

EPFM *Crosstalk*

MAY 2013

Catching the Spirit at EPFM...

East Point First Mallalieu UMC will be celebrating Pentecost on May 19, 2013. We will be hearing about this exciting event in everything we do at church through our music, Sunday School lessons, Children's Church, sermons and bible studies. Pentecost was an auspicious occasion in the history of the church and we want to make it just as important in 2013 here at EPFM.



The Day of Pentecost marked a turning point in the early Christian church. Pentecost, a Jewish feast, was celebrated 50 days after Passover, and pilgrims had come to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate the event. The 12 apostles were gathered together in a house when a terrific wind came from heaven and filled the place. They saw tongues that looked like fire, that separated and came down on each of them. Immediately the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, who caused them to speak in tongues. The crowds of visitors were astonished because every pilgrim heard the apostles speaking to him or her in their own foreign language! Some accused the apostles of being drunk. The Apostle Peter stood and addressed them, saying they were not drunk. It was only nine o'clock in the morning. Then, empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter preached boldly to them, explaining about Jesus Christ and God's plan of salvation.

The crowd was so moved when Peter told them of their part in Jesus' crucifixion that they asked the apostles, "**Brothers, what shall we do?**" (Acts 2:37, NIV). The right response, Peter told them, was to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. He promised that they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. They took the gospel message to heart. About 3,000 people were baptized and added to the fledgling Christian church on that Day of Pentecost. The Great Commission had begun...



Today, 2,000+ years later, believers in Jesus are still filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. We cannot live the Christian life without his help. We are to call on him whenever we need strength or guidance. When it comes to Jesus Christ, each of us must answer the same question as these early seekers: "**What shall we do?**" Jesus cannot be ignored. As believers and members of East Point First Mallalieu UMC, we have an awesome responsibility as the Church to move forward and let the Holy Spirit move in, around and through us as we open the church doors to new ministries and reach out to the community in new and creative ways. In the coming weeks and months, East Point

First Mallalieu UMC will move forward...we all need to *catch the spirit* and be ready to go!

Do you want to be part of the Faces of EPFM?

See our church photographers,
Anthony Robinson and Taft McCoy,
at the altar after worship services.



Birthdays in May

Rosa Sowell	2
Bessie Allen	4
DeAngelo Malbury	5
Beatrice Wilkerson	5
David Alston	6
Carl Hoskins	6
Lydia Flowers	7
Cynthia McClure	8
Evad Ponder	8
Rev. Phillip Armstrong	9
Hederick Barlay	12
Jackie Lloyd	12
David Lee	16
Tyson Petty	17
Ernestine Sumlin	18
Ronnie Barner	20
Aisha Rector	21
Mae Hale	25
Laura Garrison	26
Tanda Malbury	26
Anita Allen	27
Barbara Jackson	28
Ashley Manuel	28
Nicholas Few	29
Debbie Jones	30
Mia Robinson	30
Paulette Keeton	31

Membership Team reaching out...



The membership team has been reaching out to each church family member in the past few weeks by making phone calls to every member. The purpose has been to update our records so we can better communicate with you and your family. We are moving into the 21st century by communicating with you by emails and phone messages along with actually U.S. mail. We are finding that some of the information is incorrect in our files. The Communication Team will be producing a new membership directory on June 1st and we want updated information about you and your family.

Thank you to our membership team and servants making the calls:

Pat Ivey, Sharon Ponder, Ernestine Sumlin, Irvina Mayner, Norma Banfield, Cora Mitchell, Jean Myers, and Jackie McMichael.

We are using the Profile cards that were turned in earlier, but if any information has changed, please notify the church office. Thank you for your support!

Trustees Board provides Information on Building Projects & Job Opportunities

Be sure and check out the new Trustee bulletin board located in hallway by Parlor. It is full of information on the building projects going on in our church now and those that are upcoming. Not all of these jobs have to be completed by the Trustees...if you see something you may be able to help with, notify Richard Ealey or Jacyne Gibson. The other part of the board offers **Job Opportunities** for those people looking for employment. There are job applications posted and where to go for more information. The job board will be updated continually so check back often! Thank you to our Trustees for your help!

