

The Messenger

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

May 2012

Reflections from Pastor Mark



One of the perks of my office at Fisk is that it comes with a restroom. (Not meaning to be indelicate – but if you’ve happened to have one cup too many of coffee in the morning, a nearby facility beats a stroll to the other side of the building any day!)

What this restroom lacks is the poster which hung in the restroom of another pastor’s office in which I worked. Don’t have any idea where the poster has gotten to, but I rather miss it: A big yellow-printed rectangle upon which is printed the photograph of a little yellow chick standing in front of a broken egg. Adorable (not a word I often use). Below the picture are these words:

Now what do I do?

I often looked at that poster and wondered the same thing. Followers of Christ – from first to last – are driven to ask this question following the resurrection of the Lord. Perhaps it was actually easier for the first disciples: Caught up in the excitement (and astonishment) of Jesus’ rising, they were instructed by the Lord to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit. They obeyed the command and on the day of Pentecost, Jesus’ words were again proved true: The Holy Spirit anointed the believers with power and understanding. The Church, Christ’s body, a community unlike any other, was born.

The early Church lived by the inspired guidance of the apostles and its life was marked by prayer, fellowship, communal sharing of property and wealth, and explosive growth. It was a dangerous and exciting time, and one thing is certainly clear: Many of Christ’s followers were so full of the Spirit that they gave

themselves over entirely to the new thing God was doing, namely, transforming a world of deep darkness by the light of divine, death-defying love.

Christ has been risen for us, too. And something is required of us in return – not payment, of course (how could we ever pay for God’s love for us?) – but a loving response to God’s redeeming love. *God desires, requires – if we will accept the honor – that our lives become the Good News.* This, exactly, is the answer to our question: Now what do we do? *We are to become Christ’s body for the world – loving, forgiving, reconciling, inviting our neighbor into God’s glorious kingdom.*



In response to Easter and anticipating Pentecost, consider:

- Where do I see the Holy Spirit moving at Fisk Church?
- How am I the Good News of God’s redeeming love?

Blessings to all,

Pastor Mark

HAPPY Mother's Day

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YARD SALE

Re-use Re-cycle Re-purpose Re-sell
Clean-out AND help MISSIONS

Saturday, May 12 from 9:00 AM to 12 noon

Our church holds two Yard Sales a year (spring and fall) and the income supports many mission projects locally and beyond.

1. So, it is a great opportunity to clean out the garage, basement, closets etc...
2. Bring the items to the church and leave them in the Youth Room beginning May 7.
3. If you would like to help sort, organize and price these treasures...come anytime Thursday or Friday and do what you can.
4. Even if no one else is there at that time...you can sort the toys on the toy table, vases on the vase table etc. Un-pack boxes!
5. Usually some of us are in and out during these times...doing what is necessary for a successful sale.
6. What do we sell? We do like working bikes, books for children as well as adults, dishes, kitchen items, toys, tools, baskets, vases, small tables or furniture etc.
7. We don't like---clothes, out-dated computers or ski equipment.
8. We are willing to sell large items or furniture—only with the understanding that if it does not sell...you will take it back home.



Questions? Ask Janis Cail 781-894-1730
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Attention upcoming Graduates!

Graduates of all ages, please let the church office know about your upcoming graduation, so we can recognize and celebrate your accomplishment with you!

Church office (508) 653-1674

Or email us at Fiskumc@aol.com



Natick Service Council April Drop off Report

The back of Tom Carney's pick up was filled to capacity with food that was donated by members of the congregation.

The food was weighed in once again so that it could be part of the report to the foundation that is giving funds and determining the amount by food and monetary donations.

Let's try to keep this momentum up during the summer months as well. Watch for sales on items.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!



Passing of Gladys Ogle

Sadly, Gladys Ogle, who was the surviving spouse of the Rev. William J. Ogle. Rev. Ogle who served in the Southern New England Conference, has passed. A Memorial Service for Gladys is to be announced at a later date. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Pam Raikunen and son, Robert Ogle c/o Robert at 11888 N. Centaurus Place Oro Valley AZ 85737-3455

June Messenger deadline: May 22



Finance Update – May 2012

The faithful support of you the congregation has been a blessing in the first three months of the year, through March, and we must continue to do more. Our financial update:

- Your financial support is now on Budget through March – thank you.
- We are spending less than our budget, but at a cost to our greater commitments
- We continue to pray for improvements in our financial position.



