

The Messenger

Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church

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June 2017

Pastor's Note

We welcome another glorious month that God has given to us at Fisk Memorial United Methodist church. God continues to bless us in so many ways and we are thankful. We count our blessings and give thanks for each of you who give, serve and share in so many ways; leading, playing an instrument, cooking, teaching, singing in the choir, greeting & welcoming, counting, preparing coffee hour and communion, ushering, attending meetings, caring, creating, reaching out in mission or just sitting in silence on the pews. We say thanks!

As we say thanks, and experience the joy in serving together, we know that God is directing us as the Holy Spirit is moving us. So as we continue to travel this journey, let us be ready to continue what God wants us to do and experience joy in the sunshine of June days. Most of all, let us go and live with joy among all God's people.

As we live out that joy, this month we will be celebrating Father's Day on Sunday, June 18. Therefore, from all of us at Fisk Memorial UMC, we say "Happy Father's Day" to all men (fathers, uncles, grandfathers, brothers, cousins and nephews) everywhere; especially those who have kept their dignity and continue to serve God and humanity.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY with blessings!

Pastor Alecia

Summer Church Office Hours

June 18 through August 18

Tuesday
Wednesday
Friday
9 AM – 1 PM



Worship Highlights

6/4 COMMUNION and celebration of PENTECOST

Note: red is the liturgical color for today.

6/11 PEACE and JUSTICE SUNDAY. Guest speaker, Rev. Cesar Freitas, Brazilian Free UMC Winthrop, MA

6/18 FATHER'S DAY – MEN'S DAY SERVICE

7/16 & Worship in the sanctuary at 9:30am

7/23 (Family Promise guests will be in Rooms 8 & 9)

Please be present and prayerful as we continue to experience God in new ways; especially during these summer months. As we do, may we be and feel blessed to enjoy the sunshine and continue to shine for Jesus Christ.

Effective Sunday, July 2 to Sunday, August 27, worship will be in rooms 8 & 9 at 9:30 a.m.



Happy Father's Day- June 18

Though named, Father's Day, I affirm Men's Day because men have different roles to play; many are father, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, sons, cousins and nephews. So this day, may all of them be blessed.

June 2017 – Bible Readings

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

6/4	Acts 2:1-21	John 7:37-39
6/11	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
6/18	Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7	Matthew 9:35-10:8-23
6/25	Psalm 86:1-17	Matthew 10:24-39

Pastor Alecia

INSPIRATIONAL WORDS FOR ALL MEN:

Too often we don't realize what we have until it is gone.

Too often we wait too late to say "I'm sorry - I was wrong."

Sometimes it seems we hurt the ones we hold dearest to our hearts.

And we allow foolish things to tear our lives apart. Far too many times we let unimportant things into our minds.

And then it's usually too late to see what made us blind.

So be sure that you let people know how much they mean to you.

Take that time to say the words before your time is through.

Be sure that you appreciate everything you've got. And be thankful for the little things in life that mean a lot.

-Unknown

Pastor's note: *Go out this day to lead the way for others to follow.*

**Family Promise Host Week:**

July 16-23, 2017

According to a Boston Globe article in Feb 2017, the number of homeless families in Massachusetts has more than doubled over the last eight years. Children make up 60% of the 13,000 people in homeless families on any given day.

As Christians, we are called to respond by providing a helping hand whenever we can and by learning more about the challenges our brothers and sisters face as they try to get back on their feet. You don't have to travel to far-away places to do this- You can help without going outside of Natick!

From July 16-23, we will transform rooms in our building into a "home" for four families. After a day at work or school, guests (up to 14 of them) will arrive at Fisk for dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a few hours of outdoor play, relaxation, crafts, games or quiet time. By 10pm, it's lights out for them as everyone will be up by 6:30 a.m. to return to the Day Center (at the former Baptist Church downtown) for a quick shower and breakfast before leaving for their day's activities.

