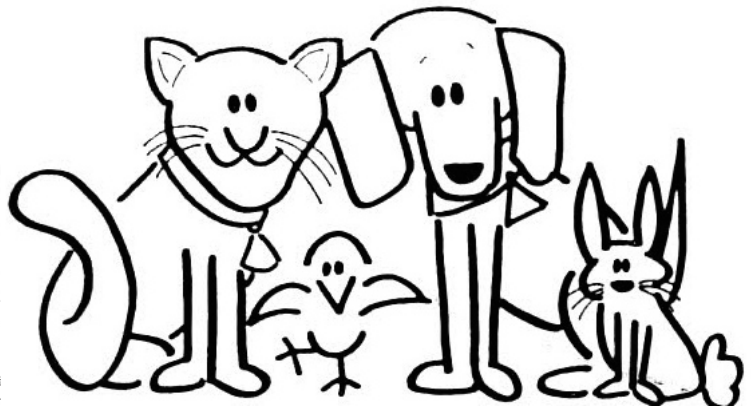


JUDSON



The Judson faith community is an American Baptist congregation, liberal and ecumenical in perspective, welcoming into its fellowship persons of all abilities, differing religious, racial backgrounds and sexual orientations.



**Blessing
of the
Backpacks**

August 27, 2017

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PRELUDE *"The Gift of Love"* Hopson/American Folk Tune

THE WELCOME Rev. Travis Norvell

CALL TO WORSHIP Polly Schrom

Leader: Blessed be God, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

All: All creation sings your praises.

***OPENING HYMN #31** *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* Royal Oak

Leader: Let us Pray:

All: Loving God, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis and blessed Clare and all the fools for Christ, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Luke 2:41-52 Polly Schrom

HYMN unknown origin

*You are called Child of God
You are called Child of God
You are called Child of God
And your name, your name is Child of God*

TIME WITH CHILDREN "Blessing of the Backpacks" Rev. Travis Norvell

CHILDREN'S BLESSING:

One: And now receive a blessing from the faith community who loves you.

Many: God be with you.

Children: And also with you.

ANTHEM "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Chrisholm/Runyan/Charbara

COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO OFFERING

Starfish is a joint ministry of Judson Baptist Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Its purpose is to help individuals and families in temporary financial crises to serve as a bridge to assist people from our community, who contact us. It is funded by donations. Starfish is a blessing. We are thankful for this ministry and for those who contact Starfish for help, for those who contribute money and time and prayers.

OFFERTORY*"From a Distance"*

Gold

***DOXOLOGY**

Aurelia

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely, and completely, we offer you our hearts.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 2:18-25

Rev. Travis Norvell

MORNING PRAYER

Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us....for the beauty
and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

We thank you, God.

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

We thank you, God.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

We thank you, God.

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

We thank you, God.

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

We thank you, God.

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

We thank you, God.

That each pet here may be treasured with care;

We thank you, God.

That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

We thank you, God.

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

We thank you, God.

HYMN (insert)*"O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth"*

(while we are singing the hymn you are invited to bring your pets forward for a blessing)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Rev. Travis Norvell

*"N., may you be blessed in the Name of God who created you, and may you and N. (the
owner) enjoy life together with our God."*

HYMN #31*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

Royal Oak

THIRD LESSON

Luke 8:1-3

Rev. Travis Norvell

BLESSING OF THE BIKES (after the service the pastor will pass out spoke cards with the blessing on them)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"This Little Light of Mine"

*Matt. 5:14-16 /
African-American Spiritual*

****All who are able may stand***

We thank Barbara and Char Engen-Mangskau, "CharBara", for their gift of music today.

*To assist fellow worshipers with allergies,
please refrain from wearing scented products. Thank you.*

*There is a quiet play space in the back of the sanctuary
for young children and parents who would like to try it out.*

Child care for all children ages 0-3 is provided in the Nursery during worship.

