

NEW BEGINNINGS

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“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



Enjoy these pictures from the Parish events from this Lent and Easter season in place of Pastor Keith's newsletter article. His article will return next month.

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Carolyn & The Brinkman Family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, came to Chuck's service, and prepared the church. Thank to Pastor Keith for performing the celebration of Chuck's life. Thank you to the ladies and gentlemen who prepared the delicious meal. We felt your love and appreciated all of your prayers as we celebrated Chuck's life.

May Memory Verse

Acts 12:24

"But the word of God grew and multiplied."

THESE DAYS SHOULD BE REMEMBERED AND OBSERVED in every generation by every family, and in every province and in every city.

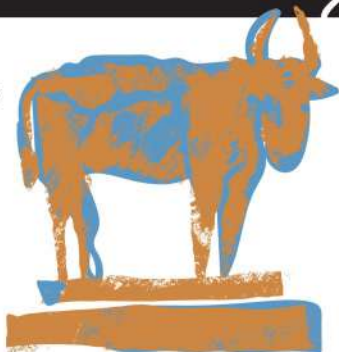
Esther 9:28, NIV



Bible Quiz

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron



Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6)

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Offerings can be mailed to:
PO Box 66 Bonfield, IL
60913 and they will be
given to the church

designated on the envelope or offerings can be dropped off at the Parish office during business hours. We appreciate your gifts and tithes during this unprecedented time.



A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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so t_at y_u may _i_e l_ng in t_e land
the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

A Mother's Day Hymn

Sing praise to our Creator God!
 Earth prospers from the way
 God "mothers" each new child into
 This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood
 A channel from above
 That longs to share with every child
 God's comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,
 Who "mothers" us from birth!
 Providing what we truly need
 Throughout our lives on earth.

—Peggy Ferrell

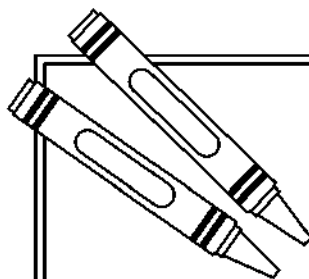
We Remember - More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



The Veterans of Manteno Veterans Home would like to thank you for the Valentines cards and gifts. Thank you for your caring interest and generosity. Your kindness has touched many veterans in a positive manner. They enjoy receiving mail and gifts.

VBS Planning Meeting on Sunday, May 1 at
 Evan at 6pm.



Just for KIDS

Friendship Day Is This Month!

Friendship Day is the first Friday in May. It's important to choose your friends wisely. There are Proverbs in the Bible about friends.

Use the code to fill in the blanks and read Proverbs 22:11.

	1	2	3	4	5
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▲	F	G	H	I	
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Answer: He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.



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

From Our Church Bulletin: Pastor Goodin, Dora (Kim Metzka's sister-in-law), Candy Bauer, Rollie Bauer, Pat Bland, Jay Buente, Orlin Buente, Ron Cordes, Benny Cruse, Trish & Mike DeLucas, Virginia Dittus, Pearl Evans, Herb Foltz, Bob Grob, Marjorie Kersch, Mike & Theresa Mau, Maggie Maxwell (Bob Nichols' sister), Allen Messer, Bob Nichols, Chuck & Kurt Quick, Dorothy Riegel, Stan Stone, Jackie Wagner, Jodi, Richard & Ronald Wildman.

Arden Courts

Mel Brinkman

Riverside Senior Living

Mary Krieg

At Home

Pearl Evans

Harvest View

Marjorie Kersch
Randy Riegel

At College

Gretchen Brinkman

Becca Coffman

Brianna Dayton

Jenna Kenning

Nickolas Kirchner

Kylie & Kamden Lockwood

Manteno Veterans

Bob Grob

Heritage Woods

Vi Morse

Compassion International Kids

Ebenezer Forson.....Ghana

Melany Samantha.....Aguilera

Sonaton Soren.....Bangladesh

Janny Boya.....Ecuador

Witney Juarez.....Guatemala

Janny Boya.....Ecuador

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.



Calling All Cancer

Survivors...

