

# The Messenger

Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church - 106 Walnut St., Natick, MA 01760

March 2013

## Reflections from Pastor Mark

We are midway through our Lenten pilgrimage now, reminding me of the great first verse of Dante's *Inferno*,

*Midway in our life's journey, I went astray  
from the straight road and woke to find myself  
alone in a dark wood.*

Like the Lord Jesus who, "driven by the Spirit," went astray from the normal course of life in order to encounter the depths of his being, we have been given this time to fast, pray and give of ourselves in order to learn of ourselves or, perhaps better said, *to remember who we are*.

*And not only who we are – but who God is, too.* Here is a story, reportedly a true one, which I would not believe except it was related by Madeleine L'Engle, the late and wonderful Christian writer and speaker. The story is about a two-and-a-half-year-old girl and her new baby sister.

This little girl and her new sister were fortunate to have been born to very loving parents. With the new baby's arrival, the parents did everything possible to help their first child feel comfortable and appreciated. They made sure that she received plenty of attention and that she was allowed to hold her little sister on her lap and help change her. One evening at bedtime – the two-and-a-half-year-old was always given some "alone time" after the baby was put to bed – the little girl asked to see her sister. "Of course, honey, we'll take you in to see your sister."

"No," she answered, "I want to see baby alone."

"We'll take you in to see her."

"No, I want to see her alone." The parents were a little uncomfortable with the request but, knowing that a baby monitor was set just beside the baby's crib, they allowed the little girl to be alone with her sister. The child entered the room, went to the crib and said,

"Tell me about God. I'm forgetting."

Extraordinary. I have, myself, often wondered if people are born "knowing" God quite naturally and intimately but lose that knowledge over the course of time as our *self*-interest develops. By the time we grow into adulthood, many of us have forgotten that we ever knew God in the first place. We have forgotten the most essential part of who we are, and we may not have even a clue as to what we are missing. *"Tell me about God. I'm forgetting."*

Perhaps Lent is the spring of our remembering, made glorious in the astonishment of Easter. It is a thought worth considering. I wish you peace and joy as prepare for the challenge of Holy Week and the glory of Easter. May you meet our Risen Lord!

-Pastor Mark-

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## Worship Service Participants and Nursery Volunteers for

# March



Greeters

### Greeters

March 3 – Larry & Michelle Drolet

March 10 – Elizabeth Coates & Nancy Swan

March 17 – Helen Hollingworth

March 24 – Jan, Kate & Caroline O'Brien & Brian,  
Shannon & Carter Murphy

March 31 - Debi Henry & Mark Owen

### Acolytes

March 3– Sarah F.

March 10 – Kelli G.

March 17 – Rose C.

March 24 – Sarah F.

March 31 – Rose C.

### Cross bearer

Thom T.

Matt S.

Ashley S.

Kelli G.

Will S.

### Liturgists

March 3– Rev. Cheryl Gates

March 10 – Mark Owen

March 17 – Abigail Stinson

March 24 – Deanna Leedy-Andreozzi

March 31 - Thom Townsend

### Communion Servers

March 3- Zachary & Sarah Gates



### Nursery Workers



### Nursery 9:00am

March 3– Debbie F. & Jen G.

March 10 – Jennifer F. & Jen G.

March 17 – Jennifer F. & Jen G.

March 24 - Debbie F. & Jen G

March 31 - Jennifer F. & Jen G

### Nursery 10:30am

Scott & Jennifer F.

Sarah G. & Heather O.

Janis C. & Carol S.

Crystal M & Pat P.

Sarah G. & Heather O.

# Holy Week

## Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>



9:45am – Outdoor Palm Processional

10:30am- Worship Service

## Maundy Thursday Service



maundy  
thursday

March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

## Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>



*The Sanctuary will be open for*

*prayer between 10:00am – 1:00pm*

## Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Shadows)

March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

## Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am – 12:00noon



## Easter Sunday Worship services

### Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

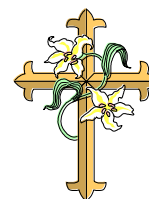
6:43 am - SonRise Service

followed by breakfast (*free will offering*)

then a family friendly movie (*no Sunday School*)

**10:30 am - Easter Sunday Service**

*followed by Coffee Hour*





## From The Missions Commission:

Missions will be collecting Women's interview-appropriate clothing during the month of March. The clothing is to support women in need, through the organization **Dress for Success**. If you are willing to donate something, please see the list

below of most needed items. Please bring all your donated clothing and accessories to Fisk and hang in the hallway outside the Church Office before April 15<sup>th</sup>.

They are especially in need of: suits size 14, trousers size 14, winter coats, stud and hoop earrings and size 3x pantyhose.

