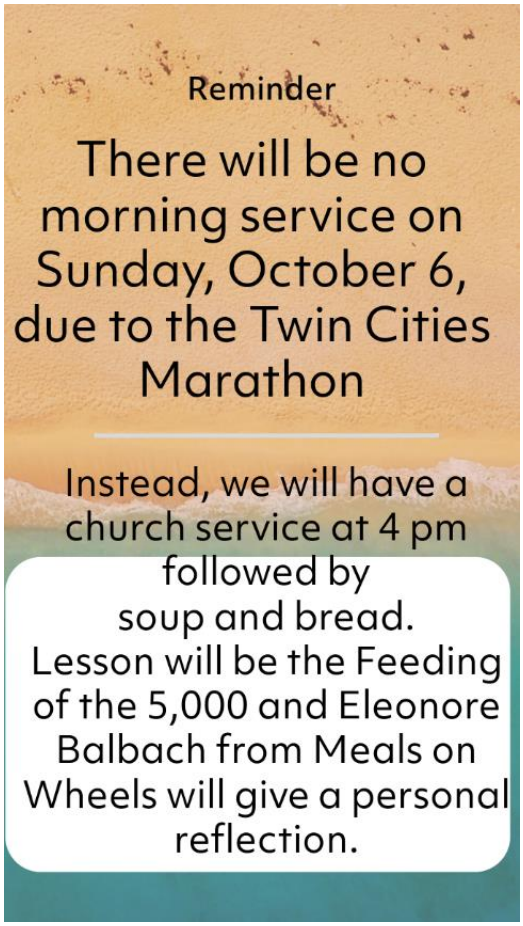
JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

September 29, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. This Sunday, we welcome artists of all forms of art. It will be a celebration of music, poetry, food, and visual art. Dana Jensen will offer a personal reflection. There will be displays around the sanctuary, and some art will be introduced during the service. Hope to see you there in person or online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS: Today, the children are reading **Old Turtle** as part of September's exploration of God. *Who is God? Is He a wind that is never still? Is He a rock that never moves? Is He high above or here among us? Venerable Old Turtle answers quietly: God is all of these things.*

This book has been around since 1992. Are you familiar with it? Ask the children what they thought of it. Or ask any of the children in your life what they think about God. My tip for sharing your own beliefs with children is to preface it with, "Different people believe different things, and I believe....."

I choose a story for each Sunday based on the monthly theme and look for books that represent a variety of cultures, positive character traits, and mindfulness, and also encourages wonder & awe of nature and exploring questions about faith. After reading the story, Jessica asks "I wonder" questions and then does a related activity or craft. If you haven't been to the Rainbow Room lately, you might want to check it out and see all the fun creations Jessica and the kids have come up with!

Questions? Ask Carolyn at ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org.

The Judson Church Strategic Action Priorities Plan (draft) was distributed on Sunday, September 22nd and was included in a special email on September 24th. Copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. The plan is designed for immediate action, to be launched in October 2024 after final input is included. ***What do we need from you?***

- ***Please review the goals and action items included in the Plan.***
- ***Include any additional ideas in the blanks provided.***
- ***Check the boxes for up to 3 items you would be willing to volunteer to work on (and include your name). The success of the Plan will depend on your participation!!***
- ***Return the document to the church, in a box provided at the back of the sanctuary. Please return by October 6th.***

We are counting on our Judson Community! Thank you.

Prayer Series - Starting Monday, October 7, join Carolyn for a monthly Welcoming Prayer session at 7:15 pm every 1st Monday of the month. *The Welcoming Prayer is a method of consenting to the Spirit's presence and action in our physical and emotional reactions to events and situations in daily life.* This may be especially grounding for us as Election Day draws near! Each session will begin with a brief intro to the process, include a Rumi poem, prayer time, and then time for brief participant questions/comments. The total session will be no more than 30 minutes. Email Carolyn at ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org for the Zoom link or if you have questions.

New Circle Forming - We're starting a new monthly Circle this Fall, with meeting days/times to be determined by the group. While the other Judson Circles are women-specific, this group is open to all. Circles practice contemplative listening of one another with the intention of developing community, deepening relationships beyond ordinary chit-chat, and increasing trust. Each meeting is centered on a theme, although people are free to share about whatever they wish. During the first sessions we share stories about our spiritual journeys using prompts from Carolyn. Other past themes were "a favorite body of water," "a time when our worldview expanded," and "our grandmothers." Circle size will be limited to 10, and participants will be encouraged to make an 8-month commitment, with an option to continue again the next cycle. Email Carolyn at ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org to sign up or if you have questions.

MEALS NEEDED! Please consider helping out the Ulrings while Scott recuperates from his recent heart attack. Ann has requested low-salt, heart-healthy meals once Scott is out of the hospital. Please contact Sarah Baker (text: 612-367-0925; email: sarahcoxbaker2hotmail.com) if you can be part of this support from the Judson community.

FENDRICK & PECK RETURN TO JUDSON CHURCH FOR A CONCERT ON OCTOBER 11 AT 7 PM

An Autumn Concert with Fendrick & Peck – Music | Cozy | Fun!



As we draw nearer to the shortest day of the year, now is a better time than ever to gather and celebrate connection, slowness, and good cheer! With music that is strong in lyrics, harmony, and composition and a performance full of playfulness and passion, a concert from Madeline and Brian is not to be missed! Join us for an acoustic evening of string, strum, and song!

This event is free, but there is a suggested donation of $20 for Madeline and Brian. www.fendrickandpeck.com.

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 6:30 PM.

Mark your calendar now for our open book Workshop of the new rock opera, "The Trial of Henry the Navigator" by Randy Baker and Doug Weatherhead, about the origins of racism.

This is a Workshop - no staging, no choreography - just about a dozen singers lined up at music stands at the front of the Judson sanctuary with open books, singing through the opera. The idea is to invite members of the local music theater community to attend, get their feedback, and hopefully generate interest in producing a fully staged version in the future. Meanwhile, we will be rehearsing in the sanctuary every Tuesday night between now and the Workshop date. The workshop will be open to the public. Donations at the door in excess of expenses will be donated to the Judson budget's Reparations fund. We are so grateful to YOU, the Judson community, for all your support!

TRUST HAPPENINGS - TRUST Inc. Needs volunteer drivers! TRUST Meals on Wheels are in need of drivers to help our neighbors! Did you know that we serve frozen meals to over 75 clients every week? We deliver those meals in handled paper bags. So, we are always in need of HANDLED paper bags. If you have any to donate, they can be dropped off at Judson church, 4101 Harriet Ave S. There is a yellow-covered bin by the red door that paper bags can be placed in anytime. Thank you!

The next **Lunch & Learn** is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2024. It is hosted at Bethlehem Lutheran Church from 11:30 – 2 pm. Registration required: Call TRUST INC at 612-827-6159 or email TRUST@TRUSTINC.org.

STARFISH MINISTRY—SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

* 14 people were assisted by Starfish in September
* Disbursements = $8,856.59 | $8,106.59 rent, car repair, other; $750 food, gas, MTC cards
* Phone message changed to "out of funds for the month" on September 11.

Contact Kathy or Wayne Urbaniak, September duty team, for more information.