

# The Messenger

Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church

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## July 2023

### Pastor's Message

*2 Corinthians 5:7 states, "For we live by faith, not by sight."*

We have come this far by faith and as beloved children of God, we are blessed to continue this journey called, "LIFE." As we continue to enjoy life, remember that the best and most beautiful things are not always seen. For example, the love we feel, the joy we express and the memories we hold are vital to us and for the fruitfulness we share. Most of all, it creates an abundance that no one can take away.

This month as we enjoy the sunshine and smell flowers, let us continue to get rid of all the weeds in the garden of our lives. That is, we need to remove those things that obstruct our relationship with God and with each other. We might also need to continue to be good stewards of all that God has given as we serve and share.

I say this because I believe that there is always good within humanity as the Holy Spirit moves with and among us. There is something good, right and true that forces us to think about, reach out and serve others because of Jesus Christ. And if the truth is told, there is always the spirit of love, laughter and gratitude as we love, worship, serve together, and work together.

Our worship experience is inspiring, spirit filled and wholesome as we strive for perfection. We know that we are not perfect but the God we worship and serve is perfect and is always present.

Therefore, continue to join us for worship and get a glimpse of God's love.

And if you have never joined us, come, see and taste that God is great and good. But most of all, amid all the chaos and busyness of life, you will be able to see only through the sight of God as you live and love by faith.

So, this month, have permission to do a little more and give a little extra for God's ministry and mission as you take time off to be with family and friends.

*HAPPY JULY WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS!*

*+Pastor Alecia*

### We **WELCOME** All

Fisk United Methodist Church is a loving community of believers and servants with open hearts. We extend our welcome to all people, celebrating differences in age, economic reality, nationality, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, abilities, and limitations.

- We invite all to find a spiritual home with us and to share in the fellowship, worship, sacraments, ministry, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation.
- We affirm the gifts and graces of all persons.
- We are committed to be a fellowship in which all persons feel a part of our family.
- And, we invite you to work for justice with us.

Statement of the Administrative Board, Fisk UMC, 2019

**All persons are invited to Fisk UMC Summer Worship Service, every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. To connect by telephone use either of these numbers:**

**+1 646 558 8656 US**

**Enter Meeting ID: 994 3325 8889**

**+1 312 626 6799 US**

**Enter Meeting ID: 994 3325 8889**

**By computer, tablet, or smart phone, use this link: <https://zoom.us/j/99433258889>**

**Or visit [www.Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us) and enter Meeting ID: 994 3325 8889**

## Worship

### For Personal Reflection & Spiritual growth

For continuous learning and reflection please find time to read the following. In addition, may you be strengthened and inspired to continue to go out and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

<b>July 2, 2023</b>	<b>Susan Carney</b>
Psalm 13 & Romans 8:18-29	Matthew 10:40-42
<b>July 9, 2023</b>	<b>Deborah Hernandez</b>
Psalm 16: 5-11	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
<b>July 16, 2023</b>	<b>Terry Ames</b>
Psalm 37: 7-17	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
<b>July 23, 2023</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Psalm 46	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
<b>July 30, 2023</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Genesis 9:8-17	Matthew 13: 1-33, 44-52

**"Read as you study, study as you live, and live well!"**

**+ Pastor Alecia**

Please email the Church Office at:

[FiskOffice@FiskUMC.org](mailto:FiskOffice@FiskUMC.org) to choose a date to be a liturgist. There is also a liturgist signup sheet located in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you!

## Summer Worship

- *Reflection on John Wesley Covenant Prayer continues to the end of July.*

- *Worship Service is 9:30-10:30 a.m. in rooms 8 & 9 every Sunday until August 27, 2023.*

## Thank you, Fisk UMC Family!

### Fisk Family's response to help



There was an urgent need for assistance by the Interfaith group based on the governor's request. A few families reached out to assist.



"We are Fisk." We are a part of the United Methodist Church that believes in the, "Social Principles."

As we strive for social holiness, we work for

social justice with peace for all persons.

Thanks, with much gratitude for those who stepped out with humility to touch the lives of others.

## United Women in Faith



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Women  
in Faith

**The Hannah Circle** The Hannah Circle will not meet in July, & August; they will resume back in September.

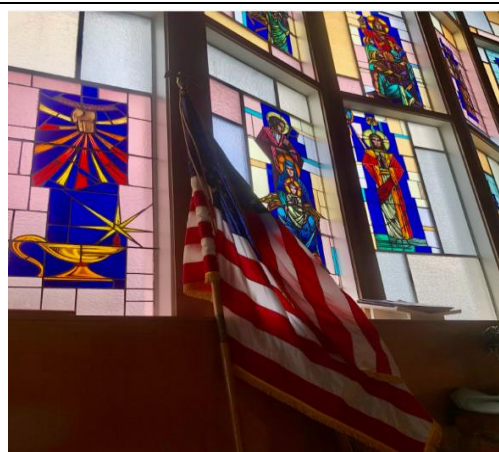
## Stewardship

As we all look forward to summer, please remember your stewardship commitment. The ministries of Fisk continue in the summer, and the needs for financial support continue as well. If you cannot attend our summer casual worship at 9:30 am on Sundays, you can mail in your support check to the office, marked "Financial Secretary", or utilize the easy electronic giving option on the Fisk website. Contact Crystal with any questions. Enjoy your summer and thanks for your continued support!

Stewardship is...

the opportunity to serve God and serve your church.

## Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!



**"Blessed is the nation  
whose God is the LORD"**

**Psalm 33:12 (NIV)**

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**



## Christmas in July and August

Thinking ahead to the Christmas Season of Giving! Fisk is in partnership with the United Methodist Economic Ministry in Salem, Maine. (Where we donate our good used clothing etc. THANK YOU for that continued support). Each summer we think about the smell of the Christmas tree, the scent of holiday baking, listening to familiar music, seeing all the glitter of the holiday while shopping for our families and friends.

