

The Messenger

Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message

We welcome another glorious month in the presence of God. It is another month given to us at Fisk United Methodist church but also to humanity. May God continue to bless each of us as we remain a presence of blessing to others.

As God continues to bless us in so many ways, let us be and remain thankful. Let us count all our blessings and give thanks for each other and the work we do together. Most of all, let us remain committed to serve and share in all the ways possible to all the people we can and at all times. Therefore, this month we say thanks with gratitude as each of you take time for self-care and family vacations. Also as you continue to remember the love at Fisk and your commitment to God's ministry and mission here as you relax and/or rest.

As we say thanks, we can experience the continued joy of sharing and serving as the Holy Spirit moves in our midst. Let us continue to live and let go of the clutters of life, not be distracted by the chaos of the world, keep our calmness during times of confusion and never give up on each other.

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. Most of all, those who have stepped out and up to be Fathers to the fatherless.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY with blessings to all our beloved!

+ Pastor Alecia

Father's Day is- June 18

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

+ 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
Worship Service, every Sunday at 10:30 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 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.

June 4, 2023 - Susan Carney

Psalms 89:14-18 & Matthew 28:16-20

June 11, 2023 -Debbie Friscino

Psalms 24, Romans 14:7-19, & Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18, 2023 -TBD

Psalms 143:6-12, Hebrews 13:20-21, Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 25, 2023 -TBD

Romans 6:1-1, Isaiah 43:1-3, & Matthew 10:24-39

"Read as you study, study as you live, and live well!"
+ Pastor Alecia

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!

SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer worship starts from June - August with a Sermon series on 'John Wesley Covenant Prayer' in June and July.

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Summer worship updates:

Please note the updated times for summer worship services:

***On Sunday, June 4 only.** - Worship service is from 10:30am-11:30am because of the fellowship (Congregational BBQ) right after the church service.

***From Sunday, June 11- Sunday, August 27-** Please note: Worship services will be from 9:30am to 10:30am every Sunday in rooms 8 & 9.

Special notes:

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

-Our thanks and appreciation to Susan Carney and Carolyn DiSciullo for their presence and being God's blessings for all of our children.

Save the Date!

You're Invited to a



**It's an
All Church Barbecue**

**after Worship on
Sunday, June 4th!**



Wear your picnic clothes, bring your outdoor games, and plan to gather on the lawn for lunch, fellowship, and games.

Special activities for all! And Ice cream sandwiches for dessert!

Fisk is providing chips, hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream sandwiches. Anyone can bring a salad or side to share - not required and no signup needed. If you'd like you may bring a box of cereal for the food pantry.

There are fun activities and games planned - we will simply hang out and share a meal together before we all go various places for the summer.

Trustees

Cemetery Lots Available

The Fisk Trustees would like you to know that we have been gifted a large cemetery lot (several adjacent burial spaces) in the Glenwood Cemetery in South Natick. We are working with the Glenwood Cemetery Association to understand how we might subdivide the 12 burial graves and make them available for purchase by our Fisk community at a discounted price. If you are interested in buying two or more of these burial sites, please contact Thom Townsend, David Cail, or Geoff Del Sesto for more information.

Sunday School

What a wonderful year it has been with these amazing children of God! This year we studied the many miracles Jesus performed, the Apostle Paul's journey and how he spread the Good News, and we also learned about service and helping others. We are beyond proud of all of the children in class!

The last day of Sunday school before summer break will be June 4, 2023. We will then celebrate the great year with Fisk's Church wide BBQ during fellowship time on June 4, 2023. God bless each of you! Have a wonderful and blessed summer! 😊

-Carolyn DiSciullo and Susan Carney

Sharing a powerful prayer:

God
In a world full of noise
help us to find calm.
In a world full of violence
help us to find peace.
In a world full of loss
help us to find a compass.
In a world full of fear
help us to find courage.
In a world full of hate
help us to find love.
In a world full of loneliness
Help us to find community.
in a world full of hopelessness
Help us to find You.
Amen

Norman Thombs
Director Camp Mechuwana



United
Women
in Faith

Pollinator garden is in!

