JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

November 17, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. This Sunday we celebrate Judson Church's 115th Anniversary, and there will be cake. There will also be Time with Children, and the Judson Choir will sing. This Sunday, Travis concludes the sermon series – Jesus' Vision for your One Wild & Precious Life - "What is the most important word in the bible?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WREATH OF REMEMBRANCE:
It is not too late for the 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 in the back of the sanctuary.

REASONS WE ARE THANKFUL FOR JUDSON - This week officially begins the "Thanksgiving Gift to Judson." An important way we give a gift to Judson is by expressing and sharing our appreciation for Judson Church. What is one reason you are thankful for Judson? Write down your reason on a post it note. As of this Sunday, we will be displaying our Thanksgiving statements on the "Reasons we are Thankful for Judson" poster board in the back of the sanctuary. (Post-it notes are on the card table next to the poster board.) Join in and watch our gratitude grow through this month. So write down one (or more) reasons and post your thanksgiving on the board. This will be fun.

THANKSGIVING GIFT TO JUDSON

- We are thankful for Judson Church. We are sharing our reasons throughout November. Check the sanctuary poster boards for reasons and add another one.
- *We are into our second week of "Thanksgiving Gift to Judson. As of Thursday, November 14, we have raised $3,423.73. Nice!*
- 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.

REASONS FOR OUR THANKSGIVING GIFT TO JUDSON

1. *I want to help feed people who are hungry, and Judson does that by being a Meals on Wheels center and through the Starfish Ministry.*
2. *I appreciate that all are welcome at communion—all are welcome.*
3. *I appreciate the faithful work of the Finance Committee—and I want to reduce their worry about this year's budget.*
4. *I really can bring my hopes, bring my doubts, and feed my soul at Judson.*

Four Ways you can give.

1. With a Check-Thanksgiving Gift to Judson, in the memo line.
2. With Cash – place cash in an envelope (located in the pews) and write for the Thanksgiving Gift to Judson on the outside.
3. At Vanco (electronic), click this link. **Vanco page** **Scan for page**
4. At Give to the Max – click this link to be taken right to the Judson page. **Give to the Max page** (anytime between now and December 8.

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

Scan for page

Online Advent Retreat: The Mystical Metaphors of Christmas

A contemplative journey into the biblical stories, art, and music of the season to explore their rich archetypal, spiritual/mystical, and natural/seasonal layers of meaning. This meditative experience has become an annual tradition for some participants, a way of being fully present to the season while delving deeper into its mystery. All sessions are Saturdays from 10:00 am to 11:15 am via Zoom. Recordings are available if you're unable to be present. Email CKolovitz@JudsonChurch.org to sign-up

Dec 7 The Annunciation: The Power to Say Yes
Dec 14 The Magi: Navigating Our Journey
Dec 21 The Nativity: Wonder & Awe

PRAYER SERIES - Join our Welcoming Prayer session at 7:15 pm on Monday December 2. *The Welcoming Prayer is a method of accepting our physical and emotional reactions to situations and releasing our attachment to control.* Expect a brief intro, a Rumi poem, time for prayer, and then a brief sharing. Total session no more than 30 minutes. Email Carolyn at **ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org** for the Zoom link or if you have questions.

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! We'd also love your help spreading the word to find a new Child Care person!

NEW CIRCLE FORMING – Activist, Writer & Jungian Analyst Jean Shinoda Bolen says: "*Women are headed towards forming a transformational circle.. maybe even the metaphorical Millionth Circle..a circle of women with a spiritual center that when it forms creates a critical mass tipping point uplifting the feminine, tilting the world towards balance and ending patriarchy.*" Now is the time! New monthly Circle starting soon with in-person meeting days/times to be determined by group. Circles practice deep listening with the intention of deepening community. And we laugh a lot! Email Carolyn to sign up 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 in green Menards bucket. ***We are counting on our Judson Community! Thank you.***

TRUST HAPPENINGS – There are many events happening with TRUST. Sunday Supper, Grief Coalition, Teach & Train Tuesdays, and Lunch & Learn It Thursdays. Please check the insert for more details.

OFFICE CLOSED – The office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after (11-28 to 11-29)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17 THROUGH NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Sunday-November 17
9:30 am **Worship Service**-Sanctuary
Music: Judson Choir
Sermon: The Most Important Word in the Bible

Monday-November 18
6-8 pm **Women's Group–**Library

Tuesday-November 19
10 am **Staff Meeting –** Library
12 pm **Planned Giving –** Library

Wednesday-November 20
2 pm **Building Use Meeting –** Library
7 pm **Choir Rehearsal–** Sanctuary

Thursday-November 21
7 pm **Mahjongg –** Ann Judson Room
7 pm **Climate Justice Meeting –** Zoom

Friday-November 22
1:30 pm **Writing Group –** Ann Judson Room

Saturday-November 23

Sunday-November 24
9:30 am **Worship Service**-Sanctuary
Music: Judson Choir
Personal Reflections:
Wayne Urbaniak & Rich Olson