JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

February 25, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. This Sunday, we'll be considering spiritual lessons from unexpected sources. The Choir will provide music, Joe Moore will share a personal reflection and Déadra Moore will lead in prayers. Joyce Nolen, Margot Willett, and Gayle Foster Lewis will share poetry, and – last but not least – Clay Gustafson will lead Time with Children. What a line-up! Please join us! Bring your hopes, bring your doubts, feed your soul with the Judson community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All cash collected from the offering will go to the Joyce Food Shelves. **Joyce Uptown Food Shelf's mission is to distribute food to those in need with respect and dignity.**
Thank you for your generous donations to AWAB last Sunday. (Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists) of $324.

EASTER FLOWERS – You have the chance to make our Easter morning come alive with color. You can purchase tulips, mums, hydrangeas, or pansy bowls in memory of or in honor of someone you love and watch our Sanctuary bloom-Forms on the table in the back of the sanctuary and in this bulletin. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 3.**



LENTEN PRAYER SERIES

What is Prayer? Is prayer a conversation between us and God or a way of connecting with our own wisdom? Is there a difference between prayer and meditation? What does it mean to live each moment of our lives in continual prayer? In this online series, Carolyn Kolovitz will facilitate an exploration of these questions and a variety of prayer practices. During the first session, we'll hear the questions, ideas, and experiences of one another and then practice centering prayer. All sessions will be from 10:15 - 11:00 am via Zoom. Carolyn Kolovitz, Spiritual Formation Director.

Mar. 2 – What is Prayer? Centering Prayer
Mar. 9 – The Welcome Prayer
Mar. 16 – Visio Divina and Lectio Divina
Mar. 23 – Examen

To register, email ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org

FORWARD MARCH . . . TO THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY . . .

. . . where you'll find sign-up sheets to fill in with your intended auction item donations or Great Gatherings!

The time is now, and your auction committee is hard at work to pull off our best auction ever! We need your help to make it a huge success.

So, this Sunday, February 25th, please march to the back of the sanctuary and sign up to donate an item, help secure an item, or host a Great Gathering. Just sign up, and we'll be in touch with assistance and instructions.

The auction is only 2+ weeks away, and we're FORWARD MARCHING toward March 10 – 17 – with your help! Thank you, and a big hug!

Confused? Need Help? We're here to help you. Just contact one of us. Bradleyjoern@comcast.net, dharvey.bakerit@gmail.com or dianekolodziej1953@gmail.com.
Thank you

Baptism Class. Our first baptisms since COVID-19 will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. The four-week baptism class will start the week of April 15th. Please see the pastor if you are interested. This class is open to everyone.

New Members/Inquiries Class. If you are interested in joining Judson Church or learning more about Judson, please see the pastor or contact him at gtnorvell@judsonchurch.org for more information. Classes will take place on March 11 and 18 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The Oscar-themed Sermon Series starts on March 3 and ends on March 24th. Each sermon will look at a major theme prevalent in the movie for that Sunday. March 3, "The Holdovers," March 10, "Killers of the Flower Moon," March 17," "Barbie + Oppenheimer," March 24, "American Fiction."

Donations from Loose Offerings

So far this fiscal year, [6-1-23 to 2-18-24] We have given away $5,306 to various causes from our loose (cash) offerings each week. On the first and third Sundays, we give to Starfish and Joyce Food Shelves.	Starfish	$2,532
	Joyce Food Shelves	$ 528
	Shaw University Choir	$ 325
	Meals on Wheels	$ 575
	AWAB	$ 324
	Planet Care Road Show	$ 309
	Shapan Orphanage	$1,802
	Total	$6,395

We thank you for your generosity to these causes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



March 10 Minneapolis Trombone Choir Concert 3 pm - Celebrate the 49th year of this annual concert at Judson. The music spans from classical to jazz, as well as pieces written for the choir by members of the choir itself. Jim ten Bensel is the director. The suggested donation is $20 or pay-what-you-can. All proceeds go to the Judson Music Program.

Forward…March-Judson's Amazing Silent Auction March 10 to March 17.
A message from the Auction Committee

A Huge thanks to everyone who participated in our brainstorming session in December! You gave us some great ideas, and some of you actually committed items. We are so appreciative!



March 17 - Requiem Concert – written by Judson's very own Douglas Weatherhead, 3 pm. The "Requiem," written by our own Doug Weatherhead, will be presented for a third time on Sunday, March 17, 2024. It premiered on Sunday, November 1, 2009, as part of our Sunday morning service and then again on Sunday, November 13. It will be performed by the Judson Church Choir with Chamber Orchestra: John David De Haan, conductor--Pay-what-you-can (suggested $20).

He drew a circle that shut me out--
Heretic, a rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in! **Edwin Markham**

This is the saying that Wendell Powers recited on Sunday

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