



August 2025

August message from Pastor Zach

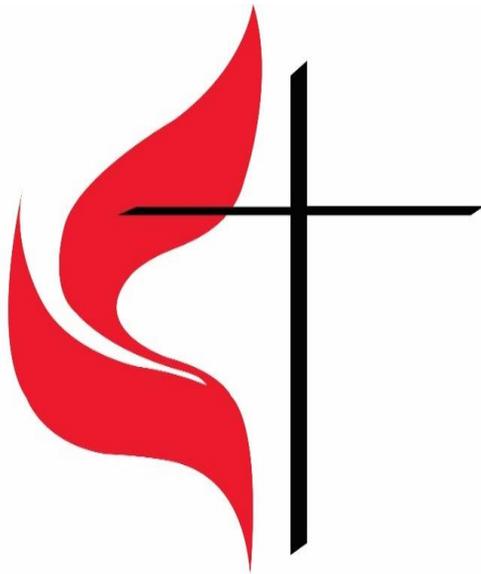
How do you know when you've had a good time someplace? You never want to leave!

Whether it be time spent at camp, on vacation, or at a friend's house, the thought of leaving can be met with strong resistance.

This resistance was felt by many of the campers Jess, and I served this past week in Illinois, especially our seniors who were enjoying their last year. One of the other camp counselors and I likened it to Peter wanting to stay on the mount of transfiguration, offering to build tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah.

As the week began winding down, the kids shared their hesitance. Some expressed a sense of belonging they hadn't previously known elsewhere (even in church!). One camper declared that they'd found their people at camp, insisting they all stay in touch. Another shared that they had encountered God in a new way this year. All signs of a good week.

If you've ever experienced like camp or a similar event, you know what I'm talking about: There's this place, with this group of people, and this



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Mission Statement:
**Learning the Three O's - Open
Hearts, Open Minds, Open
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handful of experiences that you wouldn't trade for anything. In fact, if given the option, you would do it all over again in a heartbeat.

I'm glad to report that this was camp for Emilie and her friends this past week at Baby Fold Camp. We all had a great week, packed full of experiences of God's kingdom and new relationships that, hopefully, made a lasting impact.

These, and the experiences of others you sent to camp this summer, as a church, will be shared with you in the next few weeks. I look forward to us all hearing how God showed up for all of them.

But for the moment, think back to those moments in your own life that you wouldn't trade for anything. What are those happenings in your life that have made a last impact on your life. Consider those sacred spaces where you felt God was present and give thanks for them. Give thanks for the people, and the lessons you learned along the way.

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:

8/4 Missions 6:30 PM

8/4 Ad Council 7 PM

**8/17 KBIC Unity service at Davis
Park, 3 PM**

8/30 Prayer Workshop 9-12 PM

**August 10 - Jess and Zach will
be doing a pulpit exchange.
Come welcome the Rev. Dr.
Jessica LeCrone!**



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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Church Happenings:

Sunday:

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 (off for the summer)

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:

August 3 - Cyndi Perkins

August 10 - Chrissy Pagano

August 17 - Liz Gentry and Gail
Bigelow

August 24 - Joann Caulder

August 31 - Betsy and Ron Kneeland

Children's Moments:

August 3 - Pastor Zach

August 10 - Cassi Miles

August 17 - Chrissy Pagano

August 24 - Sue Martin

August 31 - Cyndi Perkins

Getting to Know... Rachel Wright

How and why did you come to this church?

Rachel felt as if she was missing something. There was a hole in her life.

How long have you been coming to UMCD?

Rachel started coming in the 90's. She married in this church in 1996. (even before - Rachel went to canoe camp when Pastor Ev and Cindy Kuder was here with Betsy, Cyndi and Rob). It poured the entire time!

What is your profession?

Rachel works at DKH as a CNA/PCT. It's a recent move for her. She was at Backus for many years before making the change.

What are your hobbies/interests?

Rachel enjoys crafting, family time, and making memories with her

grandchildren - Colton, Addison, Ben and Dawson.

A few words to describe yourself...

Rachel calls herself a lost soul and needs to find herself. Coming back to church has helped with that. She's a good friend and a GREAT Meemaw.



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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8/25 Dawson Kerns

8/27 Suzanne Butterfield

8/28 Jeff Hardell

Leadership group:

Lay Leader: Cyndi Perkins

Office Manager: Betsy Kneeland

Reverend: Zach LeCrone

IT/Media Director: Cori Sharrow



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