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

Register to join us at the Relay For Life of

Kankakee County on June 11, 2022. All registered Survivors will receive a FREE survivor t-shirt mailed directly to their homes. Register online or call 1-800-227-2345 option 4 or contact Beth Brosseau, our Survivorship Chair, at bethk3relay@gmail.com All Survivors must register every year.



+Christian Symbol+

Robe



A robe, specifically one that's new and white, symbolizes the righteousness we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection. Isaiah 61:10 speaks of "the garments of salvation" and "the robe of righteousness." In Revelation 6:11, faithful martyrs each receive a white robe. People who are being baptized or confirmed often wear white robes as a sign of purity.

MARCH 2022 ATTENDANCE

	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27
Evangelical	40	46	32	48
Grand Prairie	22	23	25	24
Total	62	69	57	72



United Women in Faith of the Parish

Purpose of the United Women in Faith -The organized unit of United Women in Faith 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.

District & Evan UMW Meetings

May:	5 - at Evan Breakfast Meeting 9am 12 - Executive Meeting 20 & 21 - Assembly 2022 in Orland
June:	2 - at Evan at 1:30pm 3&4 - Festival of Quilts, Cunningham Children's Home 9 - Executive Meeting 9 to 11- IGRC Annual Conference, Peoria Civic Center 8&9 - IGRC UMW Leadership Team Meeting Will collect school supplies for MWDC
July:	No meeting 21- Executive Meeting 15 to 20 - Mission U
August:	4 - at Evan 1:30 17- Midwest distribution Center 20 - VRD Spiritual Growth Retreat
September:	1- at EVAN at 1:30, 2023 Officers list due 8 - Executive Meeting 17 - VDR Annual Fall Meeting 18 - UMW Sunday 30 - IGRC UMW leadership Team Meeting
October:	1- IGRC UMW Annual Meeting 6 - At EVAN 1:30 20 - Mini-mission, Lexington UMC 22 - Make a difference day
November :	3 - EVAN 1:30 13 - Thank offering due
December:	1 - VRD Executive Team Meeting/Christmas Gathering at Bradley Wesley UMC 10 - UMW Christmas Party Place to be announced

Our fun-loving God

Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes, a baby's fingernails, a puppy's tail, a crooknecked squash, the bobwhite's call and a young girl's giggle has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that.

—Catherine Marshall

United Methodist Women of the Parish continued

Evan UMW - The Bonfield Evangelical UMW, United Women of Faith, met on April 7 at 1:30 pm. With 5 members who made 6 visits to the sick. Many card of encouragement were sent also. Carol Buente opened with a Devotional from "Jesus Calling". She presented the call to Prayer and Self-denial. She reported on the call to Deaconesses and Home Missionaries. She gave the history of how they started, the early years and what they do today. "Love, Justice, and service: Answering the Call". These men and women work with many different people in many different places. They give a lifetime of service and they affirm to serve in justice, compassion, and truth to make a difference in our world. Presently there is about 400 serving today. She closed with "answering the call". The Secretary's report was given by Dayle Seitz and was accepted as read. The treasures report was given by Ardis Messer. It was accepted as read. We will again co-sponsor a Pork Chop Dinner in the fall with the sunshine circle. Carol B. Gave a report on Cunningham Children's Home. Their Caminos program is doing well. She reported that the Caminos children do not mingle with the other children, due to public health issues, and to the fact that they are there only about 1 month, then moved to their new families. A wish list for the Caminos program is below. Chris Meyer reported about a missionary spotlighted in the prayer guide. Catrina Akale from Africa. She is a regional manager and teacher. Her verse is Amos 5:24. Chris will compile a list of missionaries that we can write to and support. Carol closed the meeting with prayer. Vicky Garfield served as hostess. The next meeting will be our breakfast meeting. Anyone wishing to come is welcome, you do not need to be a member. Upcoming dates—Next meeting is May 5th at 9:00am. Kathy Conrad will be the quest speaker, from Bradley Wesley She is serving as our Shepherdess. VRD District officers will meet on May 23 at EVAN.

Martha Circle - Meeting Schedule 2022

- All meetings will begin at 6pm.
- Meetings are held at hostesses' homes or other locations.
- Watch for announcements in the bulletin and text messages
- The Hostesses will provide the devotional for the evening and small snacks are served.

