

“OUR VISION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH”

“The children and youth of Judson Church will experience the love of God within our faith community. Here, the Christian story will take on meaning and relevance for their lives so that they become persons of faith: biblically literate, prayerful, seekers of justice and equipped to reflect on moral decisions in light of faith.”

LITANY FOR RALLY SUNDAY

ALL: Here we are, a welcoming community of faith, beginning a new year of learning together! Thank you, God!

TEACHERS AND CE MEMBERS: Here we are, some of us for many years now, saying “Yes” to sharing our Sunday mornings with the children and youth of this congregation. May our time with them reflect the “Vision” of this community.

CONGREGATION RESPONDS: Thank you! Thank you for taking on this huge responsibility! Let us know how we can help and support you.

CHILDREN thru GRADE 6: Here we are, hoping to have fun! Also, we know that this is a place where we can ask any questions we have. The questions can be silly and they can be serious. The bible, serving, praying, becoming a peacemaker and having fun will keep us busy this year.

CONGREGATION RESPONDS: We are happy you are here! As you grow and as we grow, we will find new ways to bring more LOVE into our world together!

YOUTH – 8th-12th GRADE: Here we are, often sleepy and sometimes bored and restless. We hope to be open to new stuff. Our ideas and our participation are going to play a big part in how the year evolves. We hope to be taken seriously and will try to do our part - for ourselves and for each other – along with the adults who will be joining us.

CONGREGATION RESPONDS: We are happy you are here! As you continue to grow more fully into the unique and marvelous people you are, please know that we care. We hope to find you beside us on this journey of creating more love and compassion in our world.

TRAVIS: May all of us – young and old - continue to learn about ourselves and each other, about the ways of Jesus and our ancestors in faith, and about our unique capabilities to love, to serve, and to respond to the world’s great needs.

EVERYONE (*with feeling*): AMEN!

ADULT EDUCATION 2017-18

It's State Fair time, Blessing of Beasts, Bikes, and Backpacks is on the horizon and Labor Day is not far behind. And, that means Rally Sunday and the beginning of fall programming at Judson is about to start up again. The Adult Education Committee has been dreaming up some second hour offerings that we hope will challenge your thinking, expand your perspective and deepen your appreciation for this amazing and beautiful world God has created for us all. Here is a sneak preview of what's in store for September, October and November.

September 10	Rally Sunday	Potluck, Gutter Sundaes & Fellowship
September 17	Rain Garden Dedication	Dedication of this new addition to our landscape followed by a fellowship
September 24	<i>Our Voices through Story</i> 5-week series examining the way our stories shape our lives, our spirituality, and our understanding of others.	Video of Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's popular TED talk, <i>The Danger of a Single Story</i> . Facilitated discussion to follow.
October 1	<i>Our Voices through Story</i> Week 2	An interview with Tea Rozman Clark, founder and director of <i>Green Card Voices</i> *. *Green Card Voices is a Twin Cities based non-profit that "aspires to build a bridge between immigrants, non immigrants, and advocates from across the country by sharing the first-hand immigration stories of foreign-born Americans.
October 8	<i>Our Voices through Story</i> Week 3	Stories shared by <i>Green Card Voices</i> ambassadors followed by conversation with our guests*. *Presenters are Youth ambassadors participating in The Green Card Youth Voices immigration stories videos/books.
October 15	<i>Our Voices through Story</i> Week 4	Using the <i>More than One Story</i> card game activity, we hope to open our hearts and awaken empathy and appreciation for the unique stories that shape us all.
October 22	<i>Our Voices through Story</i> Week 5	Experiential learning/activities to expand on our theme of story/faith/heritage and how we live into the Judson mission to honor our deepest differences.
October 29	<i>All Church Meeting</i>	No adult education
November 5	<i>Service and Social Justice</i> 3-week series	Discover the many ways you make social change happen. D'Ann Lesch leads us in the Social Change Wheel activity followed by discussion.
November 12	<i>Living our Social Change Values*</i> [*working title]	Beth Waterhouse interview with Claire Curran of Interfaith Power and Light. Discussion follows.
November 19	<i>TBD</i>	
November 26	<i>Advent Workshop</i>	No adult education because we are going to the workshop!

We hope we've sparked your curiosity and can count on you to join our guests and us as we explore these topics together. We can't wait to hear your ideas, listen to your stories, engage in meaningful discussion, and enjoy the laughter and fellowship that make our hearts happy. See you in the fall.

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