

# The Messenger

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

## July & August 2013

### Reflections from Pastor Mark

Can worship be an adventure?

I believe it *can* and *should* be! Lively worship invigorates the spirit, challenges the imagination and inspires both believers and seekers to grow in their relationships with God and neighbor. Nothing, in *my* experience, is more rewarding than meeting the living God in worship.

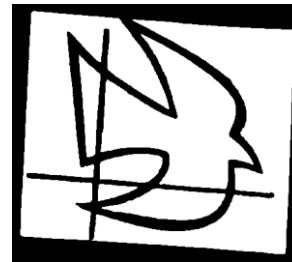
You have already heard that Fisk will be trying on worship "in a new key" during the months of July and August. On those eight Sundays, we will worship in *various locations* (including Rooms 8 & 9, Whipple Hall and outdoors). *Worship will begin at 9:30 am.* A "Children's Church" experience and *nursery care* will be provided. Dress will be casual. Food and fellowship will be shared. Take a look at our scheduled services:

**July:** *Four Good Reasons to Follow Jesus*

- 7 - "He Tells the Truth" (Holy Communion)
- 14 - "Better People than I Believe" (Heroes of the faith)
- 21 - "He Died" (What can it mean that 'God died?')
- 28 - "He is the Light of the World"  
(What are the signs that "the darkness" is overcome?)

**August:** *Four Ways You Can Change the World*

- 4 - "Praying" (Engaging different prayer practices; Holy Communion)
- 11 - "Forgiving" (The ministry of reconciliation; Bible Trivia Quiz & Cook-out to follow)
- 18 - "Taking What You Need" (Being a steward of your life)
- 25 - "Standing with Others" (Compassion; Breakfast will be served before worship)



Our Summer Worship will be a blessing to members and friends of every age! Come and see! (And if you'd like to be a help, please speak with me about volunteering your services.)

Sing a joyful song to the Lord! Let your spirit soar!

*Peace and Joy,*

*Pastor Mark*

#### Staff of Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church

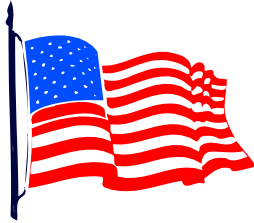
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# Walkers are needed...

## Worship Service Participants and Nursery Volunteers for July & August



### Greeters:

July 7 – Pat Price

July 14 - Carole and Gil Becker

July 21 - Debbie and Dom Friscino

July 28 - Kathy and Ken Reynolds

August 4 - Bingxin Xu and Tian Zhang

August 11 - Bingxin Xu and Tian Zhang

August 18 - Elizabeth Coates and Nancy Swan

August 25 - Elizabeth Coates and Nancy Swan

### Nursery

July 7– Heather Oluwole

July 14 – Jen O’Brien

July 21 – Janis Cail

July 28– Crystal Mayo

Aug 4– Jennifer French

Aug 11- Sarah Gates

Aug 18– Heather Oluwole

Aug 25 – Jen O’Brien

### Lemonade Hour Hosts

July 7 – Marcia Hoyt & Susan Carney

July 14 – Deborah Hernandez

July 21 - Pat Price

July 28 – Dom & Debbie Friscino

August 4 – Bingxin Xu & Tian Zhang

The rest of August - TBA



## Great opportunity to Salute our Country! And spread the WORD and promote Fisk.

Are you available to WALK FOR FISK? We need a minimum of 4 people, but the more the better.

This is an opportunity to tell the community we care and are here “on the hill” *Praising God*. Older children, youth and adults welcome.

Parade begins at the Building 19 parking lot and finishes beyond the Natick Common-by St. Patrick’s Church.

Please call Marcia Hoyt, Zachary Gates or the church office if you are interested.

### Summer Calendar

## SOMETHING NEW!!

**Sunday Worship Services** will begin at **9:30am** each Sunday for the months of July and August and will be moving to rooms 8 & 9.

Children's Sunday School will meet during Worship!

**Sunday School for Adults and the Tuesday morning bible study** will take a hiatus until the Fall

The Church Office summer hours are  
**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:30am -12:30pm**  
from July 1 through September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Summer Vacation Tips

---Dorothy J. Phillips, Lay Leader

What are you taking and planning for your vacation?  
Here are some tips.

1. Pack your bible with bookmarks to note favorite scriptures (or download the bible on your Kindle or IPAD)
2. Carry a daily devotional such as the Upper Room
3. Take a journal or use your IPAD to capture the unforgettable moments and your prayers
4. Plan quiet times for meditation
5. Plan a family prayer time at the start and/or end of day
6. Locate a church to attend on Sunday prior to leaving home or ask the concierge at the hotel
7. Take the right attitude; stay positive, patient and prayerful (those who serve you will know you are a Christian.)
8. Have fun!!!

I would love to hear about your vacations, the blessings, the unexpected God incidents and the Jesus surprises and more (dwphillips@comcast.net). Our prayers are with you as you travel.

### Brown paper shopping bags

All of our Starbucks donations are delivered to local food pantries and shelters in a brown paper grocery bag. We are looking for as many as you can supply. If you are able to help, please leave them in the church office! We are especially looking for bags with handles, but we will take anything!



**September messenger Deadline: Aug 28**

*Save the Date!*

## UMM & UMW Combined Dinner

**Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:00 pm**

### *"A Visit from Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain"*

**A First Person portrayal by Rev. Bob Macfarlane**

We welcome Rev. Bob & Diana Macfarlane, life-long friends of Dave & Jan Cail. Bob is a Civil War enthusiast, and since 2013 is the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, it seemed fitting to have him as our program. Bob "becomes" General Chamberlain, the leader of the 20th Maine Regiment of Little Round Top fame of July 2, 1863. He speaks as if it were 1889, the year in which he helps dedicate the Memorial with his 20th Maine boys. The program is entitled "A Visit from Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain," and he wears the uniform of the Civil War General.

Rev. Macfarlane is a Minister of the United Church of Christ, and grew up in the Youth Group of the First Congregational Church of Waltham, where he was ordained in 1971. Retired after 40 years of ministry, Bob is now serving in his third Interim Ministry position. He and Diana live in their retirement cottage in Carver.

*Please see Janis Cail, Debbie Friscino or Ken Reynolds for more info*



Congratulations to Dight & Janet Crain's grandson, James Yardley, who graduated from Covenant High School in Matthews, NC. He will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall.

### UMCOR Heath Kits

Plans are being made for the Evangelism Ministry to have a booth at Natick Days on September 21, on the Natick Common. We will be inviting visitors at the booth to assemble UMCOR health kits.

Over the summer, please consider helping us by purchasing a variety of items needed for the kits. There will be a labeled container in the church office for your donations. Watch for other ideas on how you may share your special gifts as the date gets closer. The members of the Evangelism Ministry thank you in advance.

Below is the list of items needed:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste  
(NOTE: UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent).

### *It's Not Too Late for Camp!*

One of the great experiences of growing up as a United Methodist Christian is spending part of the summer at a United Methodist Camp. The New England Conference is proud of its five camps: *Aldersgate* in Rhode Island, *Mechuwana* in Maine, *Covenant Hills* in Vermont, *Rolling Ridge* in North Andover and *Wanakee* in New Hampshire.

To find out about the great programs at these camps, either pick up a brochure at the church or go to the NEUMC website – [www.neumc.org](http://www.neumc.org) and click on "Camps and Retreat Centers". There are plenty of openings for campers. Also, speak with Pastor Mark about available camperships. Fisk can help you get to one of the UM camps!