Also on their wish list are

- ✿ Professional clothing in sizes 16+
- ✿ Professional clothing in sizes 0 – 4
- ✿ New knee highs and trouser socks
- ✿ Black bags/purses
- ✿ White blouses in all sizes
- ✿ Shoes in sizes 8 -10
- ✿ Jewelry

The mission of **Dress for Success** is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. While we may be best known for providing suits to women, it is our employment retention programs that are the cornerstone of the organization. Soon after Dress for Success was founded we came to recognize



## The Step-Up Kids & Missions Committee is organizing a baby clothing drive for our HOMETOWN!

We will be collecting baby clothing in sizes 0---12 months.... Blankets, bibs, and board books are also welcome.

**Please make sure donations are clean, folded, stain-free and buttoned up.** Your donations may be left in the back of the Sanctuary in the designated basket.



Thank you for those who participated in the February Food Drive! Another great success!



## It's time to order Lilies and Tulips for Our Easter Altar...

Place your order now with the Altar Guild for one or more Easter Lilies (\$9.00 per plant) Or Tulips (\$8.00 per plant) in honor of/or in loving memory of those you wish to remember in this

special way this Easter.

The Lilies and Tulips will be arranged on the altar for the Worship Service on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. You may pick up your plant following the 10:30AM service. Or, if you choose to leave it on the altar it will be delivered to someone on the Fellowship of Concern.

Members of the Altar Guild will be collecting orders and money in Whipple Hall following Worship on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. You may also mail or deliver your check and order in an envelope to the church office. Please mark it: **Attention Altar Guild**.

The deadline for orders is Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

*(Please clip and return this form with your order)*

### please circle flower wanted below:

I/we would like to place an **Easter Lily** or **Tulip** on the Altar on Easter Sunday:

( ) in honor of ( ) in loving memory of

By \_\_\_\_\_

Please word exactly as you wish it to appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you,  
Linnea Fisher, Blanche Ciccarelli,  
Lois Potter, Nancy Swan

Remember to turn your  
clocks ahead one hour on Sunday  
morning, March 10<sup>th</sup>.



## CHURCH YARD SALE

One of our major fundraisers for Missions is our  
Spring Yard Sale. Please start setting aside  
anything we can re-sell, re-use or re-purpose  
for our sale in May.



### Fisk Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are looking for God's hands –  
do you have them?

If you have them, we need them..... to knit, crochet or  
learn a new skill for our Prayer Shawl Ministry.. Sixty – five  
recipients have been blessed with these shawls.

We need to produce more.

CAST ON 60 STITCHES – KNIT 60 INCHES – CAST OFF...  
....that's IT!!

We welcome you on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock in Ogle  
Parlor for fun, fellowship and prayer while we work. If you are not  
able to join us, we hope you would knit at home.

Please call Joanne Billo 508-653-3074 or Winnie Sinclair 508-  
653-3988 with questions. We will get you started.

**April Messenger deadline: March 21 @**

**8:30am**

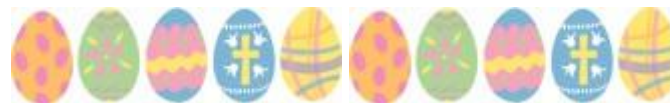
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"The Messenger" emailed to you?

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Newsletter and Sermon page and we'll begin emailing  
The Messengers to you. Our website is: [Fiskumc.org](http://Fiskumc.org)



## Fisk Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 30th at 10 AM.



Come rain or come shine, children ages 1-10 are invited  
to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt and then join us for  
refreshments and Easter crafts in Whipple Hall.

We are excited to offer children and families in our  
community the opportunity to share fellowship and  
Easter treats with our Fisk families and to learn more  
about us and our Sunday School offerings. And, we hope  
to see many of them back on Sunday morning!

What you can do to help:

- hide eggs on Saturday morning at 9 AM
- stuff goodie bags for every child
- greet families and serve refreshments on Saturday  
from 10:00am - 12:00noon
- invite your neighbors, friends, colleagues
- distribute fliers and post card  
announcements in our community when  
available
- serve on the Planning Committee



Questions: Deborah Hernandez & Marcia Hoyt



Look! Up in the Sky!  
It's a bird...it's a plane... No its VBS!!!



We're getting ready for another exciting VBS adventure this summer!

*Join us for this airborne adventure into understanding that*

*Everything Is Possible With God!*

**June 24<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Ages 4 - Completion of Grade 5**

## Would you like to serve your neighbors?

Would you like to help your neighbors who need an extra supply of food for their family?

FISK Church serves at the **Natick Food Pantry** every month on the second Thursday from 5 to 8pm...that's it!

You arrive at the pantry on Webster St. by 5:00pm and help clients...our Natick neighbors needing help this month...choose and bag a supply of groceries. There is an excellent plan for this procedure. We all work in pairs.



Maybe just 4 or 6 times a year!

Speak to Marcia or Gary Hoyt if you'd like to know more.

