

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

September 2018



Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ!

The Churches of the Bonfield-Grand Prairie Parish have over 300 years of ministry in their history. Two of our churches, Bonfield Evangelical and Grand Prairie will be celebrating milestones this year, 100 years for Evangelical in its current location and 150 years for Grand Prairie. And likewise Bonfield First has celebrated over 130 years of ministry. During those celebrations people gather to remember their past and hopefully, prayerfully, to also celebrate their futures.

None of the celebrations could have happened without the past and none will make a difference without the future. Jurgen Moltmann, a German theologian said, "From first to last, Christianity is ... hope, forward looking and forward moving." The promise that the future is ultimately in God's hands is "the glow that suffuses everything here in the dawn of an expected new day." It is our faith in the end of time that directs our journey through time. (*Theology of Hope*, New York: Harper & Row, 1967, p. 16.)

In Isaiah 43:18-19 The Lord God tells the prophet Isaiah to remind the people of Israel to remember their past but not to linger.

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

The same holds true for all churches in ministry, celebrate the past but move toward the future. Where is God leading us? What tasks are being prepared for us to accomplish in the name of Jesus the Christ? We know as Christians that our history has an eternal direction, an ultimate goal. In the incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ the world has been set toward its final moment, in which it will be both finished and begun anew. We — along with Abraham and Sarah, Boaz and Ruth, Joseph and Mary, and hundreds of generations of the sons and daughters of God, including the Hertz, Orwig and Schreffler families, their descendants and all those who have been changed because in 1847 they began meeting in their homes, moved to the Dunn Schoolhouse, and there after built The Salina Evangelical Church, which would eventually become Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church — they, us, we are part of the history that flows into God's own eternity.

To paraphrase President Ronald Reagan, who paraphrased someone else, our best days in the ministry and mission of Jesus the Christ are yet to come. Our proudest moments as disciples of Jesus the Christ are yet to be. Our most glorious achievements in the name of the Risen Christ are just ahead.

Celebrate remembering your heritage while working and moving toward our future in God's ministry.

God's blessings upon you and yours.

Pastor Julie



Bake Sale at Fireman’s Breakfast

The Bonfield Area Historical Society will have a bake sale at the Fireman's Breakfast on October 7th. Donated bake goods for the sale would be much appreciated. Please deliver the baked goods to the fire station on Sunday morning.

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 Website - <http://bonfieldgrandprairie.org>

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Flu Clinic 2018 - the Kankakee County Health Department will begin holding Walk-in Flu Clinics starting on September 6th. Clinics in September will be ADULT ONLY, ages 19 and older, and will be held on the following days: ALL Thursdays in September - September 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Future dates and times for those younger than 19 years of age will be announced soon. We accept many private insurances, including Medicare and Medicaid. Most insurance companies will cover the cost of the vaccine, however, if you do not have insurance cost for the flu vaccine will range between \$30 -\$65 pending on the vaccine utilized. Please bring your health insurance card. State of Illinois employees will also need their state photo ID.

Debra Hubly MBA, BSN, RN
 Director of Client Services
 Kankakee County Health Department
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 Kankakee, IL 60901
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*There will also be flu shots offered to the Parish with dates to be announced.

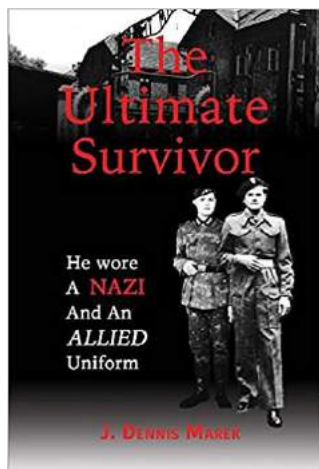
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Monday Evening Mixed Church Bowling

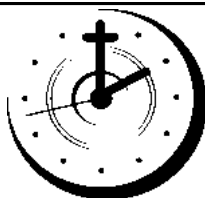
League -Calling all people interested in bowling on a Monday evening church league, it begins Sept. 10th at 6:15 pm at Brookmont Bowling Center. They are 4 person teams, if you want to bowl and do not have a team come and you will be put on a team . For more information call the bowling center at 815-939-3136.

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 Ultimate Survivor" by J. Dennis Marek then come to Tricia Coffman's House: 3378 N. 5500 W. Road Kankakee, IL 60901 on Tues., September 18 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss.

