

NEW BEGINNINGS

BONFIELD - GRAND
PRAIRIE PARISH UMC

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.” ~ John Wesley



Greetings in the name of the Lord!

As was recently announced at each church, Bishop Beard has appointed me to serve the Bonfield-Grand Prairie

Parish as your Pastor. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know a bit about me before I begin my duties on July 1st.

By the time you read this I will have celebrated my 60th birthday (May 25th). I am divorced with three adult children, two daughters and a son. I have worked a variety of professions through the years, including several radio stations as a DJ, producer and play-by-play announcer for sports, mainly football. In late June I will be leaving a job with a digital printing company that also builds websites for companies that I've worked at for just over 20 years. I also spent 7 years in the 90's as an over the road truck driver covering 48 states, parts of Canada and Mexico.

For the past three years I have served Deer Creek UMC (between Bloomington and Peoria) as a part-time Pastor. In 2017 I completed Licensing School in Springfield and have started the Course of Study process working towards ordination. This will be my first full-time appointment as a Local Pastor. I have also been involved for 15 years with first a Walk to Emmaus community that changed to a non-denominational Great Banquet community including over 10 years as part of a Bible Study in prison. This past April I led a three-day retreat at Lincoln Correctional Center.

In my spare time I like to travel, whether it be near or far. Some of my most enjoyable travel has been just starting out on a blacktop road and taking in the area scenery. In the course of preparing myself for where I am today I also have taken up reading again, when I have the time. I also like going to sports events when able to as well.

When asked about my style of preaching I consider myself a bit of a teacher at times. I can be theological when needed but I also like to 'read between the lines' to dig deeper into the scripture used for my messages. But I won't shy away from bringing some of my personal experiences in life to a message, as I feel that it helps to know that I'm not just speaking from research but from what I've lived through.

I am excited that God has given me the opportunity to serve this Parish as your Pastor and being a part of the community. I look forward to sharing more with you beginning July 1st!

In His Service,

Pastor Keith Blankenship





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 "Home to Holly Springs" by Jan Karon. Then come on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30PM at Carol Erazmus' to discuss.

What a Wonder!

It is not the task of Christianity to provide easy answers to every question but to make us progressively aware of a mystery. God is not so much the object of our knowledge as the cause of our wonder. —Kallistos Ware

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APRIL 2019 ATTENDANCE

	<u>4/7</u>	<u>4/14</u>	<u>4/21</u>	<u>4/26</u>
Evangelical	43	54	57	46
First	20	13	30	14
Grand Prairie	23	33	34	30
TOTALS	86	100	121	90

Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



Puzzle!

Write the names of the parents of these biblical children.
 For help, look up the verses in an NIV Bible.

- Joash (*2 Kings 11:2*) A _____
- Obed (*Matthew 1:5*) B _____
- Joseph (*Genesis 35:22-24*) _____ C _____
- John the disciple (*Matthew 4:21*) _____ D _____
- John the Baptist (*Luke 1:13*) _____ E _____
- Lo-Ruhamah (*Hosea 1:3, 6*) F _____
- Jezreel (*Hosea 1:2-4*) G _____
- Esau (*Genesis 25:28*) H _____
- David (*1 Samuel 16:19*) I _____
- Jacob (*Genesis 25:28*) _____ J _____
- Samuel (*1 Samuel 1:19-20*) _____ K _____
- Gershom (*Exodus 2:21-22*) _____ L _____
- Samuel (*1 Samuel 1:19-20*) _____ M _____
- Jesse (*Matthew 1:5*) _____ N _____
- Gershom (*Exodus 2:21-22*) _____ O _____
- Joseph (*Genesis 35:23-24*) _____ P _____
- Isaac (*Genesis 21:3*) _____ Q _____
- John the Baptist (*Luke 1:13*) _____ R _____
- Jonathan (*1 Samuel 14:1*) _____ S _____
- Solomon (*1 Kings 2:1*) _____ T _____
- Jesus (*Matthew 1:18*) _____ U _____
- Isaiah (*Isaiah 1:1*) _____ V _____
- _____ W _____
- _____ X _____
- _____ Y _____
- _____ Z _____



Summertime Prayer - In "The Summer Day," Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver (1935-2019) captures the season profoundly as a time to pay attention, especially to the wonders of Creation; to let oneself be idle sometimes; and to let one's time of quiet rest, meandering through meadows

and gazing at grasshoppers, be prayer. Search online to read the entire work. Let it inspire you for a walk with God through one of these summer days.

