

The Messenger

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Pastor's Message

As the community of Fisk UMC, we have been called to be disciples for the transformation of the world. We travel the journey we call, 'Life' to reach people and touch lives that are waiting to be transformed by God. Therefore, over the years, we have trusted in your faithfulness to share your gifts; tithe, talent and time. Because of your faithfulness, Fisk's ministries, missions, Christian education, fellowship, spiritual formation, worship, and pastoral care, among others, we have been an ardent presence in the community of Natick and beyond.

Thank you for who you are and all you do to make God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. However, during the past few years, we have been experiencing a shortfall in one of our gifts; tithes (pledges) due to deaths, retirements, relocations and other human conditions. Yet, each of you have remained a faithful steward and a cheerful giver. For this, we say thank you as we hold all of you and your families in prayers with faith for the journey.

Though we have faith in God to meet this challenge, we trust that God will use each of us to meet this challenge together and joyfully. Therefore, as we celebrate and enjoy the summer, let us continue to reflect on what we were called to do as we prayerfully walk on water with Jesus Christ, and have hope that we will go across challenges.

Thank you for your presence, pledges and prayers. May God richly bless us, increase our territory as we continue to be disciples and make disciples for Jesus Christ as Christ transform the world.

Blessings & Peace!

+ 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
Summer Worship Service
every Sunday for July & August
9:30 a.m. in rooms 8 & 9.

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

Summer worship for July & August



is every Sunday

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

in the sacred space of rooms 8 & 9.

As you find time to rest, please find time to worship with us in-person or on zoom, Thanks for your blessings of presence and pledges.

Worship

For Spiritual Growth & Reflection- July 2024

For continuous spiritual growth; even as you travel and spend time with family and friends, continue to read and reflect on the following scripture passages:

July 7 **2 Corinthians 12:2-10** **Mark 6: 1-13**

Liturgist: Jen Garrant

July 14 **Ephesians 1: 3-14** **Mark 6:14-29**

Liturgist: TBD

July 21 **TBD**

Liturgist: Dr. Dorothy Phillips

July 28 **Ephesians 3:14-21** **John 6: 1-21**

Liturgist: TBD

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

Thank you!

With grateful hearts and appreciation, the Fisk family is expressing thanks and appreciation to the Council on Ministries' team under the leadership of Chairperson, Amy Bruns for the church-wide BBQ and wonderful time of fellowship hosted after the worship service on Sunday, June 23. Thanks for putting this together with, and for all our siblings at Fisk UMC.

THANKS

To our beloved sibling, Deborah Hernandez with grateful hearts for sharing her gift of music with us during our worship service on Sunday, June 23. And special thanks to all liturgists, acolytes, cross bearers and our zoom technical crew.

Summer Worship Schedule for July & August

Starting on July 7 and every Sunday through August 25, summer Worship Service will start at 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. in the sacred space of rooms 8 & 9.

Save the Date

- 1.) **Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference**
 - **July 8-12, 2024**, OMNI William Penn Hotel Pittsburgh, PA
 - **THEME: OVERFLOWING WITH HOPE**

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School Classes



Thank you for a wonderful Sunday School year! We are on break for July and August and our first Sunday School class will resume on September 8th.

Have a great summer and we will see

you in Church!

-Susan Carney and Carolyn DiSciullo

To All our Siblings at Fisk UMC

Thanks for all your gifts with heartfelt gratitude and blessing for each of you and your family.

Your generosity continues to make great and good things happen at Fisk UMC and beyond.

THANK YOU!

Coffee Hour/ Fellowship Time Schedule

If you would like to **volunteer to host coffee hour** there is a sign-up sheet located in the back of the Sanctuary or you can email the Office. Thank you! The following dates are open:

July 7

July 14

July 21

July 28



With Deepest Sympathy

Fisk Family would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Paula Hammett, (Nancy Parece's daughter,) for the loss of her husband, Christopher Hammett. May he rest in peace as his family is comforted.

Lakeside Retreat



CALLING ALL WOMEN

Great opportunity to get away.
Set aside this time for self-care.
You plan your weekend--relax, walk,
read,
swim, shop, knit, exercise, just nap!
Games and puzzles! Fair crafts to make.
Meal prep to share. Discussions.
Devotions.
Fellowship with Fisk's Christian women

Reserve "a bed" by calling or
emailing

508-655-0077 (Marcia Hoyt)
marciahoyt@aol.com

August 2-4, 2024

Harrison Maine Long Lake

Home of Marcia Hoyt

*Being planned by United Women of Faith of Fisk
for YOU!*

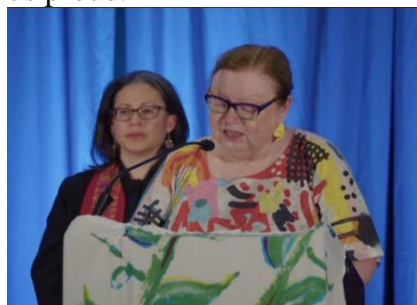


United Women in Faith

Our beloved sibling, Sherry Culver and conference president of the United Women in Faith. We are so proud of her and her leadership at our New England Annual conference which ended June 22.