May 11 ~ Kim Ohrt,

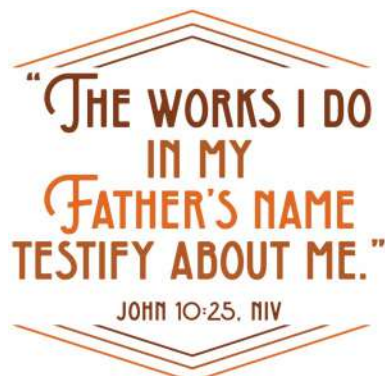
July 13 ~ Tricia Coffman &


Rita Overacker,

Sept. 14 ~ Becky Cruse,

Nov. 9,

Dec. 14 ~ Kim & Marilyn Ohrt





WISH LIST

Cunningham's responsibility with Caminos is to serve young people temporarily while they are going through immigration court and awaiting placement with family members, sponsors or foster parents currently living in the United States.

The following items are needed for these youth while they are in our care:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVD movies, PG/PG13, in English or Spanish • Hacky sacks • Soccer balls (Sizes 4 and 5) • Sketch pads/tablets (no spiral bound please) • UNO cards* • Stress Balls • Chapstick* • Hair gel for men • Shower poufs • Unscented hand lotions - personal size • Unscented stick deodorant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide Sandals* - Men's sizes 6-11; Adidas or comparable style/brand • Sneakers/Tennis Shoes (new or gently used) Adults Sizes 7-12 • Flip Flops - Youth L; Adult S-L • Hard shell/velcro shin guards • Soccer socks • Headphones/ear buds • Coats for all seasons (new or gently used) Youth XL, Adult S-L • Water Bottles* - clear, dishwasher safe • Simple handwritten, welcome notes, in Spanish "we are glad you are here."
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Questions? Please contact Brooke Buzard
at bbuzard@cunninghamhome.org
or 217.337.9073.

*items of the most need

Also Amazon Gift Cards

OUR VISION: TO SEE EVERY CHILD THRIVE
hope begins here.

learn more at cunninghamhome.org/programs/caminos



May 1 Craig Brinkman
 May 3 Michelle Kuipers, Cheryl Bauer
 May 4 Sharlene Nottke, Jennifer (Pangle) Yahyapour
 May 5 Vi Morse, Victoria (Skinner) Rice
 May 6 Dawson Pastorel, Cynthia (Morse) Clemans,
 Laine Elizabeth Gagnon, Erika Svenkeson
 May 7 Jamie (Fecke) Sikes, Kerri (Scholl) Robinson
 May 8 Jackie (Hertz) Wagner, Harold Pfeiffer
 May 9 Jennifer (Trumble) Werner, Aiden Shannon
 May 10 Mary (Kirchner) Schroder
 May 11 Traci Davis, Jonah Vaughn
 May 12 Cade Fecke, Delores Ohrt
 May 13 Meagan Peters, Christopher Wells,
 Paiton Cordes, Sandy Jackson
 May 14 Myron Riegel, Cody Lemenager,
 Mark Adams, Gwendolyn Meyer,
 Allen Pfeiffer, Kim (Sinks) Meztko
 May 15 James Barnett, Zoe Tapp, Marty Alrandi,
 Kimberly Metzka
 May 16 Sandra (Rice) LaMore, Samuel Shimmin,
 Kenny Mitchell
 May 17 Aimee (Meyer) Simbeck,
 Denise (St. Germaine) Schlenz
 May 19 Joe Ohrt, Dennis Hertz, Martha (Scott) Bouk
 May 20 Katherine (Buckman) Mecklenburg
 May 21 Garret Kohl, Mary Ann (Foltz) Jensen,
 Heather (Kirchner) Thurston
 May 22 Jeremy Bauer, Roan Shannon, Jason Sauer,
 Gretchen Brinkman, Danielle (Frye) Dahn
 May 24 Angela (Kuipers) Kohl, Aidan Gagnon,
 Rodney Graf, Kristina (Eggenberger) Brunner
 May 25 Pastor Keith Blankenship, Ryan Howard
 May 27 Larry Wood, Ruth (Wildman) Kingsland
 May 28 Scott Vaughn, Carol (Ziemer) Buente
 May 29 Brian Norton, Jeffrey Morse, Meri Bauer,
 Kelly (Donovan) Buente
 May 30 Clair Dau, Vickie Gaffield
 May 31 Shila Kingsland, Eric Dahn, Joshua Friese

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

Prayer for Teachers:

Dear God, Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come.



