

# NEW BEGINNINGS

Jesus looked at them and said. "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

~ Matthew 19:26 N.I.V.

Bonfield Grand Prairie Parish UMC



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12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil. 23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 25 Brothers and sisters, pray for us. 26 Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. 27 I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

- First Thessalonians 5:12-28 (N.I.V.)

Paul finishes his first letter to the church in Thessalonica with the words above. They are better words than I could muster, so I share them with you for my last newsletter article. They are written as words of encouragement. In light of these words from Paul isn't it funny that the United Methodist Church needs to remind outgoing pastors, "Not to take parting shots at their current congregation as they retire or are reappointed."

I suppose some pastors have gotten so frustrated at certain appointments, they have done this. That's why there is a reminder. That isn't my style. I have been encouraged beyond what I deserve.

I received that encouragement from God, through all of you. God does work through YOU! You are the example of Christ to your family, friends, co-workers, community and even fellow churchgoers. Jesus would admonish in a respectful, teaching manner, but never be so low as to take a parting shot. Not to the Pharisees, Disciples, Pontius Pilate or even the Roman Soldiers who drove the nails into his flesh. Not a harsh word. Why do we feel any other way is better? When I say a parting shot is not my style, what I mean is - that's not Jesus' style, and I do love Jesus.

I would like for you to be as encouraging with the Rev. Julie Smith as you were with me. I will never forget the stack of greeting cards that were snuck into my suitcase that first summer I attended Garrett Seminary. I'll never forget how a couple of you drove to Evanston for my graduation after my last summer up there. I will never forget how much food showed up at the parsonage our first week here.

Speaking of my first week, I will never forget walking around Bonfield in my Spider Man pajamas looking for a key after locking myself out of the house. I will never forget how much you loved and comforted Debbie after her best friend died. We will never forget how much respect you showed us in taking care of the beautiful home you provide. We will never forget how many of you welcomed us into your homes for meals or visits.

I will never forget the youth group, the time we spent in confirmation, and of course, those amazing mission trips. I'm sure I grew more in my faith by watching them than the other way around.

Mostly I will never forget how you welcomed me into your families and treated me as though I were a member. You also welcomed me into the more intimate part of your personal lives. I have cried with many of you and shared some pretty good laughs with others. I have lost sleep over some of your concerns and prayed earnestly for everything you asked me to. The rewards of being in ministry with all of you are too numerous to mention. My parting sentiment is that you would continue to encourage each other in the ways you have encouraged me.

Love always,  
Pastor Mel

## Evan UMW Report

Nine ladies gathered together for breakfast on May 3rd in the Upper Room of the Bonfield Evangelical UMC. Joyce Goodwin from the Herscher UMC, our shepherdess and Carol Desch, our District Cunningham representative were our guests. Each spoke of the outreach to Cunningham and encouraged us to contribute to the new Education and Research Center. Our Conference will have a room there named for it. Our unit agreed to contribute \$75.00 toward this project.

The Cunningham Quit Show brought in more than \$70,000.00 for Cunningham.

Carol Desch handed out the prayer calendar for Cunningham and asked each of us to pray for the requested concern daily. A copy will be posted on the church bulletin board also.

Carol suggested we read "A Long Walk" by Linda Sue Park to help us understand the plight of children in 3rd world countries.

Joyce reminded us of upcoming dates:

Retreat on Aug 11 at Wesley Normal

UMW Sunday Sept 16

Fall Meeting Sept 22 at Momence UMC

The Bonfield Evangelical UMW hosted the Vermilion River District UMW executive committee on May 10, 2018. They meet several times each year to assess and plan for the coming events. Twenty ladies were present. We served a light morning snack as well as lunch at noon. The Upper Room of our new addition is a very welcome addition to our church. It allows for events like this one to be held at our church.

**Fellowship Breakfast** Come enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with other church members and friends at IHOP in Bourbonnais on Tue., June 5, 2018, 8:30. 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. Each person pays for their own breakfast. The group orders from the regular menu.

## The Dandelion

The dandelion's pallid tube astonishes the grass, and winter instantly becomes an infinite alas.

