



October 2025

October message from Pastor Zach:

October is always my favorite month, not just because Joie, my mother, and grandmother were all born in October. But October is special because of what it is often associated with - Fall. At this time, the trees enter a process known as abscission, where, in response to cooler temperatures, water and nutrients cease from traveling through the branches between trunk and leaves, stopping chlorophyll production and allowing the hidden pigments of yellow, orange and red to show. The stoppage of a hormone weakens the abscission layer causing the leaf to detach from the branch and fall away. All this is done to ensure that the tree itself does not expend too much energy during the winter, preserving it until Spring when the whole process begins again and leaves return in bud on the branches.

I know that's probably a more science-y kind of description of things than you're used to getting from me, and believe me, that's more science than I'm used to giving. A more poetic description of the process might be to consider that, in the changing of colors from bright green to



United Methodist Church
of Danielson

The Cross & Flame
Journal

Mission Statement:
**Learning the Three O's - Open
Hearts, Open Minds, Open
Doors**

Vision Statement:
Repentance, Renewal, Reform

"burnished reds and gold," a tree and its leaves experience a dormancy similar what God instructed Israel to observe in relation to letting their soil rest for a time.

We could also say that in Fall, nature walks us through the transition from life to death that we all must eventually face. There's some Halloween spirit for ya!

In all seriousness though, the arrival of Fall reminds us, not only the physical death that we all will someday experience. But the death to ourselves that we experience multiple times throughout our lives as Christ followers.

In baptism, Paul says, we were baptized into Christ's death. "Therefore, we have been with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4, NRSV).

In choosing to deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow Jesus, hearing and believing his words, we get the chance to die and rise in newness of life every day (Matt 16:24; John 5:24). And in that dying process, like the Fall leaves, we get to see the colors beneath the surface shine through, the true colors of

God's image in us, and they are vibrant!

So, as you enjoy the arriving Fall - the changing leaves and cooling temps - as greens gives way to reds and golds, remember how our devotion to Jesus calls us from death to life, to a new life in Christ that reveals all the vibrant colors of our true selves in God's image, hidden underneath.

Happy Fall and see you in church,

Pastor Zach

**Welcome to the United Methodist
Church of Danielson**

We're glad you found us.

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~ Church Office Hours~

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.- Noon

~Pastor's Office Hours~

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - Noon

Thursday: @ Killingly Public Library:
10-12 p.m., or any other time by
appointment.

Pastor Zach's Sabbath are Fridays.

Things to put on your calendar:



October 5 - World Communion Sunday



October 25 - Temple Israel's 75th
anniversary gala. Details to follow.



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October 25 - Halloween walk on Main
Street and parade. Please fill the
altar with candy and join us in putting
the float together as well as riding on
the parade float with us that evening!
Details to follow.



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Church Happenings:

Sunday:

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Worship - In Person and Zoom (See link below)
- 2 p.m. Davis Place - every 1st Sunday
- 2 - 3 p.m. Al Anon in fellowship hall

Tuesday:

- 1 p.m. K.B.I.C. every 3rd Tuesday

Wednesday:

- 12p.m. Community Kitchens

Friday:

- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Diaper Bank, last Friday of the month
- 6:30 - 8pm: NA in fellowship hall

Saturday:

- 9 - 10 am: Bible Study in Christian Ed Room and Zoom (See link below)
- 10:15: Grief Group (2nd and 4th Saturdays)

ZOOM Info: Sunday Service:

Meeting ID: 899 8668 2568

Adult Sunday School: **Meeting ID:** 862 3566 5633

Bible study: **Meeting ID:** 707 166 7519

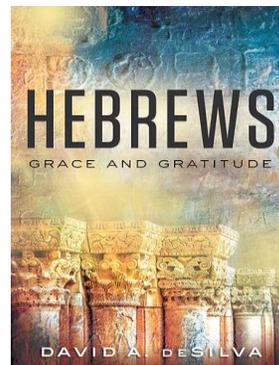
Liturgist schedule:

- October 5 - Cyndi Perkins
- October 12 - Scott Richards
- October 19 - Youth
- October 26 - Gail and Liz

Children's Moments:

- October 5 - Pastor Zach
- October 12 - Cassi Miles
- October 19 - Chrissy Pagano
- October 26 - Sue Martin

Bible Study - Saturdays at 9 AM in the Christian Ed room and ZOOM



Getting to Know... Emily Boswell



How and why did you come to this church?

Uncle John Bradley brought Dad and me to church

How long have you been coming to UMCD?

Approximately 4-5 years.

What grade are you in and what are your favorite and least favorite classes?

I am in the 6th grade and my favorite subject is writing and least favorite is math.

What are your hobbies/interests?
Baseball and soccer. Taking care of Zach. I like to be his little mother.

A few words to describe yourself...
Caring, loving, fun and helpful.

Please sign up for Coffee Time and greeters. Please see Sandy Andrews with questions or to sign the sign-up sheets.

There is also a sign-up sheet for flowers on the back table. If you want to give flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, friend, pet, special occasion, etc. please sign up!





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10/1 Sue Martin
10/11 Cheryl Bowen
10/14 Joie LeCrone
10/17 Jan Zacharski
10/17 Sean Hoskins
10/20 Barbara Schreier
10/21 Addison and Bentley Kerns
10/26 Wendy Forbes
10/31 Sue Keehner
10/31 Kristen Richards
10/31 Scott Richards



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10/4 Cassi and Chad Miles
10/17 Kristen and Scott Richards
10/23 Sue and Chris Martin

Leadership group:

Lay Leader: Cyndi Perkins

Office Manager: Betsy Kneeland

Reverend: Zach LeCrone

IT/Media Director: Cori Sharrow

Please feel free to share any of your special events: joys & celebrations, anniversaries, birthdays, special awards/honors, trips, etc. The deadline for news items is the 10th of each month. Send info to betsy.kneeland@umcdanielson.org

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going forward.