

The Messenger

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Pastor's Message

This month is 'Holy Conferencing' for the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church. But it is usually a time for new ministers and new ministries to transition. And yes, it is also about God's beloved children reflecting on and re-imagining what ministry and mission could and can be.

So, this month, I would like to say thank you to each of you and the gifts God has blessed us with at Fisk. Thanks for being an ardent part of our faith community. As we continue to strive, let us open ourselves to greater and better things. Let us forget the former things and those things that obstruct our relationships with God and all our neighbors.

As we celebrate new life and the new things that God will continue to do at Fisk, I want to extend Fisk's blessing on all the graduates and those moving on to the next level in their lives and/or careers. Know that God is walking with you with the blessed assurance that, 'surely goodness and mercy will follow you' all the days of your lives.

Life goes on with or without us but we cannot go on without the One who walks with us and fulfills promises. Hence, it is my prayer that this month we engage in holy conversations with all persons to listen, learn, love, and live. When we do, we will be inspirations for the greater and better things to come. We will be the empowerment for new and striving ministries and we will gain wisdom to share. Go and do!

+ 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

For Personal Reflection & Spiritual growth

For continuous spiritual growth and reflection, read the following Scriptures that have been selected for our worship this month.

June 5, Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17, 25-27
June 12, Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 19, Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 26, Galatians 5: 1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

Log in information for ZOOM Services

<https://zoom.us/j/93666906008>

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Connect by telephone use either of these numbers.

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Or visit www.zoom.us click "Join Meeting" on top right. Type in **936 6690 6008** in the "Meeting ID"

Worship

June 5: Communion Sunday

June 19: Father's Day- Join us as we celebrate all men; fathers, brothers, sons, uncles, and others still alive and remember those gone ahead to glory.

Coming soon-Summer Sermon Series

The Lord's Prayer Starts July 3 to August 21. You can join in person or on Zoom and be blessed.

June Liturgist Schedule

June 5,	Terry Ames
June 12,	Susan Carney
June 19,	Amy Bruns
June 26,	Susan Carney

Please email the Church Office at:

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!

Worshipping with our neighbors

On the first Wednesday of each month, we host a worship service for residents at Whitney Place. This outreach has been supported by your gifts as we remain blessed to be a blessing to others.

Thank you for your commitment to on-going stewardship that makes it possible for Pastor Alecia to be present with you, and our neighbors; those who are homebound, those in nursing homes, those who are ill, those who are facing and recovering from surgeries, those who grieve, and those who are in need.

Thank You:

To our Christian Education Director, Susan Carney and the devoted servants of Sunday School teachers for preparation and celebrating all our amazing children of Fisk UMC with the giving of Bibles.

Coming Soon: Youth Mission Week

Fisk UMC is partnering up with Community UMC to co-host Youth Missions Week **July 11th-15th 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Open to all Fisk and Community UMC youth in grades 7th through 12th. This program will be free for Fisk and Community UMC youth and

will include fun activities and mission projects. To register your child, please email the Church Office at: FiskOffice@FiskUMC.org Volunteers are needed for preparing: food/drinks, games, morning and afternoon devotions, and various daily activities. If you would like to help in any of these areas, please contact the Church Office at: FiskOffice@FiskUMC.org

Evangelism

Fisk UMC – The Alive and Welcoming Presence

We have a new look at Fisk UMC. It started before Easter and it is on-going with thanks for a grant from the United Methodist



Foundation. We have been working to have Fisk **"Look ALIVE!"** especially after these past two years of Covid-19 outbreak and striving through.

Based on the planning and discussion earlier this year, members of Council of Ministries brainstormed ways to let the community know we are still alive. Yes, and we are yet **Alive!** Hence, we started to add colors to the front lawn with a goal to create a welcoming outdoor space with large banners blowing in and out as signs for hello, embracing and welcoming hands. Next, there are seats at the foot of the cross to spend time in reflection and lawn chairs to relax in for conversations, meet with friends for lunch or just rest. In addition to shooting some hoops, playing some games or just hanging out in a safe, healthy, and blessed environment where God is always present.

These additions are being fully utilized. Therefore, keep your eyes open to see what we will add next. More importantly, join us in using the space and encouraging others in the community to use the space.

Help us **"Look ALIVE"** and **"Be ALIVE"** as we continue to welcome **ALL** of God's beloved children.



Missions and Outreach



Yes, June is here and we celebrate FATHERS. There are so many FATHERS or Father-role models in our lives. How can we recognize them in an appropriate way? Ties are going out of style and golf balls are expensive. Does he really need another tee shirt? June 19 is coming! We have the answer and it is so simple, yet so important to so many and very affordable. (Plus no wrapping after you find a box!)



The Missions Committee has a selection of Father's Day cards to support this program of Church World Service in providing TOOLS to communities and areas that are rebuilding their homes after floods, hurricanes etc. These also help people build and dig a well for safe, clean water. (CWS is a mission partner with the UMC)

For just \$10.00 or more you can bring joy and compassion to people and places when disaster strikes...AND give your FATHER (grandfather, uncle, husband, brother, son-in-law) a special meaningful gift.

Cards are available at Fellowship Time on Sunday June 5, 12, and 19. They are also available in the office during Carolyn's office hours.

