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A Thanksgiving Pivot

It's going to be hard to be thankful this Thanksgiving. I don't like admitting this, but it's the truth. And it's why I think 2020 is the perfect time to make a Thanksgiving pivot that changes the basis of your thanks from being contingent on how things are going to joyfully giving thanks because it grows out of your relationship with God who has gone all-in on the world's behalf.

By Bishop Gary Mueller

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Nurturing Growth

Nurturing plants is a lot like nurturing your faith. It takes time and effort to maintain a strong faith and a good relationship with God.

It's often difficult to make time for the many ways we grow our faith: studying scripture, praying, fellowshiping with our church family, serving our community. I'm not ashamed to admit I struggle with these things.

By Caleb Hennington

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All Saints' Day

Celebrate the Saints in November

Nov. 1 was a celebration of the saints who have gone before us. We've created a special page on the Conference website to celebrate the saints on All Saints' Day and throughout the month of November.

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Volunteers in Mission Help Rebuild Home

The Arkansas Conference Volunteers in Mission partnered with Help Build Hope to build the framework of a house for a person in need. The volunteers, masked up and spread out, cut wood beams and organized the frames of the house at First UMC in Conway.

Check out a video of their work below.

Video by Christina Choh

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Q&A w/ Rev. Todd Lovell

Rev. Todd Lovell became the senior pastor of The Vine of NWA in July of 2020. Rev. Lovell had to not only build interest in a church that had only just started, but do it during a global pandemic as well. Read about his experience building the brand of the church and his plans for the future of The Vine in this extended Q&A.



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Faith and Donation

For three days in mid-November, faith communities throughout the United States will join to focus awareness and encouragement on a different sort of gift—The Gift of Life—during National Donor Sabbath, two weekends prior to Thanksgiving.

By Alan Cochran, President and Executive Director of ARORA

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Methodist Family Health Seeks Secret Santas

The holidays are upon us, and even in the midst of the restrictions that come with the pandemic, Methodist Family Health is still committed to

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help. For us this season of giving, this means making sure the kids and teens in our programs have gifts to open on Christmas morning.



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