While you are doing that...consider purchasing a few new toys, packages of underwear (all sizes/genders), items appropriate for adult Gift Baskets and bring them to worship during the summer—add them to **the RED BUCKET in Room 8-9**. They will be delivered to Salem, Maine in the early fall. They set up a **Christmas Shoppe** for their clients to shop for their families. Toys, dolls, puzzles, Transformers, Legos, trucks, basketballs etc. For the adults—books of stamps, special hand creams, gloves, hats, calendar books/diaries, underwear etc. Gift Cards are always welcome & appreciated—Walmart, Amazon etc. Please leave them in the office with Carolyn or give them to a member of the Mission Committee.

Bring an item each week! Have your children shop for "another child." Purchase a winter jacket for a child in Maine

This is being in "partnership" ...we support them financially, with clothes, Christmas Gifts, sell their Maple Syrup and have had work groups go and do small tasks around the center.

Can we fill more than one bucket? I think so!

Janis Cail, Janis Townsend, Mary Greenwood and Marcia Hoyt  
Mission Committee members.

### HEALTH / HYGIENE KITS

Each year at the New England Annual Conference in Manchester NH the Mission Team provides a trailer to collect Health Kits and other UMCOR supplies. Fisk delivered 7 boxes of 15 kits - yes, that is 105 kits. THANK YOU for this continued support. The need is always there and let's not stop here.

Continue to bring kits to the church or purchase some of the items and put them in the tall basket in Ogle Parlor. As long as there are disasters, fires, wars, hurricanes etc. there is a need for these kits.

Below is the list of items. PLEASE follow carefully. Items must match this detailed list.

#### Hygiene Kit items

One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27")

No kitchen or microfiber towels

One washcloth

No kitchen, or microfiber towels

One comb Minimum of 6" teeth

One toenail or fingernail clipper

Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)

No Ivory or Jergen's soap

Do not remove from packaging

One adult toothbrush

Do not remove from packaging

10 adhesive Band-Aids (¾ by 3 inches)

One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

Put all items in the re-sealable bag

Leave them in the church office or in Ogle Parlor

We thank you for your participation!

## Fisk Nominations Committee

From Fisk Nominations Committee:

Thanks to all those who have served, and are currently serving as we reach out to those who have not served but would love to serve with others.

We believe God has given each of us multiple gifts. If, and when we use these gifts in the circle, the wider, the stronger and better the circle is for God's ministry and mission.

Special note:

-If you are serving; need to pause to rest or rather be a mentor to others, please let a member of the nominating committee know.

-If you want to continue to serve, to serve on another committee or additional committees, please let a member of the nominating committee know.

- If you have a life-giving or life-changing idea; maybe a person whose gift you have observed or experienced, share with us as we discern with the working of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks, with continuous blessing on each of you for your faithfulness to God. Also, your devotion to God's ministry and mission at Fisk UMC.

The Fisk Nominations Committee members; Pastor Alecia, Dr. Dorothy Phillips, Tom Currie, and Sherry Culver.

## Walk to Emmaus



All persons are invited to the Walk to Emmaus

From October 12-15, 2023 (72 hour)

For Men & Women

Pray that God will speak to you attend and invite others to attend this event. If you have questions, ideas, or comments don't hesitate to email;

[laydirector@crossroadsemmausne.org](mailto:laydirector@crossroadsemmausne.org)

For more information, please visit

<https://www.crossroadsemmausne.org/wp/emmaus/>

## New England Conference Information

**District: 6 - Name: Commonwealth East**

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Massachusetts Ave., Lexington, MA 02421 Phone:

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## New District Superintendent



Welcome:

With great Joy and blessing, Fisk UMC welcomes our new District Superintendent for Commonwealth East District effective July 1, 2023- Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan.

Rev. Digan last appointment was the pastor of Good Shepherd UMC in Malden, MA, where she was appointed in 2011.

Bishop Johnson said. "Nizzi understands how to grow urban churches and is skilled at developing and using community partnerships to foster outreach. She will be a great asset to the Commonwealth East District."

Rev. Digan will follow the Rev. We Hyun Chang, who, after six years on the Cabinet and as we say good bye and thanks to Rev. We who now becomes the Director of Connectional Ministries.

Rev. Digan was ordained by Bishop Peter Weaver in 2006, and became the first Filipina elder in the New England Conference.

She remembers what her mother said:

"My mother always said, 'Find a UMC wherever you go and you'll find a home there,'" Rev. Digan said.

Her mission:

"My mission is to let people know and experience the amazing grace and love of Jesus that changed me and continues to work in my life,"

She is faithful and busy:

She currently serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry and as a Candidacy Mentor. She is also the Clergy Spiritual Director for the Crossroads Emmaus of New England.

Her previous appointments include Lynn, Everett, and East Saugus, MA, as well as serving 10 years as the Port chaplain with Boston Seafarers Friend for the Port of Boston.

Welcome Rev. Nizzi, our new DS with joyful blessing on this next journey.



## Celebration!

At the Annual Conference Bishop Peggy Johnson re-appointed Rev. Alecia Reeves-Freeman to Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church for the 2023-2024 year. We rejoice and celebrate in that news and look forward to moving Fisk forward with her guidance!

## Altar Guild



### **Altar Flowers:**

If you would like to order flowers in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, the signup sheet and order forms are on the Office bulletin board. It is \$50.00 for an altar arrangement and you may take the

flowers home after the Service. Thanks for being a part of honoring and remembrance celebration.

## From the Church Office

### **FISK CHURCH STAFF**

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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**August Messenger Deadline:  
Please submit information by  
Friday, July 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**