room
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

3:00- 9:00 p.m. Church Directory — Pictures	Bradshaw Room Parlor
7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Study Group	Call Donna (382-8228)
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A.	Community Life Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00-12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal with Brass	Sanctuary
10:00- 5:00 p.m. Church Directory — Pictures	Bradshaw Room Parlor

CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN

Sunday, December 13

5:30-6:30 p.m.

(Sponsored By Missions Work Area)

What's it like to be a Christian in Japan today? All ages are invited to come hear the adventures of Bob and Hazel Terhune right after White Christmas on Dec. 13. The Terhunes are our missionaries to Japan through the Board of Global Ministries. They will be sharing their faith and their stories with children, youth, and adults. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about our church's overseas missions.



OUR CHURCH'S MISSION IN KENYA

Tuesday, December 15

7:30 p.m.

(Sponsored By Missions Work Area)

Drs. Lynn and Sharon Fogleman will be with us at the December meeting of the Administrative Board, Tuesday, December 15. The Foglemans are our medical missionary team in Kenya and have been supported partially by Duke Memorial for several years.

Don't miss this brief but exciting testimony of how United Methodist physicians are carrying their skills and their faith to the people of Kenya. All are invited.



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Sanctuary

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Remember to bring your toy for an underprivileged child wrapped in white tissue paper. Youth, you may participate by bringing a present for someone your age such as a poster, book, toilet articles like cologne, or a purse for a girl. A program by the Terhunes, our missionaries to Japan, will follow the reception.

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9:45 a.m. Methodism Class	Aldersgate Room
9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages	
10:15 a.m. Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Ringing of the Tower Bells	
10:55-12:00 p.m. Worship Service	
Festival of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Congregational Luncheon (Covered Dish — Turkey, drinks provided)	Whitford Hall
5:00- 6:30 p.m. NO DMYF	
6:30- 7:30 p.m. NO JOYBells	
8:00 p.m. 12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.	Community Life Center
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Tom Worsley

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JR. CHURCH:
Libby Younts
Kimberly Robertson

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