The tube uplifts a signal bud and then a shouting flower, the proclamation of the suns that sepulture is o'er.

—Emily Dickinson



## Sunshine Circle Report

Eight members of the Sunshine Circle met on May 9 in the Upper Room at 6:30 pm with Rita Overacker as the hostess. Upon arriving she informed everyone we were having a Mother's Tea. Tables were decorated so beautiful, at each table setting were a pot holder with a scissor and a fan inside. Plenty of food was served and enjoyed by all.

Following our meal Rita opened with devotion. Her devotion consisted of poems for mothers. She read "Mother's Measuring Cup" and closed in prayer.

Business meeting followed : roll call was answered by telling your plans for the summer. Minutes and treasure's report was given and approved. Time was spent completing details of the Garbage & Bake Sale. We will begin to set up on Tuesday 29 at 6 pm and Thursday at 6 pm. We are asking members of Evan to bring baked goods, it would really be appreciated. Our next meeting will be Ladies Night Out, TBA. Meeting adjourned. Following the meeting we each made a picture frame from ribbon, pretty cool!

*"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different." —John Steinbeck,  
The Winter of Our Discontent*

## Tornado Totes Collection

List for the totes for Annual Conference for Midwest Mission Distribution Center:  
\$9.00 donation for 2 totes (MMDC informed me they have plenty of totes)  
2 pairs of work gloves  
2 boxes of gallon-size plastic bags  
2 permanent markers (i.e. Sharpie)  
1 roll of duct tape (prefer colored) (to label household items)  
2 dust masks (no surgical)  
24 heavy duty trash bags rolled (33-45 gallon) (more for trash removal)  
24 clear trash bags (20-33 gallon) (for larger, personal items that need containment)  
1 canister disinfectant wipes  
Supplies can be collected and brought to Annual Conference and/or checks can be brought to Annual Conference made out to **Advance Special #6620 and indicate "Tornado Tote"**.

## Mission Trip To Little Grassy Planned

The annual Bonfield/Grand Prairie Youth Group Mission Trip will be Sun., June 17 through Fri., June 22. The group will be heading to Little Grassy United Methodist Camp in Makanda, IL. Everyone is invited to join the group on this trip. A variety of skill levels are helpful so don't count yourself out. If you would like more information, please contact Tricia Coffman, 815-236-3319 or Debbie Nielsen, 309-397-9121. If you would like to help send the youth on their 5th annual mission trip, please make your checks payable to the Bonfield/Grand Prairie Youth Group with the word 'mission' on the memo line. You can give your check to Pastor Mel or mail it to Bonfield Grand Prairie Youth Group, Box 66, Bonfield, IL 60913.

**Farewell Open House for District Superintendent Leah Pogemiller Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 1 to 3 pm at Dwight United Methodist Church - 701 S Columbia St Dwight, IL 60420.**

## Time For Church

**Bonfield First**  
 172 Church Street  
 8:00am Sunday Services  
 9:15am Adult and Youth Sunday School

**Bonfield Evangelical**  
 348 Smith Street  
 9:15am Sunday Service

**Grand Prairie**  
 Rt.17 Bonfield  
 10:30am Sunday Services  
 9:15am Adult and Youth Sunday School

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

The following is a tentative schedule for May 2018 worship.  
 (Readings & Message may change without notice.)

**June 3**  
 Second Sunday After Pentecost  
 Holy Communion  
 "Clay Jars"  
 Altar Color - Green  
 OT: 1 Samuel 3:1-20  
 NT: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
 Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

**June 10**  
 Third Sunday After Pentecost  
 "If We Lose It All"  
 Altar Color - Green  
 OT: 1 Samuel 8:4-20  
 NT: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
 Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

**June 17**  
 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost/  
 Father's Day  
 "TBA"  
 Altar Color - Green  
 OT: TBA  
 NT: TBA  
 Gospel: TBA

**June 24**  
 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
 "Same Yet Different"  
 Altar Color - Green  
 OT: 1 Samuel 17:1-11  
 NT: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

**My Compliments to the Creator**

Dear God,  
 I saw the Grand Canyon this summer.  
 Nice piece of work!

