

The Messenger

Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Note

As we plan for better weather, vacations, graduations, family reunions, weddings and other events, I would like to remind you of a gift. Though you cannot see it, smell it, hear it or feel it, you can surely live it. That is the gift of LIFE.

I am saying this because, if we have life, we can have faith. Faith becomes a lasting resource when all else fails. Hence, we still have the breath of life and faith at Fisk.

As you plan for the next few months, hold onto faith; do not lose it, bury it and toss it away. But also, take a leap of faith and send an extra gift to the church to enhance ministry and mission of Christ's church this summer. I am affirming this because life is a gift and as we live, we can live a life of faith and leave a legacy of faith behind by our giving and sharing.

HAPPY SUMMER!

-Pastor Alecia

June 2018 – Bible Readings

For continuous spiritual growth even as you travel and spend time with family and friends, continue to read and reflect on the following scripture passages:

<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
6/3: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
6/10: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
6/17: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Mark 4:26-34
6/24: Psalm 9:9-20	Mark 4:35-41

Bible Study

Starting the month of June, there will be a new study on the Book of Matthew designed and taught by Pastor Alecia. If you believe in living in a faithful community, join us at 9:15am every Sunday. Come, bring your Bible and your heart.

An Inspirational Moment

Food for thought:

"Choosing to be positive and having a grateful attitude is going to determine how you're going to live your life."

(Don't we know it! When we are grateful for what we have we will always have everything we need.)

"When you focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that you are always blessed in abundance."

(Sounds like Pastor Alecia!)

"You can change your world by changing your words... Remember, death and life are in the power of the tongue."

(Our tongue is a powerful part of our body. We at Fisk should always try to use it wisely!)

Quotes by a famous preacher

Worship Highlights

IN JUNE:

6/3 Holy Communion

6/17 Father's Day (Men's Day) Service

LOOKING FORWARD:

From July 3 until August 26, worship will be held in Rooms 8-9 at 9:30 a.m. Come prior to worship for a hymn sing led by our Music Minister, John Bybee. Many from our congregation find this summertime worship setting refreshing and community-building.

Look for more news in the summer Messenger.

Diane French
Worship Chair

🎵 Music Ministry 🎵

Fisk Family Singers - Summer Singspiration

All Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church members and visitors are honorary members of the Fisk Family Singers! Please join us at 9:20 every Sunday in July and August as we enjoy singing our favorite hymns prior to the 9:30 a.m. worship service!

Evangelism

Natick's Open Door + Fisk + Food + Fellowship! **Thursday, June 28 – 5 p.m.**

The Evangelism Team is coordinating a night to serve at Natick's Open Door on June 28. This program provides an evening meal every Thursday at 5 p.m. to anyone who wishes to attend. The meal is served in Sherrill Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church across from the central Fire Station on East Central Street. Our meal includes salad, meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, and dessert.

A volunteer sign-up form will be in the Sunday bulletins on June 3 & 10, and the meatloaf pans and recipe will be in the church office. Check your gifts and talents and let us know if you can make, bake, bring, or serve. Stop by the Sign-Ups table in Whipple Hall after worship. This is a wonderful service opportunity for families.

Vision & Gift Card

If you have not returned your vision & gifts card from last week, please do so with prayer and praises. Put it in the collection plate on Sunday, leave in the church office or mail it to the church. We appreciate your thoughts and your sharing to carry on God's ministry and mission. Thank You!



Sunday June 10

Hamburgers + Hot Dogs + Salads + Kids Games
and Activities + Crafts + Make Your Own
Sundaes + Friends + Family + Fellowship =
Fisk Church Picnic following worship!

Coordinated by the Evangelism Team and our
Youth, come to our 2018 Church Picnic!

Do you have a grill?

Are you an amazing outdoor chef?

Will you make a salad or side?

Please contact Heather Oluwole, 508-650-4752
heatheroluwole@hotmail.com.

Mission Possible by Marcia Hoyt

MISSION TRIP #3 --

A group of Fisk members are planning a Mission Trip to the United Methodist Economic Ministry on Tuesday, June 18. Are you interested?

