

New Beginnings

Then the crowd asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”
Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”
John 6:28-29 N.I.V.

Bonfield Grand Prairie Parish

April 2017



Pastor's Corner

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11 Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. 12 I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. 13 For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead. 14 Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me— they have no regard for you. 15 But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. 16 Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did. 17 Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.
- Psalm 86:11-17 (N.I.V.)

Abounding in love and faithfulness. Those words describe God to me, I only wish they would describe me to God. The Lord has allowed me to experience abounding love and faithfulness in many ways, but not at all times, and that is my own fault. My frustration at certain events causes me to slip into sinful thoughts and then I wonder where is *my* abounding faithfulness and where is my slowness to anger?

Let's just say it is a good thing that God is in charge and not me. Why God continues to give me abounding love, patience and compassion is beyond me because I can recall times in my life I failed to exhibit each of these. Recently the Lord has demonstrated faithfulness to me once again.

Since I was called into the ministry all those years ago I have had a thought gnawing away at me, “Go back and finish college.” Yes, I have gone back and earned my Course of Study certificate from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, but I still haven't

completed my Bachelor's Degree.

For many reasons, 1979 was not a good year for me. Poor decisions I made cost me a few important things, one of those was college. New decisions are being made in 2017 and one of those is to return to school and get that degree. These new decisions are no longer being filtered through a scrambled 19-year-old brain, they are being given to God.

I asked the Lord if school was appropriate for me at my age. I wanted reassurance from God, “Is this the right direction for me?” When I pray for such things I wait for doors to be opened. If those doors fly wide open I trust God is the doorman and an invitation has been issued. Without getting into great detail, I believe God has recently opened this door for me.

Abounding mercy and patience is allowing me the opportunity to go back and right an old wrong. I write these words for those who believe there are no second chances. I wrote these words for those who feel there is no hope in the future. But you Lord are compassionate and gracious! So I write like the Psalmist wrote all those years ago, so my enemy may see God's glory and be put to shame.

My enemy is the one who has repeatedly whispered in my heart that I am not worthy or too stupid to finish school. My enemy loves to remind me of 1979 and that the same result is waiting for me. Shame on the dark one who whispers all these lies, my God has given me a sign of goodness.

I encourage all of you who are in the midst of believing similar lies that God is abounding in love and faithfulness. The biggest difference between now and then is not just the years, it is that I have come a long way to know that God is teaching me the Lord's way, that I may rely on God's faithfulness. Like I said, my faithfulness betrays me, God faithfulness is true and is always abounding.

I pray for those of who need to hear this message of God's goodness, God's patience, God's graciousness and especially in God's love of you.

—Pastor Mel

Evan UMC Report

The Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Women met in the Upper Room at the Evangelical Church on Mar., 2, 1:30 p.m., Lorraine Wildman was hostess.

President Christine Meyer opened with scripture. Esther Marcotte provided the lesson, the topic was, "Say it with Flowers." Garden flowers are the people, they come in all shapes and colors. A list of many flowers was read and the meaning of each.

Business meeting followed with roll call, answered by recalling a special memory of sitting around the dinner table.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and approved. A reminder that the Evangelical UMW are invited to Sunshine Circle on Mar., 17, 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room where Pastor Mel and Debbie Nielsen will present a program on poverty.

On Mar., 23, 9:30 to Noon will be a Personal Growth retreat at the Herscher United Methodist Church. Mar., 26 will be the Service of Dedication featuring the Illinois Area Bishop, Frank Beard. Members of the church have been asked to bring finger foods for the fellowship time with the Bishop after the service.

The Festival of Quilts will be Apr., 7-8 at Urbana. Meyer gave each person a list of items to collect for the area ministries. Baby Fold is seeking kids socks, underwear, sweatpants, diapers and baby wipes. Lessie Bates Neighborhood House is in need of canned goods, gift cards from Wal-Mart, Subway, McDonald's, Target and Dollar General. Cunningham Children's Home requires men's body wash, gift cards for McDonald's and Target and Box Tops for Education. Please bring these items to the Spring Meeting, Apr., 22 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

Joyce Riegel read, "The Calling," from Response Magazine. The next meeting will be Apr., 6 at Esther Marcotte's house. Meyer will provide a lesson on Prayer and Self-Denial. The meeting adjourned. Delicious refreshments were served.