*I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass, how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields ...*

Enjoy some summer-themed laughter while you lounge!

Seen on a church sign (and appropriate for grilling season): "God doesn't make mistakes."

Person approaching a shoreline: "Is this river any good for fish?"

Response: "It must be. I can't get any of them to leave it."

Q: Why do people go to church in the summer?

A: It's prayer-conditioned!

Q: Why was it so hot in the stadium after the game?

A: All the fans left.

Q: While hiking, how can you identify a dogwood tree?

A: By its bark.

Q: What do sheep have on sunny days?

A: A baa-baa-cue!

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Upcoming Worship Schedule

The following is a tentative schedule for June 2019 worship.
(Readings & Message may change without notice)

June 2

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday & Holy Communion
Altar Color - White
Message: TBA
Psalm: 47
Scripture: Luke 24: 44-53

June 9

Pentecost & Pastor Julie's Last Sunday
Altar Color - Red
Message: The Reason for It All
Psalm: 104
Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37
Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

June 16

Trinity Sunday & Peace with Justice Sunday
Father's Day
Altar Color - White
Message: TBA
Psalm: TBA
Scripture: TBA
Epistle: TBA

June 23

Second Sunday After Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
Message: TBA
Psalm: TBA
Scripture: TBA
Epistle: TBA

June 30

Third Sunday After Pentecost & Independence Sunday
Altar Color - Green
Message: TBA
Psalm: TBA
Scripture: TBA
Epistle: TBA





**There is POWER
in PRAYER**

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



Pastor Julie Smith's last day in the office is Tuesday, June 4 at 1-3PM and her last day in the pulpit is Sunday, June 9 at all 3 churches. She will be gone to General Conference on June 5-7. The rest of June's Sunday services will be filled as

Friends and Family
Heritage Village
 Vi Morse
 Mary Krieg
 Butterfield
 Mel Brinkman family
 & Bernice Schultz
Riverside Senior Living
 Jackie Wagner
Harvest View
 Roscella Piper
 Randy Riegel
Manteno Veterans
 Bob Grob

From Our Church Bulletin
 Carl and Kurt Boesen,
 Bradley Boor, Shirley
 Brunner, Marian Buente,
 Ron Cordes, Jean Dunn,
 Pearl Evans, Julia Fecke,
 Janice & Tom Logsdon,
 Dorene O'Connor, Marian
 Panozzo, Kevin & Rob
 Reiniche, Randy Riegel,
 Jackie Wagner, Richard &
 Ronald Wildman,
 continuing prayers for those
 in nursing homes, assisted
 living, or home bound.

follows: June 16 - Carol E. at Evan & First and Dianne W. at Grand Prairie; June 23 - Carol B. at Evan & Grand Prairie and Dianne W. at First; June 30 - Mark Meyer at all 3 churches. There will be 2 local pastors covering for emergencies until July 1, please contact the Parish office at 815-802-9805 and listen to the recording for more info or bonfieldgp@gmail.com.

Compassion International Kids
 Melany Samantha.....Aguilera
 Sonaton Soren.....Bangladesh
 Saray Morales.....Columbia
 Janny Boya.....Ecuador
 Witney Juarez.....Guatemala

Do you or your family sponsor a compassion international kid? If so, please contact the office if you are still sponsoring a kid, 815-802-9805 or bonfieldgp@gmail.com.

June Memory Verse
**I lift up my eyes to the mountains -
 where does my help come from?
 My help comes from the Lord,
 the Maker of heaven and Earth.
 ~ Psalm 121:1-2**

Community Lunch at Bonfield Lions Building on Wednesday June 19 at Noon. It will be held on every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Come and enjoy the company of your neighbors and friends while sharing a meal.

Fellowship Breakfast

Come enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with other Parish members and friends at IHOP in Bourbonnais on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 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.

CRAFT CLUB
learn . create . grow

Scrapers/Crafters Wanted for our Christian Crafters Club. Do you want to scrapbook/craft more often but just don't set aside the time? Well then this club is for you.....
 Where: Bonfield Grand Prairie Church
 Basement Rte. 17
 When: The last Sunday of every month at 6:30PM
 Snacks will be provided along with water and great fellowship! Our first meeting will be a scrap and crop! Bring your supplies and pictures and spend the evening relaxing and creating memories! If you have any questions please contact Tricia Coffman at 815-236-3319! We would love to see you join us!