Love,  
 Kyle (age 9)



**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**

Heritage Village

Vi morse  
Mary Krieg

Manteno Veterans

Bob Grob  
Byron Warren

Butterfield

Mel Brinkman family  
Don Mau  
Bernice Schultz

Riverside Senior Living

Jackie Wagner

Harvest View

Roscella Piper  
Randy Riegel

**From Our Church Bulletin**

Kurt and Carl Boesen, Shirley Brunner, Sue Coons, Ron Cordes, Jean Dunn, Dennis Hertz, Linda Johnson, Janice Logsdon, Allen Messer, Dorene O'Connor, Marion Panozzo, Kevin Reiniche, Rob Reiniche, Phyllis Riegel, Randy Riegel, Jackie Wagner, Richard Wildman, Pam Wilking.

**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.....Columbia  
 Nevada Eric.....Rwanda  
 Anielka Carolina Garcia Roque.....Nicaragua  
 Schekinah Jean Louis.....Haiti  
 Salome Vicente Melo.....Mexico  
 Benjamin Sewu.....Ghana  
 Lucky Hubiaga.....Ghana  
 Rebeca Callapa.....Bolivia  
 Saray Morales.....Columbia



**SIGN UP  
FOR VBS**

**VBS NEEDS  
VOLUNTEERS!**

Vacation Bible School will be July 9th through 13th from 6:00pm-8:15pm at Bonfield Evangelical UMC. Children 3 years old through going into 6th grade are invited to attend. We also welcome volunteers to help during the week. To register your child or volunteer to help with VBS please visit the parish website [www.bonfieldgrandprairie.org](http://www.bonfieldgrandprairie.org) or call the church office. See forms on page 10 & 11

**Bonfield EUM Garage Sale Days**

June 1st and June 2nd, 8am to 2pm. If you have items you would like to donate, you can drop off in the basement anytime. We are also having a bake sale, baked goods welcome. We will be at the church on May 31st at 6pm until at least 8pm. You can drop baked goods that evening or Friday morning. An index card with just what ingredients are in the baked item needs to be with the baked item per the health department. The UMW and SUNSHINE CIRCLE Thank You

**Thank You!**

To our friends of the Bonfield Grand Prairie Parish. We would like to thank each of you for all the kindness shown to us over the last 6 months.

Spring is here, so Shirley decided to come home for a visit. We pray that it will be a long visit.

For you who visited her at Riverside or Miller, those who sent cards, those who dropped off food, and all who prayed for her recovery, we thank you very much.

A big thank you to Pastor Mel who kept in touch and visited when he could find her in her room. It is great to know that we have a Christian family to strengthen us.

Thank you so much Ivan and Shirley Brunner



# JUNE 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 - Holy Communion	4 - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10 am	5 - Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP @ 8:30 am	6	7 - Evan UMW @ Evan's Upper Room @ 6:30 pm	8	9
10	11 - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10 am	12 - Evan NOW Meeting @ 6pm - Parish NOW Meeting @ 6:30 pm	13 - Sunshine Circle @ Donna Diefenbach's @ 6:30 pm - Martha Circle @ Harvest View Herscher @ 9 am	14 	15	16
17 - Mission Trip to Little Grassy June 17 - 22 	18 - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10 am	19	20 - Community Lunch @ Lion's Hall @ Noon	21- First UMW Meeting @ First @ 7pm - Newsletter Deadline 	22	23 - Reception for Pastor Mel @ Evan in Fellowship Hall @ 2-4 pm
24	25 - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10 am	26 - Folding the Newsletter @ Evan @ 8 am - Ladies Book Club @ Joy Bland's @ 6:30 pm	27	28	29	30