Fellowship Breakfast

The next Fellowship Breakfast has been scheduled for Tue., Apr. 4, 2017, 8:30 at IHOP in Bourbonnais. Come enjoy a great breakfast and even better fellowship with other church members and friends. This is a good way to get to know other people who worship God in the Bonfield area. You do not need to be a member to attend. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sunshine Circle Report

On Thurs., Mar., 16, the Sunshine Circle met in the kitchen of the Bonfield United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. for a short business meeting.

President, Donna Diefenbach, opened with prayer. She read 2 quotes which can make a person think of their life. You may chose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know. Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours.

Business meeting opened by answering roll call with a joy you had in the past week. Dues were collected and minutes were read and treasurer's report was given. and approved.

Jan Green reported that volunteers served 22 meals at the Gift of God Street Church on Mar., 9.

Jim and Donna Diefenbach, Ina Bauer and Jan Green will serve a meal on Mar., 27. God bless you.

The group will be serving a light lunch for Bishop Beard's visit on Mar., 26 at 2 p.m. Plans were made for setting up the Fellowship Hall and preparing the food and drinks.

It was decided the group will again have a garage sale in June. They request that as you do your Spring Cleaning and find items you may never use that those items be donated. All funds raised from the garage sale go towards the many missions the circle donates to. Watch for more details in this newsletter in the future.

Jan Green will host the Apr., 20 meeting at the church. Meeting was adjourned.

The ladies then joined their guest in the Upper Room with 18 present. Pastor Mel and Debbie gave a special meeting on poverty, what an eye opener about those who have so little. Lunch was served.

Easter's Dawn

On the third day, the friends of Christ coming at daybreak ... found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener, God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but of the dawn.

—G.K. Chesterton

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Free Educational Materials Offered Through United Methodist Resource Center

The United Methodist Resource Center (UMRC) is here to help support your church in its various ministries! There is no rental fee to borrow these items; the only cost to churches is to mail resources back to the conference office.

The UMRC is located in the United Methodist Center in Springfield. The UMRC has a wide variety of materials for teachers of adult, youth, and children's classes! The center also has hundreds of resources on Faith Formation, Discipleship, Small Groups, Sunday school, DVD Studies, Adult Studies, Youth Studies and virtually any type of study you can think of.

If you have questions or wish to request resources, please contact Jill Stone at 217-529-2744 (phone), 217-529-4155 (fax), or umrc@igrc.org (e-mail). You can find a list of resources by going to www.igrc.org and following the link found at the bottom of the home page. Look under the heading "Conference."

Time For Church



Bonfield Evangelical

348 Smith Street, Bonfield

8:00 a.m. Sunday Services

9:15 Adult and Youth Sunday School

Grand Prairie

Rt. 17 Bonfield

9:15 a.m Sunday Services

8:00 a.m Adult and Youth Sunday School

Bonfield First

172 Church Street

10:30 a.m. Sunday Services

9:15 Adult and Youth Sunday School

Upcoming Worship Schedule

*The following is a tentative schedule for
April 2017 worship.*

(Readings & message may change without notice.)

April 2

6th Sunday in Lent

“What Brings Fulfillment?”

Altar Color - Purple

OT: None

NT: None

Gospel: John 13:1-5, 13-17

April 9

Palm Sunday

“Confirmation Sunday”

Altar Color - Purple

OT: None

NT: None

Gospel: John 15:1-17

April 16

Easter

“Is There Hope?”

Altar Color - White

OT: None

NT: None

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-7

April 23

2nd Sunday after Easter

“Not Seeing is Believing”

Altar Color - Purple

OT: None

NT: None

Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 30

3rd Sunday after Easter

“Eating is Believing”

Altar Color - Purple

OT: None

NT: None

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



There is POWER in PRAYER

Pastor Mel invites you to join in praying
for the following names and causes.

Friends and Family Close to Home

Nursing Home

Heritage Village..... Vi Morse

Manteno Veterans..... Bob Grob, Byron Warren

Assisted Living

Butterfield..... Bernice Schultz, Mel Brinkman family

Harvest View..... Warren Cochran, Roscella Piper,
Randy Riegel

River North..... Ruth Ohrt

Westwood Oaks..... Fostine Schwark, Don Mau

At Home..... Jan May, Jackie Wagner

From Our Church Bulletin

Kurt Boesen, Charles Brinkman, Jr., Shirley Brunner,
Dennis Bushman, Joann Coffman, Tyler Coffman, Sue
Coons, Ron Cordes, Jean Dunn, Dennis Hertz, Butch
Lambert, Janice Logsdon, Allen Messer, Sheila Neuby,
Dorene O'Connor, Merle Penrod, Kevin Reiniche, Rob
Reiniche, Randy Riegel, Richard Wildman, Pam
Wilking, James Vilt., Sr.