The ministries of Fisk touch so many people in so many ways. Those ministries, as always, depend upon the financial support of each and every one of us. As a congregation, we have responded in the past, and with prayer, cooperation, intentional dedication to growing our church, and HIS grace, we will respond and succeed in 2012.

Members of Finance Committee, which includes representatives from other committees at Fisk:

Michael Bruns (Chair), Pastor Mark Goad, Debi Henry (Lay Leader), Thom Townsend (Chair-Admin Board), David Cail (Treasurer), Sherry Culver (Financial Secretary), Tom Carney (Trustees), Ernest Acquah-Harrison (SPRC), Greg Dickinson, Larry Drolet, Jen Garrant, Dave Longworth.

Former Fisk Pastor, Dr. Fred Yarger, had corrective surgery on his foot recently. He is wearing a hard cast and will be off his feet for the next two months. Cards can be sent to: Dr. Fred Yarger, 30 Golf Course Rd, South Dennis, MA 02660

Car Detailing Services!

Over the next few months, the Fisk Youth Group will be offering a Car Detailing Service on Sunday afternoons from 12:00noon to 2:00PM. Cars will be washed, hand waxed, and interiors cleaned.



See Deanna or Joshua Leedy-Andreozzi or Tom Carney for specifics on pricing, and to sign up for a date and time. Appointments MUST be scheduled in advance.

United Methodist Women

May 1—May Day

A Time for Change—Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
This annual observance gives local **and** district units a chance to study **and** reflect on a particular theme each year **and** to designate funds. The offering in 2012 will enable national mission institutions and international institutions to help the marginalized and the poor, the physically challenged and others, especially women children and youth, who don't have access to information technology that will improve their quality of life. Projects such as computer literacy, information technology training, English as a second language classes, and career enhancement and job-seeking skills will be supported. What does this picture have to do with this program? Come and find out.
Susan Carney is the coordinator.

May 12—YARD SALE

Please donate your used items to this event beginning May 7 items may be left in the Youth Room. See more information elsewhere in Messenger.

We need your help in sorting, selling and cleaning up on Saturday the 12th too.

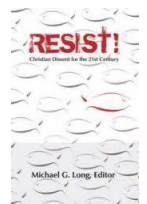
UMW Reading Group

May 9, 2012

10:00AM

“RESIST”

Stories Compiled by Michael Long



Can't make the group ? See any UMW officer to borrow one of these books to read.

Elizabeth Coates will be leading the discussion.

Join us for a Cookout!



Please join your Fisk Family for a cookout and family time, Sunday, May 20th, following Worship Service.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

There will be outdoor games and activities.

Cost \$10 per person, \$20 for family.

All money goes to supporting Youth Group Mission Trip, scheduled in June.

Look for sign up at coffee hour or see Loreen Corrachio, Heather Oluwole, Michelle Drolet or any member of Missions.

Thank you for supporting Homeless Veterans and Dress for Success with you clothing donations!

Hand Chimes Choir

*Did you play the chimes at the pasta dinner in March?
Would you like to be a part of the intergenerational chimes
choir on Sunday, May 20th during worship?*



The Chimes Choir will be playing "Amazing Grace" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Practice will be held Sunday, May 20th at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sign-up in the church office by May 6th!

From the Worship Committee



Pastor Mark's Sermons now on CD!

The Worship Committee has made an audio CD containing the sermons of Pastor Mark Goad and has placed the CDs at the back of the sanctuary. If you or someone you know would enjoy listening to these, please take one or contact the church office so that one can be delivered to you.

As always, the most recent sermons are available on the Fisk Church web site (www.gbgbm-umc.org/fiskmumc). Click the link "SERMONS, NEWSLETTERS & RESOURCES" and then click "Our Sunday Sermons".



New Headphones for Assisted Listening during Sunday Service

The Worship Committee has purchased new lightweight, adjustable headphones to assist those who might have difficulty hearing the Sunday Service. Ask an usher to assign you a headphone. Your headphone will only be used by you. After each service, your headphone will be kept in a sealed plastic bag with your name on it.