Answers for Quiz & Puzzle on page 2

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Amoz
 Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)

United Methodist Women of the Parish

Purpose of the United Methodist Women -The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church.

Evan UMW

The Bonfield Evangelical UMW met at the home of Christine Meyer for the annual May breakfast on May 2 with 7 members and 1 guest present. Carol Buente gave the Prayer and *Self Denial* lesson. The offering for 2019 will help bring equality for youth and teens. There are many United Methodist agencies organized for this cause. UNICEF projects that by 2020 there will be 157 million youth living in extreme poverty in the world.

Several members attended the Spring District Meeting at Manteno UMC on April 27. Our unit was awarded with the Spirited Servant Award from Cunningham for 2018 and also as a 5 star unit having contributed to all 5 categories of giving to the Vermillion River District UMW.

On May 5 our Unit was host to approximately 60 ladies and one gentleman for a Tea held in the church fellowship hall. Each of eight ladies decorated a table with beautiful place settings and accessories. Many different appetizers, tea sandwiches and desserts were served with choice of tea flavors. We were entertained with song and guitar by Joe Schripsema and original poetry by Sharon Howard. Jenny Schoenwetter from Harbor House was our special guest speaker. She reminded us of the many abused women, children and sometimes men who need protection from those who are suppose to love them. Harbor House provides safe shelter, as well as helps those abused find their way though the court system. A free will offering was taken for Harbor House.

Dayle Seitz, Esther Marcotte and Chris Meyer provided supper for approximately 15 homeless persons at the Gift of God Street Church in Kankakee. Barbeque beef, potato salad, jello salad, applesauce, and jello cake was served. Leftover "ladies tea" items were also shared with the Street Church.

Our next meeting will be June 6 in the Upper Room at 1PM. Lorraine Wildman will be hostess.

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

First Church UMW

The group met Thursday, May 15, at the church and were reminded to continue being PERSISTENT women for justice! After all, that's how our foremothers began this great legacy of mission work. Adding to the sermon from May 12, Jill Grant introduced the group to three PERSISTENT women whose goals were to help other women in need. Today, because of those three women's efforts, missions are still in place (in addition to many, many more missions) that are havens for women and children in need. Jill also reported on a book entitled Eleanor, A Spiritual Biography about former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. This captivating read takes the reader through her early life, not always a happy one, and demonstrates how she was able to survive and become the PERSISTENT protector of the marginalized. This is a "must read" for all women. Next, it was reported that a date was secured for a bake sale at the firemen's pancake breakfast in December. In addition, the group discussed the MMDC kits for which they would ask the congregation for donations and shared information regarding an upcoming work day, June 25, at MMDC with Dwight UMW. Anyone interested in joining the group that day should contact Jill: 815.932.8628.

**First UMW
meets the third
Thursday @
7 pm @ the church
(not in Jan/Feb/Aug).**

June 20 regular meeting: assemble MMDC kits	*Tues., June 25 volunteer @ MMDC
July 18 regular meeting	*Sept TBA UMW Sunday
Sept 19 regular meeting: <i>World Thank</i> offering	
Oct 17 guests of EVAN for soup & salad meeting	
Nov 21 regular meeting	*Sun., Dec 8 Christmas Potluck @ 5 pm congregation members & friends invited

United Methodist Women of the Parish

Martha Circle

Grand Prairie Martha Circle met on May 8th at Herscher Resturant at 8:30 with 4 present.

A restaurant gift card was given to family for an April birthday.

Gift cards, \$20 each ,were given to our college students as they prepare for finals. Shirley and Ivan gave candy also. At UMW District meeting Janet brought \$20 each for CCH, LBD, & Baby Fold. Joyce C. made and Marilyn O. seconded to reimburse Janet \$60. CCH Quilt show netted over \$70, 000, trying to sell remaining quilts on website.

In March Gift of God newsletter, the Bonfield Churches were mentioned for bringing a meal every month. The Saturday nights and a few other nights are open for people to bring meals. If you would like to bring a meal, call Gift of God 815-507-6603 to arrange a day.

Monthly card: May - Becky C. June - Cheri D.

June Gift of God meal - Joyce C. & Tricia C.

Due to VBS and the Mission Trip, July Martha Circle was changed to July 24 at 6:30, place TBA.