We need YOUR help with this important program. Can you help set up rooms, prepare part of a dinner, act as a host/hostess for dinner? Perhaps you can buy groceries for lunches or breakfasts? Or sleep....yes just sleep- at Fisk as an overnight host? If so, please contact Debbie Friscino (fris@rcn.com) or use the link below to sign up.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11M-jEPfUBeRRqKJbIOR4IL-9VVQrntKude86go_gCeA/edit?usp=sharing

(The link can be found on Fisk's website by clicking on "more" from the banner on the top right corner, then "ministry sign-ups" from the drop down menu.)

Prior to participating in the program, it's important for you to attend a training to learn more about the program and our role as hosts. If you have never attended a session or want a refresher, plan to attend the training at Fisk on **TUESDAY JUNE 6th from 7p-8:30p.**



*Make Your Own Sundae, Crafts,
Disney Movie Showing*

Summer Fun for All Ages!!!

*Join the Fun and cool off with
Ice Cream Sundaes and a
family friendly movie - movie is optional
play games, do crafts or just relax!*



We are “off to Maine.” Want to join us?

The Missions Committee has scheduled a very short MISSION TRIP for June 19-21. We will travel to Hoyt’s lake house in Harrison Maine for the evening on the 19th and then to the United Methodist Economic Ministry site in Salem, Maine for the day on the 20th. We will return to Hoyt’s, and home again on Wednesday.

Last year was our first year and it was very successful! Eight Fisk adults went along and we did many different projects to help out for the day; mowing the lawn, folding flyers, sorting clothes and linens, organizing and shopping for their food pantry...to name a few.

We are planning a similar day in June. We encourage anyone to join us. Speak to any of those who participated last year (Carneys, Pat Price, Townsends, Lois Potter or the Hoyts). We also enjoyed the fellowship together and our time before and following the Mission Work.

Please speak to Marcia Hoyt if you are interested. Help us serve those in need.

³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me.

Matthew 25: 35-36

BREAD SALE...June 4!



families with school age children.”

We have been having BREAD SALES on the first Sunday of each month to support Daniel’s Table, a program to “eliminate hunger in Framingham

June 4 will be the last BREAD SALE for this season. Would you contribute a bread (any kind-banana, white, whole wheat, cranberry, muffins, etc.)? Just bring any contributions to church on June 4 and we will set up a table during Fellowship Time where you and others can buy a bread ...or two. These funds go directly to the Framingham project! We thank you for your previous support, we are getting very close to \$1000.00 (including some extra gifts).

Happy Father’s Day

Each day in the village of Maziyya, Zcharia and her children had to trek downhill to the river and then back uphill several miles each day, just to get water. And the water was not clean.

Today her village has safe, clean water outside their doors. Their village is one where UMCOR/CWS has helped bore deep wells that reach down to the aquifer where the water is clean. Thank you TOOLS OF HOPE.

Edith and her five children live in a rural town in Maine and do not have sufficient heat in the winter months. They barely survive some winters with a malfunctioning wood stove needing proper venting. The children struggle with breathing problems living in this situation. This past winter, all has changed for them. A new heater was installed and kept them warm and healthy for the first time in years. THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS. These are just a couple of stories that have been helped by volunteer work-teams supported by our gifts.



Father’s Day this year you can “give the gift that keeps on giving.” For the gift of \$10.00 (minimum) you can help



bring water to a family, help rebuild their roof or provide needed construction help to have a safe home.

TOOLS OF HOPE is an ongoing program of support and partnership for developing areas as well as those who have experienced natural disasters.

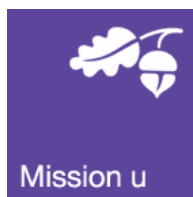
Our Missions Committee has been asked to “make available FATHER’S DAY CARDS.” These cards have been designed to honor or remember any dad, grandfather, dad-to-be, or any “father figure” in your life.

This is a Church World Service program in connection with United Methodist Committee on Relief.

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO VOLUNTEER?