Time For Church



Grand Prairie

Rt.17 Bonfield
8:00 am Sunday Services
9:15 am Adult and Youth Sunday School

Bonfield First

172 Church Street
9:15 am Sunday Services
10:30 am Adult and Youth Sunday School

Bonfield Evangelical

348 Smith Street
10:30 am Sunday Service
Starting on Sept . 9 at 9:15 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School

Upcoming Worship Schedule

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

September 2

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion
"Literal and Outrageous Part 2"
Altar Color - Green
Psalm: 84
Message: John 6:56-69

September 9

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
"Doers or Hearers"
Altar Color - Green
Psalm: 15
Message: James 1:17-27

September 16

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Special Speaker Bill Tharnish
Altar Color - Green

September 23


Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
"A Harvest of Righteousness"
Altar Color - Green
Psalm: 1
Message: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

September 30

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
"The Snare is Broken"
Altar Color - Green
Psalm: 124
Message: Mark 9:38-50

Fellowship Breakfast

Come enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with other Parish members and friends at IHOP in Bourbonnais on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 8:30 am. This is a good way to get to know other people. 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.



**There is POWER
in PRAYER**
Pastor Julie invites you to join in
praying for the following names and causes.

Friends and Family Close to Home

Heritage Village
Vi morse
Mary Krieg

Harvest View
Roscella Piper
Randy Riegel

Butterfield
Mel Brinkman family
Don Mau
Bernice Schultz

Manteno Veterans
Bob Grob

Riverside Senior Living
Jackie Wagner

Miller
Pearl Evans
Marion Panozzo

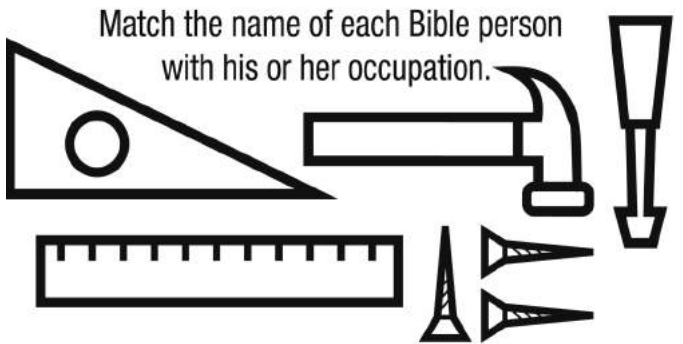
From Our Church Bulletin

Kurt and Carl Boesen, Bradley Boor, Shirley Brunner, Sue Coons, Ron Cordes, Jean Dunn, Pearl Evans, 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

Puzzle!



Match the name of each Bible person with his or her occupation.

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| 1. Nehemiah | A. soldier |
| 2. Luke | B. carpenter |
| 3. Demetrius | C. cupbearer |
| 4. Matthew | D. clothseller |
| 5. Lydia | E. fisherman |
| 6. Joseph | F. shepherd |
| 7. Paul | G. tax collector |
| 8. Cornelius | H. tailor |
| 9. Tabitha | I. silversmith |
| 10. Amos | J. priest |
| 11. Eli | K. tentmaker |
| 12. Peter | L. physician |

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Bible Quiz

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Who was Moses' father-in-law, and what was his occupation?

A. Joshua; shepherd
 B. Miriam; tentmaker
 C. Aaron; farmer
 D. Jethro; priest



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United Methodist Women of the Parish

Evangelical UMW

The Bonfield UMW met on August 2 at the home of Marjorie Kersch. Seven members and one guest were present. We also welcomed Pastor Julie Smith as a new member. Joyce Riegel gave our lesson. She chose an article from *Response* and another from *New World Outlook*.

August 8 We had a "hands on" mission day at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. We donated \$50 to MMDC and we collected many school supplies that were also donated.

August 11 was the district retreat at Coal City UMC with Diane Wells leading on "PEACE".

September 12 We will serve a meal at the Gift of God Street Church. We would welcome anyone who would like to help.

September 16 is designated UMW Sunday.

September 22 is our Fall District meeting in Momence.

October 15 Mini Mission event at Fairbury UMC.

October 27 We will once again gather to tie quilts for Lessie Bates Neighborhood House. We will begin at 9am, a light lunch will be provided.

The UMW officers for 2018 will be as follows:
President - Carol Buente, Vice President - Dayle Seitz, Secretary - Christine Meyer, & Treasurer - Ardis Messer

A new book "The Book of Joy" has been purchased and all are encouraged to read our many UMW books. If any of these activities interest you, please contact a UMW member.