Compassion International Kids

Latif Korogo..... Burkina Faso

Maria Clara Maciel Da Silva "Clara"..... Brazil

Dayava Sanchez..... Columbia

Witney Juarez..... Guatemala

Shan Toppo..... India

Junior Okwii Barasa Kenya

Genesi Marisol Martinez Vasquez..... Honduras

Samuel Juda Lopez Miranda..... Mexico

Mohini Ahirwar..... India

Cinthia Yolany Carranza Aguila..... Honduras

Sonaton Soren..... Bangladesh

Yeferson David Ortiz Cortez..... Colombia

Nevada Eric..... Rwanda

Anielka Carolina Garcia Roque..... Nicaragua

Schekinah Jean Louis..... Haiti

Salome Vicente Melo..... Mexico

Benjamin Sewu..... Ghana

Lucky Hubiagbe..... Ghana

Rebeca Callapa..... Bolivia

Other requests

Bishop Frank Beard, D.S. Leah Pogemiller, Nueva
Jerusalem, Inner City Violence, State Budget,
President Trump and his new cabinet, First
Responders, Missionaries, Military.

Noisy Change For VBS

The Bonfield/Grand Prairie Parish has voted to hold special offerings for Vacation Bible School each Sunday in April. Loose change will be collected to offset the costs of holding VBS. The dates and theme are not yet finalized so keep looking to this newsletter or stop in and check out the parish website, www.bonfieldgrandprairie.org for the latest information.

Book Club News

The Book Club has scheduled it's next meeting for Tues., May 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Parsonage, 225 Country Lane, Bonfield.

The new book is Eve by William P. Young. Reserve your copy now through your local library or purchase a copy through your favorite bookstore. If you need help acquiring the book, please contact Debbie Nielsen, 309-397-9121.

Attendees are to read the book and then come to the meeting ready to share in thoughtful discussion about the topic and enjoy fellowship and treats.

Check out our website
www.bonfieldgrandprairie.org

- Parish Calendar & News
- Great Links
- Back Issues of Newsletter
- Previous Pastor's Sermons

Special Thanks For Parsonage Work

Pastor Mel and Debbie would like to thank Roger and Janet Boyer, Ralph Grob, Rich Cochran and Gerry Meyer for all the recent work at the parsonage. The home wouldn't be so well maintained if it were not for faithful servants who give so freely of their time.

Thanks also to Ron Cordes who
was with them in spirit.

~Pastor Mel and Debbie Nielsen

Bible Quiz

By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B
- E. A and C

See answer below

April Memory Verse

For His compassion's never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- Lamentations 3;22-23

Key For The Day

Amid candy, egg hunts and bunnies, may we know —
and help our children know — the true joy of Easter:
Jesus' resurrection!
—Author Unknown

+ Christian Symbols +

Angus Dei



This image is known as the Agnus Dei, Latin for "Lamb of God." When pictured standing and with a banner, it represents the risen Christ, victorious over death. John the Baptist, seeing Jesus approach, famously declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29, NIV). In Revelation, too, Jesus is portrayed as a lamb who was slain but now reigns triumphant.

Quotes Of The Month

"We have not the reason to despair, quite simply because Christ has risen."

—Richard John Neuhaus

"When Jesus went to the cross, he got crucified and Satan got nailed!"

—Dr. Harry Wendt

"The soul would have no rainbows if the eyes had no tears."

—Native American proverb

Answer: E (See John 20:24, NIV and ESV.)

Pasta with Tuna and Arugula

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 pound dried fettuccine, spaghetti or linguine
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/8 teaspoon hot red pepper flakes (more to taste)
- 2 6-ounce cans tuna packed in olive oil, drained
- Salt
- 5 to 8 ounces baby arugula

DIRECTIONS

1.) Cook pasta: Bring a large pot of salted water (1 Tbsp salt for every 2 quarts of water) to a rolling boil. Add the pasta, return to a rolling boil, and boil uncovered until the pasta is al dente, cooked, but still a little firm to the bite.

2.) Cook garlic and red pepper flakes in olive oil; add tuna, salt: While the pasta is cooking, heat the olive oil in a large skillet on medium-low heat. Add the garlic and hot pepper flakes and cook until garlic is fragrant. Add the tuna and shred it into fine flakes with a fork. Season with salt. Keep warm over low heat.