- June 1 ..... Mike Jackubowski  
Diane (Dittus) Lawrence
- June 2 ..... Laura Gronert  
Dana Dittus  
Deandra Dittus
- June 4 ..... Logan Gronert
- June 5 ..... Alyssa Williams  
Robert Osenga  
Christine (Meissen) Lade
- June 7 ..... Rita (Wildman) Overacker  
Mark Ouellette  
Justin Vaughn
- June 8 ..... Timothy Holohan  
Marcia (Riegel) Jackson  
Michael Panozzo  
Randy Charter
- June 9 ..... Nanette (Bouchard) Wood  
Andrew Marcotte
- June 10 ..... Kyle Buente  
Peyton Riegel
- June 11 ..... Alan Buckley  
Zachary Jensen  
Denise (O'Connor) Fecke
- June 12 ..... Jared Sikes
- June 14 ..... Rick White  
James Messer  
Jimmy Vilt, Jr.  
Sarah Meyer  
David St. Germaine
- June 15 ..... Beth (Faga) Meyer  
Warner Diefenbach
- June 16 ..... Burt Taylor  
Somar Powell  
Ceri Dorsey-Tyler  
Ryan Coffman
- June 17 ..... Leigh Ann (Gagnon) Turro  
Lee Ann (Higginbotham-Horn) Kenley  
Gwenyth Jackubowski  
Logan Michael Kuipers
- June 18 ..... Todd Bauer
- June 19 ..... Annette (Abell) Riegel  
Tami (Cordes) Lockwood  
Michael Kingsland
- June 20 ..... Ruth (Piper) Laird  
Mary Katherine Buckman  
Isabelle Lowey
- June 22 ..... Vanessa Longtin
- June 23 ..... Emmery Rice  
Kenneth Dato
- June 24 ..... Paige Meyer  
Bryce Overacker

- June 25 ..... Thomas Pitkin  
Susan (Abell) Diefenbach
- June 26 ..... David Wilson  
Crystal Melhorn
- June 27 ..... Leo Smith  
Dale Dittus  
Patterson Friese  
Deborah (Charbonneau) Meyer
- June 28 ..... Eric Hawks  
Jakob Bouk  
Mark Reising  
Debbie Nielsen  
Leila Wood
- June 29 ..... Mike Bland  
Lori (Hertz-Kirchner) Marquis
- June 30 ..... Ann Meyer  
Mary (Warren) Krieg  
Derek Brinkman

Please notify the church office of any names and birthdays which need to be added, removed or corrected, 815-802-9805 or bonfieldgp@gmail.com.

<b><u>APRIL 2018 ATTENDANCE</u></b>					
	<b><u>4/1</u></b>	<b><u>4/8</u></b>	<b><u>4/15</u></b>	<b><u>4/22</u></b>	<b><u>4/29</u></b>
Evangelical	52	50	49	77	45
First	30	12	21	17	17
Grand Prairie	22	27	29	27	23
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>85</b>

VR District Superintendent (as of July 1) will be having a birthday on May 15. If you would like to send him a birthday card to welcome him to the district here is his contact info:  
 Rev. James Barnett  
[106 W South St, P O Box 86](mailto:jbarnett@vr.org)  
 Pinckneyville IL 62274



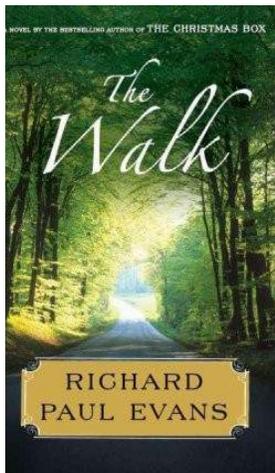
If you would like to be a part of the 4th of July parade float committee please contact the church office 815-802-9805 or bonfieldgp@gmail.com.

## Martha Circle

Met on April 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm with 11 members at Anderson House in Herscher. This house was built around 1900 and now is furnished with donated furniture and household items of that era. Many items were received from the Keerbs/Herscher family home on Rte. 17. Much interest was shown in the items. Thank you Donna M., Mary K., Carol D. for giving us the tour. If your group would like a tour call Herscher Area Museum 815-426-2627.

A short meeting was held with members signing for meetings, Gift of God meal, and sending cards. Our next meeting is June 13 at 9 am at Harvest View in Herscher. Does anyone have some ideas for games to play with residents? Janet B. will be bringing coffee cakes and drinks.