Carol (815)933-9611 Christine (815)939-2912
Dayle (815)932-3352 Ardis (815)932-0180

Items to be collected and brought to church by Sunday, September 16 so donations can be brought to UMW Fall Meeting on September 22 at Momence UMC.

Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House

- Pull-ups, size 3T-6T, -Diaper wipes, & - Blue pens

Cunningham Children's Home

- Women's white ankle socks, - Box tops for Education, & - Gift cards for Dollar Tree, Wal-Mart, McDonalds

The Baby Fold

- Gift cards for Target & Wal-Mart

Martha Circle (Grand Prairie)

Met August 8, 2018 at Kim Ohrt's with 8 present. After a delicious brunch the meeting was called to order. Janet Boyer gave the devotions on what Rev. Billy Graham got from golf.

Need to complete the following months:

Card to Cheryl	Gift of God Meal	Meetings
Aug. - Ronda	Tricia, Sheri, & Jenny	
Sept. - Kim		
Oct. - Vickie	Rhonda & Linda	Joyce 6:30pm
Nov. - Shirley		(subject to change)
Dec. - Linda	Marilyn & Janet	Christmas Party
Jan. -		
Feb. -	Brunners	
Fall District Meeting - Sat., Sept. 22 @ Momence UMC		
Mini Mission - Thursday, Oct. 18 @ Fairbury UMC		

We will have a table in back of the church to help people with food and clothing for winter months. Wesley UMC has a food pantry serving every Sunday and is looking for volunteers. Janet will check into this. Joyce & Jenny will do fall pumpkins and decorations on front of the church. Have any items there by November 3rd. We are to bring items to church for a sunshine box; sunshine equals yellow. What can you find that has some yellow color and would be appropriate to help cheer someone? Maybe look at the dollar stores, is there a candy bar that has yellow on the wrapper? Church people need to tell us when someone needs a sunshine box. We signed 7 "Thinking of You" cards. Meeting was closed with everyone telling something different they did this summer.

First Church UMW

UMW and the congregation are collecting items which will benefit both Cunningham Children's Home and Lessie Bates Davis Neighbor House. In addition, they are collecting requested items for the men's homeless shelter in Kankakee. Donations are needed by Sunday, September 22.

Gift of God Mission homeless shelter in Kankakee:

•men's boxer briefs, Large & XL, men's white t-shirts XL & XXL, & men's white crew socks




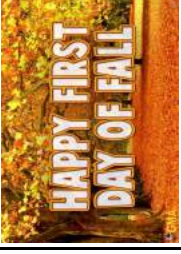
Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House

•pull-ups, sizes 3T-6T, baby wipes, & blue ink pens

Cunningham Children's Home

•Women's white ankle socks & Gift cards to Wal-Mart and Dollar Tree

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 - Holy Communion	3 	4 - IHOP Fellowship Breakfast @ 8:30 am	5	6 - Evan UMW @ Ardis Messer's @ 6:30 pm	7	8 - Safe Sanctuaries @ Fairbury UMC @ 9-11:30 am
9 	10 - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10 am	11 - AD Board Meeting @ First Church @ 7 pm 	12 - Sunshine Circle @ Evan Upper Room @ 6:30 pm	13 - First Church UMW @ First Church @ 7 pm	14	15
16 - Gideon's Service at all Parish Churches - Back to School Youth Group Bash @ 4pm @ Evan	17 - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10 am	18 - Ladies' Book Club @ Tricia Coffman's @ 6:30 pm	19 - Community Lunch @ Lion's Hall @ Noon	20 - Newsletter Deadline @ 8 am	21	22 
23/30	24 - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10 am	25 - Folding the Newsletter @ Evan @ 8 am	26	27	28	29 - First Church Chicken Dinner @ Bonfield Lions Hall @ 4-7 pm