Another beloved sibling of Fisk UMC, Susan Carney participated at annual conference and made us proud.



Most of all:
Fisk UMC pollinated garden initiated by another beloved sibling, Deb Friscino and the United Women in Faith was highlighted. In the conference statistician, Joy Mueller's report, it was not just about number of people on the pews or money on plates but included and celebrated extension of mission, ministry and outreach in the community and with partners to affirm people, validate lives, and enhance lives and the environment.



Finally, we bid farewell to our bishop, Rev. Peggy Johnson who is returning to retirement with thanks to her family for sharing her with us.

* We are 'Stronger Together'. *

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Well, here it is the end of June...how did that happen? I am going to highlight some options for you to consider as you look for MISSION opportunities during July and August.

Gardening **Pantry Help** **Hygiene**

Kits

Christmas Gifts *Aluminum Pull Tabs*

What interests you?



Food Pantry Garden

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WATER & HARVEST OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT KELSEY HAMPTON
KHAMPTON@NATICKSERVICECOUNCIL.ORG

Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Natick
Service Council

The poster features illustrations of a green apron, a garden fork, a shovel, a tomato seed packet, and a pair of red-handled pliers.

Christmas in July...and August

Annually we collect **NEW** games, toys, dolls, basketballs, puzzles etc. for the Christmas Shoppe in Salem Maine. They also request **NEW** packages of underwear—any size or gender. These help our “Neighbors to the North complete their Holiday Shopping. The **“two buckets”** are in Room 8-9, let’s fill them with your generosity for these under-served families. Talk to your children about those in need...take them shopping for a child their age.



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Continue to save your beverage pull tabs...the collection container is in the kitchen
- ✓ Assemble Hygiene Kits for UMCOR
- ✓ Recycle your cans and plastic bottles in the closet in the hallway
- ✓ Reduce your use of “single use plastic”
- ✓ Plant pollinator flowers in your garden
- ✓ What else can you do to help save God’s Earth?
- ✓ Help a neighbor
- ✓ BE KIND TO EVERYONE



SOMETHING NEW. DID YOU KNOW?

Our **Mobile Market** provides monthly supplemental boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, butter and lean meat. Clients may visit the Mobile Market once per month, in addition to shopping in the Heart Healthy Food Pantry. Clients receive a pre-packed box which includes a variety of fresh produce. They are able to have choice of lean proteins including chicken, beef or fish as well as a selection of dairy products including 1%, 2% and whole milk, eggs and butter.

FISK serves on the second Thursday each month from 3:30-6:00pm at the Food Pantry on Webster St. Can you share in the rotation system? Twice or maybe three times a year?

Missions Committee--Janis Townsend, Janis Cail, Marcia Hoyt and Mary Greenwood. If you have thoughts about a new Mission opportunity or interest, please let us know.

Family Promise

Grocery Shoppers Needed for Family Promise Host Week

Our next host week begins on July 7th. If you are able to participate by purchasing some groceries from their shopping list let Debbie Friscino know. The list will be available on Friday, July 5th. Groceries or supplies will be delivered to the Day Center by Debbie on Monday morning July 8th. Currently, two families are staying at the center- a mom and a 3-year-old and a mom with a 10-year-old. Your participation is appreciated.

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. The Wednesday night prayer line: Wednesdays 6:00-6:30 p.m. Dial: 1-712-775-7270, Access code: 580274#** Remember that no one walks alone. We at Fisk UMC are willing and ready to travel the journey with you.

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New England Conference Information

Our New District information: District 6-Hub #5 Commonwealth East and Commonwealth West District Offices have combined and there is a new email address: ce-cwoffice@neumc.org (NEW Email address!)

Website: www.neumc.org/CE

District Superintendent: Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan

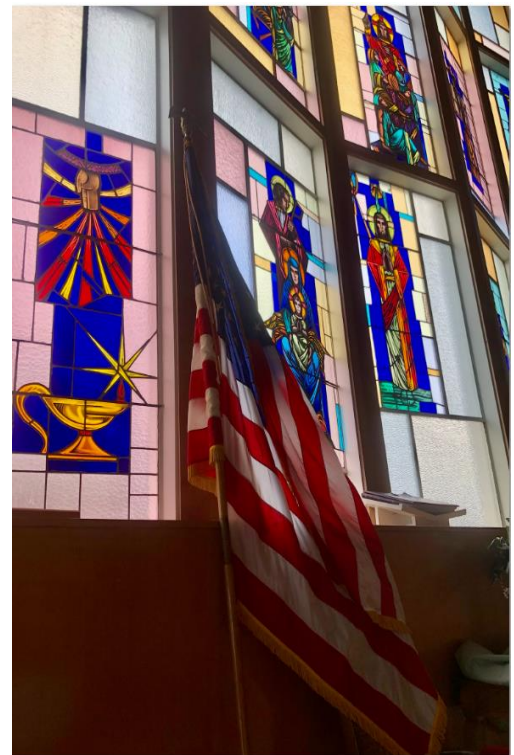
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Happy 4th of July!



**"Blessed is the nation
whose God is the LORD"
Psalm 33:12 (NIV)**

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**August Messenger Deadline:
Please submit information by
Friday, July 19, 9:00 a.m.**