JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

October 27, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. This Sunday is All Souls Sunday. We will celebrate All Saints Day, honoring the saints who have gone before us. We will also have Time with Children, the Judson Choir will sing, and our resident violinist, Karen Thomas, will play throughout the service. Today is Communion Sunday. On the first Sunday of each month, all cash placed in the plates goes to **Starfish Ministries,** a joint ministry of Judson Church and Bethlehem Lutheran. All funds go to people in south Minneapolis who need help paying rent, utilities, and food.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WREATH OF REMEMBRANCE – ALL SAINTS DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

On All Saints Day, Judson community members remember those who have died. On Sunday, November 3rd, you will have the opportunity to say your loved one's name and, if you want, add their name to our Wreath of Remembrance. There are two baskets of ribbons in the back of the sanctuary. Please include your loved one's name on a ribbon and add it to our wreath on the 3rd. We'll have a special ritual during our Sunday service to honor our loved ones.

THANKSGIVING GIFT TO JUDSON

- We are thankful for Judson Church. We will share our reasons throughout November. What is one reason you are thankful for Judson?
- "Thanksgiving Gift to Judson" starts Friday, November 8. (You can make an early donation via Give to the Max now.) **GiveMN page**
- The projected 2024-2025 budget deficit is $48,000. Our Thanksgiving Gift to Judson goal is $24,000, cutting the deficit by 50%— the strategic plan goal.
- An anonymous donor will match the first $12,000 donated, dollar for dollar.
- Consider a special Thanksgiving gift for Judson this season.

REASONS FOR OUR THANKSGIVING GIFT TO JUDSON

1. We delight in Judson's HOSPITALITY, where all are welcome, including us.
2. We appreciate Judson's SOCIAL JUSTICE work, making us aware and reflective.
3. We benefit from Judson's DEEP SPIRITUALITY—Travis' sermons, personal reflections, women's circles, spiritual voyagers, breakfasts at Perkins, and sacred conversations.
4. We love Judson's JOY—how we smile and laugh together…and…"God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)

Kathy & Wayne Urbaniak, Thanksgiving Gift to Judson Co-Chairs

Children & Youth News - Jessica has resigned as Lead Child Care Provider due to the family moving. Can you spend **one Sunday** reading a story to the children and leading a simple activity? Email Carolyn if you can! This Sunday, the book is *The Forever Sky* - an Ojibwe story about the ancestor spirits in the northern lights. We'd also love your help spreading the word to find a new Child Care person!

PRAYER SERIES - On election eve, **Monday, November 4, join Carolyn for a Welcoming Prayer session at 7:15 pm.** *The Welcoming Prayer is a method of accepting our physical and emotional reactions to situations and releasing our attachment to control.* We'll begin with a brief intro to the process, read a Rumi poem, then practice the prayer together. We'll close with brief participant questions/comments. Total session will be no more than 30 minutes. Email Carolyn at ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org for the Zoom link.

NEW CIRCLE FORMING – A New monthly Circle is starting soon, with in-person meeting days/times to be determined by the group. Circles practice deep listening of one another with the intention of developing community and exploring the big questions together. Plus we laugh a lot! Email Carolyn to sign up or with questions. at ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org.

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 in green Menards bucket. ***We are counting on our Judson Community! Thank you.***

First Second-Hour Session on Reparations, November 10, 11:00 am-noon, Ann Judson room.
In May, we voted to add a line item to our church budget designating $1,000 toward reparations with the understanding that we would all learn more about reparations and, as a church body, decide how to distribute these funds. The Racial Justice Team will offer four-second-hour sessions to foster this discussion. Each session will explore different aspects of this complex topic. We need your input! November 10, December 1, January 5, February 3. If you can't make all four, come to as many as you can.

(Check out the newly launched Racial Justice page on our church website. Go to the website, click on members, and select action from the drop-down menu. You will see our four action teams described. Click on the big button on the Racial Justice Team description. There are opportunities for you to contribute to this page.)

EVENT – HOW TO END CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM – A Conversation with Amanda Tyler
Join us in Minneapolis for a special event on November 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm. The location is Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. This is the essential guidebook for Christians alarmed by the rising tide of Christian nationalism yet unsure how to counter it. The event is free, but registration is required. You will receive a confirmation email with the information you'll need to attend. **Registration**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3 THROUGH NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Sunday-November 3
9:30 am **Worship Service**-Sanctuary
Music: Karen Thomas and Judson Choir

Monday-November 4
5 pm **Racial Justice Meeting–**Zoom
7:30 pm **Council Meeting–**Zoom

Tuesday-November 5
10 am **Staff Meeting–** Library

Wednesday-November 6
7 pm **Choir Rehearsal–** Sanctuary

Thursday-November 7
7 pm **Mahjongg –** Ann Judson Room

Friday-November 8

Saturday-November 9
10 am **Pam Joern & Leslie Rapp Event–**
Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Sunday-November 10
9:30 am **Worship Service**-Sanctuary
Music: Judson Choir
Sermon: Wild &Precious Life: The Prodigal Son
Personal Reflection: Carter Gustafson
11 pm **Racial Justice Presentation –** Ann Judson Room