- September 2 Jason Graf, Conner Wenzelman, Becky Sikes
- September 3 Phyllis Riegel, Jason Adams,
Mary (DeCarlo) Robbins, Ean Meyer-Marrieta
- September 4 Sara Davis, Michelle Ladonna (Hertz) Hobbs
- September 5 Victoria Wells, Tim Holohan
- September 6 Roger Kuipers
- September 7 Ivan Brunner, Devynn Lynn Coffman, Pete Dato,
Timothy Sullivan, Dorothy Powell, Ralph Sharper
- September 8 James Riegel, Emily Metzka, Ivy Metzka
- September 9 Michael Smith
- September 10 Doreen (Styck) Buza, Linda Lehnus
- September 11 Reuben Riegel, Chris Loyd
- September 12 Stan Wenzelman, Craig Rice, Sharon Lowey
- September 13 Kristi Davis, Jennifer (Sauer) Davis, David Dettman,
Todd Robinson
- September 14 Bryan Knight, Dean Dau,
Rhae Anna Riegel
- September 15 Virginia Baker, Jim Davis
- September 16 Lois Jensen, Jennifer (Orwig) Waid, Jason Pfeiffer,
Heather (Scholl) Ward, Tom Erazmus
- September 17 Abbigale Overacker, Karen Diefenbach, Ron Fritz
- September 18 Melissa White, Linda (Mau) Meyer, Michael Wells,
Michelle (Panozzo) Hanson
- September 19 Susan Wilson, Doreen (Foltz) Ouelette,
Deanna Brinkman, Carter Overacker
- September 20 Susanna Wilson, Bill Buckman, Mereith Weber,
Shawn Lawrence, Debbie (St.Germaine) Norton,
Reuben G. Lehnus
- September 21 Donna (Foltz) Diefenbach
- September 22 Kevin Buente, Janet Meyer, Jennifer Cochran
- September 23 Edwin Riegel, Adam Kuipers, Michelle Dettman,
Darin Mecklenburg, Stacy (Patti) Wood
- September 24 Jordan Coiston, Carson Overacker
- September 25 Landon Hertz, Troy Riegel, Ron E. Metzka,
Gayle Brunner, Kyle Overacker,
Amy (Lambert) Wenzelman
- September 26 Benjamin Grant, David Scholl, Michael Holmes,
John M. Kuipers, Sheila (Sharper) Berns, Roger Hertz
- September 27 Paul Meyer, Steven Robbins, Christopher Wolch,
Chelsea Goodman, Mary (Saathoff) Hertz
- September 28 Donna (Hertz) Sauer, Christine Brinkman,
Payton Overacker
- September 29 Tyler Lotton, Marvin Dahn, Kendra Bouk
- September 30 Jerry Fecke, Donna Osenga, Pat Brinkman,
Mary J. Motelith -Anderson

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.

September Memory Verse

Surely God is my help, the Lord is the one who sustains me. ~ Psalm 54:4

JULY 2018 ATTENDANCE

	<u>7/1</u>	<u>7/8</u>	<u>7/15</u>	<u>7/22</u>	<u>7/29</u>
Evangelical	41	53	42	38	43
First	23	20	19	20	16
Grand Prairie	34	18	22	32	28
TOTALS	98	91	83	90	87

Wealth is Worthless

It is said that for money you can have everything, but you cannot. You can buy food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; knowledge but not wisdom; glitter, but not beauty; fun, but not joy; acquaintances, but not friends; servants, but not faithfulness; leisure, but not peace. You can have the husk of everything for money, but not the kernel.

—Arne Garborg

Pastor Julie Smith's Information

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Hours: Tues. 1-5 pm & Thurs. 8-12 pm

Answer: D (See Exodus 3:1.)

Answers: 1. C, 2. L, 3. I, 4. G, 5. D, 6. B, 7. K, 8. A, 9. H, 10. F, 11. J, 12. E



This Far By Faith
150 Years
Sesquicentennial Celebration

October 28, 2018

10:30am - Sunday Morning Worship Service
Potluck following the worship service
1:00pm - Celebration Service with
Guest Speaker : Jan Griffith

Dear friends of Grand Prairie United Methodist Church -

We are celebrating 150 years! Please join us to celebrate this milestone in our church congregation's history. Many of you grew up at Grand Prairie and others joined us along the way. You are each an important part of our history and we want you to be a part of this special day as we celebrate our past and look forward to our future.

The celebration will begin with morning worship at 10:30 am followed by a potluck dinner and then an afternoon celebration service at 1:00pm. The speaker at the celebration service will be Jan Griffith, assistant to the Bishop. To keep up-to-date with this event please watch the Bonfield Grand Prairie Parish Face book page, visit our website at www.bonfieldgrandprairie.org, or call Joyce Cochran at 815-671-3003.

At the celebration service, there will be a memorabilia display including photos, documents, and other historical items from years past. If you have any items you would be willing to let us borrow to put on display that day, please bring them to the church or send them to Joyce Cochran at 164 N. Country Lane, PO Box 52 Bonfield, IL 60913. Please write your name clearly on all items needing to be returned.

