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**NEWS/FEATURES:**

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ANOTHER DEPRESSION?: Faced with an economic crisis of our own today, staff writer Mary Jacobs talks with Methodists who lived through [the biggest crisis in our history](#), the Great Depression.

BISHOPS 'STUMBLE': New Council of Bishops President Gregory Palmer [encouraged his colleagues](#) to take risks—and said it's OK to "stumble" a bit—in leading the church toward God's light. Robin Russell reports.

IKE'S AFTERMATH: Though no longer in the headlines, Louisiana coastal churches still have [much repair work ahead](#) of them in the wake of Hurricane Ike. Betty Backstrom reports.

HOMELESS NO MORE: A former homeless man now [advocates on behalf of the homeless](#). Robin Russell talks to him about his life and the documentary made about him.

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**COMMENTARIES:**

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WESLEYAN WISDOM: Too much of [current religious thought](#) is bogged down in Enlightenment thinking and the "philosophy of religion," says Donald Haynes.

GEN-X RISING: A new way to receive Communion—[prerecorded and online](#)—may help some people, but devalues the sacrament, says Andrew Thompson.

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**MUSIC/ART/RESOURCES:**

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COMPASSIONATE EATING: Though it is filled with difficult imagery, the new DVD *Eating Mercifully* offers consumers ideas for [compassionate eating](#), says Bill Fentum.

'CHANGELING': Based on a true story, *Changeling* follows a woman in 1920s Los Angeles as she tries to uncover what happened to her missing child. Though the film has strong elements, [it falls back on cliché too often](#), says Bill Fentum.

HISTORY OF HYMNS: "Make Me a Captive, Lord" explores the many [paradoxes of the Christian faith](#), including finding freedom in captivity to the Lord, says Michael Hawn.

IT'S FOR LIFE: A minister and former attorney says Sunday school is critical for [developing a moral compass](#). Without it, many might believe that anything they can get away with is OK. Boyce Bowdon has the story.

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