June is Noisy Change Month

Make sure to bring your change with you to church in June. The proceeds will be going to Fortitude. Fortitude is a homeless outreach program and PADS shelter in Kankakee County.










Join us for a Youth Group meeting, Youth Group meets every second Sunday of the month at Evan at 6:30pm.

Contact Ryan at coffmanry@gmail.com for more info.

GAMES – SNACKS – FUN
A TIME TO TALK ABOUT GOD IN AN OPEN, HONEST, AND REAL WAY!

Our Community Youth Group is open to all youth in 6th through 12th grade and all denominations. Our Youth Leader is Ryan Coffman (coffmanry@gmail.com). Ryan is a member of Grand Prairie UMC.

MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 - Confirmation Class at Evan at 1PM - VBS Meeting at Evan at 6pm	2 - Journey Prayer Group at Evan at 10AM	3 - IHOP Fellowship Breakfast at 8:30AM 	4	5 - Evan UMW Breakfast at 9am 	6 	7
8 - Youth Group 	9 - Journey Prayer Group at Evan at 10AM	10 - AD Board at Evan at 7pm	11 - Martha Circle at 6pm	12	13	14
15 - Confirmation Class at Evan at 1PM	16 - Journey Prayer Group at Evan at 10AM	17	18	19	20	21 
22 - Special Confirmation Services	23 - Journey Prayer Group at Evan at 10AM	24 - Newsletter Article Deadline 9AM	25	26 - Printing the Newsletter	27	28
29 	30 - Journey Prayer Group at Evan at 10AM 	31 - Fold Newsletters at Evan at 8AM				



Join us for Sunday services
online at 11am on our
Facebook page,
[www.facebook.com/
bonfieldgpparish](http://www.facebook.com/bonfieldgpparish)



We are a Parish of
2 United Methodist churches:
Bonfield Evangelical (Evan) UMC &
Grand Prairie UMC. Our minister is
Keith Blankenship. 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 and/or your family at the times listed.

Reflection:

"The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the
day. It is a blessed baptism which gives the first
waking thoughts into the bosom of God."

—Henry Ward Beecher

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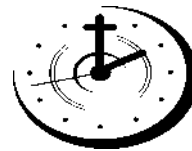
"If you want your children to listen, try talking softly
to someone else."

—Ann Landers

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"The foolish fear death as the greatest of evils;
the wise desire it as a rest after labors and
the end of ills."

—St. Ambrose



Time For Church

Grand Prairie

At 12408 W Rt.17 Bonfield, IL
8:30 am Sunday Worship Services
9:45am Sunday School

Bonfield Evangelical

At 348 Smith St. Bonfield, IL
10:00 am Sunday Worship Service
8:30am Sunday School

Where you go I will go,
and where you stay I will stay.
Your people will be my people
and your God my God.

Ruth 1:16

Fellowship Breakfast

Come enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship
with other Parish members and community
friends at IHOP in Bourbonnais on the first
Tuesday of the month:
May 3 at 8:30am. The group orders from the
regular menu.

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Confirmation class is nearing the end! It has been a long journey that started in September 2021 and will end on Sunday, May 22nd.

Join us for special Confirmation graduation services on Sunday, May 22nd at Grand Prairie at 8:30am and Bonfield Evangelical at 10am.

I would like to ask as many of you as possible to send a card or note of encouragement to the confirmands letting them know you are thinking of them as they finish the journey. Please either drop these off at the church office or mail them to PO Box 66 Bonfield, IL 60913 and I will make sure they receive them. The confirmands are: Brayden Balind, Ean Dittus, Landon Hertz, Connor Lowey, McKenzie Paetsch, Miranda Paetsch, & Justin Ruckman

Thank you! Pastor Keith