3.) Set aside a cup of pasta water: Just before the pasta is ready, set aside 1 cup of boiling water. You'll need this to add back to the pasta dish to keep it from getting too dry.

4.) Combine pasta with tuna mixture, arugula, and some pasta water: Drain the pasta and depending on the size of your pan, either add it to the skillet with the tuna, or return the pasta to the pasta pot and add the tuna mixture to the pasta. Add the arugula and use tongs to toss together with the pasta and tuna. Add some of the hot reserved pasta water to help loosen the pasta. The arugula will wilt as you toss the pasta and tuna with it. Add more pasta water as needed.

Yield: 4 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

April Birthdays

April 1.....Tiffany Peters
 Thaddeus Miller
 Miyake Meyer
 Andrew Jacobowski

April 2.....Brock Pfeiffer
 Gerald Fecke (Trey)
 Marsha Bauer
 Wilma (Diefenbach) Jones

April 3.....Mary Messer
 Wendell Meyer

April 4.....Emily Meyer
 Michelle (Martin) Moore

April 5.....Cherrie (Deschand) Diefenbach

April 6.....Michelle Dahn
 Kenzie Grob
 Connie (Wood) Dato
 Billy Pitkin

April 7.....Amanda Werner
 Danny Gagnon

April 8.....Rob D. VanVoorst

April 9.....Stacey (Wenzelman) Mitchell

April 10.....James Voigt
 Benjamin Kuipers
 Diane (Schafer) Charter
 Mary Grace Brinkman
 Matthew Marcotte

April 11.....Chuck Voigt
 Candace (Borschnack) Overacker

April 12.....Brian Svenkeson
 Joann Schwark

April 14.....Kyle LaMore
 Kelly LaMore
 Austin Jones
 Dylan Charter
 Lyle Turro

April 16.....Roscella (Wesemann) Piper
 Aaron Wells
 David Laird

April 19.....Amanda Davis

April 20.....Jeff Werner
 Marilyn (King) Handley
 Carolyn (King) Souders
 Lisa (Gagnon) Gronert
 Gary Schwark

April 21.....Allison Gates

Dave Wood
 Kayla Schwark
 Steven Schwark

April 22.....Norma (Voigt) Dettman

April 23.....Aaron Holmes
 Brian Grob

April 24.....Alexandre Overacker
 Tyler Fritz
 Christine (VanDerVliet) Meyer

April 26.....Roscoe Hall
 Heath Overacker

April 27.....Lauren Goodman
 Rob White
 Ronda (Wildman) Hawks
 Larrin J. Nottke
 Cindy White

April 29.....Virginia (Nottke) Dittus
 Jackson Graham
 Molly Mickelson

Please notify the church office of any names and birthdays which need to be added, removed or corrected. Office number 1-815-802-9805.

Thank You

I would like to thank all my church friends for the thoughtful messages and prayers. They were very much appreciated. Just got home from the hospital on 2/23/17 and God was with me again as I had congestive heart failure. Maybe if I mind, I'll be okay(?) Thank you all!
 ~Fostine Schwark

Feb. 2017 Attendance

	<u>2/5</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>2/19</u>	<u>2/26</u>
Evangelical	43	35	38	27
First	18	22	13	13
Grand Prairie	20	43	30	31
TOTALS	81	100	81	71

P A L M
Sunday



Come participate in the age old celebration of confirmation as 4 young adults join their respective churches.

Bonfield Evangelical UMC - 8:00 a.m.
Grand Prairie UMC - 9:15 a.m.
Bonfield First - 10:30 a.m.

M A U N D Y
Thursday



Traditional Foot Washing
and Holy Communion
with

Short movie about the Last Supper
Grand Prairie UMC - 7:00 p.m.

G O O D
Friday



Contemporary
Service of Tenebrae
A very musical service!
Grand Prairie UMC - 7:00 p.m.

E A S T E R
Sunday



Sunrise service by Bonfield Youth Group
at 6:00 a.m.

Regular Easter Services . . .
Bonfield Evangelical UMC - 8:00 a.m.
Grand Prairie UMC - 9:15 a.m.
Bonfield First - 10:30 a.m.