Thanks to the work of many in the Fisk community and our friends, the garden is

underway. We've planted many perennials that will bloom from spring til fall. We're praying that Gammons Park becomes a haven for pollinators for years to come.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO HELP! If you'd like to contribute to the garden fund, please send your donation to Fisk with a note that it is for the garden. Monies will be used for additional plants, mulch and garden supplies.

And, more importantly, plan to spend time enjoying the space this summer. Snap a picture of bees, birds, butterflies buzzing around the space to share with UWF.

Thanks! The Spring YARD SALE

was a success. While we don't have final information about monies earned from the PINK BAG collection, **the yard sale itself raised \$1,000 for local missions.**

We appreciate everyone who donated items, shopped, staffed the event and sorted donations. We couldn't do it without your support.

The Hannah Circle The Hannah Circle will not meet for June, July, & August; they will resume back in September, (leadership needed).

The Susanna Circle will meet Thursday, June 1st at 3 PM at Margaret Lowe's home for a "Coronation Tea".

Prayer Requests for

Lord, in Your mercy and with thanksgiving, hear our prayers;

Fisk Family

- Prayers for George Freeman and Pastor Alecia's family for the loss of George's sister Massa Ellen Freeman.
- Prayers for Mother Lois Potter who is recovering at home

- Prayers of comfort for Pastor Alecia and family on the loss of her sister Oretha Reeves-peal, and her Aunt Edna Reeves-Gibson.
- Prayers for Candice (Nareece Cole's daughter) for recovery and healing after surgery.
- Prayers for our siblings Barbara Beekman, Pat Price, Margaret Lowe, and Mark Owen for healing, recovery, and wholeness.
- Prayers for Rev. Rolland for continuous strength, and Diane French on their recent move.
- Prayers of blessings and peace for mothers Winnie Sinclair, Ethel Longworth, Florence Young, and Judy Farrell.
- Prayers for all our siblings who are facing surgery, healing, recovering, or need comfort and peace.

Continued prayers

- For the families and victims of all violent acts.
- For all elderly members, friends, and relatives
- Unity and Peace for this nation and the world.
- For childcare staff, school administrators, teachers, and all children around the world
- For refugees and immigrants, everywhere
- Those who are struggling: financially, emotionally, spiritually, and physically

Friends and family

- Prayers for Kevin Holt (friend of Margaret Lowe) for medical issues
- Prayers of healing for Bianca (Claire Prince's friend.)
- Prayers for Suzanne, diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease (Marilyn Donnelly's family friend)
- Prayers for healing with comfort for Emelie as she recovers.
- Prayers for Barbara Rafferty, (friend of Terry Ames,) diagnosed with cancer.
- Continuous prayers for Doug Knapp, Marty Griffin, Jeffrey Potter, Giovanni, Janet Morrell, Carol Milne, T. Ray Henry, Carol Olson, Barbara Prescott, Donna Douen, Debbie Caswell, Tom Gillespie, Susan French, Donna Tronec, Dale Heron, and Gerry Billingsley.
- Prayers for continuous strength for Elisa's dad and mom as they relocate.

Residents in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- Carole Becker, Helen Hollingworth, Pat Whitaker, Betty Wicks, Carol Drew

Clergy

- Prayers for Rev. Dr. Shaderick Minor and family as he recovers from a mini stroke

Our Fisk Mission Partners

- Staff and families served at FACE Children's Center, Family Promise, UMEM, Cooper Community Center, other United Methodist local, and global missions

- Prayers for our missionaries serving Christ: Dr. Belinda Forbes in Nicaragua; Mat and Kayle Pelletier in South Africa, and others who are serving around the world.

In the Military Prayers for Erik Maloney, Joey Coraccio, and all others serving in the military.

Prayer Box / Prayer Wall/ Prayer line

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 on the prayer wall, in the prayer box on the front lawn of the church, on-line on our website, or just call and speak with **Pastor Alecia at (617) 966-7048.**

Join us on the prayer line, Wednesdays 6:00 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. You can also find private time to stop at the cross and pray individually or invite family and friends.

