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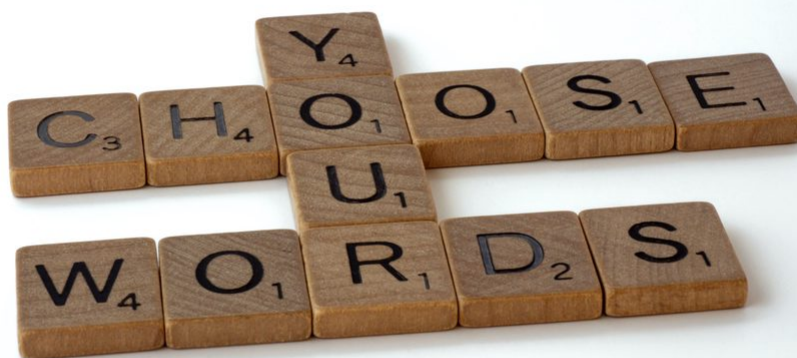
*A previous version of this week's AUM had an incorrect link to the Rev. Samantha Meadors story on the Alzheimer Library. That link has now been corrected.*



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## What to Read this Week

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## A Word Audit

When I find free moments to reflect on my life and ministry, I often think about the words I use to describe what I'm experiencing. If the words are positive, uplifting and energetic, I know I feel good about what's going on. If they are negative, it's equally obvious. And if they are snarky (and, yes, that's a theologically appropriate term), I know there's something going on in me I need to figure out.

*By Bishop Gary Mueller*

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## The View Is Always Better at the Top

Have you ever looked up from the bottom of a mountain and thought to yourself “there’s no way I’m getting up there”? Life is like that sometimes, too.

*By Caleb Hennington*

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## Ready, Set, Read Aims to Break the Summer Reading Slump

For nearly a decade, Paragould First UMC has aimed to break the summer reading slump

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## Reframe and Rename Volunteering

No matter the size of your church, staff are not hired to do it all! The church is a community of Christ-followers that work together to share and teach God's love.

*By Melinda Shunk*[Read More](#)



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## Building the Kingdom of God Through Small Community Libraries

The library isn't even open yet, but kids are arriving. They come in groups; some are dropped off by their designated grown-up, others arriving on bicycles, still more walking up to the doors. In Alzheimer, a small, rural community in Jefferson County, the library has become the place to be for children who are out of school for the summer.

*By Rev. Samantha Meadors*

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## Heritage Loop

The Northwest Arkansas Land Trust is preserving three historically significant properties in Springtown, Arkansas, including the Methodist Episcopal Church.

*From the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

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