Election of officers will be in July, Janet will be retiring. Also be thinking about our Christmas meeting. Meeting was closed with prayer.

Sunshine Circle

Spring Tea: On Sunday May 5th at 2:00pm ladies of Sunshine Circle & United Methodist Women sponsored a Spring Tea for family and friends. Approximately 59 ladies in attendance.

Each table was set up by eight hostesses with their own personal dinnerware. Ardis Messer served as MC and welcomed each one and asked they just sit back & relax.

Carol Buente offered prayer. Following the meal we were entertained with group singing led by Joe Schripsema with his guitar. Reading on friendship was read by Ardis.

Sharon Howard gave several humorous readings that she wrote about family and don't forget Mother. More singing with audience participation. Hostess at each table read a Bible verse about Tea. Example: personali- tea, hospitali- tea, etc. Speacial guest Jenny Schoenwetter from Harbor House. We asked ladies to bring a monetary gift for Harbor House and meal was free. In closing Pastor Julie and Joe sang.

Meeting: On May 16 seven ladies of Sunshine Circle and 2 guests were Queen's for the night.

We met in the fellowship hall for dinner which consisted of lasagna, salad, and garlic bread. We each were given a wand and tiara to wear. The meal was served by Jim Diefenbach & Ron Green, it was a night to relax.

Donna Diefenbach was hostess for the evening. Her devotionals were all about Queens of the Bible; she read bible verses about Queens. Also passed out scripture survival kits & friendship kits. We each read a scripture pertaining to Spring.

Business meeting followed. Roll call was answered how we were spending Memorial Day. Minutes & Treasurer reports were read & approved.

Old business: A total of \$55 were given to our speaker at the Spring Tea. A motion was made and seconded we split the amount between UMW & Sunshine Circle . Jan Green read 8 Thank You's she received on how much they enjoyed the Spring Tea. GOOD JOB EVERYONE

New business: Motion made and seconded that we give \$100 to help our children attend church camp. Our next meeting will be a progressive meal but will be held at church. Two carts for the kitchen were ordered and received. After examining them they were returned due to quality. Meeting Adjourned. Rhonda Davis and Angie Kirk assisted us in a cupcake craft. How fun! Delicious dessert was served.

Sunshine Circle Meetings 2019

June 20- Progressive meeting at Evan

Sept. 19- at Evan Upper Room at 6:30PM, Carol hostess

Oct. 17- at TBA at 6:30PM, Donna Diefenbach hostess

Nov. 21- at Ardis's House at 6:30PM, Ardis Messer hostess

Dec. 19- at Jan's house at TBA, Jan Green hostess



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

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, Jen Spinale
June 12 Jared Sikes
June 14 Rick White, James Messer,
Jimmy Vilt, Jr., Sarah Meyer,
David St. Germaine, Lucy Spinale
June 15 Beth (Faga) Meyer
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 Dale Dittus, Patterson Friese,
Deborah (Charbonneau) Meyer

Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC)
Camping and Retreat Ministries

We offer a myriad of opportunities for children, youth, families, and adults to experience spiritual formation and renewal in a welcoming environment that is close to the earth and sky.

Most of these opportunities are in the summertime, but special camps, such as confirmation retreats, are held in spring and fall. There are camps for families, for first-time campers, and for those who love horses, water play, tree and rock climbing, archery, field games, singing, leading, and more. Transformation of lives is our goal. We want each camper to leave having been strengthened in faith, encouraged toward decision-making that is appropriate for their age and journey, enlightened more fully in what it means to live in a community where acceptance, love, and forgiveness are a way of life, and empowered to take that love to the world in the sure hope that a world of peace is not only possible, but the end God has in mind.

The link, www.igrc.org/camping, will take you to descriptions of upcoming camps and provide a means of registering. Please do not hesitate to phone or email us with your questions!

Our camps at East Bay and Little Grassy are generously funded by the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church. Teaching campers about a way that we believe leads to the love and peace

God promises all people is our mission.

Being a follower of Christ is not required of our campers, and neither is it an expected or forced outcome. We just hope that a few days of immersion in the love and grace we have experienced in Jesus Christ will leave campers assured of their worth, motivated to grow, and, perhaps, hungry for another taste of the life promised and made

possible by the one we United Methodists call Lord and Savior.