This is the 3rd Annual Trip. If it fits your schedule, we hope you have a couple of days to help our brothers and sisters in Maine. The plan is to travel to Harrison Maine (3 hours) and stay at the Hoyt's home and then Tuesday we leave early and go 2 hours to Salem Maine for the day.



They will outline a few projects for us. At the end of the day we will return to Hoyt's for the evening and back to Natick on Wednesday.

Ask any of us about our experience...Townsend, Barbara Beekman, Mary Greenwood, Hoyts, Cails, Carneys or Lois Potter. We were all educated about the needs of our brothers and sisters...so close to home. The trip was a blessing to each of us. Some of us shopped in the Thrift Shop, great bargains.

Are you interested in joining us? See Marcia Hoyt,
Susan Carney, Jan Townsend or Janis Cail

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE—FATHER'S DAY

Tools of Hope is a program that supports many countries with the tools they need to advance their communities. YOU can purchase a Father's Day card that supports this agency with tools for building projects. Each card is \$10.00 and can be given to any dad, grandfather or father figure in your life. Cards will be available at Coffee Hour on June 10 & 17.

UMCOR Health Kits

(United Methodist Committee on Relief)

YOU completed 94 Health Kits for the 2018 collection at Annual Conference. Sherry Culver and Marcia Hoyt will deliver them to Manchester NH to be transported to an UMCOR Depot. Fisk's were added to those from around the New England Conference and will be distributed to those in need by UMCOR.

Local VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to bag a few groceries 2-3 times a year? Fisk Church volunteers at the Natick Food Pantry on the second Thursday of each month from 4:50 to 8:00 p.m. We would like to add your name to our volunteer list. Speak with Gary or Marcia Hoyt.

CLOTHES FOR MAINE

Do you know that Fisk has committed to collect good, clean, used clothing---things you might give to your sister to wear?

The United Methodist Economic Ministry in Salem Maine supplies three Thrift Shops through our connec-tional church system. This Mission Site serves many, many families in this under-served area of the Western Mountains of Maine. Their revenue is dependent on us; our pledges and our clothes that they sell for very reasonable prices. Many residents in the area shop here, regardless of their income level.

NOW...about the clothes. They are best if folded into paper grocery bags. They are much easier to move around and get to their destination. They take clothes for all seasons, all ages and all genders. Children's clothing is always appreciated and needed.

Where to bring them? Two options...

1. The wooden box outside the church office.
2. Drop them at Hoyt's home---8 Bacon St. If we are not home, just put them "on the porch by the side door." There is a table there so they will not get wet.

Thanks for your support for all these projects from Marcia Hoyt, Janis Cail, Susan Carney and Janis Townsend---members of the Mission Committee.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Cruising Down the River

That is what we will do on Tuesday, June 5. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Fisk to travel to Cruise the Essex River on a boat and then make plans for lunch and/or shopping. Cost is \$20.00 plus lunch. Call Susan Carney for more information. 508-655-6148.



Thank you for all of the donations for the Spring UMW Yard Sale and Bake Sale. All your cast-offs and extra items around the house have helped us support our MISSIONS. We set up for three days, priced each item and hoped the public would come to shop...and they did! We made over \$800 and then we brought the remainder to Saver; they pay us by the pound for certain items---totaling over \$60.00. Thanks for your items and for all of you who worked a few hours...especially to the men for packing up and delivering the goods to Framingham.

UMW Reading Program

Summer is a great time to catch up on your reading. UMW has a library in the Parlor and if you read 5 books...one in each category you will receive recognition at the Spring District Meeting. Check out the books.



Questions

Terry Ames has the answers

EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 25 - 29, 2018 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Adult/Youth Volunteers Needed



Are you ready to venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive? We need volunteers to be a part of our Crew to help make Fisk's 2018 Shipwrecked VBS a success! For one day, two days, or the week -- you have the opportunity to be blessed as a VBS Volunteer!