The Rev. Ed Weston

Special Financial Meeting Planned With The Rev. Ed Weston

Pastor Mel in conjunction with the Pastor's Aid Society and Benefit Fund has scheduled a special finance meeting with the Rev. Ed Weston. The meeting is scheduled for May 20, 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room at Bonfield Evangelical, 348 E. Smith Street, Bonfield.

Anyone in the church is welcome to attend but this will be specifically of interest to those who chair or sit on any of the financial boards of the churches or parish. Treasurer's, Finance Chairs, Administrative Board Chairs, SPPRC members, Auditors, Trustee Chairs and Lay Leaders should find this information very helpful and informative.

Edward R. Weston has a BS in Business Administration, a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Business Administration. He has 43 years of local church work, including numerous building and fund raising campaigns. He also holds the Executive Certificate in Religious Fund Raising, Planned Giving, and Major Gifts from the Indiana University Lilly School of Philanthropy.

In addition to his local church work, Ed was instrumental in the development of the United Methodist Village Retirement Communities in Godfrey, Illinois. He has served in many different capacities on the Board of Directors including: chair of the Board for 6 years, member of the master sit planning committee, development of the apartment complex, rent assisted unites, the Licensed "Weston" Assisted Living Center, the villas and the seven homes currently on campus. Ed also serves as a Trustee for McKendree University in Lebanon, IL.

Rev. Weston is available for consultation on different methods of making tax deductible gifts to PASBF, including Charitable Gift Annuities, IRA's, Stocks, Life Insurance, Wills and Estates.

Please let Pastor Mel know if you are planning to attend.

Great Ingathering

It is time for the Great Ingathering once again. April 23 is the date that all donated items will be taken to the Dwight UMC for transfer to the three large trucks headed to the Redbird Mission in Eastern Kentucky.

This parish is encouraged to have all donated items sealed in boxes that are well-taped. Please have any boxes at First Church, Grand Prairie or Evan by Sun., Apr., 16. Pastor will pick them up, but he will not pick up any late boxes so be sure they are delivered before Sun., Apr. 16.

Items that are accepted by the Great Ingathering are: Good and usable clothes, computers, dishes, pots and pans, pictures, lamps, linens, tools, baby items, hangers and what-nots to upgrade their lives. As in any year there is a need for cash donations to help the mission maintain their fleet of trucks. OLD TV'S ARE NOT WANTED! Clothes must be in boxes not bags.

The Great Ingathering also accepts furniture and working appliances but Pastor Mel will NOT be delivering those items, you will be on your own to deliver them.

Youth Group Lock-In

The Bonfield Grand Prairie Youth Group held it's 4th Annual Lock-In on Fri., March 24 at Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church. A small group of musicians from Olivet Nazarene University came to lead worship. The youth played games, watched movies and had a wonderful time sharing God's love with each other.



Photo by Pastor Mel

United Methodist Lent & Easter Quiz 2017

- 1.) What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean?
- Time
 Length
 Sacrifice
 Spring
2. How did the early church observe Lent?
- They remembered the mercy and forgiveness of Christ.
 They reconciled relationships among church members.
 They prepared converts for baptism.
 All of the above.
3. When did United Methodists start the 'imposition of ashes?'
- 1877
 1933
 1992
 2008
4. Does The United Methodist Church have official rules for observing Lent?
- Yes, members should abstain from meat on Fridays.
 Yes, members should fast once a week during Lent.
 Yes, members should abstain from sweets during Lent.
 All of the above
 None of the above.
5. What do some United Methodists not sing at Lent?
- Alleluia
 Doxologies
 "In the Garden"
 The communion liturgy
6. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast?
- Twice a week
 Twice a month
 Twice a year Rarely
 He did not fast.
7. When do congregations 'strip the Lord's Table?'
- At the conclusion of Ash Wednesday worship
 At the conclusion of Maundy Thursday worship
 At the conclusion of Good Friday worship
 At the conclusion of Holy Saturday worship
8. What does INRI mean on a crucifix?
- Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Rome.
 Nazareth, Kingdom of Jerusalem.
 Sign of the Cross.
 Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews.
9. Why are eggs associated with Easter?
- They symbolize new life.
 They have a shell around the body inside, just as the tomb was around Jesus' body and then was cracked open.
 They can be dyed pretty colors to represent joy, just as we have joy that Jesus has risen.
 All of the above.
 None of the above.
10. Why do some churches hold Easter sunrise services?
- Jesus is sometimes called the light of the world.
 The women are said to have come to the tomb early in the morning.
 Easter prayer vigils were often ended as the sun rose.
 All of the above
 None of the above