East Bay - 24248 Ron Smith Memorial Highway
Hudson, IL 61748

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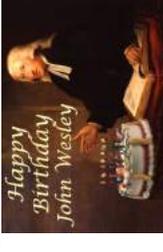
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Makanda, IL 62958

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Email: littlegrassy@igrc.org

JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holy Communion - Youth Group @ Evan @ 6:30 - 8PM 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10AM 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IHOP Fellowship Breakfast @ 8:30AM - Pastor's Last Day in the Office 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor @ General Conference 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor @ General Conference 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor @ General Conference 	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pastor's Last Sunday  <p>Wear Red</p>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10AM 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evan NOW Meeting @ Evan @ 6PM - Parish NOW Meeting @ Evan @ 6:30PM 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>15</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>  <p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10AM 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newsletter Article Deadline 8AM - Ladies' Book Club @ 6:30PM 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Lunch @ Lions Club @ Noon - Manteno Veterans Home Singing @ 2:30 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Print Newsletter - Sunshine Circle 	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Craft Club @ Grand Prairie @ 6:30PM 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Journey Prayer Group @ Evan UMC @ 10AM 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fold Newsletter @ Evan @ 8AM 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p>



Register me for TO MARS AND BEYOND!

July 8-12, 2019; 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

Or Mail this form to: VBS Registration
c/o Joyce Cochran



Looking for a FUN Summer Event for your Kids?

Sign them up for Vacation Bible School! This year they will join us as we travel *To Mars and Beyond* 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 explore where God's power can take them!!

When: July 8-12, 2019

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

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

Website: www.bonfieldgrandprairie.org

Facebook page: Bonfield Grand Prairie Parish

VBS Volunteer Registration July 8-12, 2019

Volunteers must be age 13 or older (NO Exceptions)

Anyone younger than 13 will be a VBS participant

Before VBS, I would like to help by:

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

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) _____

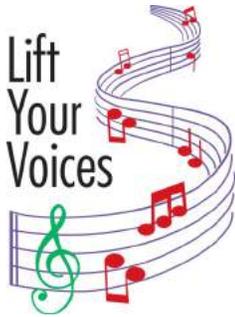
Please scan and email this form to: bonfieldgp@gmail.com -OR-

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

Singing Dates for Manteno Veterans Home

June 19, Wednesday at 2:30PM
July 10, Wednesday at 2:30PM
August 28, Wednesday at 2:30PM

Lift Your Voices



Please mark your calendars and come help us sing. Also, maybe you can give me some ideas on doing something different to entertain the men. If you would like a ride to Manteno please be to Evan UMC by 1:40PM. Any questions please call Janet Boyer at 815-263-9566.

“Do” Diligence

Against the backdrop of people who avoid work, cut corners and do half-hearted jobs, a diligent [person] stands out. Practicing diligence is an excellent way to stand out for Christ at home, in the workplace and even at church. Today, complete each one of your tasks, however big or small, with diligence. —David Jeremiah

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* **Reflection**- God, make whatever I worship in your place (work, financial security, health, relationships) worship you (Psalm 97:7).
 * Make clear to me the difference between such idols and you, who reign supreme.
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* Holy Spirit, blow through my life and burn in my heart so I may know deeply and share widely the good news of Jesus!
 * * *

* God whom Jesus knew as Father: Thank you for earthly fathers — biological or not — who nurture children in love and teach them to love others.
 * * *

* Thank you, Jesus, that even amid my faith questions, you hold me in your embrace and save me.
 * * *

* As trees bear summer fruit, may my life bear the Spirit-fruit of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23, ESV).
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* “There is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go, and that is to travel that way yourself.”
 * —Abraham Lincoln
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* “Jesus, like any good fisherman, first catches the fish; then he cleans them.”
 * —Mark Potter
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Grand Prairie

Rt.17 Bonfield

8:00 am Sunday Services

Starting July 1st - 9:15 am

9:15 am Adult and Youth Sunday School

Bonfield First

172 Church Street

9:15 am Sunday Services

Starting July 1st - 10:30 am

10:30 am Adult and Youth Sunday School

Bonfield Evangelical

348 Smith Street

10:30 am Sunday Service

Starting July 1st - 8:00 am

9:15 am Adult and Youth Sunday School



We are a Parish of 3 United Methodist churches Bonfield Evangelical (Evan) UMC , Bonfield First (First) UMC, & Grand Prairie UMC.

Our minister is Pastor Julie Smith. It is our goal to share God's love with the world through our words and actions! We welcome you to visit us for Sunday service that works best for you & your family at the times listed.