*Amplifiers for those who need hearing assistance are available on the table
in the back of the sanctuary*

THIS WEEK AT JUDSON

Sunday	August 27	9:30 am	Worship/ Blessings Beasts, Bike & Backpacks	Sanctuary
		10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	August 29	7:00 pm	Spiritual Voyageurs'	Library
Wednesday	August 30	9:00 am	Wednesday's at Currans	Curran's Restaurant
Thursday	August 31	11:00 am	Memorial Service	Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
Saturday	September 2	10:00 am	Sydney Rice Memorial Art Group	Ann Judson Room
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Sunday	September 3	9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall

JUDSON'S TREE OF LIFE

*Please remember to hold those whose names are listed below
in your thoughts and prayers during the upcoming week and beyond.*

HEALTH CONCERNS

Laura A.
(Granger family niece)
Carl Appelquist
Kevin & Ann Marie Brady
& children Michael & Maddy
(Kate Brady's brother)
Tony Brown
(Dottie Brown's brother)
Marjorie Caswell
(Pam Joern's mother)
Richard Clague
(Bob Clague's father)
Roger Dellert
Quinn & Cass Dimitroff
(Randy & Sarah Baker's daughter &
son-in-law)
Deb Donley
Kim Donley
(Doug Donley's wife)
Brandt Dunn
(Linda Nelson's friend)
Jody Everson
Eleanor Ford
(Keith Ford's sister-in-law)
David Ford
(Keith Ford's nephew)
Cathy Gustafson
(Clay Gustafson's sister-in-law)
Betty Hamilton
(Ford family friend)
Joanna Harrison
Rick Joschko
Ken Jump
(Jane Ann Nelson's brother-in-law)
Diana Larsen (concussion)
Jerry Larsen
Gayle Foster Lewis

HEALTH CONCERNS (CONT.)

Camden Nechrebecki
(Dreya Layman & Jimmi
Langemo's nephew)
Don Maronde
Kim McDevitt
(Roger & Irene Dellert's
daughter)
Bob & Mary Nelson
Dale Redpath
(Barbara York friend)
Harry Richards
(Colin Stanley's friend)
Anne Roberts
(Gayle Foster Lewis' friend)
Lydia St Aubin
(Barbara York's college friend)
Paul Sivigny
(Sue McLaughlin's brother)
Talia
(Jimmi Langemo & Dreya
Layman's niece)
Susan Tasa
Myrna ten Bensel
Alden & Velma Williams
(Gretchen Williams's parents)
Kent Weisser
(Déadra Moore's Uncle)

LIFE TRANSITIONS

Doris Appelquist
Jeanne & Neil Gustafson

CELEBRATIONS

8/27—Finn Makila
8/28—Pam Joern
9/2—Gayle Foster Lewis
9/2—Marlys Wiens

HOMEBOUND

Doris Appelquist
Is now at Walker Methodist
Suites, 7400 York Ave,
Room 201, Edina, MN 55435
Pat Cafarelli-Northridge
John Francis
Iris Howe - Sholom Home

IN OUR HEARTS

Joel Hoefle, Trish Magal
and daughters Nika,
Cela & Katiana
Hrang Hlei, with A Cer,
Jessica & Luke
Randy & Sarah Baker

*If you have an individual you
wish to add to the "Tree of Life"
or have a specific prayer request,
please contact Luise Forseth at
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USHERS: Steve Hirsch, Eileen McLaughlin,
Déadra Moore

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:
Joel Frederickson (chair), Mary Gustafson, Greg
Lehman, Karla McGray, Tom Zaremba. Feel free to
speak with any of these people to share ideas,
concerns or thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE KEY CODE WILL CHANGE ON SEPTEMBER 1

The code to get into the church will change on September 1. We started the policy to change the code on a yearly basis at the beginning of September.