Evangelism

Save the Date!

Fisk will have a presence at Natick Days! Can we count on you?

September 9th, (raindate Sept. 10) Natick will hold its annual information and fundraising event for nonprofits in town. We'll greet members of our larger community and share some information about our warm and welcoming congregation.

We need volunteers, so please put it on your calendar. Can you share your smile for an hour or two? Can you hand out a prayer card? Can you answer questions about Fisk, or help with setup or cleanup?

Evangelism will lead this endeavor.
All you need to do right now is *Save the Date!*

MISSIONS

HAPPY
FATHER's
DAY

CWS Tools

AND

What is the connection? What is all the BUZZ about?

At Fisk for the last couple of months we have been hearing about BEEs and Pollinator plants. (Thanks to Keith Garrant and UWF.)

You can BEE part of this BUZZ. Church World Service annually promotes **TOOLS of HOPE** –usually as a Father's Day gift or a giving opportunity.

Whether someone is rebuilding after a disaster or fleeing their home, when neighbors have access to life-changing tools, un-BEE-lievable things can happen. You can BEE a part of that change by pollinating the world with good through CWS Tools.

CWS TOOLS providing empowerment for people. \$100 can provide tools for such trades as carpentry, plumbing and farming for refugees, asylum-seekers and survivors of trafficking.

JOIN THE BUZZ and BEE PART OF THE HOPE

Purchase a \$10.00 card and send it to a Father for his special day.

Available at Fellowship Time or in the office during Carolyn's office hours.

See the Bulletin Board in hallway.

SUMMER CHALLENGE

During the summer months the Mission Committee challenges you to find ways you can "make a difference."

Giving someone a ride

Volunteer at the Natick Food Pantry

Help at Family Promise

Donate clothes to go to the Maine Ministry

Sharing your produce from your garden

Helping a mother with young children

Knitting a Prayer Shawl

Offer a ride to church or shopping

Mowing a neighbor's yard

Baking for a new neighbor

Doing yard work at FISK

Pay-it-forward at Dunkin' Donuts

...and the list goes on...

How did it make you feel?

Please share your volunteer project on the Bulletin Board in Room 8 and 9...where we will worship during most of June, July and August! Add your



name only if you wish.

Blanket the World with LOVE

We did just that. During the month of May you donated \$700.00 for 70 blankets. You are touching the hearts of people you will never meet. You are bringing hope to people that are hopeless and bringing hope to people that feel so disenfranchised. Each recipient THANKS you!

MISSION U

The "U" mean YOU. This is a conference –wide weekend at Southern New Hampshire University ...teens and children also included. More information on another page.

From Family Promise:

Urgent Need: Gift Cards!

Gift cards offer essential support when families enter shelter, and help address unexpected—and unbudgeted—needs for families in other programs. They help buy PJs and sneakers for kids, work boots for a new job, medical supplies for an unexpected illness, or simply supplement a tight food budget. Please consider donating a gift card to Walmart, Target, Stop n' Shop, or Market Basket if you can!

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. But most of all, to love and be loved.*

"To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides" - David Viscott

Community Announcement.

On May 16, Pastor Alecia started a short prayer and reflection time at Cedar Garden, Natick, MA upon request of the Association's president, Sandra Green. It is our hope that it will be held monthly from 2-2:30 pm, resuming in September with future dates to follow. The theme was 'May Flowers in Colors.' – How new life comes in a diversity of colors like flowers of God's creation. Pastor Alecia shared printed flowers, seeds and left behind other things to be given away. We look forward to more participation after the summer

MAPLE SYRUP is here again!



Quarts-just \$20.00

Pints- \$10.00

This supports the ministries of Salem Maine, serving the underserved of the Western Mountains of Maine.

Call the Hoyts 508-655-0077 or the church office

months. Thanks for your gifts that make this ministry possible.

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.

