

The Messenger

Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church - 106 Walnut St., Natick, MA 01760
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July/August 2016

A Message from Pastor Alecia

I am humble to be your pastor and excited that God has placed me in your midst. This is no accident. I have come this far by faith leaning on the everlasting God. I have come to embrace all persons because God has brought us together. I come to express Christ's love to you with genuine, heartfelt warmth and compassion.

My family and I are eager to know you and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways God has blessed us and is working in our lives. Therefore, it is my hope that this year and the years ahead we will establish and nurture relationships, grow spiritually, worship, serve, learn, reach out and be all God wants us to be. Most of all, let us continue to have open minds, pray with open hearts, and open our doors and hands to those who need us the most; the last, the least and the lost.

Pastor Alecia

An Invitation from SPRC

Stay for brunch! On July 3rd we are welcoming Pastor Alecia Reeves-Freeman to our faith community. Plan to stay after service for brunch hosted by SPRC and have time to meet and greet Pastor Alecia and her family. Remember: Summer worship begins at 9:30am starting on July 3rd.

Contributions for Pastor Alecia's Welcome basket are still being collected. If you have something for the basket, drop it off in the church office before July 1st. Items can be those Hidden Gems of Natick, things that make you happy, gift cards or short personal notes introducing you and your family to Pastor Alecia.

Summer Worship Schedule

Starting July 3rd thru August 29 we will be meeting for Sunday Service at 9:30 in rooms 8 & 9. On July 17 and 24 the location will be moved to the Sanctuary to accommodate our Family Promise guests. As in the past few years, our summer worship time will be an informal, relaxed Service.

Pool Party

**Sunday July 10th from 3-5pm
at the Hoyt's - 8 Bacon St, Natick**

Stop by their house to welcome Pastor Alecia and her family to Fisk, cool off in the pool and chat with friends while you enjoy beverages and dessert. Feel free to bring supper or a snack for you and your family if you would like. (Grill will be available).

Altar Guild

Would you like to donate a small vase of flowers, set up an informal altar/sacred space during the summer? There will be a medium size round table available each Sunday in Rooms 8&9. It can be decorated on Saturdays or before 9:00am on Sundays. Contact Barb Beekman, 508-647-4004.

Fisk Family Singers Summer Singspiration

All Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church members and visitors are honorary members of the Fisk Family Singers! Please come join us at 9:15 every Sunday in July and August for Summer Singspiration as we enjoy singing our favorite hymns prior to the 9:30a.m. worship service!

**MISSION
POSSIBLE**

Christmas is Here!

Last month I told you Christmas was coming!

Well, it is here. Let the shopping begin!

The MISSIONS COMMITTEE has decided to highlight our Christmas Gift Giving during July and August. This was reinforced by our "Mission Trip to the United Methodist Economic Ministry" a few weeks ago.

One of the projects that support the people of the Western Mountains of Maine is a Christmas Shoppe. This

is a space where all NEW gifts are stored and the parents can "shop" for their children/family.

There is also space for children to choose a gift for their parents.

They are

given coupons relative to their

income to help with their

shopping. Fisk will be collecting

these gifts until September. They

will then be brought to Maine so

they can have them organized by November.

The suggested shopping list includes:

(most items listed are for all ages, male/female)

Gifts should be NEW and UNWRAPPED! Thanks!

- toys for all ages-infants through teens
- books-all ages
- new packages/underwear
- new packages of socks
- sweatshirts, sweaters
- note cards/stamps
- small household items
- games
- basketballs etc.
- personal care products
- simple jewelry
- newborn clothing etc.
- sets of sheets, towels...etc.



Christmas Gifts may be left in the church office or in Room 8-9. They will be collected often and stored until the "Sleigh goes North."

Thank you, Gracias, Merci!

Fisk collected 48 completed Health Kits for the 2016 collection at Annual Conference. Our 48 were added to those from around the New England Conference totaling 1000 kits. These are sent on to UMCOR and distributed throughout the year to those in need. Those receiving a Health Kit often have survived a flood, fire, drought, tornadoes, earthquakes or just a lack of resources. These kits are also used to teach good healthy habits to third world countries. This is an ongoing project and we will begin again to collect for 2017. Can we double that number? There are seven items in a kit...so if you just purchase one item (or multiples) each month...by next June we should have 100 kits! Information is on the Bulletin Board.