CAPRI THEATER - FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - FILMS AND DISCUSSION

Next month the feature (September 7) is "Fences" at 7 pm/\$5

Playwright August Wilson's masterpiece about a working-class African American father's struggle to raise his family in 1950s Pittsburgh finally made it to the screen after numerous attempts over many years. Directed by and starring Denzel Washington (*Malcolm X*) alongside Viola Davis (*How to Get Away with Murder*) in her Academy-Award winning role, *Fences* examines former Negro-league baseball player Troy Maxson (Washington) as he fights to provide for those he loves in a world that threatens to push him down. This directorial triumph pulses with the universal truths of love and forgiveness, regardless of what lies beyond your own fence. Each *First Thursday Films* screening at the Capri is followed by a passionate discussion of the movie. ***Fences* could have no greater moderator than Lou Bellamy**, Founder and Artistic Director, Emeritus of Penumbra Theatre.

CHOIR REHEARSALS START

With September comes the return of the choir from their summer break. The first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 6 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. We look forward to seeing everyone. If you have any friends (especially tenors) who might like to sing with us, invite them to check us out. Rehearsal runs from 7 to 8:30. Our first Sunday to sing will be on Sunday, September 10. John De Haan.

DEDICATION OF THE JUDSON RAIN GARDENS

Join us Sunday, September 17th, for the dedication of the Judson Rain Gardens when you have an opportunity to participate in the christening of the gardens and bless them to continue to do a small part in taking care of God's gift to us, the earth. Bring a rock (or, we'll have some) to add to the erosion rocks, and sprinkle Mississippi River water on the gardens.

RACE MATTERS POTLUCK, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH 5:00-7:00 PM

Please join us for the showing of the movie: 13. To ensure that we have enough time for the movie and discussion, we will **begin the movie promptly at 5 pm**. Food will be set up on the table. Fill your plate and find a seat. Discussion, action ideas, and social time will follow.

EILEEN WILL BE TAKING MONDAYS OFF IN AUGUST.

WAC-WEDNESDAYS AT CURRAN'S

This is an open invitation for you to join Judson folks at 9:00 any Wednesday morning at Curran's (4201 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis). Put it on your calendar as "WaC" = Wednesdays at Curran's. It's another opportunity for us to connect with one another. Just show up and find our group at one of the roundtables or a long table. Have breakfast, or just coffee; no agenda or topic-just conversation as we enjoy spending some time together. If you have questions, contact Keith Ford or Wayne Urbaniak.

REQUEST FROM GAYLE FOSTER LEWIS

For the foreseeable future, I will need transportation from my home in Burnsville to an eye clinic in Edina for once a month treatments. I hope to find some people who might be willing to take a turn doing this. Please call Gayle at 952-808-9893 for details. Many thanks, Gayle Foster Lewis.

PLEASE SAVE 9-17-17 FOR OUR 2017 FLU CLINIC.

On Sunday, September 17 Judson will again offer flu shots. They will be available from 10:30 to 12 in the library. Why should you get a flu shot? Getting a flu vaccination is the single best way to protect yourself, your coworkers, your family, and our community from the flu (CDC).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT JUDSON

9-10-17	Rally Sunday	9:30 am
9-17-17	Flu Shots	10:30 am
	Rain Garden Dedication	12:30 am
9-19-17	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
9-20-17	Race Matters Potluck	5:00 pm

JUDSON CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

We are a spiritually grounded community united in providing sanctuary for all who enter. We seek to open ourselves to the healing and transforming power of God's love as we seek to follow the life of Jesus: honoring our deepest differences, seeking justice and mercy, discovering and implementing our gifts, and nurturing our children.

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THE GORDON SMITH JUDSON FUND (GSJF) is an endowment fund envisioned and initiated by the generous gift of church member Gordon Smith, then created and sustained by the ongoing support of the congregation of Judson Memorial Baptist Church. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support to individuals of any age, or groups, who are members of or attend Judson Memorial Baptist Church and who have a plan that meets the vision and requirements outlined. **VISION:** The fund is designed to be used in any of the following ways: **1.** Keeping our Baptist Heritage of commitment to missions and making a difference in the world alive in future generations. **2.** Being a catalyst for creating new ways of doing relevant ministry in the world. **3.** Maintaining Judson's progressive theology and supporting action reflecting those beliefs related to social justice issues. There are informational copies regarding the fund in the back of the sanctuary as well as application forms to fill out.