If you are unable to attend, but have a memory you would like to share, write that memory down and send it to the address above.

To commemorate the sesquicentennial, we are selling Christmas ornaments. Each ornament costs \$8.00 and a portion of this fee will be given to "Our Conference, Our Kids" which supports "the Baby Fold", "Chaddock", "Cunningham Children's Home", "Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House", "Spero Family Services" (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home). If you would like to purchase an ornament you may let us know on our Face book page or call Joyce Cochran at the number listed above. Ornaments will also be available at the celebration on October 28th.

We do not have addresses for everyone so please help us spread the word by sharing this information with your family and friends.

Thank you for all your support through the years and thank you for being a part of Grand Prairie's history. We look forward to what the future brings as we continue to Walk By Faith.

God's Blessings to You,
Your Grand Prairie Family

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
KICKOFF



Bonfield Evangelical UMC Back to Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast on September 9th, 2018!

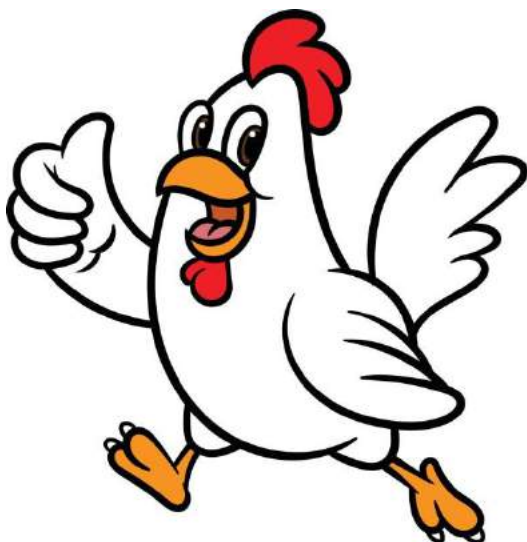
Come and meet your Sunday School teachers and see the classrooms for a back to Sunday School celebration on Sunday, September 9th at 9am.

**Breakfast will include
pancakes, sausage, fruit,
drinks, and donuts.**

If you are interested in becoming a youth Sunday School teacher, please ask Ardis Messer, Sunday School Superintendent, or Pastor Julie for more information.

Catch the Excitement!

Bonfield First United Methodist Church's Annual Chicken Supper



Saturday, Sept. 29,
from 4-7 p.m.
at the Bonfield Lions Hall

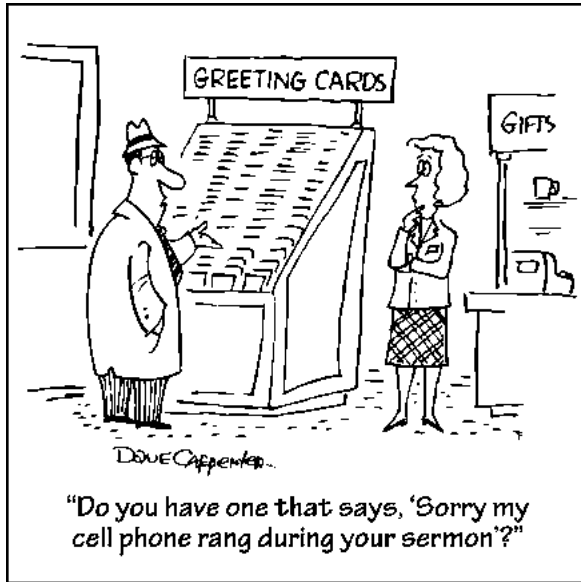
A huge salad bar and delicious homemade desserts are featured. Adult dinners are \$10; children 6-11 eat for \$5; 5 and under are FREE!

Carry outs are available.

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Reflection During Labor Day weekend, God, we pray that all our labors, whether big or small in the world's eyes, will glorify you. Amen.

"Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God'" (Isaiah 35:4, NRSV). Whatever our fears and anxieties, Lord, may we find peace in your presence.

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks (Mark 8:29). Thank God for divine patience, allowing us to grow into full understanding of what it means that Jesus is our Messiah.

"Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth" (Psalm 54:2, NIV). And help me also listen to you during this time of worship.

With cooler fall weather, Creator God, help us appreciate the change of seasons and the varied colors of your handiwork.

"No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire." —L. Frank Baum

"Intelligence is knowing the right answer. Wisdom is knowing when to say it." -- Tim Fargo

"If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them, and half as much money." —Abigail Van Buren

"The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything."

—Unknown