MISSION TRIP #1 -- completed

Eight Fisk members went to the United Methodist Economic Ministries in Salem Maine for a Mission Work Day. We did a variety of tasks to ease their workload and contribute to the mission work.

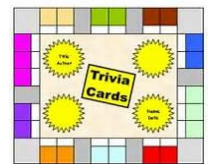
- We heard their first-hand experiences and the history of this Mission site
- Some folded flyers for Annual Conference
- Sorted food and filled Food Pantry boxes for families and then re-stocked shelves
- Lawn was mowed
- Linens measured, packaged and labeled
- Some of us shopped in their Thrift Store
- Some went to a store to buy a supply of jelly

Ask any of us about our experience.....The Carney's, Townsend's, Pat Price, Hoyt's, and 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.

Plan to join us on the next trip.

Missions Committee- Susan Carney, Pat Price, Janis Cail, Janis Townsend and Marcia Hoyt-Chair.

Questions? Call Marcia Hoyt





RECYCLING AND COLLECTIONS AT FISK

✓ Good Used Clothing

For the next four months we will continue to collect GOOD, USED and NEW clothing to be delivered to the United Methodist Economic Ministry, aka Salem, Maine. They are sorted and used to stock three Thrift Stores. Clothing is best when folded into paper shopping bags and left in the box by the office or delivered to Hoyt's porch (8 Bacon St. Natick). We will make several trips through October. Clothing for all ages and sizes, and small used kitchen items.

✓ Beverage cans and plastic bottles



Did you know that Fisk collects and recycles these containers? They are counted, bagged and redeemed in Framingham and the income goes into the Youth Budget. The barrels are in the Recycling Closet near the custodian closet. Just bring your empty, clean cans and leave them whenever you are in the building.

✓ Aluminum Flip Tabs



Before you toss your beverage cans into the barrel, remove the tab and put it in the kitchen container. They will be recycled by the Shriners for equipment and supplies for patients in their Burn Hospitals.

✓ Campbell's Soup Labels for Education

This program is coming to an end in a few months. But until then any UPC codes that say Labels for Education should be left in the container in the kitchen. These are donated to Cooper Community Center for educational supplies. How many can we collect?

All of the above projects are FREE and RECYCLABLE and in turn helps someone else.
Questions? Marcia Hoyt



Ministry of Caring is trying to keep in touch with the church family during the summer months. Our cell phones are on while we are taking summer vacation, just like everyone else. We hope your summertime adventures are very enjoyable. Potlucks for July and August have been cancelled and hope to resume in September.

Weekly review of prayer concerns for bulletins and Messenger are still being done and passed along to everyone. Call us with updates and new requests and have an awesome summer!

Where Faith and Life Connect

Marilyn Donnelly and Pat Price, Co-Chairs
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Lord, hear our prayers for:



- Elizabeth Coates
- Dale Heron
- Linnea Fisher
- Bettie Magee, at Timothy Daniels in Holliston
- Janet Martin at Beaumont Nursing Home,
- Johnny Baker undergoing dialysis twice weekly (nephew of Elizabeth Forte)
- Nancy Parece and family in the death of her sister, Barbara
- Dorothy Phillips' sister, Margaret Smith
- Helen Hollingworth
- Michael Igo – **Military**
- Dr. Belinda Forbes – **Missionary** – Serving Christ in Nicaragua and Mat & Kayle Pelletier – **Missionaries** - serving in S. Africa



Summer is upon us and everyone starts their travels and vacations; we kindly ask that you please keep your tithes up to date. Stay safe and God bless.

Larry Drolet (Chair)

There is still time to submit a picture for the electronic directory. We have more than half of everyone included now but would love to get pictures from everyone else. Send pictures to Sherry Culver, sherrycd@comcast.net. Casual or formal - your choice. I will continue to collect all summer but will give access to the directory to Pastor Alecia on July 1st. Let's make it easier for her to get to know all of us by submitting a picture today.



Summer opportunities!

Mission u This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family. Annually in July the New England Conference and the United Methodist Women co-sponsor the Mission u. You and your family are encouraged to attend. This is for all interested people. Dates are July 22-24, at the Southern NH University. The subjects are:

Latin America

The Bible and Human Sexuality

Climate Justice

More information: www.necumc.org or contact Sherry Culver.

Prayer Shawl Group is looking to have others join us...any Wednesday morning at 10:00am in Ogle Parlor. Come, visit, relax and enjoy the company of others while knitting or crocheting.