An Invitation to Create Something New

The Worship Committee is looking at ways to enhance our worship experiences by integrating more and new visual elements into the sanctuary. These may be in the form of fabric wall hangings or projected images, a different arrangement of candles, the introduction of Christian symbols or natural materials. Worship visuals can draw the eye and the spirit into a different awareness of God's spirit in our midst.

If you would like to be a part of the conversation and creation of a few new wall hangings, please plan to meet with me after church on **May 20**. We will look at some design possibilities and set a series of times when we will actually work with the fabric and paints. Cheryln Gates, Deacon

MYF Mission Trip

During the last week of June, 10 youth and 5 adults from Fisk will be on a Mission Trip to Bloomfield, NJ with the United Methodist ARMY. *United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth (U.M.ARMV) is an opportunity for youth and adults to experience Christian growth through service to others.*

In Christian love, we will be performing physical labor: doing building repairs, yard-work, and light construction. We will work alongside other Methodist Youth groups, meet with and eat with our new friends, and be sleeping on the floor of a local church. *(Pray for us! – physically.)*

Our fundraising efforts have gone well as we have reached 83% (\$5000 of our need for \$6000). If you can assist us to meet our goal, please make a check out to Fisk UMC and put a notation that it is for the Youth Mission Trip. *(Pray for us! – financially.)*

The Fisk members that are committed to this trip are:
Youth: Miriam, Matt, Abby, Eudic, Olivia, Will, Kevin, Emmanuel, Joey, & Kelli. Adult leaders: Deanna & Josh, Tom C, Carol S, and Thom T. *(Pray for us! - As we prepare for this trip, and for a safe trip.)*

United Methodist Men

May 8, 2012 at 7:00PM

“The Holocaust”

Senior Class Project of Charlie Flynn

Millis High School

Grandson of the Longworth’s

Come for dinner and hear what Charlie is studying.

Reservations:

Brad Vining 655-1311 or Gary Hoyt 655-0077

Schools of Christian Mission

Schools of Christian Mission are opportunities to study current issues impacting society. Each School offers classes on a topic covering three themes:

How Can I Participate? Whether a United Methodist Women member or not, you are invited to attend conference Schools of Christian Mission. **Men, women, youth and children!** Flyers are on Bulletin Board. Our UMW has a scholarship for a first-timer and there are also funds for other scholarships.

What Should I Expect? At Schools of Christian Mission, you grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. The studies give particular attention to the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of the mission work of the church.

Schools of Christian Mission also include:

- Worship & singing
- Interest Groups around current issues
- Officer training for those interested
- Audiovisual presentations
- Fellowship events

When are Schools of Christian Mission? Schools of Christian Mission are held every summer. This year the New England School is the weekend of July 27-29, 2012.

Where do Schools take Place? Schools of Christian Mission take place across every United Methodist conference and organized by conference United Methodist Women leadership. This year the New England School will be held at the University of Southern New Hampshire in Manchester. Just an hour away.

Study topics

Spiritual Growth—Immigration in the Bible
Geographical—Haiti: Challenges and Hopes
Social Issue—Poverty

Usually you choose either the Geographical or the Social Issue and all participants will study the Spiritual Growth study.

More information: See Janis Cail or Susan Carney



Please join us any Sunday morning at 9:20 in Ogle Parlor as Pastor Mark leads us in a study of that day's lectionary scriptures. There are about eight of us each week. We can guarantee that you will learn something new or that you have not thought about for awhile. Come and grow in the word of God while in the fellowship of your Christian brothers and sisters.

Nursery Care

There is always Nursery Care provided during Sunday School and Worship time.

Many thanks to those who take care of our youngest.

Class for Preschool to Grade One

We presently have seven members enrolled. These students start the day singing in the choir room and then they report to their class for their lesson.

Class for Grade Two to Grade Five

Again we have seven enrolled in this class . These are Bible studying folk and they would love to have some new members. They start out by singing at 9:10 in the choir room as well.

Jr. High and High School Class

I did not touch bases to get the count from our teachers here but I know that some weeks there is not a seat to be had . How nice ! Of course , we have plenty of seats to bring on in and we welcome new members to study the word of God as well as social issues of the day.

