

**Ezion-Mount Carmel UMC
Weekly News Update
Week of May 28, 2017**

**THE LORD
HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US
AND WE ARE GLAD!
Psalm 126:3 ~ 2017 Church Scripture**

Highlights of Senior Pastor Vern M. Bryant's Message

"Growing Churches"



Text: Acts 2: 42-44

The task of "growing churches" is like growing plants. Some are lush, some struggling, and some dead. Both need nutrients to grow successfully. In his sermon, Pastor Bryant shared information about what we need for healthy growing churches. He turned our attention to the Book of Acts for a resource for church growth. In today's scripture we learn that the first church, the church at Jerusalem, began on the Day of Pentecost. The church grew because the conditions were right. The believers had an evangelistic concern. They grew through *outreach*—reaching out to persons one at a time with the gospel and doing good follow-up. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer." (v. 42) They believed that power represented dependence on the Lord. The early church was full of love and prayed for the transformation of hearts and minds and relied on the Holy Spirit. "All the believers were together and had everything in common." (v.44)

The God we serve is able to transform us. How do you know when you have been transformed? You feel it in your heart, and it boils up on the outside. God is able!



Bible Study

Bible study resumes on Tuesday morning, June 6, 2017 at 10:00am and Wednesday evening, June 7, 2017. (see the attached guidelines)

Family Ministry's Couples Retreat

You are invited to Family Ministry's 2017 Couples Retreat at the Wilmington Westin by the Riverfront on Saturday, July 29, 2017. Come join us for a spiritual and nurturing event that will enrich your lives as a couple! Contact Pat Jenkins, Andrea Wise, or Verlie Gaither for a brochure which contains the registration form. The first payment of \$40 is due on June 13, 2017.

United Methodist Men's Fish Fry - June 10th

Sandwiches—\$8.00 Fish Platters—\$11.00
All proceeds benefit the Ezion-Mount Carmel Samuel H. Mason Scholarship Fund.

Health Fair & Panel Discussion:

"What to do when stopped by the police"

Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 1:00pm

Panel discussion members include members of the Wilmington Police Department., the Delaware State Police, and the Delaware Parole Board.

*Come and bring your children & Friends!
A light lunch will be served at 12:00pm.*

We ♥ Our Church Family!



Seasoned Saints JUNE Birthdays!

Phyllis Cropper	June 1st
Paul Boddy	June 7th
Marian Brister	June 20th

God's Empowered Tweens (G.E.T.)

What: A Mentoring/Tutoring/Music Enrichment Prog

Who: Children 9-12 years old from Compton Village

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays - 9/2017 to 6/2018

Internet Cafe Access: All school-aged children from Compton Village Mon-Thur. 3:30-5:00pm

Why: "Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors"

Goal: To help children develop a moral compass: a spiritually-based, successful future, and to develop in mentees some tools & ways of thinking and behaving that will lead them to achieve their highest potential

How Funded: Wilmington Urban Ministries \$5000 grant and EMC In-kind Ministries' Time/Talent/Materials.

Our Request: Your Prayers

Program Managers: Judi Gupton Wiley & Etheline Thomas

Please Help. . .Needed

2 More Mentors

Computer Café Overseer to monitor room

EMC Ministries to donate and serve meals

The following supplies (See sign-up sheet in lobby):

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| 12 3-ring binders | 12 packs of colored markers |
| 12 poster boards | 24 pencils & 24 pens |
| 12 glue sticks | 12 scissors |
| 12 tissue boxes | 12 bottles of hand sanitizer |

12 hardback journals

Greeting card cardstock w/envelopes

Individually wrapped healthy snacks

(i.e., nuts, granola bars, trail mix)



THANK GOD FOR FATHERS!

Let us praise those fathers who lacked a good model for a father, but who worked to become good fathers.

Let us praise those fathers who were not always there, but who now offer their grown children their love and support.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold that child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have lovingly and honorably "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love has continued to nurture us.

Amen



***Any man can be a father,
but it takes someone
special to be a dad!"***