Women's Retreat is planned for August 13-15 in Harrison Maine. Contact Amy Bruns, Terry Ames, or Janis Cail.

See flyer on bulletin board...



Fill My Cup Lord

Reading Program – Terry Ames, Program Coordinator

Want a good read on the beach, or while you are on vacation this summer? Pick up online or check Ogle Parlor, to see if the book is on the shelf.

Tilly

Coffee, Tea & Holy Water

I am Malala

Miss Brenda and the Loveladies

I love Growing Older but I'll never Grow Old

Not Worth Saving

Just Mercy

The White Umbrella

Cured but Not Healed

My Life by Christina Schofield

Children and Youth

Coaltown Jesus

Lend a Hand

Dreaming in Indian

Crazy- by Linda Phillips

Nature Girl

The Soda Bottle School

Lend a Hand

Twenty two Cents

Our Rights -How kids are changing the world



Hannah Circle

July 12 - 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

July is National Hot Dog month! Come hang out with the Hannah's as we work on projects for the Fair in November & have a hot dog lunch!

August 9 - 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

It's Book Lovers Day! We will continue to work on projects for the Fair and share some of the books that we have enjoyed reading over the years! Bring your lunch. Dessert & Beverage provided.

Summer Sunday School



Summer Child Care

Children from birth to finishing Grade One ONLY will be welcome to join the group in the nursery and early childhood room. There will be activities each week and playtime for the youngest. We ask for donations of goldfish and water or juice boxes from those families attending. We look forward to an enriching time for our youngest which will allow for parents and older siblings to worship.

There will continue to be "clipboard activities" in worship. We do encourage all the youth to actively take part in worship for as long as their attention spans allow. Please feel free to take the activity sheets home to do as well.



MUSIC & MOVEMENT TIME

For Kids Ages 2 To 7

July 16 and August 13

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The event is FREE! No registration is required.

For more information and pictures

of past classes, visit:

www.fiskumc.org/music-and-movement.html

or email the church office

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Youth

For youth and their friends in Grades 6 – 12 Youth Fellowship Leaders: Bingxin Xu and Tian Zhang

JULY & AUGUST

Plans are to hold regular MYF meetings after Sunday services and host special activities periodically for all youth. Friends are always welcome to attend MYF meetings and events.

Reminder: see <http://www.fiskumc.org/youth-and-children.html> to view MYF pictures and schedule updates.

What's happening in Summer?

- July 9 Hiking, Audubon Broadmoor Sanctuary
- July 30 Escape the Room, Boston
- Aug 27 Boating, Cochituate lake

How to contact Bingxin and Tian : For youth related activities, they will be using fiskyouth@gmail.com. If you have an idea for a youth program or wish to volunteer, contact them or:

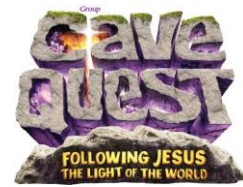
Sherry Culver, Youth Council Chair, sherrycd@comcast.net

SUMMER LITURGISTS

<u>July</u>		<u>August</u>	
3	Barbara Beekman	7	Susan Carney
10	Diane French	14	Jennifer French
17	Susan Carney	21	Barbara Beekman
24	Dorothy Phillips	28	Mark Owen
31	Amy Bruns		



Church Office Summer Hours
Tuesday Wednesday & Friday,
9:00am –1:00pm
July 11 through September 2.



You are invited to Fisk's Cave Quest Adventure Vacation Bible School

Fisk United Methodist Church
106 Walnut St. Natick
July 25 to July 29, 2016
8:30 to 11:30 AM

Cost \$25 ~ Scholarships available
Ages 4 – 11

Join us for games, songs, learning, crafts and fun!
Invite your friends to join the adventure too!

Online registration at www.fiskumc.org
Please contact Susan Carney to volunteer.

*Please submit your articles for the September Issue of **The Messenger** By 8:30 AM on Wednesday, August 24*

Celebrations!

To all the Fisk Family Graduates Congratulations on your achievements!

Tyler Del Sesto graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a Masters in Mechanical Engineering. He heads to California to work for NASA at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena California.

Timothy William Naser graduated from UNH with a business degree.

Elizabeth Bruns graduated from Colorado State University with a BA, double major in History and Political Science

Jacquelyn G. Drolet graduated from Liberty University