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## What to Read this Week

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## Jacksonville First Turns Sunday Morning Worship Into A Churchwide Vacation Bible School

Jacksonville First UMC decided this year to make Vacation Bible School and Sunday morning worship one and the same, integrating a typically week-long VBS into a 5-week Sunday morning worship experience.

*By Caleb Hennington*

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## My Juneteenth

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puts it, you're "celebrating your first breath day." The day should promote feelings of joy, relationship and reflection on how far you have come and how blessed you really are. However, despite the family, friends, gifts, and fellowship this day, June 19 has always held an extra significance in my life.

*By Rev. Rashim Merriwether Sr.*

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## Caste: The Origins of our Discontents

**The ARUMC office staff reflect on what they've learned during our Caste book study**

Desiring to further explore issues of racism and caste in the United States after our study on implicit bias ended, the Arkansas Conference staff began a new book discussion series exploring author Isabel Wilkerson's New York Times best-selling novel *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*.

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## Ministry Lab Ep. 3

### Camping and Retreat Ministries with Kayla Hardage and Katelyn Hiatt

In this episode, we talk with Kayla Hardage, Executive Director at Camp Tanako, and Katelyn Hiatt, Executive Director at Mount Eagle Retreat Center, about leading a camp during a global pandemic, what they have planned for their busy summer camp season, and the future of camp ministries in the Arkansas Conference!

*By the Center for Communication*

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Drake Souter, a 23-year-old from Magnolia, found out earlier this year that he had been diagnosed with acute leukemia. Not long after, the members of Greers Chapel United Methodist Church, including some of its youngest members, pulled together to open a lemonade stand that raised money for Souter's treatment.

*By Rev. Corey Tyson Read*

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