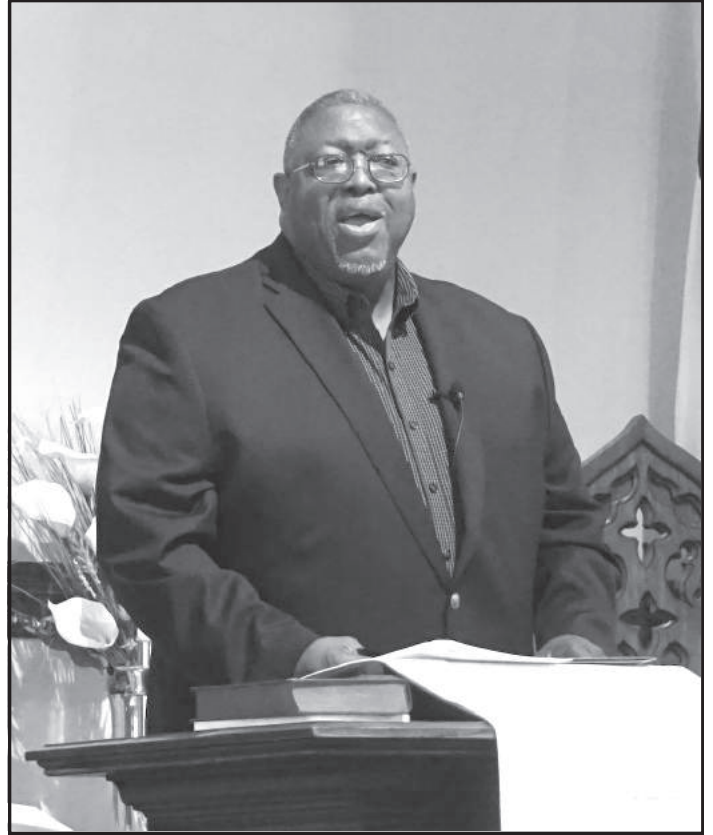
Quiz Answers

1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean? Spring
2. How did the early church observe Lent? All of the above
3. When did United Methodists start the 'imposition of ashes?' 1992
4. Does The United Methodist Church have official rules for observing Lent? None of the above
5. What do some United Methodist not sing at Lent? Alleluia
6. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast? Twice a week
7. When do congregations 'strip the Lord's Table?' At the conclusion of Maundy Thursday worship
8. What does INRI mean on a crucifix? Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews
9. Why are eggs associated with Easter? All of the above
10. Why do some churches hold Easter sunrise services? All of the above

Bishop Frank Beard Dedicates New Addition At Bonfield Evangelical

Illinois Area Bishop Frank Beard was in Bonfield to dedicate the new building addition on Sun., Mar., 26, 2017. He preached on United Methodist congregations “waking up” from their slumber to get busy in the harvest fields. Those in attendance were very moved by the Bishop’s words. He also served Holy Communion with Pastor Mel and led the Service of Dedication. Vermilion River District Superintendent, Leah Pogemiller, was on hand to tell the congregation how proud she was of their efforts to pay off the new building addition in 3 years.

Pictured at right, top photo, is Bishop Frank Beard preaching from the pulpit. Middle picture is Ad Board President Mike Bland, Pastor Mel and Bishop Beard watching the bank loan paperwork go up in flames, signifying the building is paid if full. The bottom photo shows the many people who came out to enjoy the historic day.



Mission Trip To Rockford Urban Mission Planned

The Bonfield Youth Group is planning their annual mission trip. This year the youth and adults will be traveling to Rockford, IL to work at the Rockford Urban Ministries. They will be leaving after church on Sun., June 18 and return in the evening of June 23.

The cost for this trip is \$200.00 per person. A fundraiser to help offset the cost of this trip is being planned for later in the spring. Any youth aged 7th grade and up or adults are welcome to attend. Anyone who would like to support the youth and their mission efforts can make a donation by check made out to the Bonfield Grand Prairie Parish, mail to P.O. Box 66, Bonfield, IL 60913. If you need any more information, please contact Pastor Mel at 815-922-9161.

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April 2017

Easter confirms our
invitation to eternal life!

Have you heard
about your invitation?

Come worship the
resurrection of Jesus!

Make this Easter the season you reconnect with God.

Easter Sunday Services

Bonfield Evangelical
8:00 a.m.

Grand Prairie
9:15

Bonfield First
10:30

