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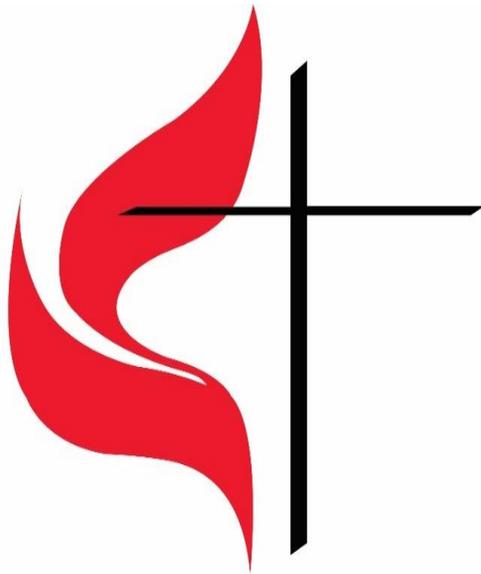
July message from Pastor Zach

Even if you aren't a huge fan, I'm sure most of us have at least one Beach Boys song we'll listen to. While leaving a meeting at Day Kimball, my phone announced the passing co-founder and chief songwriter, Brian Wilson. Together with the rest of the Beach Boys, Wilson created what some consider to be the definitive summer sound and soundtrack.

I remember first hearing "Surfin' U.S.A." as Michael J. Fox "surfed" atop a van in the movie *Teen Wolf*. When I later got into the Beatles, I learned how much their album, *Pet Sounds*, had on Paul McCartney. "God only knows" (pun intended) what *Sgt. Pepper* would have been without it. Which was the first song I played as I left the hospital.

Lyricaly ambiguous as it may be, "God Only Knows" explores emotions involved with losing someone, be it the ending of a relationship or the end of a life. God only knows what's next for us once someone is no longer present in our lives

For the last few months, our new grief group has wrestled with that very issue: Coping with loss. How do we move forward when the people we ate with, traveled with, cleaned the bathroom with, slept and argued



United Methodist Church
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The Cross & Flame
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Mission Statement:
**Learning the Three O's - Open
Hearts, Open Minds, Open
Doors**

Vision Statement:
Repentance, Renewal, Reform

with are no longer here? These are people who invested their lives in us, and we in theirs. Lives that made life what it was, good or bad.

Paul told the Philippians, Corinthians, and Romans that he thanked God for them. The interconnected cosmic web of life we inhabit alongside loved ones and the stars above is held together in the God revealed in Christ (Col 1:17, NRSV). The Bible teaches us that apart from God, we can do nothing, for there is no good in us apart from God (Jn 15:5; Ps 16:2). As living beings with agency, we have the power to influence one another, to choose life or death, blessings or curses with every breath, in every step (Deut. 30:19). Even if we "may not always love" certain people, nevertheless, we have a responsibility for the mutual well-being of all, for we all belong to one another as image-bearers of God. That's hard work when it's someone with whom we don't get along. But we know what Jesus said about that. And perhaps that's because God truly does know what might be without each other.

God only knows what we would be without community, without support, without companions to travel with along the way. God only knows what we'd be without each other.

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: 10-12 p.m. @ Killingly Public

Library, in July,

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

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

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)

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:

July 6 - Chrissy Pagano

July 13 - Mark Hoyt

July 20 - Barbara Schreier

July 27 - Sue Martin

Children's Moments:

July 6 - Pastor Zach

July 13 - Cassi Miles

July 20 - Chrissy Pagano

July 27 - Sue Martin

Getting to Know...

Ariana Miles

How and why did you come to this church?

Me and my family moved up to CT and this church was the best church here in CT.

How long have you been coming to UMCD?

Less than a year.

What grade are you going into in the Fall?

I am going into the 6th grade and I go to Plainfield Central Middle School (PCMS).

What are your hobbies/interests?
Mailing letters to friends and any kinds of crafts and music.

A few words to describe yourself.
Fun, artsy, and creative.

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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7/5 Richard Perkins

7/9 Leon Stevenson

7/22 Bob Boswell

7/24 Erin Hoskins Witthoff

7/24 Joann Caulder

7/27 Sandy Andrews

7/30 Clara Marando

7/31 Candi Smith

7/31 Arianna Miles



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7/21 Zach and Jess LeCrone

Leadership group:

Lay Leader: Cyndi Perkins

Office Manager: Betsy Kneeland

Reverend: Zach LeCrone

IT/Media Director: Cori Sharrow

Happy Independence Day - July 4th



The church's email will be changing soon. Please use betsy.kneeland@umcdanielson.org.