

As a United Methodist pastor, the thought of taking a week away can be daunting. I am not a "Camp" person. I don't do outdoorsy things. Yet, this was a God-filled week for me. Being a mentor at All God's Children Camp gave me the opportunity to be myself fully in ministry with others. My camper was an 11-year-old spitfire of a girl. She was not sure she wanted anything to do with me when we met. By Friday morning, we were not best of friends, but I had earned her trust. I saw her willingness to open up as a sign of God's grace breaking through a thick shell of protection. I encourage my church to invest in kids and my week at All God's was just one way I was able to invest my time into a child of God. I do not know the fruit that will come of it, but I know that with God all things are possible.