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What to Read this Week

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Updated Guidelines for ARUMC Covid Response

As you know, ARUMC Stage 2 has allowed for a maximum of 50 people utilizing the “36 sq. ft. bubble.” I now believe it is appropriate to implement ARUMC Stage 2.5. This keeps all previous guidance in place, including mandatory “36 sq. ft. bubbles,” masks, and sanitation. However, there will no longer be a maximum number of people allowed to gather. Rather, the size of the room will now determine the number of people that can attend indoor in-person gatherings.

By Bishop Gary Mueller

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Rev. Rashim Merriwether Appointed to Special Assistant to the Bishop on Ethnic Concerns and Initiatives

The Arkansas Conference is proud to announce that the Rev. Rashim Merriwether has been appointed as the Special Assistant to the Bishop on Ethnic Concerns and Initiatives, a newly created Cabinet-level position within the Conference leadership.

By Caleb Hennington

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Voices

How Children's Ministers Have Stepped Up During COVID

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reminders? Opened emails with an announcement of what we can do safely together? Have you received a hand-written note from someone in Children's Ministry?

Even if you don't have kids in the children's program at church, I bet you have seen some type of outreach to children and their families.



By Melinda Shunk

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Understanding Our Implicit Bias is the First Step Toward Vital Conversations

As we begin to remove bricks from the wall of racism, we are finding that this process is not an easy one, nor is it for the faint of heart.

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conversations regarding cultural differences and finding intercultural competency, to dismantle policies and practices that prevent conversations and actions focused on institutional, and cultural equity.

By Rev. Rashim Merriwether

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5 Ways You Can Feed Your Community During Hunger Action Month

Taking action against hunger is more important in 2020 than ever before. So, what can you do? Here are some ideas for your congregation, small group, or family for Hunger Action Month and leading into a reimagined Ingathering 2020.

By Rev. Sam Meadors

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Q&A With Emily Autry

Global Mission Fellow

Emily Autry, daughter of the Rev. DeeDee Autry, has been chosen to serve two years in the Florida Annual Conference as a Global Mission Fellow.

Read about how she became a Global Mission Fellow, and what she hopes to accomplish in the next couple of years.



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Deaf Awareness Week in the UMC

Deaf Awareness Week is September 20-26, 2020. Read more about how you can celebrate this week and raise awareness about Deaf culture, Deaf history, human rights and accessibility.



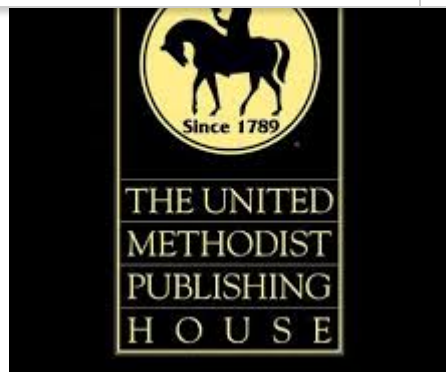
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