Thanks to all who give their time and attention and love to Sunday School.



Vacation Bible School 2012

August 20 – 24th

5 days of fun and study !
Preschool to Grade 6

At **Sky VBS**, kids discover that by trusting God, everything is possible. The Thrill! The Joy! The Freedom!
The sky is the limit.

Please watch for the sign-up sheet to help.
The number of volunteers will determine the number of students that we will enroll.

Questions to Susan Carney.....

Save The Date!
Sunday, June 10!
Annual Church Picnic!
Men vs. Women Bible Quiz!

Picnic Planning Meeting
Wednesday, May 16 – 8:30 p.m.
Fisk Library

Laity Lines From Our Lay Leader

“The Lord will either calm your storm.....or allow it to rage while he calms you.”



Twenty Questions! How many times have the women won the Annual Bible Quiz at the church picnic? How many times have the men won the Annual Bible Quiz at the church picnic? Name at least two of the books of the bible that have been used for the Bible Quiz! What is the one book in the bible that you hope is “never” used for the Bible Quiz? What are the first two words of every Beatitude recorded in Matthew? What did God say at the baptism of Jesus? Who did you sit next to in church last Sunday? Name the original 12 apostles! Would you rather live without music – or live without television? How would you describe yourself? What did Joseph Gayetty invent in 1857? Which ocean goes to the deepest depths? What does HTML stand for? Noah and his wife had 3 sons – what were their names? Who was known as the Man of Patience? Who was sleeping when God spoke to him? On what day did God create Adam? How many sons did Jacob have? Can you name the 5 state capitals that begin with the letter “A?”



Food Donation Program – Starbucks! Is this a ministry you might be called to serve in? Pick-up and return of containers to Starbucks are Sunday’s and Wednesday’s. Please let me know if you would like more details or would like to sign-up in May. We have helped out Pathways Family Shelter in Framingham, Family Promise Metrowest, Miracle Kitchen at the Salvation Army, Cedar Gardens and Natick Open Door.

CMA Pre-Conference Briefing will be held May 19, 2012 at St. Matthews UMC in Acton, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you would like to hear brief reports about what will be happening at Annual Conference in June, please see me or our Lay Member to Annual Conference, Sherry Culver. If you are interested in attending AC, let me know!



School Supplies for Annual Conference! A goal has been set to have each church in our conference fill a backpack with school supplies to be brought to annual conference. The backpacks will be received during the Opening Worship Service on Thursday, June 7. The back packs will be distributed to schools in the communities of the Conference. A box in the church office labeled “School Supplies – AC” will be there in May and you are invited to give any of the following supplies: #2 pencils, glue sticks, pink eraser, broad tip markers, pencil crayons, pocket folders, package of wide ruled loose leaf paper, spiral bound notebooks, pencil case, plastic ruler, individual package of tissue, 1” binders, highlighter marker, pocket dictionary thesaurus and pencil sharpener. Supplies range from kindergarten, to grade 3 to grades 11 & 12.

***God’s Blessings, My Prayers,
Debi Henry***



Pentecost Sunday – May 27th

Pentecost, celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter, commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in Jerusalem. The image of the tongues of fire that symbolizes the Holy Spirit inspired the United Methodist cross and flame emblem.

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR OUR YOUTH AND ADULTS!



16 from Fisk are heading to New Jersey in June for a mission trip with U. M. Army! Support our youth and adult chaperones as they share God’s love, experience God’s love and know Jesus Christ through work in mission, worship, prayer and fellowship. You are invited to sign one of the prayer sheets in the church office today to be a part of a prayer team for June 2012!

Step-Up Kids: Grades 3 - 5
Pop-Up Kids: Pre-K to Grade 2
Sunday, May 27, 2012

12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$5 per person and signed permission slip due by
May 13th. Child car seat or booster seat needs
to be provided by parents/guardians.



Pizza and Miniature Golf

Memorial Day – 2012

*Please call the church office with names of
veterans- name and branch of service to be
remembered on Sunday, May 27 – 10:30 a.m.*



As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for
the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have
followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.,
Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms.
Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they
stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops. We ask
for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray
your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be supplied with
courage to face each day and may they trust in your mighty power
to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel
our love and support. In His name we pray. Amen.