### LADIES BOOK CLUB



ALL WOMEN WHO LOVE TO READ ARE INVITED TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LADIES' BOOK CLUB. EACH LADY IS RESPONSIBLE TO GET THEIR OWN COPY OF THE BOOK, "THE WALK" BY RICHARD PAUL EVANS, THEN COME TO JOY BLAND'S HOUSE 2222 N. 7000 W. RD. BONFIELD, IL 60913 ON TUES., JUNE 26 AT 6:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Bonfield First Church Chicken Supper is planned for Sat., Sept. 29 at the Bonfield Lions Hall/Community Center. Many volunteers are needed to continue this successful endeavor!

## First Church UMW Meetings

**March 22:** Bonfield First UMW was held a week later than usual to kick off the new UMW year. Jill Grant presented a program, *Creation: A Sacred Encounter with God*, which focused on supporting a multigenerational community. Members were presented with new boxes of colored pencils and encouraged to relax and work on a coloring page (How fun!) while the creation story from Genesis 1:1-31 was read. The group planned for the coming year and were encouraged to read the new Reading Program books. The chicken supper date was chosen, Sept. 30, and will again take place at the Lions Hall.

**April 19:** Bonfield First UMW met at the church as Barbara Cordes presented the *annual Prayer and Self-Denial Program* focusing on the importance of the UMW's commitment to leadership development and the potential of their donations in equipping women and girls for leadership in church and society. Dianne Wells reported on the Spring meeting in Bloomington and told that Irma Jean Berghouse was remembered in the memorial service. Members were reminded to read the UMW Reading Program books as two more just arrived. More plans were discussed for the coming year including a possible trip to MMDC for the day.

**May 17:** First UMW met Thursday, May 17, at the Herscher UMC as guests of their UMW. Thelma Webber presented a thought-provoking program on the importance of spending money responsibly/ethically as a Christian consumer. Members discussed ways they personally reduce, reuse, and recycle and the fact that most are willing and aware of this need as landfills are composed of so many items that DO NOT break down. Tips like using real plates/cups in place of more convenient means were recognized as an easy way to change and conserve the earth's resources. As a mission project this month, the group donated money to have Jill Grant shop for "tornado tote" items. The congregation will also be reminded and encouraged to bring donations by June 3 as Rich Cochran will take these gifts to the Annual Conference that week. Although the chicken supper is scheduled for Sept 29, the group is discussing the need for more volunteers as last year's group was stretched thin! Let Jill Grant or Dianne Wells know if you can help this year. After voting on their UMW Pledge for 2019, the group discussed joining Dwight's UMW in June at the MMDC. More info is forthcoming.

Dear IGRC Churches,

As the school year is coming to a close, we send you greetings from your campus ministries and United Methodist colleges and university in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Though there is much on the minds of your youth as they face the summer and many of them graduate and move on to college, we want them all to know that we are here for them and for you. Students involved in our ministries wrestle with their faith, making it their own through study, practice, and service. In the last year, 499 students have joined us in worship and over the last 5 years, 42 of our students have pursued professions in ministry or further education. The infographic below is a glimpse of the impact IGRC Wesley Foundation's have had in 2017. We are committed to continuing that work with each student on our campuses, as God calls us to do so.

We find that connecting with students as soon as they get to campus helps them discover and belong to a community of faith. Would you help us reach your students when they go to college? Should you or any of your students find yourselves on one of our campuses this spring or summer, please do not hesitate to contact the Wesley Foundation director or chaplain there. We would love to share a meal, a cup of coffee, or a handwritten note and do what we can to help in the transition to college life.

If your youth group would like to visit a campus ministry and learn more about the ministry as a group, we are also available to meet with your group. Some of our ministries have Sunday night events you could attend, or other meetings during the week that your group might be welcome at. Please contact us to set up a time to meet, so we can share with your youth how they can continue in their faith journey even after high school is over!

Above all, please know that we, the United Methodist campus ministers and college/university chaplains of IGRC, are praying for your churches and students as this time of year rolls around, when there is much excitement and possibility on the horizon, along with a bit of fear and trepidation. We are committed to serving the students in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference and to serving The United Methodist Church by connecting young adults with the church and with the God of grace and glory whom we celebrate this Easter season.