We are looking for leaders, coordinators, and crew members for the areas of:
Bible Stories -- Crafts -- Games -- Groups/Ags Leaders -
Music/Song -- Snack Coordinators

We are also looking for help to set-up and decorate Fisk Island on Sunday, June 24 following a Time of Fellowship.

Please contact Amy Bruns to volunteer!
(508) 653-0000 -- amybruns35@gmail.com

MEN ~ WOMEN ~ YOUTH ~ KIDS

Mission U



Mission U invites you to experience education and transformation. Mission U is an annual event offering opportunities for adults, youth and children to grow spiritually, learn about issues affecting society and experience Christian mission in its many forms.

Summer School for your Spirit!

Mission U will be held July 27-29 at Southern New Hampshire University, just outside of Manchester, NH. Details, information on courses, and registration forms are located online at the New England Conference website, <http://www.neumc.org> or in the church office. For more information, contact Barbara Beekman or Sherry Culver.

m Ministry of Caring m

Prayers, cards, notes, emails, and calls added to a very busy May for the Ministry of Caring. We know that God hears and answers your prayers and that he cares for each one of us.

New Prayer Bears have been delivered, and they have come to live with us for a bit in the back of the sanctuary. They have all received tags, and are ready to be taken to their new home – in someone's heart. Please take a bear to someone in need and let them know that they are being thought of, and lifted up in prayer. A moment in time with someone when they are going through a difficult time means a lot. *"You are never, ever forgotten or alone."* Hebrews 13:5



The source of all caring is God's love. We do not want anyone to feel alone or trapped in hurt. Help people reach out in hope by showing them you care.

Marilyn Donnelly and Pat Price, MOC Co-Chairs!

Finance Committee

Stewardship

As God's people of faith, we have been called to reach people and touch lives that are waiting to be transformed by God. Hence over the years, we have trusted in your faithfulness to share your gifts; tithes, talent and time. Because of your faithfulness, missions, community & fellowship, spiritual formation and education, worship, pastoral care and our presence in world ministry and missions are possible.

Thank you for who you are and all you do to make God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. However, this year we are experiencing a shortfall in one of your gifts; tithes (pledges). Though we have faith in God to meet this challenge, we trust that God will use each of us to meet this challenge together. Therefore, as we prepare for the summer, prayerfully give a little extra as we walk on water with Jesus Christ as our guide, supporter and strength. To this end, I believe that joy comes when we work together. Thank you and may God richly bless us and increase our territory.

The Stewardship Committee

Fisk Youth

For youth and their friends in Grades 6 – 12

Youth Fellowship Leaders: Bingxin Xu and Tian Zhang

MYF meeting June 3 at 12:00PM!

First Fridays at Fisk will not be held in June.

All youth and their families are invited to attend the All Church Picnic on June 10th

See details on page 2 of this newsletter.



MUSIC & MOVEMENT TIME FOR KIDS AGES 1 TO 7

June 2 – June Bug Jitter

June 16 – Dad's Rock!

11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

Kids! Join us and bring your dad along on June 16!

Dance to some fun songs he might remember from the 80's & 90's!

The event is FREE! No registration is required.

For more information
contact/email Deborah Hernandez
deborahlhernandez@gmail.com

From Fisk Church Office

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 18

the Administrative Assistant will be in the office

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

Tuesday ~ Wednesday ~ Friday

Full week schedule resumes on September 20th

Fisk Prayer List

*Please keep these people in
your prayers . . .*

The deadline for submissions for the
July/August issue of

The Messenger

9AM on Monday, June 22

June Celebrations!

On May 13th we celebrated the baptisms of **Gibson and Robby Row**, sons of Rob and Marisa Rowe.

Susan and Tom Carney's first grandchild, **Mason Alexander**, arrived on May 8th. Proud parents are Kate & Colin Macdonald.

Mike and Amy Bruns daughter, **Madeline Bruns**, was joined in marriage to Andrew Colvin, at Fisk Church on Sunday, May 27, 2018.