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## The Arkansas United Methodist

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### What to Read this Week

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## *Stories*

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## The Church Has Left the Building

England First UMC, led by the Rev. Diane Hughes, has made a point to be seen in their small-town community of England, Arkansas.

With a food pantry, a thrift store, a street market, and more, this small church is making a big impact in their town.

*By Caleb Hennington*

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# *Voices*



## Everything Counts

*"The truth is... everything counts. Everything. Everything we do and everything we say. Everything helps or hurts; everything adds to or takes away from someone else."*

Now that we have begun to see how deep this issue is, we can't decide to ignore what has been revealed. Deflecting, projecting, and rejecting does not change the fact that there is some real work that must be continued.

*By Rev. Rashim Merriwether*

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## Provide Not Only Food, but Dignity This Thanksgiving Season

While this will definitely be a different kind of Thanksgiving as fewer may gather around our tables, it gives us an opportunity to reflect on how we give dignity and choice to our neighbors who might rely on our food pantries this time of year.

*By Rev. Samantha Meadors*

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## *Children's Ministry*



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## Beyond 2021 Moves Online

Next year's Beyond Conference will take place entirely online, Jan. 22 - 23, 2021. The two-day event will focus on the Arkansas Conference's mission of dismantling racism in our church and society, with the Bible verse Micah 6:8 as the main biblical focus.

*By Melinda Shunk*

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## News

### St. Paul Pastor Publishes Humorous Advent Play, Magi In Advent

The Rev. Mark Waynick's new skit series has been published by Christian Publishers, a publishing company that has been a source of Christian plays and musicals since 1967.



*By Caleb Hennington*

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## United Methodist Global AIDS Committee Plans World AIDS Day Service

The United Methodist Global AIDS Committee has announced plans for a special service to commemorate World AIDS Day on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 1:00 PM CT. The worship service – held virtually – will be free and available to all online at

[www.facebook.com/UMCglobalaidsfund](https://www.facebook.com/UMCglobalaidsfund) and <https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-aids-day-2020-worship>.

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