You can find more information about our ministries, watch a video of students, find scholarship opportunities, and share student contacts online at [www.wesleyfoundationsofillinois.org](http://www.wesleyfoundationsofillinois.org).

May God pour out blessings on you all!

In Christ,

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# Register me for Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus!

July 9-13, 2018; 6-8:15 p.m.

Ages: 3 Years Old through 6th Grade

Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Last Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person picking up and dropping off your child \_\_\_\_\_

Name of home church \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies Y  N

List \_\_\_\_\_

Medical concerns Y  N

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

### PHOTO RELEASE APPROVAL:

I hereby grant The Bonfield Grand Prairie Parish and specifically the Vacation Bible School leadership permission to take photographs of \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) to be used in photo displays, websites and other materials the parish creates.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or legal guardian signature

Please scan and email this form to: [bonfieldgp@gmail.com](mailto:bonfieldgp@gmail.com)

Or Mail this form to: VBS Registration  
c/o Joyce Cochran  
P.O. Box 66  
Bonfield, IL 60913

# Looking for a FUN Summer Event for your Kids?



Sign them up for Vacation Bible School! This year they will join us on a tropical island for a week filled with epic music, creative crafts, exciting games, and fantastic Bible stories! Your kids will enjoy a week filled with fun as they learn how Jesus is their anchor and will carry them through all of life's storms!

**When: July 9-13, 2018**

**Where: Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church  
348 E. Smith Street, Bonfield, IL 60913**

**Time: 6-8:15 p.m.**

**Ages: Pre-K - 6th Grade**

For more information call 815-802-9805 or email: [bonfieldgp@gmail.com](mailto:bonfieldgp@gmail.com)

**\*\*\* ALL forms also available on the Parish Website and Facebook pages \*\*\***

Website: [www.bonfieldgrandprairie.org](http://www.bonfieldgrandprairie.org)

**Facebook page: Bonfield Grand Prairie Parish  
VBS Volunteer Registration July 9-13, 2018**

**Before VBS, I would like to help by:**

- Praying
- Preparing craft materials
- Helping with administrative tasks
- Planning decorations
- Decorating classrooms
- Building sets
- Planning publicity

Volunteers must be age 13 or older (NO Exceptions) Anyone younger than 13 will be a VBS participant

**During VBS, I would like to help in one or more of the following areas:**

- Group Helper
- Crafts Helper
- Snacks Helper
- Games Helper
- Music Helper

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Days Available: Every night Y / N    Certain days (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Please scan and email this form to: [bonfieldgp@gmail.com](mailto:bonfieldgp@gmail.com) -OR-

Mail this form to VBS Registration c/o Joyce Cochran, P.O. Box 66., Bonfield, IL 60913

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Bonfield, IL 60913

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Bonfield, IL  
Permit #2

Return Service Requested



**Bonfield Box Holder**  
**Bonfield, IL 60913**

### Connecting the Dots

Commencement speeches and greeting cards are full of advice for graduates, yet good intentions and careful plans can't guarantee a perfect life — whatever that might mean.

“You can't connect the dots looking forward,” said Steve Jobs. “You can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life ...”

As Christians, we can do more than that: We can trust in God. Yes, he may speak to us through a “gut” feeling, and our eternal “destiny” is assured. And we know that life, not death, will win out. But recent grads — and all of us — need not just sit and wait to see how the dots of our lives will someday connect. God has shown us through Scripture, the church and, above all, Jesus that the dots connect this way: from God's heart, to Jesus' sacrifice for us, to our entry into relationship with God, to our heart and finally to our own loving outreach to others.

Whatever shape your education, work and family take through the years, “commence” with this: God has drawn your life to connect with him and your neighbors. If you follow those Spirit-etched lines, you'll be fine.

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Happy Father's Day!

### A Prayer for Families



Heavenly Father, we come as your children to praise you for putting us into families. Thank you for the love and nourishment we've received — and been blessed to give. We confess our need for your daily forgiveness and guidance in our families. Please grant harmony in our homes and help us always show respect and love for one another. In Jesus' name. Amen.

