JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bring your Hopes. Bring your Doubts. Feed your Soul.

December 15, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Today is the third Sunday of Advent. The Judson Christmas Playhouse returns. Music by the Uncommon Denominators, and the Judson choir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GRATITUDE ANJD GENEROSITY: Thank You!

This Sunday concludes our month-long "Thanksgiving Gifts to Judson." Linger at the poster boards in the back of the sanctuary. Launched by "Time with Children," these boards are full of appreciation for Judson church. Then, take another look at the fundraising thermometer. It shows how we surpassed our goal of $24,000, cutting this year's projected budget deficit in half. (A final figure of the amount donated will be announced.) To all Judson members and friends—thank you. Our final total = $25, 656.94.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS - We'd love your help spreading the word to find a new Child Care staff person.

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON DECEMBER 29.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS – A new members class will start in January. Dates to be announced. Please let the pastor know if you are interested.

Books are available for the January Sermon Series. 8 Habits of Love. There are copies in the library for $5.

JUDSON CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME LEAD CHILD CARE PROVIDER. We're looking for someone to lead our youth in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment on Sunday mornings. They'll lead educational, mindfulness, character-building, and nature-based programming. The candidate needs to have experience caring for infants and children of all ages, with an emphasis on school-age children, and must be at least 21 years of age. Prior classroom experience is strongly preferred. A full description of the role can be found in the announcements section of our website or via this link:
https://www.judsonchurch.org/childcare-provider/
We have some pretty amazing youth at Judson, so let's support them by sharing this opportunity among your networks!
If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jeff O'Halloran at personnel@judsonchurch.org.



NEW YEAR RETREAT - All Creation Waits / Sun Jan 12 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at Lake Hiawatha Community Center
Gayle Boss' book *"All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings"* contains reflections that capture in astonishing detail how animals prepare and make their way through winter. These animals illustrate the promise of a New Year during the thick of winter and the darkness of this political time. We will gather for quiet reflection, journaling/art prompts, and sharing in a beautiful room overlooking Lake Hiawatha and the setting sun. Email Carolyn at ckolovitz@JudsonChurch.org to register.

ONLINE PRAYER SERIES - Join our Welcoming Prayer session at 7:15 pm on Monday, Jan 6. *The Welcoming Prayer is a method of accepting our physical and emotional reactions to situations and releasing our attachment to outcome.* Expect a brief intro, poem, time for prayer, and brief sharing. Total session no more than 30 minutes. Email Carolyn for the Zoom link at **ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org** or if you have questions.

NEW CIRCLE FORMING – A new monthly Circle will be starting soon with in-person meeting days/times to be determined by the group. Circles practice deep listening with the intention of deepening community. And we laugh a lot! Email Carolyn to join at **ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org** or if you have questions.

THE JUDSON CHURCH STRATEGIC ACTION PRIORITIES PLAN - is a six-month action plan based on the Bright Futures Forums from Summer 2024. Approximately 40 individuals have signed on to work on the actions! It is not too late - Please consider how you might contribute to Judson's Strategic Action Plan! Worksheets are in the back of the sanctuary. Drop them in the green Menards bucket. ***We are counting on our Judson Community! Thank you.***

THIRD Second-Hour Session on Reparations, January 5, 11:00 am-noon, Ann Judson room.
We'll discuss the two areas for reparations, land theft from indigenous peoples and labor theft from enslaved peoples. We'll also share our personal stories and histories that bring us to this topic. You needn't have attended previous sessions to come. **The fourth session will be April 27**.

Directories: There are updated copies of the church directory available in hard copy or a pdf. Please contact the office if you would like a copy.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15 THROUGH DECEMBER 22, 2024

Sunday-December 15
9:30 am **Worship Service**-Sanctuary
Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Celebration
Music: Judson Choir, Van Johnson & Doug Weatherhead

Monday-December 16
2 pm **Women's Group –** Library
6 pm **Women's Group –** Library

Tuesday-December 17
10 am **Staff Meeting –** Library

Wednesday-December 18
2 pm **Building Use Meeting**-Library
7 pm **Choir Rehearsal**-Sanctuary

Thursday-December 19
7 pm **Mahjongg –** Ann Judson Room

Friday-December 20

Saturday-December 21
9-12 pm **Cherner Event**-Ann Judson Room

Sunday-December 22
10 am **Bluegrass & Bagels**-Fellowship Hall
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Music: The Chris Silver Bluegrass Trio