If Thursdays are not good for you...the pantry is open other times also, BUT Fisk is responsible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month

## Watch our Sunday Worship Services on Natick Cable!

We are broadcasting portions of our Sunday Service on the Natick Pegasus local Access channel. The portion being broadcast is about 30 minutes in length and includes music, liturgy and the sermon. As you probably know, the access channel is in different places depending on your cable provider. Here are the channels for your reference:  
Comcast: 99, RCN: 03, Verizon: 29

The weekly schedule varies and the services will broadcast a few times during a given week, including on Sunday Mornings at 11AM. The most recent service will broadcast on Sunday but you may see others from previous weeks at other time slots during the week.



## **One Great hour of sharing UMCOR - Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join United Methodists everywhere by participating in a special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. This offering is the "backbone" of what makes everything possible. This offering pays for everything from electricity to staff salaries to cell phones and because of this offering, UMCOR is able to pledge that it will use 100% of its donations earmarked for specific disasters and projects on the projects themselves. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is able to make this pledge thanks to funds received during the One Great Hour of Sharing. By supporting UMCOR's headquarters operations, their communication and coordination efforts can continue.



## Voices of Metrowest Concert at Fisk!

On the heels of our very successful concert last November, Fisk will be hosting *The Voices of Metrowest* Saturday night, April 27. *Voices of Metrowest* is a chamber chorus based in Natick and directed by the brilliant composer and pianist Leonardo Ciampa. The chorus will be presenting an all-Italian program, and Leonardo and I will collaborate at the piano as the chorus brings this warm and passionate music to life. Donations to benefit Fisk will be accepted at the door. Those of you who attended our first concert will also not want to miss the wonderful (and delicious!) reception to follow.

Details will follow closer to the concert date. Please join us on April 27 and help us share and celebrate the great talent in our own backyard!

# “Dinners for 7”

## You are invited to join a “Dinners for 7” group!

This is a group of 6, 7 or maybe 8 people-couples and singles. We will divide those interested into groups and ask you to choose a date in April to get together for dinner in one of your homes. (In May, repeat this format at another home-then we may have a picnic together and/or reorganize the groups)

Usually, the host prepares the main course and the others bring a salad, veggie or dessert. You can discuss a particular subject, play a game, just fellowship, study a book or an article, just get to know each other, or even go to a show, concert or play. The idea is to get to know those in our church and your group... and share a meal.



The **Council of Ministries** hopes that you are interested and will join some of us for dinner. Sound interesting? Do you have questions?

Call Marcia Hoyt 508-655-0077 [marciahoyt@aol.com](mailto:marciahoyt@aol.com)

***We would like to have the names of those interested by March 17th so we can form the groups and your group can plan it's April dinner!***

### Lay Leader Reflections

Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday!! Five words but a journey, for us as Christians it should be a period of prayer, renewal and recommitment. Yet, for each of us there are periods in this Lenten Season and during Holy Week that we waver from the path and other times when we just get stuck. For me personally, I ask myself am I focusing on the journey that Jesus wants me to take or have I struck out on my own this time. How can I make it from Ash Wednesday to Easter without being led by God and his Son Jesus? I can't.

Let's continue to walk with Jesus to the cross and the resurrection.

**Scripture reference: Luke 9:23-24.** *Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it."*

**Dorothy J. Phillips,**  
Lay Leader

## Relay for Life



Looking ahead to May 18, 2013  
Fisk has registered for a team of WALKERS

*Put this on your calendar and begin your fundraising for the  
American Cancer Society*

*Online: Relay for Life- Natick*

*Look for the Fisk team "Fisk Church Walkers"*

*More information later!*

*Coordinators: Sherry Culver, Susan Carney and Marcia Hoyt*

**MYF 2013 Winter Weekend Retreat**

*THANK YOU* - to the people who donated food or money, and to the Hoyts for allowing us to use their Maine house for our Winter Weekend Retreat. And Thank You to the congregation at large or your year-round support.

On Friday afternoon, 14 youth and 3 leaders drove to Long Lake in Harrison, Maine. While there we ate, had devotions, ate, played on the lake, ate, went tubing, ate, played indoor games, ate, had a campfire, ate, tried to go to Sunday Worship at a local church (cars got stuck in the snow), ate, played in the fresh snow, ate, and then drove home (stopping on the way home to eat).



It was a great way to end our school vacation week, and to relax. And finally, *THANK YOU* to Deanna, Josh, and Thom for planning, driving and chaperoning our trip.

## **The Fisk United Methodist Women**

invite all interested women  
to a Luncheon  
March 16 at 12 noon



We are hosting the Wayland United  
Methodist Women and other area  
church women.



Speaker is Roberta Bragan  
Bobbi has just recently returned  
from a Ubuntu Mission trip to the  
Philippines.

She will share pictures and  
stories of the "women of the  
Philippines" and her experiences.

If you would like to join us for this program, just call the  
church office or Deborah Friscino 508-653-7657.