Mildred Ward celebrated a birthday on April 15th.



As of June 2013, the birthday listings will include all membership and others who are active in the life of our church.

W O R D T A L K

May
Memories
Mothers Day
Mother
Prayerful
Sister
Smiles
Spiritual
Strong
Teacher
Thankful
Loving
Leader
Honor
Guidance
Grandmother
Fun
Friend
Celebrate
Aunt
Appreciate
Advisor

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EPFM Church Anniversary planned...



THEME: "Behold, I make all things new"

SCRIPTURE:

Revelations 21:5 (KJV) *5 And He that sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said unto me, "Write: for these words are true and faithful."*

During the 11th Church Anniversary Celebration, we will launch a Christian Fellowship. This initiative has been developed to make disciples and provide opportunities for persons to become genuine authentic Christians in a physical structure that will be conducive to additional ministries and activities for the church's community, members and the United Methodist Connection and GROW OUR CHURCH.

GOALS:

FINANCE: Each adult member is asked to contribute \$111.00 above their regular giving to jump start and/or promote Summer Enrichment Program, Youth Ministries, Worship, Older Adult Ministries, and Adult Ministries. This amount includes tickets for the EPFM Supper Club. Installment payments are encouraged if needed. Full payment must be made by July 31, 2013. Children ages 6-12 \$1.10; 13-18 years of age \$5.50; 19-21 years of age \$11.00. The Supper Club tickets (\$25) for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under need to be purchased by June 2nd for your reservation.

PLANNED EVENTS:

EPFM Supper Club with dinner and entertainment, Friday, June 7, 2013, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets will be distributed by the Birth month Leaders (see below). All monies for tickets purchased should be given directly to the person from whom you got the tickets.

Kick off for our new children's ministry---Free Summer Enrichment Program, June 8th, 2013
9am- noon, congregation and community invited!

Worship Service & Recognition of East Point public servants & patrons, June 16, 2013.
Reception immediately following worship to honor public servants and patrons.

Seniors on the Move Line Dance Jamboree, Thursday, June 20, 2013, 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

An evening at the 2nd Story Café, Friday, June 28, 2013, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Children/Youth/Adult Community Service Day, June 29th, 9am-noon, cookout following in parking lot.

Homecoming/Family & Friends Day, Sunday, June 30, 2013 Worship Service. Reception immediately following worship to celebrate church anniversary and fellowship with guests and one another.



EPFM Birth Month Leaders

January-Miriam Ealey **February**-Bambi House **March**-Bernice Rector,
April-?Need a volunteer? **May**-Jackie Lloyd **June**-Debra Mitchell **July**- G.W. Banfield
August-Joyce Hart/Donald Sumlin **September**-Norma Banfield
October-Betty Dabney **November**-Peggy Robinson **December**-John Smith

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Open for business...

As we begin operations in our new location at the back of the church off the breezeway, we are restocking our shelves, gathering supplies and getting clothes organized for our clients.

We will begin opening the **Food Pantry Ministry in coordination with the Clothes Closet on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9-noon** at this time. Hopefully in the future, we can increase our services, but right now, we need donations to purchase items at the Atlanta Food Bank and grocery bags to use for delivery. In April, we had a food truck delivery and were able to serve 156 households, but we need to restock our shelves. We want to service our seniors and those in need, so please consider helping us with a donation in honor or in memory of your loved one. For more information about the food pantry, please contact Ann Douglas at 404-767-2488.



The **Clothes Closet will be open the first Saturday of each month for donations from 10am-noon**. Clean clothes may be dropped off during this time. Please do not leave any clothes outside the door during the week. We will be open for business with the Food Pantry on the 3rd Thursdays. Please contact Pat Ivey at 404-765-0445 if you would like to volunteer as a servant in this ministry.

Imagine No Malaria Launches Mother's Day Campaign

Eighty-five to 90 percent of deaths from malaria are women and children under five. Imagine No Malaria, a ministry of The United Methodist Church, is launching a Mother's Day campaign so that mothers in Africa will be able to fight malaria and nurture their children into thriving adults. The United Methodist Church operates more than 300 hospitals, clinics and health posts throughout Africa.