Fisk staffs the Natick Food Pantry on the second Thursday of each month from 4:50 to 8:00 p.m. This is a great way to support our “Neighbors in Need.” It is quick, easy, no preparation, no clean up — a win-win. You just assist the clients with their food choices and get them bagged. They come in 15 minute appointments and the time goes quickly, but the service is helpful as we “make a difference”. We are looking for three to four more people who are interested in serving the community in this program.

Each year, United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women members prepare for faithful living and action by participating in mission studies. Mission studies are offered each year - a **geographical, topical,** and **spiritual growth** study. These studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.



Study Topics for 2017

Spiritual growth:

A Covenantal Community Part 1

Geographic:

The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church

Issue/topic study:

Climate Justice

Where and When

July 21-23, 2017

Friday Noon through Sunday Noon

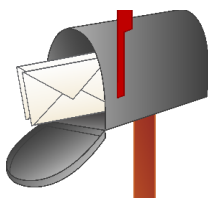
Southern New Hampshire Univ., Manchester, NH

www.neumc.org

This is a wonderful opportunity for men, women, your children, grandchildren and/or teens – there is something for everyone. Scholarship money is available. Childcare is available also. Speak to Sherry Culver or Barb Beekman if you think you may be interested.

Missionary Mail

Each month we are listing a missionary in service to God through our United Methodist connection. Please send a card, email or note to these people telling them that you are praying for their well-being, their work those they are serving. If you get a response that you would like to share with the Fisk congregation...post it on the Missions bulletin Board in the hallway. Who knows—you may become pen pals. Great idea for children too.



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Birthday June 17

Thanks for your support of our May Yard Sale. We profited about \$1000 for Mission work to women, youth and children locally and globally. Our giving supports the Natick Food Pantry, Natick Service Council, Family Promise, Cooper Community Center, Jane Doe Inc., and local Fuel Assistance as well as other causes.



Are you looking for a Book to Read?

We have many inspiring and enjoyable books to be read on the bookshelves in Ogle Parlor as part of our UMW Reading Program Resources. We have books for women and youth; consider us your lending library. Feel free to borrow a book and return it to the bookshelf when done, so others may enjoy them as well.

Books are chosen yearly, based on these categories:

- ***Education for Mission***
- ***Leadership Development***
- ***Nurturing for Community***
- ***Social Action***
- ***Spiritual Growth***



I'll be setting up a table in Whipple Hall during coffee hour once a month, to bring these selections to you. Also look on the UMW bulletin board for pictures of some of our available books.

Terry Ames

UMW Program Reading Resources

*Are you an early riser?
Could you be on occasion?*

Our church prepares and serves breakfast to the Charles River Rotary Club at Fisk EVERY THURSDAY morning at 7:15 a.m. You get reimbursed for any expenses and the profit (usually about \$100 a week) goes into our church budget. This is a fundraiser. We need more cooks/servers. If you are interested call Marcia or Gary Hoyt.



**Music & Movement Time
For Kids Ages 2 To 7**

June 3rd & 17th, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The event is FREE! No registration is required.
For more information and pictures of past classes, visit:
www.fiskumc.org/music-and-movement.html



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This month we have been called to pray, pray, pray.

There have been so many of our Fisk Family that have experienced life issues, health problems, and daily living concerns. We lift them all up to God and place them in His loving hands, and know that *"Every good and perfect gift is from above."* James 1:17.

In this confidence we can be assured that He is with us all and laying His loving hands out in comfort to all of us, but especially ... Debi, Donna, Laury, Michelle (for a speedy recovery-ankle surgery), Peggy Morrell, Yeruslem Amanuel, the parents of Deborah Hernandez, Cheryl Gates, Janet Martin, Judy LeBlanc, Edwina J and Wendy P, Tiana Lela and her mother (at home), Judah Clifton, Giovanni, Josh Leedy-Andreozzi and Asia Leedy-Andreozzi, Alana, clergy, District Superintendents and Bishop of NE Conference, Chris and Andy Howard, Jackie, Hugh, Sara and LB Manis, Grace Ricardo, Donna Douen, Carol Drew, Lorna Thompson, Doug Knapp, Carol Dunn, Dight Crain, Ethel Longworth, Wilbur Eason, Marty Griffin, Linnea Fisher, Jim Moran, Arlene Freeman, Margaret Smith, Johnny Baker, Jeffrey Potter, William Gates, Helen Hollingworth, Ruth Hagan, Carolyn Carlson, Anthony B, Janet Sponagle, Michael Igo, Dr Belinda Forbes, and Mat and Kayle Pellitier.