New England Conference

Our **New England Conference** will be held in **Manchester, NH from June 8-10** with clergy sessions all day on Wednesday, June 7. Please keep the bishop, cabinet, clergy, and delegates in your prayers for a time of holy conferencing, unity, and peace. You can also watch the sessions on live streaming on the conference website.

NEUMC CONFERENCE INFORMATION

District: 6 - Name: Commonwealth East

Website: www.neumc.org/CE Address: 2600

Massachusetts Ave., Lexington, MA 02421 Phone:

(781) 861-0249 District Superintendent: **Rev. We Hyun**

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July Messenger Deadline:
Please submit information by
Friday, June 23, 9:00 a.m.



CONGRATULATIONS to:

- **Mikey DiSciullo** for graduating from elementary school to middle school.
- **Dwayne L. Stanley Jr. (DJ)** for graduating from middle school to high school.
- And to all other graduates known and unknown. We are proud of each of you.

A special congratulations to the Stanley Family-

A young family at Fisk UMC who started a family legacy farm, (Licrucian); a CSA for healthy and creative living. It is a fully organic farm that supports the preservation of the environment while considering climate changes.

*Congratulations to Dwayne, Aljani, Tiffany, and Dwayne Jr. (DJ) for this vision of healthy living and to reduce food insecurity.

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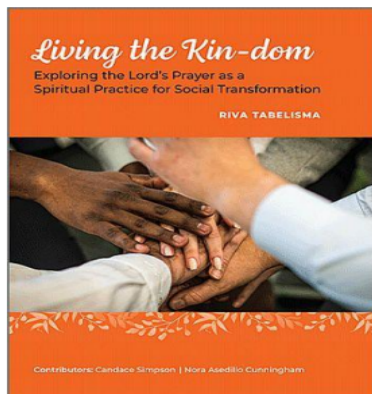
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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Mission u – 2023 FACT SHEET

The “U” means YOU. You are encouraged to attend this event. It is co-sponsored by the New England Conference and the United Women in Faith and OPEN to ALL...men, women, teens and children

LOCATION: Southern New Hampshire University

2500 North River Rd. Manchester, New Hampshire 03106

DATES: July 21 - July 23 (Friday 2PM through Sunday noon)

STUDY: Living the Kin-dom --Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation

BOOK: Your responsibility is to order your Study Book ASAP. These can be ordered from the UWF (formerly UMW) e-store Item # M3378 \$14.99

Living the Kin-dom

Each year, we are encouraged to prepare for faithful living and action by engaging in transformative educational experiences at Mission u events. These events are centered around Mission u curricula that are designed to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.

Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign (basileia) of God. In fact, Jesus mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels! What does the Bible tell us about God's basileia and why do we call it the kin-dom? For Jesus, the kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we could live and experience. From the Lord's Prayer to the beatitudes to the parables, this good news is at the heart of Jesus' preaching, teaching and ministry.

Let's explore together the heart of Jesus' good news and what fresh vision it offers us as we seek to be in mission today. Fisk may have funds to help with the costs. Information from Sherry Culver or Marcia Hoyt.

REGISTRATION/COSTS: DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2023. Late fee applies after this date.

Adults: \$280.00 per person, double occupancy

\$330.00 per person, single room

Very limited number of single rooms---First paid is first served

Youth (13-18 years) \$170.00* Rooming with parent

Children (5-12 years) \$125.00* Rooming with parent

Additional children from one family: Youth and/or children: Costs is \$50.00pp for more than one child

Commuters/Weekend (includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and dinner)

Adults \$110.00, Youth \$65.00 and Children \$45.00

First-Timers Adults (having never attended Mission u in the past)—we are giving you 50% discount for a double occupancy when registered for the weekend **by June 30.**

Late fee is \$50.00 per person for registrations mailed between July 1-14.

Last date to register is July 14.

Costs are refundable only until July 14, if you should need to cancel.

*UWF encourages our children and youth to attend Mission u by off-setting their costs/registration fees—resulting in this lowered fee.