Checks: Payable to Fisk UMC (memo-Fathers Day)

Natick Food Pantry

If this is a way you would like to serve, call Marcia or Gary Hoyt 508-655-0077. Fisk serves on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3-6pm. We greet the client as they come for their "appointment." We assist them in bagging the groceries they choose for their family. Goal is to move them along the shelves to keep within the scheduled time frame. They are grateful for the food items they receive and we are just there to facilitate and be a caring helper.



Another FATHER'S DAY option—

We also have Father's Day Cards that support **UMEM-United Methodist Economic Ministry** in Salem Maine. These funds will go to their building fund as they are planning to expand their facility. They support the underserved people in the Western Mountains of Maine with a Thrift Shop, Food Pantry and many other services. This is part of our United Methodist CONNECTIONAL church system.



What has been happening?

The Missions Committee met recently to "map out" the next few months. We hosted Fellowship Coffee Time in May to display and promote some of our emphases here at Fisk. Watch for more information on the Bulletin Board.

Committee-Janis C., Janis T., Kelli G., Mary G., and Marcia



JUNE 7, Tuesday at 4:30pm

Susan C. is the organizer! Promises of fun, prizes, something to eat, questions and answers. Join in the celebration!

Come find out what we are celebrating.

Mark the date. More to follow.

The purpose of United Women in Faith has not changed but we have a new mission statement inspired by input from over 24,000 Christian women across the country.

OUR MISSION

To connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

*Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
-Romans 15:7*



Reading Program Have you chosen a couple of BOOKS from the Reading List for your summer reading? Amy has details.

Prayer Shawl Group meets all summer-Wednesday at 10 usually at Fisk. If we change the location we will post it on the red doors. Janis C. has details.

Mission u is happening in July 22-24 at Southern NH University in Manchester. Marcia has details.

Health / Hygiene Kits Keep the list in your wallet and pick up a few items as you shop this summer. We just delivered 125 Kits to the local Depot.

Congratulations!

Send cards to friends, **pray** for our church and our United Women in Faith, stay in touch with each other.

YARD SALE report

Each year we ask--

Where does it all come from?

How much can we get for it?

Who wants this? What is it?

RESULTS—almost \$1500.00

for Mission work locally and world- wide. Many, many woman hours in preparation and on the day of the sale. Thanks to the men—we could not do it without you -- at the end of the sale. Thank you so very much. Thanks to Tom Carney for setting up the tables, putting up signs, etc. Thanks--Everyone that helped get the word out. We have many followers that plan on this sale twice a year.

They ask when is your next YARD SALE? Do you have an ATM machine here? I need more cash.

So begin putting your treasures that you are ready to “recycle and pass on” into a box or container.

October is not far away...just kidding.

Terry Ames, Janis Cail, and Ainslee Wicks-our fearless leaders.

Prayer Box / Prayer Wall

Prayer is the master key that can open and close all doors. When you find the need to pray with the assurance that others are praying for and with you, leave a prayer in the prayer box on the front lawn of the church, on-line on our website, or just call and speak with **Pastor Alecia**. (617) 966-7048.

If there is an additional need, join the Prayer Line:
Every Wednesday, from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dial: 1-(716) 427-1083, Access code: 580274#

Remember that no one walks alone. We at Fisk UMC, are willing and ready to travel the journey with you.

Congratulations

GRADUATION CELEBRATION:

- Lela Tiala Darrah from Pre-School, in Maryland, heading to kindergarten.
- Sarah French as a graduate of Natick High School.
- Elizabeth Mayo from Grafton High School, Grafton, MA on June 2nd, and is heading to Champlain College in Burlington, VT.
- William Garrant from Keefe Technical, Framingham, MA on June 1st, and is heading to Paul Smith College.
- Addie Trisha Darrah with a Masters in Quality Assurance Management with concentration in Reliability Engineering from California State University at Dominguez Hills.
- Congratulations to Madeline Colvin, who graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law with blessing on her parents, Michael and Amy Bruns and joy for her Fisk family.



Education

The last day of Women's Bible Study before summer break will be Thursday, June 2nd.

Sunday School

We are so proud of all of our Sunday School children! Great job learning how to look up Bible verses and learning about God's word! Our last day of Sunday school before summer break will be Sunday, June 12th.

Fisk will offer Nursery care during Sunday Worship Service for children Kindergarten age and younger through the summer.

From the Church Office

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New England Conference
The United Methodist Church

CELEBRATING OUR BISHOP WITH THANKS



This year our New England Conference will celebrate Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar into retirement on June 11, in Manchester, NH. We are all invited to the festivities and help support a gift in his honor that reflects his

ministry and mission; especially the care of the Clergy by him establishing the "Pastors Respite fund". Please make a donation to Fisk UMC, memo: "Pastor's Respite Fund" and Fisk UMC will send a united gift to: UMFNE 34 Route 111, Suite 102 Derry, NH 03038

Our thanks with blessing for him, his wife, Prema, and his family for sharing him with us.

Thank You Lord!

Note: This month, the New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet in Manchester, NH and also on ZOOM from June 8-11 of its annual meeting. Please keep the conference leadership in prayers with blessings for each church in the conference.

NEUMC CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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