JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

August 25, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. This Sunday: special music – Dale Alexander will be playing the piano with some help on a couple of numbers from Jim ten Bensel and Scott Simpson. Louise Forseth will share a personal reflection; Joel Frederickson will be our worship reader. Our guest preacher today is Rev. Matt Lewellyn-Otten. Hope to see you there in person or online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL NEWS. The sermon series (seven of them) will center on Mike Graves' book **Jesus' Vision for Your One Wild and Precious Life (on things like Poverty, Hunger, Polarization, Inclusion, and More)**. There will be copies available in the library too. But right now, I need someone to help coordinate/organize small discussion groups about this book.

Baptisms will take place at Judson on September 8th during worship. If you are considering baptism or would like to be baptized, please let me know asap: **gtnorvell@judsonchurch.org**

Children & Youth News: The August theme for the Children's Program is **Creation Stories**. Carolyn chooses a story for each Sunday based on the monthly theme and looks for books that represent a variety of cultures, positive character traits, 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.

The June/July theme was **Light**. The children heard stories about the Indian festival of lights (and got to reminisce about Shefali and her children), fireflies, the inner light of self-confidence, the Chinese American immigrant experience and "when God made light." 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!

Now that you know the theme, you can ask the children what they think about it. (Just in case you find yourself needing a kid-conversation extender beyond "How's your summer going?" 😉) Questions? Ask Carolyn at ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org.

THANK YOU, WORKDAY VOLUNTEERS! – On August 10, a wonderful, hardworking crew pulled up the carpet and did the tedious work of removing nails and staples from the hardwood floor in the Providence Room (see picture in the bulletin under scenes at Judson). This was clearly a case of many hands making light work! The helpers included Bev Bockus, Frna Hirsch, Jason Milano, Ken Rowe, Scott Simpson, Camille & Jim Fredericksen, Leslie Rapp, Paul Johnson, and Clay Gustafson, all guided by the skilled and knowledgeable Bruce Simpson. Sore backs and tender knees were evidence of their diligent work. **Thanks to all who helped!**

FROM WAYNE URBANIAK – There are two tables in the back of the sanctuary with all the handouts and summaries from the three Strategic Sessions (6-11, 7-14, and 8-11).



CHOIR TO STARTUP AGAIN – Do you enjoy singing? Judson Choir is looking for people to join us. No long-term commitment is required. We sing a variety of music. All ages are welcome. The music director is Dr. John De Haan, a voice teacher at the University of Minnesota. We practice on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. Enter through the big black door on Harriet Ave. Whether you are looking to enhance your vocal abilities or simply enjoy the act of singing, the Judson Choir offers a fulfilling and enjoyable experience for all involved. Call the office if you have any questions at 612-822-0649.

Do you know the minutes from all Council meetings are available for you to look at? They are located in the Judson library, just off the sanctuary (on the bottom shelf).

Save the Date – September 29, 2024 – Artists' Sunday at Judson

Celebrate the creativity of the Judson Community! Do you paint, sculpt, quilt, sew, crochet, or knit? Do you have a passion for photography, woodturning, ceramics, music, poetry, textiles, macrame, baking, or anything else? Please share your passion with the entire Judson community on Sunday, September 29th. We'll have display areas in and around the sanctuary, with highlights during the Worship Service! More information to come. Questions? Contact Keith Ford, kjff11@gmail.com or Polly Schrom, schrompolly@gmail.com.

Racial Justice Team Update on the 2021 Housing Donation Drive

In December 2021, the Racial Justice Team partnered with the International Institute to organize a Housing Donation Drive to support a newly arrived family from Afghanistan. The Judson congregation was invited to donate new and/or used household items to set up the new family in a home the International Institute had secured for the family in the Whittier Neighborhood. Judson came through with amazing generosity with dishes, bedding, cookware, cleaning supplies, and more. A group of Racial Justice team members took the supplies to the apartment and set things up to welcome the family to their new home.

Audition for a Rock Opera About the Origins of Race!

Tenors/baritones and altos/mezzo sopranos are needed! If you're an ear player who can learn music by listening, join our workshop by Minneapolis writers Randy Baker and Doug Weatherhead. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings at Judson Memorial Baptist Church from September to October. Auditions are on Tuesday, August 27th, at 7 pm and will be directed by Coletrane Johnson. Singers will be paid a $100 stipend. No roles are precast. We are also looking for a Music Director who can learn and teach singers by ear, from recordings, without written scores. Know anybody? LMK! Contact Randy Baker (randybaker612@gmail.com) or 612-655-4108) for song recordings.





TRUST Happenings - Sunday Supper has music by the Beau Baker Bluegrass Band, followed by a community meal. Fun for everyone. Always free - donations accepted with a smile. Suggested $5/person.