Be confident in His care and concern, and ... "Love the Lord your God with all your heart" Luke 10:27

Cards were sent to all on our Caring list at the end of April.

Thanks to all for the good food and serving help at the potluck supper. Thanks to Tom Currie for the great Banjo music during dinner, and to John and Danny for our wonderful Hymn Sing. I believe a good time was had by all.

This month, altar flowers and Mothers Day carnations were taken to Bettie Magee.

Peace, love, prayers and blessings.
Pat and Marilyn

Marilyn Donnelly and Pat Price, Co-Chairs
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Ministry of Caring

Where Faith and Life Connect!

CLOTHES for MAINE

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It is that time again...cleaning our closets and finding a new home for good, clean, wearable clothing. For the last 10 years + (I think) we have been collecting clothes and delivering them to Salem, Maine to a United Methodist Economic Ministry. These are sorted, divided and sold in one of two THRIFT SHOPS. These shops are one of the main resources of clothing and funds for helping the residents in the Western Mountains of Maine.



It is important that the clothes be in wearable condition. Is it something you would give to your sister? If the answer is "yes," then it is something you could donate to this agency. We prefer that clothes be folded and bagged in paper grocery bags. They are easier to handle and carry than large plastic bags that become very heavy. All sizes, and seasons are welcome. Shoes, boots too. They even have a Prom Shoppe each April and May ...so if you have a Prom Dress you can donate, here is a place to make a teen girl very happy as she shops for an affordable dress. We also take good, clean linens (please label them with the size bed they fit).

These donations may be left in the wooden box outside the church office or brought to the Hoyts house on Bacon St. If we are not there, put them on the porch where they cannot get wet.



**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION
FOR THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE
OF THE MESSENGER
BY JUNE 23RD, 8:30 AM**

Education

On Sundays during July and August, all children attend the service until after the children's sermon ... then they leave for a lesson and play, lead by Kelli Garrant and a helper. Sometimes the children will return to worship just before the singing of the last hymn.

-Education Commission

GET READY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



We are taking a trip, so grab your passport!

July 10 to 14 ~ 9:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

at Fisk Church

*****Mark your calendar, spread the news,
invite your friends!*****

Fisk Youth

For youth and their friends in Grades 6 – 12

Youth Fellowship Leaders: Bingxin Xu and Tian Zhang

Meetings are held after Sunday services and we gather for special activities periodically. Friends of Fisk youth are always welcome to attend MYF meetings and events.

Reminder: to view MYF pictures and schedule updates, see <http://www.fiskumc.org/youth-and-children.html>

What's happening in Summer?

June 11 MYF

June 24 Six Flags trip

In July Movie night at FISK

In Aug Kelli's farewell party

How to contact Bingxin and Tian: For youth-related activities, email to fiskyouth@gmail.com. If you have an idea for a youth program or wish to volunteer, contact them or Sherry Culver, Youth Council Chair, sherrycd@comcast.net

Finance & Stewardship

We at Fisk Memorial UMC are committed to a spiritual life of stewardship. With prayerful thoughts and grateful hearts, we continue to reach out, to give, to share and to serve. But most of all, we continue to honor our connectional giving.

The importance of connectional giving is the foundation of our joy; especially seeing the impact of our generosity in our families, the church, our communities and around the world.

Due to the transformation, we capture stories and share them on the second Sunday of every month during our worship service and as part of our on-going stewardship.

If you have a story to share, to empower someone or encourage them in their giving (Time, talent, tithes) speak with Larry Drolet, our Finance chairperson. And never forget that God loves the cheerful giver and will increase our territory. With thanks and gratitude as you send in your gifts before vacation begins.