"This health care system is vital to saving lives and overcoming this preventable disease," said Bishop Thomas Bickerton, who chairs the United Methodist Global Health Initiative. "Your gifts provide these facilities with resources such as rapid diagnostic tests and malaria medication that will help mothers who are trying to nurture their children as they suffer from the effects of malaria."

To make a donation in honor or memory of your mother, grandmother, aunt, sister or other nurturing woman, text the word MOM to 27222 or go to ImagineNoMalaria.org/sharethelove. Those who donate \$150 via the website will receive three special Mother's Day cards as a gift of gratitude. The cards feature poignant photos of African mothers with their children. Donations of \$200 will receive the cards and a poster.

Special Offerings in May

Wesley Wood's Mother's Day Offering Sunday, May 12th

Each year the Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering has generated vital charitable care funds to assist residents in need. Today, providing charitable care is the most acute challenge that Wesley Woods faces. As older adults live longer, more are exhausting their financial resources and relying on Social Security as their only income. Some experience health problems that go far beyond what Medicare benefits will cover. Many struggle to afford simple necessities. Mother's Day gifts from caring donors enable these individuals to enjoy a decent, dignified quality of life. We urge you to please give generously to the Mother's Day Offering.

Peace with Justice Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday is one of the official church wide Special Sundays in the United Methodist Church when the Peace with Justice Special Offering is collected. Annual Conferences keep half of the offering to fund local projects while a portion goes to the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) Peace with Justice Program to fund United States and global work in social action and public policy education and advocacy.

Our Peace with Justice Offering will be collected on Sunday, May 26th. This is your opportunity to change the world one life at a time. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Free Summer Enrichment Program At EPFM!



EPFM has been looking for ways to reach out to our community this year.... **DOING A NEW THING!** With the help of many members in our church along with advice from the conference, our church has been awarded a grant to begin a Breakfast/Summer Enrichment Program June 8th through August 10th. Luvenia Jackson is heading up the organization of this ministry along with other members and are looking for volunteers in the community, local college students and members of EPFM to carry out the program. The Enrichment Program plans to serve breakfast and offer a variety of class to students ages 6-13 yrs. on Saturdays from 9am-noon. Our trustees are working hard to get the building ready and servants are giving of their time to plan and organize...what can the rest of us do? Spread the word about this program for the community children and let's make this a big success as we hope to continue this program and expand in the fall.

If you can donate a Saturday to participate, please contact Ernestine Sumlin through the church office.

FYI....to members planning events at the church!

As we begin to do NEW programming and ministries, it is imperative that all plans for activities come through Administrative Council and be approved. Each leader should have a folder with handouts to request monies for events through finance, handouts to request space in the building, etc. Everything needs to be placed on the calendar in the church office after approval from Administrative Council. Thank you for your attention to the need for planning ahead so that EPFM can serve and be a light in the community!



Community Service Project to aid seniors in East Point & College Park



If you are a senior living in the East Point or College Park community and need help with yard work, small jobs around the house, or more, please call the church office 404-761-3183 and

leave your name and number so that we can plan to help you on our Community Service Day in June or beyond. Also, if you know someone, a neighbor or friend, in the surrounding area that needs help, please call.

This will NOT be a ONE DAY event but an on-going effort to reach out to our community and friends!



Graduation time is just around the corner!

We are looking for our high school and college graduates from EPFM!

Please contact Dana Avery at 404-363-2272 or the church office so you can be included in our Higher Education celebration in June.



The 2 Grown MEN would like to thank **2nd Story Cafe** for sponsorship for 2013

Sweet Auburn Music Fest!

Come enjoy the music and support Carlos Porter!



Sunday School is a place where you can develop personal relationships while you grow in God's word. Sunday School is the place where you can ask tough questions and don't have to feel intimidated in doing so. In Sunday

School we have invigorating discussions. We challenge one another to think deeply about life issues.

I INVITE YOU TO EXPERIENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Julia Allen, Sunday School Team Leader

Breakfast is free for children at 9:30am each Sunday and adults are asked to give a small donation.

Allow your children to continue SCHOOL in the summer...that is SUNDAY SCHOOL!